

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. August 20

8:00am - Mother's Day Remembrance

9:30am - Mother's Day Remembrance

Sun. August 27

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**Readings for the week
of
August 20, 2023**

Sun., Aug. 20 - Is 56:1, 6-7

/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Mon., Aug. 21 - Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22

Tues., Aug. 22 - Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30

Wed., Aug 23 - Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16

Thurs., Aug. 24 - Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51

Fri., Aug 25 - Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22

/Mt 22:34-40

Sat., Aug 26 - Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12

Sun., Aug 27 - Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36

/Mt 16:13-20

Family 21 Mass Schedule

(subject to change)

Sunday

8:00am – St. Martin de Porres

9:00am – Ss. Columba Brigid (Spanish)

9:30am – St. Martin de Porres (Gospel Mass)

10:00am – Blessed Trinity

10:00am – Ss. Columba Brigid (Bilingual)

(Last Sunday of the Month)

11:00 – Ss. Columba-Brigid (English)

Monday

11:00am - Blessed Trinity Church

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11:00am - Blessed Trinity

6:00pm - St. Lawrence Church

Thursday

11:00am - Blessed Trinity Church

Friday

11:00am - Blessed Trinity

Saturday

4:00pm - Ss. Columba Brigid Church

4:30pm - Blessed Trinity Church

4:30pm - St. Lawrence Church

Sunday Mass Stipends for the rest of 2023 and for 2024 are now available for both the 8:00am Mass and 9:30am Mass. Please call the church office to schedule.

August Lectors

8:00am Mass

August 6 - M. Draper

August 13 - L. Dyer

August 20 - S. Williams

August 27 - P. Howling

9:30am Mass

August 6 - L. Alford

August 13 - C. Cole

August 20 - L. Boyd

August 27 - B. Satchell



Fr. Joe's Corner

Dear Family 21,

I'd like to give you all an update on a development happening with our staffing.

Father Jud Weiksna, OSM, has applied for a teaching position at the Nativity Miguel School. Father Jud will begin his new venture on September 5, 2023.

He has the blessings of his Provincial. Father Jud will be the guardian of the house at Ss. Columba-Brigid, and will still be living there, and be saying the Spanish speaking Mass there. He will not be one of the priests assigned to Family 21, but will be available to assist us.

As soon as I have the final details on what the complete priest staff will be, I will let you know. I hope to be able to share this information with you very soon so that we can finally roll out our Mass schedule. I'm sure Father Jud will be a great addition to the school, and I know you will join me in wishing him well and praying for him during his time of transition.

God's Love and Mine,

Father Joe

**Special Intentions Prayer
for Our Parish**

- ◆ Our Deceased Members
- ◆ Our 1st Responders,
- ◆ Health Care Workers
- ◆ Our Military Personnel
- ◆ All those in need of our prayers especially our sick & shut-ins :

Elizabeth Barnes, Joyce Davis, Shirley Hargro, Robert Harper, Sal & Sarah Howard, Susan Hutchins, LaEster Jones, Karl Magby, Jewel Marshall, Edna Meira, Louise Nolley, Mary Preston, Vanessa Newton, Loreda Reese, Monica White & Josephine Williams.

Please keep in prayer the Newton family, Olivia, Lolita and Vanessa, their Aunt Gwendolyn Woods recently passed away.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING
OF SCRIPTURE

August 20, 2023

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuits that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

◇ *Father John Muir*

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Parish Financial Information

August 2023

	Collection		Martin's Future Collection		Diocese Collection	
	Regular	E-Giving	Regular	E-Giving	Regular	E-Giving
Aug. 6	\$2,352.00	\$350.00	\$1,000.00	\$120.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
Aug. 13	\$2,524.00	\$80.00	\$615.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aug. 20						
Aug. 27						
Total Income	\$4,876.00	\$350.00	\$1,615.00	\$120.00		
Diocesan Collection					\$400.00	\$0.00

SMDP - "Mark Your Calendar"

Today - Annual Parish Picnic @ the Gazebo in Como Park
Sun., Aug. 27 - There will not be a 8:00am Mass after the 9:30am Mass we will celebrate Fr. Joe's 1st anniversary under the tent.
Sun., Sept. 3 - Altar Server Training - after 9:30am Mass - Grades 4 and up can attend.
Fri., Oct. 13 - Cultural Diversity Dinner @ Classics IV Restaurant
Sat., & Sun., Oct 21 & Oct. 22 - Revival at St. Martin de Porres
Sun., Jan. 21 - MLK Mass @ Ss. Columba Brigid 10am

Pope's August Prayer Intention:

"We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters." August - For **World Youth Day**

Attention St. Martin de Porres members, an Email Alert Distribution list has been established to keep everyone notified of events, especially closings during the winter. If you have not been receiving this Email Alert, advise the office of your email address or change in your email address. Thank you.

Pillar Updates

If you'd like to see what our pillar groups are working on, you can read regular updates on this website:
<http://www.stlawrencevineyardministries.com/> .

If the pillar names do not appear, click on "more." The meeting dates are posted on the calendar so that if you have any concerns, you can bring them to your pillar representatives before the next meeting. Meetings are not open to guests.



Date: Today

Time: 1:00pm to 7:00pm

The Gazebo @ Como Lake



There will **NOT** be a 8:00am Mass on Sunday, August 27, as we all join together after the 9:30am Mass to celebrate Fr. Joe's 1st Anniversary here at St. Martin de Porres.

The celebration will take place under the tent and food and beverages will be provided.

Come and celebrate with us.

Protecting God's Children

Virtus On-Line Bulletin August is now available.
 Print Vol. 22 No. 8
 "Test Balloons or Trial Balloons: A Prelude to Outcry or the Disclosure of Child Abuse"
 Please review to stay current.

Get Your Creative Juices flowing and come up with a name for Family 21.

Suggestion Forms are in the Gathering Space.

Rules:

- ◇ Do not use the name of saint.
- ◇ Use a separate form for each suggestion
- ◇ Suggestions will be accepted until September 3, 2023
- ◇ All suggestions are to be placed in your collection basket. The selection of the name will be one by the Pillars and Fr. Joe.

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Vocation Blurb

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 August 20, 2023**

God commends those who keep the Sabbath free from profanation and hold to His covenant. If this is simply natural behavior for you, Jesus might calling you to something more! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org