

Saint Martin de Porres

Catholic Church

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Our Clergy
Parochial Administrator: Fr. Wilfred Emeh
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October 19, 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

EACH ONE CATCH ONE
CAN YOU LEAD SOMEONE TO CHRIST ?

Called to be Missionaries of Hope

In the opening words of his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Leo says, “For World Mission Day in the Jubilee Year 2025, the central message of which is hope, I have chosen the motto: 'Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples'.” It reminds individual Christians and the entire Church, the community of the baptized, of our fundamental vocation to be, in the footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope. I trust that it will be a time of grace for everyone, with the faithful God who has given us new birth in the risen Christ “to a living hope” (cf. 1 Pet 1:3-4).

Through his disciples, sent to all peoples and mystically accompanied by him, the Lord Jesus continues his ministry of hope for humanity. He still bends over all those who are poor, afflicted, despairing, and oppressed, and pours “upon their wounds the balm of consolation and the wine of hope,” obedient to her Lord and Master. In the same spirit of service, the Church, the community of Christ’s missionary disciples, continues that mission, offering her life for all in the midst of the nations.

We live in very challenging times, and despite technological progress, its negative side is concerning as it leaves families fractured. As messengers of hope, Christian communities can be the catalysts of a new humanity in a world that, even in the most “developed” areas, shows clear signs of a human crisis: widespread confusion, loneliness, and indifference to the needs of the elderly, along with a reluctance to help neighbors in need. In highly advanced nations, “proximity” is disappearing: we are all connected, but not truly related. An obsession with efficiency, material possessions, and ambitions makes us self-focused and less capable of altruism.

The Church, according to Vatican II, is 'missionary' by its very nature because its founder, Jesus Christ, was the first missionary. God the Father sent God the Son, Incarnate in Jesus, His Christ, into the world with a message of God’s love and salvation. Therefore, the Church’s evangelizing mission is primarily to proclaim God’s love, mercy, forgiveness, and redemption, as revealed through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. How should we evangelize? There are three ways: 1) By living an exemplary and transparent Christian life, 2) through prayer, and 3) by financial support.

A life filled with love, mercy, kindness, compassion, and a spirit of forgiveness and service. Prayer is the second means of missionary work. Jesus said: “Without Me you can do nothing.” Therefore, prayer is essential for anyone who wants to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. Third, all missionary efforts also require financial support because the love of God can often be explained to the poor only by providing them with food, medicine, and a means of livelihood. Hence, on this Mission Sunday, let us learn to value our missionary responsibility and support the Church’s missionary activities through transparent Christian lives, fervent prayers, and generous donations.

Therefore, on this Mission Sunday, let us learn to appreciate our missionary duty and support the Church’s missionary work through living transparent Christian lives, through passionate prayers, and through generous donations.

MASS INTENTION

Holy Souls



Weekly Collection October 12, 2025

Thank you for your support !

In Church: \$ 2337.00

Online Giving: \$ 627.85

Total: \$ 2964.85

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Mission Sunday

“We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20) World Mission Sunday, our annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions and missionaries of the world, will be celebrated on October 19 this year. See pews for envelopes and information.



Parish Register Update

As the parish continues to try to update the attendance register, we are grateful to Annie Torian and Aloha Young for their efforts in this regard. We welcome them this Sunday to share their work with us, as they invite others to join them.

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

Our sister parish Saint Katherine of Siena visits next Sunday !

Keep in touch with us via email and text:

To sign up, Text STMARTIN To 84576 or sign up online at:

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See flyer at back table for more information

Daily Reading for Sunday October 19, 2025

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13, Responsorial Psalm 121

Gospel, Luke 18:1-8, Reading 2, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

20 October 2025 – Monday

First Reading: Romans 4: 20-25, Psalm Luke 1:69-70,71-72,73-75,

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

21 October 2025 – Tuesday

First Reading: Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21, Psalm 40, Gospel: Luke 12:35-38

22 October 2025 – Wednesday

First Reading: Romans 6:12-18, Psalm 124, Gospel: Luke 12:39-48

23 October 2025 – Thursday

First Reading: Romans 6:19-23, Psalm 1, Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

24 October 2025 – Friday

First Reading: Romans 7:18-25, Psalm 119, Gospel: Luke 12:54-59

25 October – Saturday

First Reading: Romans 8:1-11, Psalm 24, Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

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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