

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

This Week in Our Parish - May 10, 2020

Website: [www.stmartincolumbia.org](http://www.stmartincolumbia.org)

MONDAY, May 11, Fr. Michael's Day Off

TUESDAY, May 12, Resumption of Mass Meeting at 11:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, any able volunteers are highly encouraged to attend and Noon Mass

WEDNESDAY, May 13, Noon Mass

THURSDAY, May 14, No Mass

FRIDAY, May 15, Noon Mass

SATURDAY, May 16, 5:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, May 17, 9:00 am and 11:30 am Mass

No Soup Kitchen until further notice

## MASS INTENTIONS

### FINANCIAL MATTERS – May 3, 2020

Regular Collection	\$3,729.70
SMDP School	\$25.00
Mortgage Reduction	\$823.00
Disaster Relief	\$20.00
Easter Donations	\$100.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$120.00
Parish Charity	\$75.00
Holy Land- Good Friday	\$50.00
Soup Kitchen	\$15.00
Bank fees	\$13.50
	\$4,971.20

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

### SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

May 10 – Catholic Charities

May 10 – Mother's Day

May 17 – Bicentennial Campaign

Parishioners are encouraged to post their offerings, so that we can continue to carry our parish responsibilities.

Post checks to:

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church,  
2229 Hampton St., Columbia, SC 29204



## Online Giving

<https://abundant.co/stmartindeporres/give>

Download the mobile app: *Abundant Giving*

Text: *SMDP to 73256, click the link & follow the prompts to give*

*Please give generously*

## “Lord, Hear Our Prayer”

**For the healing of:** Terrell Alexander, Adren Bailey (Larry Bailey), Pearl Bartley, Rose Bailey, Paula Baylis, Hermina Bellinger, Paulette Bradley (Natasha Dennison), Kelvin Brown, Mary Beth Callais, Irma Coleman, Janice Coleman, Savi Culbertson, Floria Dial, Dolores DiMaria, James T. Easley, Damon Frazier, Carla Gourdine, Robin Green, Ellen Greiner, Dierdre Harris, Leroy Henry, Frank Herty, Leslie Hodges-Jackson, Amira Johnson (Barbara Johnson), Kedrick Jones, Sandra Joseph (Harrison Joseph), Vivian Kates, Dawn Lance, Maxine Lloyd, Wayne Lopez (Stanley Lopez), Joseph McKenzie, Hank MacDonald, Samuel Marshall, Eugene Mincer, Gavin Mincer, Elizabeth Murphy, John Roland Neal, Sr. (Tyrone Neal Sr.) Arthur Newson, Robert Pearson, Helen Pellicci, Joyce Poulard, Veronica Ramseur, Marie Reyes, Linda Rocano, Jane Rienzie, Tripp Roche, Royce Rosemond, Judith Scott, Brenda Singleton (Pheobe Malloy), Jaimie Smith, Brenda Easley Webb (mother of Cynthia Joseph), Robert Webb (Cynthia Joseph), Leroy White, Jr., Loretta Williams, and Marcia Wilson.

**Assisted Living:** Dorothy “Nana” Paul,

**For the Souls of:** Rev. William Jones (Pheobe Malloy cousin) Mr. Levon Nelson (Pheobe Malloy brother-in-law) All of our departed Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to Jeanette Burton Gonzalez for sponsoring this week's Altar Flowers

*Please provide notice of additions to our prayer list (hospitalizations, sick and homebound). Kindly call the office at (803)254-6862 or email*

[stmartincolumbia@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:stmartincolumbia@charlestdiocese.org)

## SMDP SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you for supporting St. Martin de Porres Catholic School through the Midlands Gives Campaign on May 5, 2020! Your generous donations will support the operation of the school and our educational effort for all students.

School Registration: Please share with your family, friends, and co-workers that we are accepting applications for the 2020-2021 School Year. Grades Pre K3, Kindergarten, First, Second, and Third.

\*\*PreK 4 is open for all counties with tuition paid by First Steps for students 4-year-old by September 1 of each year!

1. First Steps: [FREE4KSC.org](http://FREE4KSC.org)
2. School Applications: [www.saintmartindeporres.org](http://www.saintmartindeporres.org)
3. You may email for an application:

[smdpschool@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:smdpschool@charlestdiocese.org)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**NO Religious Education classes until further notice.** Director of Religious Education is Ms. Doris Arvelo 803-360-8626. *Catechumens and candidates will be received into the Church at Pentecost.*

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day  
Tuesday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras  
Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima  
Thursday: St. Matthias  
Friday: St. Isidore the Farmer  
Saturday: Armed Forces Day

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

### SPIRITUAL READING

*You will not see anyone who is truly striving after spiritual advancement who is not given to spiritual reading.*

—St. Athanasius

## FROM FR. MICHAEL

### Preparation for Resumption Mass

As we all know, the State is gradually opening formal activities, and the Bishop has advised parishes in the Diocese of Charleston to commence daily and Sunday masses. The corona virus has changed the way we do things in all aspects of our lives. Hence, the Church is not different. Safety is the greatest challenge in all we do during this period.

Some of us have received the guidelines for the Resumption of Mass in the Diocese from the Bishop's office. I want to share some salient points that may affect our parish. **We must conform to these requirements:**

- We will mark where individuals will be seated, and every person must adhere to this seating spacing, to observe social distancing. Attendance at mass will be limited in order to comply with distancing requirements currently in place. Attendance assignments are forthcoming.
- Masses will be held at the usual times: Saturday – 5:00 pm and Sunday – 9:00 am and 11:30 am. In order to ensure orderly seating and dismissal of parishioners, **please arrive on time for mass** and comply with usher assisted seating instructions upon entrance and after mass. Social gatherings and assembly are not permitted before and after mass.
- The church must be cleaned and sanitized before and after each service.
- Members need to sanitize hands before and after mass. Hand sanitizers will be available and additionally you may bring your own sanitizer for use during attendance.
- It is recommended that essential personnel and parishioners wear your mask during mass.
- All communion will be given in the hands, and not directly in the mouth
- Collection plates and baskets will be available at entrance and exit points at the beginning and at the end of the mass. Please deposit collections in the plates and baskets.

- Deacons and Ministers of Holy Communion must Sanitize their hands prior to distributing communion to those attending mass.
- Communion under Precious Blood will not be offered this time.
- There will be no hymnals and missalette. We will try to provide these services on TV Screens for people to share.
- Persons considered to be “high risk” and more vulnerable to the virus should consider not attending mass in the church. Special dispensation is granted by the Bishop in these instances. Safety is premium, so if you are not feeling well or are afraid that existing condition you have may be compromised, please consider well before coming. Also, if you exposed yourself to COVID-19, please do not endanger others. Consider keeping away until you find out that you are well again.

There will be a meeting for Ministers of the Eucharist, the Ushers, and those wishing to volunteer to assist during this effort on **Tuesday, MAY 12, at 11.00 am at the church office** to discuss procedures on best practices for making these resumption of mass go smoothly.

Be Safe.

Blessings, Fr. Michael Okere

## Happy Mother's Day



Rosary Altar Society wishes to recognize our **2020 graduates/retirees**, no later than **May 22, 2020** email Malorie Harrison, [tweetrose29@gmail.com](mailto:tweetrose29@gmail.com) or the church [stmartincolumbia@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:stmartincolumbia@charlestondiocese.org) with graduates connect information (name, address, and email).

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.