

Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church

“Blessed be God forever ! ”

“The Kingdom of God is among you.” Luke 17:21

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**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Year of St. Joseph**



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Dear Church Family...

Today we celebrate the Great Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

This solemnity is always held on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, one week before the beginning of Advent. It therefore, brings to culmination the entire liturgical year, in a celebration of the King of Kings.

Jesus is King of the Universe because He is God. Jesus has existed from all of eternity. He is the beginning and the end (expressed by “Alpha and Omega,” which are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet”). Jesus, as God, holds dominion over all of creation. He revealed this kingship when He took on humanity. Especially through His death and resurrection. Jesus established His kingdom and invites all of us to be a part of it.

Jesus is more powerful than any earthly ruler, because His kingdom is one of everlasting love. Jesus died so we could have forgiveness of our sins and be part of His kingdom. He rose to conquer sin and death, proving His kingship and showing us that He wants to bring us all to resurrection with Christ.

Jesus invites us all to be a part of His kingdom, which is the Church. In the Church, we find the forgiveness Jesus offers us and the new life that results. Let us all, therefore allow Jesus to rule our lives with His perfect love which he receives from His Father in heaven.

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ, everything we do today on this feast, and throughout the year should be in honor of Jesus Christ as King. The way we treat one another. The way we talk to one another. The way we pray. The way we live in respect of the Gospel. The way we look after our children and teach them Love. The way we support each other from the loftiest to the most mundane task can be a moment to trust and have confidence in the power of Jesus Christ as King and to ask him to show us His power both in our life and in our world.

We turn to John’s Gospel to lead us in our consideration of Christ the King.

The readings today reflect this contrast. The first reading portrays Christ receiving “dominion, glory, and kingship.” The responsorial psalm describes his strength and splendor. The second reading offers him “glory and power forever and ever,” but it also reminds us that he was pierced and “has freed us from our sins by his blood.”

The Gospel fleshes out that truth as Jesus is questioned by Pilate and insists that his kingdom is not of this world. It is only through his acceptance of powerlessness and suffering that Christ comes to his exaltation.

Keep this perspective in mind as we pray today and choose readings, hymns and Scripture to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ the King. It is a day to celebrate wholeheartedly, but that only makes sense if we remember who our King really is and how he came into His glory.

Yours in Christ,
Deacon Melvin Burton Jr.

A WORD FROM DEACON BURTON

What Advent means for Christians today:

Advent reminds Christians of the **sacred** meaning of Christmas. Despite the secular preparations taking place, e.g., buying presents and going to parties, Advent reminds us to remember and prepare for the birth of Jesus. We also attend special Church services with confession (Reconciliation) and prayer. **Jesus is Christmas**, that is the true meaning of this Holy celebration.

8:00 AM (this week) in Rectory

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Thanksgiving 10:00

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Church Family

Monday, November 22, 2021

Levis - Crane Families living & deceased

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Monica Levis – Healing & Holiness

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

Barbara Ann Levis

Thursday, November 25, 2021 (10:00)

Sr. Helen Marguerite Burke, S.S.J.

Friday, November 26, 2021

Sr. Patrick Ruth, S.S.J.

BIBLE STUDY

With Deacon Burton



THURSDAY 6:30 PM

NEW LOG IN...

Meeting ID: 570 117 8316

Phone# +6468769923,,5701178316

If you are sick or in the hospital, please contact the Church Office, 215.228.8330 for a visit.

If anyone is in need of food, please contact Deacon Burton or call the Church Office, 215.228.8330

Join Father Mekonnen....

St. JOSEPH ROSARY ONLINE

WEDNESDAY 6:30PM

ZOOM Meeting# 282 564 5789

Mobile #(16465588656) (2825645789)

Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Let us pray for the Sick...

We pray for all in our Church Family who are sick and those who care for them: Harold Bond, Muriel Booker, Dorothy Bradley, Christopher Browne, Bill Bromley, Andre Carter, Barbara Carter, Janice Whitmore Carter, Lamont Chase, Donna Collier, Ella Combs, Danielle Daniels, John Davis, Stephanie Durrell, Barbara Dunn, George Ellington, Sharon Faison, Shirley Fields, Janice Floyd, Charing Garnett, Paul Giovetisis, Martina Granger, Jeffrey Gray, Kerry Hall, Theresa Hart, Vainida Hampton, Lynette Ford-Havens, Harry W. Hubbard, Jeffrey Johnson, Marie Lawrence, Mary Livingston, Tiffani Livsey, Hazel Marsh, Yakaisha Marsh, Lisa McLoed, Donna Moorhead, Marva Murray, Willaim Patterson, Norma Plenty, James Porter, Kevin Reaves, Andre Roberts, Elias Robinson, Ira Robinson, Gloria Russell, Doris Simmons, Lois Streeter, Taylor Stringer, Renee Turner, Vicente Velazquez, Audrey Victor, William Victor, Tyanna Wallace Lisa Williams, Mary Jean Williams, Sylvia Williams, Augustus Johnson.

LEGION OF MARY



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on Saturdays at 11:00 am in Church.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium meets every Saturday at noon in the rectory. All are welcome.



**OFFICES FOR MULTICULTURAL
MINISTRIES**

***Advent/Christmas
Bible Camp***

**St Cyprian Roman Catholic Church
525 South Cobbs Creek Pkwy
Philadelphia, PA 19143**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021

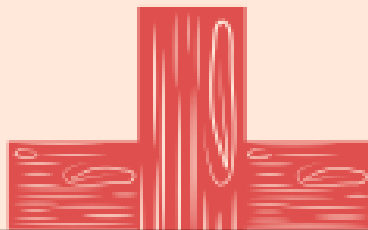
9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

**FOR STUDENTS GRADES 6 -9
& YOUTH FACILITATORS**

Bring your Bible

**Bible activity
for Parents also**

**Register:
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November is Black Catholic History Month

The Office for Black Catholics of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia invites all to a Day of Reflection on the theme "Renewing the Human Family."

St. Malachy Church at 1429 North 11th St in Philadelphia will host the event on Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The day of prayer, music and conversation will feature Sister Cora Marie Billings, R.S.M., as the guest speaker.

Register by email at jandrews@archphila.org.