

Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church

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October 5, 2025

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses:
In Chapel
Tuesday & Thursday 9 am

At Temple Newman Ctr
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
12:10 pm
(except winter and
summer break)

Sunday Mass
In Church
10 am

Adoration

Thursday's 10 to 11 am
(Chapel)

Reconciliation

Sunday's 9:15 - 10 am
or by appt.

Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday
8 am to 4pm

Parish Staff

John Duffner - Business Manager
Ramona Milburn - Bookkeeper
Tonya Dorsey - Music Director
Elizabeth Maitre - Office Manager

**EACH ONE CATCH ONE
CAN YOU LEAD SOMEONE TO CHRIST ?**

Faith in Action

All three readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time highlight the importance of “Faith” and how it functions in our lives. They offer us three perspectives on Faith. 1) The theological virtue of Faith allows us to believe that something is true and trustworthy simply because it has been revealed to us by God. 2) In his instructions to Timothy, Paul, who elsewhere described Faith as “the assurance of the things hoped for” (Heb 11:1), presents Faith as a believing, trusting, loving relationship with Christ. 3) Finally, Christian Faith is the act of trusting in God, demonstrated by our steady loyalty, fidelity, and complete dedication to Him—shown through offering ourselves to Him in humble, loving service.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus teaches His Apostles that faith enables us to share in God’s power, and even a small amount of deep faith can allow Him to perform miracles in our lives and the lives of others. It is faith that makes a person just, positioning them rightly with God and their neighbors. In the Bible, faith refers to reliance on or confidence in God, while hope is the expectation of a better future, accompanied by the means to achieve it. Although the Apostles ask for an increase in the amount of their faith, Jesus reminds them—and us—that the quality of faith is more important than its quantity. Using a master-servant parable, Jesus also teaches us that for faith to be effective, it must be connected with trust, loving obedience, and total commitment—an active submission to God and a willingness to do whatever He commands.

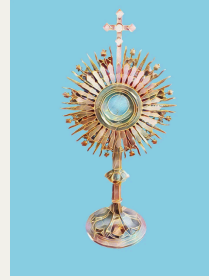
We should thank God for everything, giving Him credit for our well-being. Following the example of the Apostles, we must pray for increased faith and trust in God. Most of us tend to forget God’s providence when our earthly affairs are going well. How often do we thank Him when we enjoy good health or when our home life and business are running smoothly? How many of us thank God for all the gifts we have received? We often attribute our good health to proper food and exercise.

We must strengthen our faith by becoming faithful servants of God. A passionate Christian can better demonstrate to their neighbor the importance of God and living righteously through everyday actions than by explaining religious doctrines. A genuine Christian can find many ways to help make Christ known to their neighbor. A kind word, a generous gesture, or an unselfish concern for a neighbor’s troubles can be more effective than a series of sermons from some renowned theologian.

We need to grow in faith by using the means Christ has provided through His Church. We must nurture our faith through prayer, Bible study, and leading a disciplined spiritual life. Since faith is a gift from God, we should pray for Him to increase our faith. Spending time in prayer with God is essential for developing faith. We need to pray for a faith strong enough to overcome the daily difficulties and crises we face. Additionally, fellowship with other believers strengthens our faith. Therefore, participating in the Holy Mass (“the mystery of Faith”) and engaging in church life are vital. Through the Eucharistic Meal on the altar and the Sacramental graces available to us, we are not unprofitable servants but instruments and agents of Jesus, who, through Divine Love, helps us produce a harvest worthy of Him. We grow in faith as we act in faith. Exercising faith strengthens every gift of God.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	Sister Roseann Quinn, SSJ
Monday	Robert Moon
Tuesday	The Ahearn Family - Living
Wednesday	Sister Barbara Glennon, SSJ
Thursday	George D. Shaw, Jr.
Friday	Dorothy Gomes - Living



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The parable of the under-appreciated servant teaches us that faith requires action. It also offers a lesson in theological humility, reminding us that, as followers of Jesus, we are God's servants. This is clear in the parable about the master who expects his servant to carry out his orders. When the servant returns from working in the fields, he still has housework to do. His master does not feel indebted to him for his fidelity in doing what is part of his duty. Similarly, the Apostles and we are expected to carry out the orders Jesus gives us. They and we are the servants of the Gospel. Therefore, we can never feel that we have worked "enough."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saint Columba Class of 1975 50 Year Reunion ! Saturday October 25, 2025 2 pm to 5pm

Saint Martin de Porres Church Hall. Cost is \$ 50.00. Payment option is cashapp \$sistermoot. Please RSVP to Brenda 609-214-6730 by Oct. 11. See flyer in back of church and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/195iERNpTM/>

Gift Card Bingo - October 18, 2025 - 1 pm in Church Hall

Tickets available in School Main Office - \$ 20.00 Early Bird, \$ 25.00 at door. 50/50 , basket raffles. See the back table for a brochure. All proceeds benefit SMDP Student Events.

Sign up for Christmas Gifts

October 19, 2025 in Church Hall immediately after Mass. One day only.

Knights of Peter Claver Biblical Tea Sunday November 30, 2025

Come celebrate and prepare for the Birth of Christ. 12 pm to 3 pm. Donation \$ 10.00. All proceeds benefit Saint Martin de Porres Church. For tickets and information see flyer at back table or contact the rectory office.

Save the date October 26, 2025 Saint Katherine of Siena Mass here at SMDP

Our sister parish Saint Katherine of Siena visits each October save the date !

Daily Reading for Sunday October 5, 2025

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4, Responsorial Psalm 95

Gospel, Luke 17: 5-10, Reading 2, Timothy 1-6-8, 13-14

6, October 2025 – Monday

First Reading: Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11, Psalm Jonah 2:3-5, 8, Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

7, October 2025 – Tuesday

First Reading: Jonah 3: 1-10, Psalm 130, Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

8, October 2025 – Wednesday

First Reading: Jonah 4:1-11, Psalm 86, Gospel: Luke 11:1-4

9, October 2025 – Thursday

First Reading: Malachi 3:13-20b Psalm 1, Gospel: Luke 11:5-13

10, October 2025 – Friday

First Reading: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2, Gospel: Luke 11:15-26

11 October – Saturday

First Reading: Joel 4:12-21, Psalm 97, Gospel: Luke 11:27-28

SMdP Flea Market!

Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 10AM–5PM

Reserve your space by October 18, 2025 | **Just \$20.00/space**

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On the sidewalk and in the courtyards

A FUNDRAISING & COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT

joinus

Reserve a Vending Space for a \$20 donation (per space). To reserve your vending space, your \$20 cash donations can be dropped off at the St. Martin de Porres Church Rectory, Tuesdays through Fridays, 8 AM to 4 PM, or drop donations in the Sunday collection using the special flea market envelopes. Parishioner **Karen Powell** will also accept vendor space donations and issue receipts after Mass on Sundays. You can also donate by \$Cashapp | \$melski52 (Melvin Burton).

Volunteers are needed to get the word out and to help clean up outside around the church before the flea market.

The Volunteer Church Clean Up will be Saturday, October 25, 2025 @ 8AM – 10AM.



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See Flyer at table for additional information