

Saint Martin de Porres

Catholic Church

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October 12, 2025

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



EACH ONE CATCH ONE
CAN YOU LEAD SOMEONE TO CHRIST ?

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses:
In Chapel
Wednesday & 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

The Habit of Thanksgiving

Izak Walton once said that God has two dwellings: one in heaven and the other in a humble and grateful heart. If thanksgiving were the only prayer we offered, it would be enough because we owe everything to God. We are familiar with the parable of the nine ungrateful lepers; no story in all the Gospels so powerfully illustrates man's ingratitude. The lepers approached Jesus with desperate longing, and the merciful Lord healed them. But nine of them never returned to thank Him. The Samaritan is the hero of this story. The gratitude and praise of the Samaritans were a natural response to God's unmerited mercy. The Samaritan knew he was in the right place at the right time, and such an opportunity might never come again. He had not earned God's kindness; he simply asked for it—and it was freely given. He understood he couldn't earn it; he was an outsider, a Samaritan. By accepting God's grace, his natural response was to give thanks and praise.

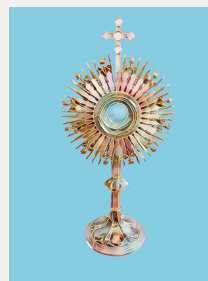
In both the Old and New Testaments, God laments mankind's ingratitude. "Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth, for the LORD speaks: Sons have I raised and reared, but they have disowned me! An ox knows its owner, and an ass its master's manger; but Israel does not know, my people have not understood. Ah! Sinful nation, people laden with wickedness, evil race, corrupt children! They have forsaken the LORD, spurned the Holy One of Israel, and apostatized" (Isaiah 1:2-4). "He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him" (John 1:11). Therefore, the Word of God encourages us to be thankful. "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17).

Although we receive so much from God, we often take everything as our right, without recognizing or appreciating that everything we have or receive is His gift. We allow the negatives in our lives to obscure the blessings He provides — minor issues like health problems, financial worries, or conflicts with a neighbor, coworker, or spouse. Additionally, we are often thankful only when we compare ourselves to less fortunate people. In times of need, we pray with desperate intensity, but as time goes on, we forget about God.

Many of us forget to ask for God's blessing on ourselves and the food He provides before meals and to offer Him a prayer of thanks after each meal. We often neglect to set aside time for family prayers of praise, gratitude, contrition, and petition. God gave us His only begotten Son, yet we rarely thank Him. Additionally, we often take our parents for granted, considering them a nuisance, despite having depended on them for almost everything in the past. Similarly, we owe an outstanding debt of gratitude to our families, friends, teachers, doctors, bosses, employees, and pastors, yet we often forget to express our thanks. Moving forward, let us be filled with daily gratitude to God and others for the countless blessings we've received. We can show our appreciation to our loving, forgiving God by forgiving and loving others and by reflecting His love, mercy, and compassion in everyone He dwells in, whether we recognize it or not. Let us turn back to Him daily in repentance and gratitude. In short, we should cultivate '...an attitude of gratitude.'

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	Sister Margaret Mary Fleming, SSJ
Monday	The Chesko Family - Living
Tuesday	Richard Joseph Tinson
Wednesday	Sister Jane Day, SSJ
Thursday	Tamara Milburn - Living
Friday	The Ahearn Family - Living
Saturday	Gwendlyn Scott - Living



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We need to celebrate the Holy Eucharist as the highest act of thanksgiving: The Greek word "Eucharist" means deeply religious and profoundly spiritual "thanksgiving." Thanksgiving is the attitude we should adopt in worship. When we celebrate Holy Mass together, we are thanking God for the great gift of His Son, whose sacrifice made us the People of God. We thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, through whom we bring the Lord's presence to others. Saying our thanks to God together with the parish community, sharing our time, talents, and material blessings, and sharing the Heavenly Bread of Thanksgiving, the Holy Eucharist, are simple but meaningful ways we can express our gratitude every Sunday or even daily, in response to God's blessings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Charities In-Pew Commitment Weekend

October 12, 2025, encouraging parishioners to support its mission through financial generosity at Mass. This annual fundraising initiative aims to raise \$10 million to fund over 100 ministries and programs providing essential services like food, shelter, and education, as well as supporting special education, evangelization, and retired priests in the five-county area. Please see envelopes in pews.



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.

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 12, 2025

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17, Responsorial Psalm 98

Gospel, Luke 17:11-19, Reading 2, Timothy 2-8-13

13 October 2025 – Monday

First Reading: Romans 1: 1-7, Psalm 98, Gospel: Luke 11:29-32

14 October 2025 – Tuesday

First Reading: Romans 1:16-25, Psalm 19, Gospel: Luke 11:37-41

15 October 2025 – Wednesday

First Reading: Romans 2:1-11, Psalm 62, Gospel: Luke 11:42-46

16 October 2025 – Thursday

First Reading: Romans 3:21-30, Psalm 130, Gospel: Luke 11:47-54

17 October 2025 – Friday

First Reading: Romans 4:1-8, Gospel: Luke 12:1-7

18 October – Saturday

First Reading: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b, Psalm 145, Gospel: Luke 10:1-9

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