St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Anticipatory, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m.
Confession: Sat. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Following daily Mass starting at 9:00am, or by appt.
Holy Day Masses, consult the office or bulletin.

Parish Office Hours

Tues.-Thurs., 9 - 4pm; Fri: 9 -12
(Closed for lunch 12-12:30 pm)
parishoffice@smdpchurch.org

Sacred Heart of Mary NEW Mass schedule

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
2:00 p.m. (Latin, Extraordinary Form)
10 a.m. & 2 p.m. are livestreamed
(Check website for links)

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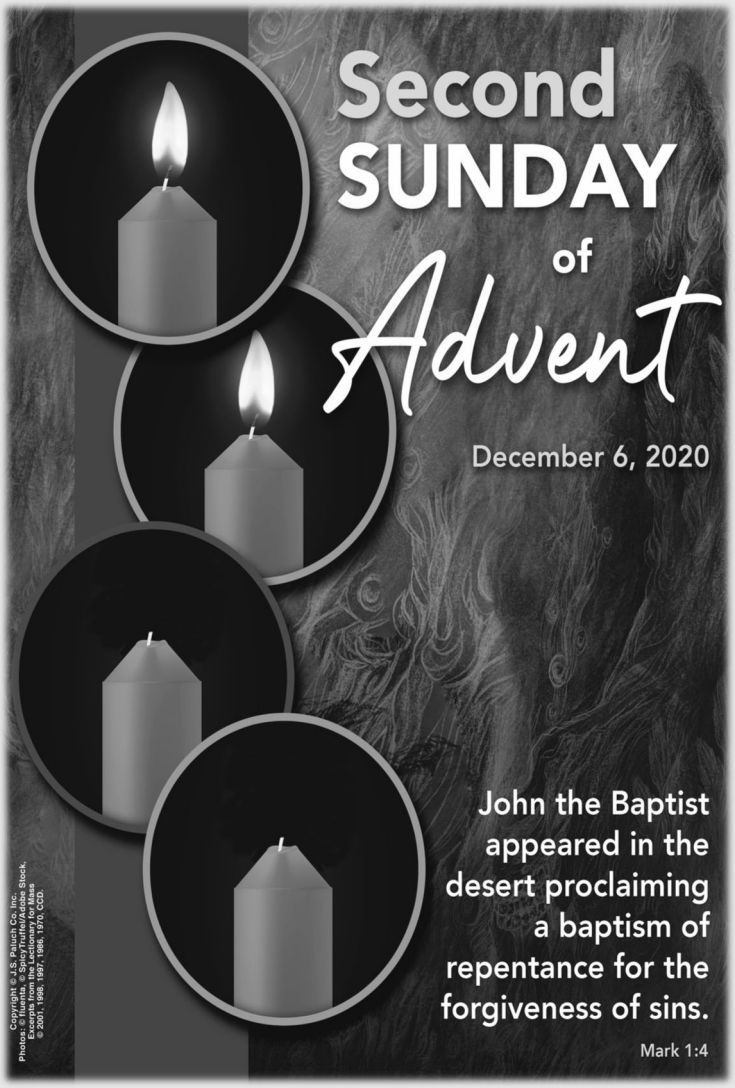

Welcome Visitors! We invite you to become a member of St. Martin de Porres Catholic Parish. Registration forms are available at all Church entrances. Please return registration forms to the parish office or drop in the offertory basket. Thank you for joining our family of faith!

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 5

5:00 p.m. +Patrick Miller - Mike & Judith Miller

Sunday, December 6

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo

11:00 a.m. +Bruce & Sharon Thompson - Ken & Marilyn Ramsey

Monday, December 7

8:30 a.m. +Rick Cook - Dave Perkins

Tuesday, December 8

8:30 a.m. +Eric Matchette—Valerie Trapa Matchette

Wednesday, December 9

8:30 a.m. +Rich Roberts - Dave Perkins

Thursday, December 10

8:30 a.m. DeBolt family - Larry & Monika Meile

Friday, December 11

8:30 a.m. +Gene Naes - Dave Perkins

Saturday, December 12

5:00 p.m. +Randy Carmichael - Valerie Trapa

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tues: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wed: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thurs: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Fri: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19
Sat: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18 bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
Sun: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

In Our Prayers: Patricia Hesselius, Pat Harper, Sheila Kava, Jim & Audrey Donovan, Russ Miles, Patricia DeBolt, John McCafferty, Amanda Eastman & for the repose of the soul of Karen Whitaker.

GOD'S DELAY

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?"

And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. God is giving *everyone* the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

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Well done, good & faithful servant" *(Mt. 25:21)*

HOLIDAY Mass Schedule

St. Martín de Porres

December 7: 6 p.m. Immaculate Conception, Anticipatory

December 8: 8:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception

******Dec. 9 and 16: Confession and Adoration, 5 to 6 p.m.***

Christmas Eve: 4:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: 8:30 a.m.

******Dec. 28 - 29; No Mass***

Dec. 28 - Jan. 1, Office closed

Dec. 31: 5 p.m. Solemnity of Mary, Anticipatory

January 1, 2021: 8:30 a.m. Solemnity of Mary

Sacred Heart of Mary

Christmas Mass sign-ups will be out
Mon., Dec. 21, at noon via Flock Note and the website

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4 & 6 p.m. livestreamed in the hall & YouTube
Midnight Mass in Latin, Extraordinary Form

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

9 and 11a.m. livestreamed in the hall & YouTube
******Dec. 28 and 29 – No Mass***
Dec. 28 – Jan. 1 – office closed, (reopens Jan. 4)
Dec. 31, 5 p.m., Mary, Mother of God, Anticipatory
January 1
9 a.m. Mary Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation
At Noon, Latin, in the Extraordinary Form

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW!!

Analytic Bible Study Group: meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. studying Paul's letters, starting with Galatians. Open to all who are interested. Contact Dave: 303.999.9174.

Thursday Morning Bible Study: meets in St. Joseph hall at 9:30 a.m. after Mass.

Art Guild:. Newcomers always welcome! Call Pete or Barb, 303-494-2049 for more information.

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Sacred Conversations

Second Sunday of Advent

It turns out everything I've ever taught about chapter forty of the prophet Isaiah was wrong. It's written for an exiled people living 25 centuries ago! Wrong. It's meant to give hope to the disconsolate Jews living in Babylon! Wrong. It's shoring them up to be brave as they decide whether to trust God and go back to Israel, or to stay put! Wrong.

No, no, no. If ever we can appropriate an ancient sacred text and know that it was written for our time, it's Isaiah's words of consolation. I'll bet they jumped right off the page when you heard (or read) them this weekend.

Comfort, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem. Proclaim that her service is at an end. Imagine being an exhausted and sick health care worker, hearing for the first time in a year (please God, let this be done in a year!) that the pandemic is over. He or she can now go home and sleep for a week.

In the desert prepare the way of the Lord! We know about deserts now. We know about grandparents, desperate to squeeze their far-away grandbabies, desperate to not miss a minute more of their precious babyhood. We know about children, longing for friends and teachers, and parents, longing for them even more! That's a desert too.

But fear not, dear friends. God is near. Like a shepherd God feeds us (through the strength and goodness of all who run food pantries, or work in grocery stores, or drive delivery trucks). God carries us, yea, even though we walk through the dark valley of death.

Take comfort, people. It turns out, Isaiah's words were written for us. How do these words touch you differently this Advent?

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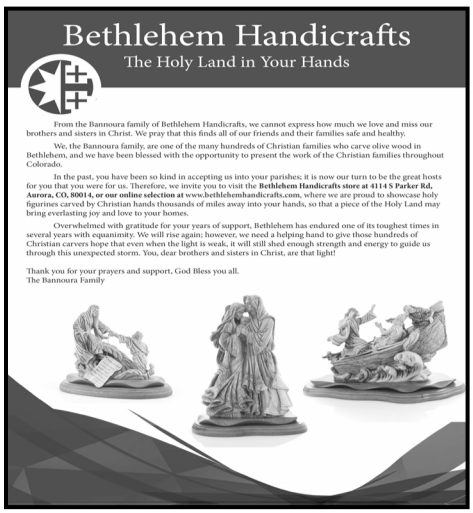

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