

## Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Week in Our Parish - August 16, 2020

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

MONDAY, August 17, Fr. Michael's Day Off

TUESDAY, August 18, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: Ron & Angie Thomason

WEDNESDAY, August 19, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: Agnew Family

THURSDAY, August 20, No Mass

FRIDAY, August 21, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: Fr. Michael Okere

SATURDAY, August 22, 5:00 pm Mass

Mass Intention: Bernard Singleton

SUNDAY, August 23, 9:00 am and 11:30 am Mass

No Soup Kitchen until further notice

### MASS INTENTIONS

August 15-16, 2020

5:00 pm – † Wilbur & Sophie Grooms

9:00 am – † Bennett Family

11:30 am – Jim Bean

### MASS ATTENDANCE

August 8-9, 2020

Adults – 81 Children – 7

### FINANCIAL MATTERS – August 8-9, 2020

Regular Collection	\$8,742.00
SMDP School	\$195.00
Mortgage Reduction	\$1,089.00
Maintenance	\$130.00
Parish Charity	\$170.00
Mission Fund	\$25.00
Soup Kitchen	\$150.00
Diocesan Bicentennial Year	\$215.00
MAP/Bicentennial	\$775.00
Bank Fess	\$78.70
	\$11,569.70

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

### SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

August 16 – Maintenance

August 23 – Mission Fund

August 30 – Parish Charity

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

OR USE:

### 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*

### "Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

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

**Assisted Living:** Dorothy "Nana" Paul

**For the Souls of:** Those who have died from the Coronavirus COVID-19, and all of our departed Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

*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)*

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to Ron and Angie Thomason for sponsoring this week's Altar Flowers in honor of their 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

### SMDP SCHOOL NEWS

We will welcome back our students to full day classes **August 24, 2020.**

School is seeking a **Spanish Teacher** for the 2020-21 school year

- Position is for 1-day week for grades Pre K3 to 3rd
- Experience in teaching the language to students
- Teacher may be retired

We are also seeking **substitute teachers** for the school year 2020-2021. Contact the school for more information, 803-254-5477.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8;

Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

### SPIRITUAL READING

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

—St. Athanasius

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Wednesday: St. John Eudes  
Thursday: St. Bernard  
Friday: St. Pius X  
Saturday: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### FROM FR. MICHAEL



We are welcoming new members in the parish. RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will be done virtually. Individuals interested in

becoming Catholics are requested to call the office for direction 803-254-6862.



*“Often it is the people closest to us who need our help. We should not go out in search of some unknown business to accomplish. It is better to begin with the simplest, which the Lord tells us is the most urgent.”*

—Pope Francis General Audience (10/12/2016)

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise; they “are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs” (U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults).

The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition, appearing in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history; just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to “help our neighbor in their spiritual needs” (U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults). *provided by usccb*

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/Corporal-and-Spiritual-Works-of-Mercy.pdf>

*Be Safe.*

*Blessings, Fr. Michael Okere*

### GRATITUDE

*O Thou who has given us so much, mercifully grant us one thing more—a grateful heart.*

—George Herbert

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This week’s solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ’s victory over death. In the tradition of the East, today is the “Dormition of the Theotokos,” or the “Falling Asleep of the God-bearer.” There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary’s life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified today.

A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary’s death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary’s body rising to heaven. She greeted him as “my friend,” and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, received a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim resurrection faith to the disciples.

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## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Bible Study



Topic: Bible Study

Time: Aug 26, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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