

# **Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church**



**“Blessed be God forever ! ”**

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

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**Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM**

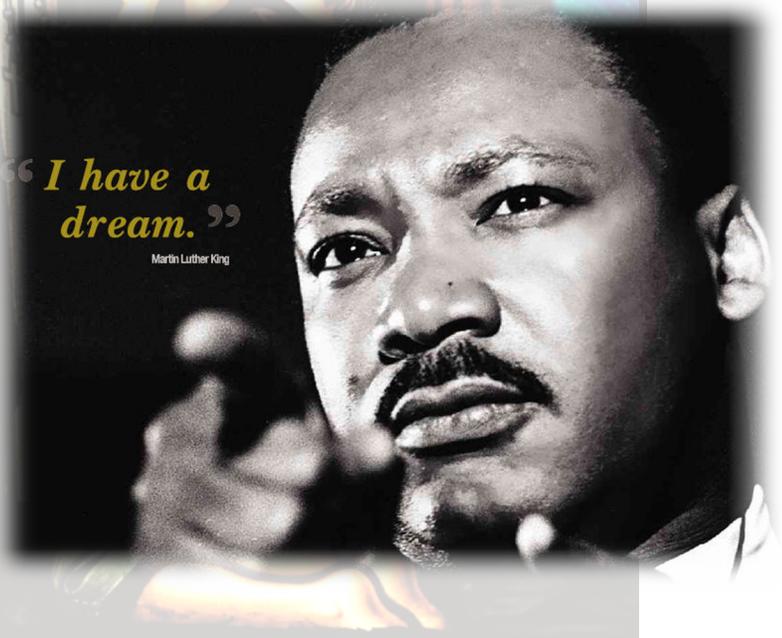
**Dear Church Family...**  
**Do you have a dream ?**

The definition of a prophet is someone who convicts the people of sin and calls everyone to repentance. A prophet does not predict the future but instead he preaches in charity that there are serious consequences for rejecting the truth. The great Dr. Martin Luther King was like a prophet in our modern times because of his intense faith in Jesus Christ. Dr. King expressed in the "I have Dream" speech that he had a dream for the kingdom of heaven to descend and remain in the hearts of all peoples, so that we may all experience freedom in its fullness through the grace of God. He wanted to convince everyone that racism is a serious sin that enslaves the sinner and he desired that all who are racist may be liberated from these chains of hatred. He saw that our nation had laws and practices that were unjust against one population of Americans. He explained how many government officials and police officers use their power to promote this injustice throughout our nation. He pointed to the Constitution as a point of reference that states "all men are created equal," but this law is more like a theory than a reality for Blacks. Dr. King was on fire with the Holy Spirit because of his faith and so his zeal could not be extinguished no matter the cost. Many secular and religious people shamefully tried and failed to stop his righteous zeal. His integrity was not for sale; hence the reason why he experienced his final rejection by way of martyrdom.

Our Blessed Lord the King of kings preached through the fullness of the Holy Spirit about the good news of Salvation to His people in His hometown of Nazareth. The Eternal Word Incarnate read about Himself by reading out loud from the prophecy of Isaiah. This Old Testament prophecy reveals that the dream God has for His people throughout the ages would be the fullness of freedom and it would be realized only through the Messiah which is Jesus of Nazareth.. It seemed like the people in Nazareth were day-dreaming when our Blessed Lord read but when

He boldly stated the dream is now a reality, the people were very impressed by the zeal and words of wisdom coming from Wisdom Incarnate. However, our Blessed Lord was not fooled since he was not looking for their affirmation, but instead their interior transformation. Our Blessed Lord pointed out they were chained to the sin of disbelief as He predicted that He would be rejected by His own people. Our Blessed Lord came to make us experience freedom in a manner this perfect and eternal in the kingdom of heaven. Nevertheless, faith is a first step towards this kingdom, and it is a marathon not a sprint. Therefore, it takes faith to keep our eyes on Jesus and follow Him every minute of every day when we do or don't feel like doing it. Our mission is not to spend time convincing others about our mission which may or may not happen. It is for us not to dream but to live our freedom in the here and now of our journey of faith. Our zeal should be to promote Jesus Christ with our words and our actions no matter how many crosses come our way, because just as our Blessed Lord said, "the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

In J.M.J  
Fr.Mekonnen



## 7:00 AM Mass in Rectory Schedule

### & Intentions

January 23, Sunday, 2022  
Church Family

January 24, Monday, 2022  
Sr. Roberta Hoolahun, S.S.J

January 25, Tuesday, 2022  
Sr. Winifred Anne Tormey, S.S.J

January 26, Wednesday 2022  
Sr. Anna Mae Harkin, S.S.J

January 27, Thursday, 2022  
Sr. Eileen Russell, S.S.J

January 28, Friday, 2022  
Sr. Mary Bradley, 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**

### 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, Martina Granger, Jeffrey Gray, Kerry Hall, Theresa Hart, Vainida Hampton, Lynette Ford-Havens, Harry W. Hubbard, Jeffrey Johnson, Marie Lawrencin, Mary Livingston, Tiffani Livsey, Hazel Marsh, Yakaisha Marsh, Lisa McLoed, Donna Moorhead, Marva Murray, William 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, Cheryl Wright, Alma Ross,*

### HOLY ROSARY ONLINE

WEDNESDAY 6:30PM

ZOOM Meeting# 282 564 5789

Mobile #(16465588656)

(2825645789) Adoration &

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

## The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth Lk 4:16-30

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” <sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup> He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” <sup>24</sup> And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. <sup>25</sup> But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup> yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup> There were also many lepers<sup>[d]</sup> in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup> When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

## I Have a Dream” Dr. Martin Luther King

“I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow jail cells. And some of you have come from areas where your quest – a quest for freedom - left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive... Let us not wallow in the valley of despair, I say to you today, my friends. And so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.” I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today! This is our hope, and this is the faith that I go back to the South with. With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith, we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith, we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day. When we allow freedom to ring—when we let it ring from every city and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God’s children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, “Free at last, Free at last, thank God Almighty, We are free at last.”



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Please include Name & Home Parish  
in email when registering  
Male & Female Servers Welcome

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**FEBRUARY 12, 2022  
9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.**

Learn how to assist the  
Celebrant in a Liturgical Service

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