

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Week in Our Parish – October 11, 2020

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

MONDAY, October 12, Fr. Michael's Day Off

TUESDAY, October 13, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: Ray & Bronte Lamm

WEDNESDAY, October 14, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † David & Bess Phillips

THURSDAY, October 15, No Mass

FRIDAY, October 16, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: † Joshua Woodward

SATURDAY, October 17, 5:00 pm Mass

Mass Intention: Iris Jackson

SUNDAY, October 18, 9:00 am and 11:30 am Mass

No Soup Kitchen until further notice

† Denotes deceased

### MASS INTENTIONS

October 10-11, 2020

5:00 pm – † Savi Culbertson

9:00 am – † Susan Sams

11:30 am – People of the Parish

### MASS ATTENDANCE

October 03-04, 2020

Adults – 77 Children – 14

### FINANCIAL MATTERS – October 03-04, 2020

Regular Collection	\$5,657.00
Mortgage Reduction	\$400.00
SMDP School	\$25.00
Miscellany	\$35.00
Mission Fund	\$167.00
Maintenance	\$50.00
Flowers	\$65.00
Perpetual Candles	\$100.00
All Souls	\$40.00
Bank Fess	\$16.20
	\$6,555.20

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

### SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

October 11 – Maintenance

October 18 – Propagation of the Faith

October 25 – 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

OR USE:

Online Giving

<https://abundant.co/stmartindepores/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, , Dolores DiMaria, James T. Easley, Sidney Fomby (Ljubica Arceneaux), Damon Frazier, Carla Gouridine, 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), Hank MacDonald, 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, Patricia McDermott Sinnott (Gerald/Sandra McDermott), Jaimie Smith, Brenda Easley Webb (mother of Cynthia Joseph), Robert Webb (Cynthia Joseph), Jackie Weedon, Leroy White, Jr., Loretta Williams, and Marcia Wilson.

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

**For the Souls of:** Savi Culbertson, Londell Williams, Sr. (father-in-law of Johnathan Kirkwood), those who have died from all natural disasters, 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@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:stmartincolumbia@charlestondiocese.org)*

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to Johnathan Kirkwood for this week's Altar Flowers in memory of Yolanda Kirkwood

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32  
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41  
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46  
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54  
Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7  
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12  
Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

### 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: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Columbus Day; Canadian Thanksgiving Day  
Wednesday: St. Callistus I  
Thursday: St. Teresa of Jesus  
Friday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; National Boss's Day  
Saturday: St. Ignatius of Antioch



## Religious Education

Religious Education Classes will begin soon, times to be announced. Parents of First Communion and Confirmation students should reach out to Doris Arvelo, Director of Religious Education, as soon as possible, 803-360-8626.

### An Update on the Bicentennial Campaign at St. Martin de Porres

#### What Your Generosity Has Accomplished

It has been over a year since our parish completed our participation in the *Bicentennial Campaign*. As a reminder, your support and generosity helped us raise \$189,630 in pledges from 41 parishioners, which is 31% of our target. To date, \$54,099.38 has been received from these pledge payments, and with those funds, we have been able to apply these funds to our Mortgage Reduction effort.

We recognize the financial uncertainty that COVID-19 has caused for many in our community. St. Martin de Porres has not been immune from these challenges. Despite the obstacles that have been placed in our way, we are still amazed at the support parishioners continue to show for our parish in the form of continued payments on their Bicentennial Campaign pledges. It is your devotion that will allow our spiritual home to persevere and flourish through these difficult times.

Fulfilling your pledge strengthens our parish family. If you have made a pledge and need to make an adjustment, please contact our parish staff at (803) 254-6862 at your earliest convenience.

**I can do all things in him who strengthens me.**

— *Philippians 4:13*

**Be Safe. Blessings, Fr. Michael Okere**

### SMDP SCHOOL NEWS



We are still seeking a **Spanish and substitute teacher** for this school year. There is still space available for Pre-K3 and K4 as well as in the first and second grades classes. Contact the school for more information, 803-254-5477.

### Absolution

When the fathers of the Second Vatican Council met to discuss the sacrament of penance, they were required to draw up a new rite, including several forms. The hot button for debate was so-called “general absolution,” by which a penitent could be absolved of sin without confessing to a priest. This was a difficult debate, compounded by widely varying traditions in both East and West. Some were surprised to learn that the Holy See had already given permission, during the First and Second World Wars, for this form. In 1944 the Vatican issued a decree saying this form was valid under extreme conditions, which bishops in mission lands and Latin America took as a kind of “blanket permission.”

Thus, the fathers of the Council were alarmed to find this practice fairly widespread, not only in war, but in peaceful places with huge numbers of faithful and few priests. Although they eventually produced a ritual with three different forms, the forms are not considered equal, and the enriched and revised individual form is preferred. The enrichments include a welcome of the penitent, a sign of the cross with an encouragement to trust in God’s compassion, new texts rich in the Word of God, praise for God’s mercy, and a dismissal.

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### EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### Bible Study



The next Bible Study will be Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm via Zoom

#### 8th Marian Eucharistic Conference

**Saturday October 24 - Sunday, October 25** -- It will be a free virtual conference; however, everyone needs to register to receive a log-in code to participate. For more information, or to register, go to [www.meconferesc.net](http://www.meconferesc.net). Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

**Saturday October 24, 2020 at 10am** Grief, Sorrow and the way Forward webinar review of 5 stages of grief vs sorrow: Open to anyone experiencing the loss of a family member or friend. To register please contact the Office of Family Life at [familylife@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:familylife@charlestdiocese.org) or call 803-547-5063

**October is the Month of the Rosary**



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