

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. Nov. 20 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
9:30am - William Brown by the Brown Family and Christine Giambra
by Ben La Monte

Mon. Nov. 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4

Tue., Nov. 22 - St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11

Wed., Nov. 23
Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19

Thur., Nov. 24 - St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs
Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28

Fri., Nov. 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Lk 21:29-33

Sat., Nov. 26
Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36

Sun. Nov. 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
9:30am - Tamiko Ferguson

Sunday Mass Intentions

We have been advised by the Diocese to not accept Mass Stipends for 2023 at this time. Any stipends which have already been scheduled for January 2023 will be honored if possible.

Parish Financial Information

November 2022

	Collection	Martin's Future
1 st Sunday	\$3,606.00	\$1,190.00
2 nd Sunday	\$2,154.00	\$510.00
3 rd Sunday		
4 th Sunday		
Holidays	\$60.00	
Special Collections	\$65.00	
Holy Days	\$170.00	



Fr. Joe's Corner

"Everybody look around, cause there's a reason to rejoice you see ... and let's commence to singing joyfully. Everybody look up and feel the hope that we've been waiting for"

My dear St. Martin's family,

This is by far my favorite week of the year. Thanksgiving week always brings me such a sense of peace. Starting the week off with you really sets the tone.

Because my greatest blessing this year, bar none, has been the appointment to be with you as your administrator. with fingers crossed for the future. I want you to know how grateful and thankful I am for the privilege to serve you.

In my many prayers this week, and especially on Thanksgiving day, I will give a multitude of thanks to our loving God for all of you, and this glorious community of St. Martin de Porres.

Have a wonderful holiday!

See you in my prayers.

God's love and mine,

Fr. Joe

Ps: Please try to come to our Thanksgiving Eve Mass at 7PM.

Lector Schedule for November

**8:00am Mass - Lectionary Readings
& Prayer of the Faithful**

11/20 - Barbara Smith
11/27 - Steve Williams

9:30am Mass - Lectionary Readings

11/20 - Lurita Boyd
11/27 - Maureen Satchell

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 :

Roland Autry, Denise Dickinson, Richard Ersing, Lottie Goins, Sal & Sarah Howard, Susan Hutchins, LaEster Jones, Janice Kyle, Karl Magby, Mary Magby, Jewel Marshall, Daysi McGill Crespo, Thomasina McDougald, Renee Mills, Ernestine Morrell, Kayla Morrell, Vanessa Dane Smith,, and Josephine Williams.

Diocesan & Parish Family Events

Alpha meets on Tuesdays at 5:30pm through December 6th at Blessed Trinity.

Wed., Nov. 23 - St. Martin de Porres - Thanksgiving Eve Mass at 7pm. It is our tradition to donate bread to the Little Portion Friary. The bread will be collected at the Thanksgiving Eve Mass. We appreciate this gift of your 

Thurs., Nov. 24 to Nov. 28 - Church office will be closed, Office will reopen on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Wed., Nov. 30 - Advent Penance Service @ Blessed Trinity at 7pm.

Sun., Dec. 4 - "Do You Hear What I Hear?" a Christmas Program at Blessed Trinity at 2pm

Sat., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass at St. Martin de Porres at 4pm.

Sun., Dec. 25 - There will be no 8am Mass. The only Christmas Day Mass at St. Martin de Porres will be at 9:30am

Sun., Jan. 1 - There will be no 8am Mass. The only New Year's Day Mass at St. Martin de Porres will be at 9:30am

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SAVE THE DATE- The SMDP Holy Name Society announces that this year's annual New Year's Eve Gala event will be cancelled. Instead, the members will host its first Father's Day Gala on Saturday, June 17, 2023, 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm, at The Grapevine, 333 Dick Rd in Depew. Further information will be provided in early January.



The Adult Choir and the Youth Choir are looking for new members to join them to help give God the Praise. If you are interested in joining the choirs please see Carol Cole for the Adult Choir or Shelby Thompson for the Youth Choir. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:00pm



**GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**November 20, 2022
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together.

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Attention: All Ministries of St. Martin de Porres.

If you would like to hi-light the activities of your ministry, please advise the office so that your information can be added to the bulletin.

Also, information for the bulletin should be given to the office by the Wednesday prior to that Sunday's bulletin.

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