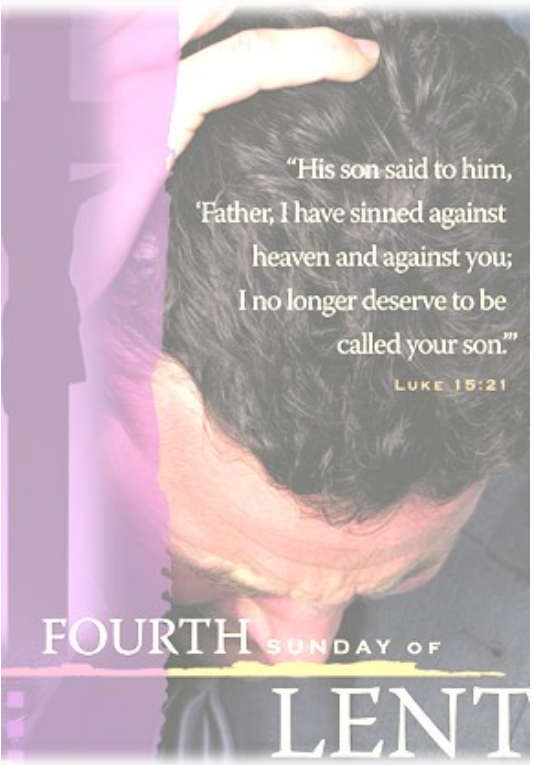


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Fourth Sunday of Lent
Year C
March 30, 2025

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Gather Hymnal
#1027

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New Parishioners: Please fill out a registration form in the lobby of the church or online.

Sick Call: Please inform the Parish Office when someone is sick, shut-in or hospitalized.

Baptisms: Call the Parish Office.

Weddings: Arrangements are to be made with the Parish Office at least six months in advance.

Funerals: When someone in the family dies, it is preferred that the family contact the Parish Office to notify the priest before contacting the funeral home.

Mass Times at St. Martin de Porres Church

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM Hymnal
10:30 AM Gospel Mass

Tuesday: 6:00 PM
Wed-Fri: 8:00 AM

Mass Times at UNO Newman Center

Sunday: 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 12:05 PM
Friday: 12:05 PM

Confessions

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM
Sunday: 8:00-8:50 AM

Mother Of Perpetual Help Devotion

Tuesday: 6:30 PM

Rosary For The Needs Of The Parish

30 minutes before weekend Masses

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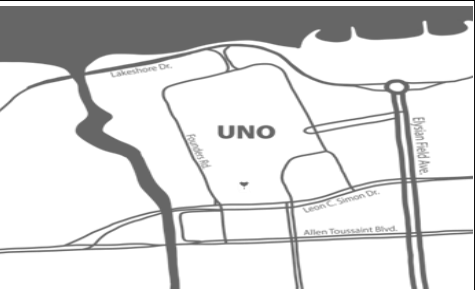
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Weekly Readings & Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent, Josh 5:9a,10-12/
Ps 34:2-3,4-5,6-7/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4,5-6,11-12a,13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ezek 47:1-9,12/Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Memorial of Saint Francis of Paola,
Hermit, Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9,13cd-14,17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20,21-22,23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Memorial of Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of
the Church, Wis 2:1a,12-22/Ps 34:17-18,19-20,21,23/Jn 7:1-2,
10,25-30

Saturday: Memorial of Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest,
Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3,9bc-10,11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent, Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2,
2-3,4-5,6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Prayer to St. Martin de Porres

Most glorious Martin de Porres, whose burning charity embraced not only thy needy brethren, but also the very animals of the field, splendid example of charity, we hail thee & invoke thee! From that high throne which thou dost occupy, deign to listen to the supplications of thy needy brethren that, by imitating thy virtues, we may live contented in that state in which God has placed us & carrying with strength & courage our cross, we may follow in the footsteps of Our Blessed Redeemer and His most afflicted Mother, that at last we may reach the Kingdom of Heaven through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 29
4:00 PM Robert Collins, Leonard Fine, Joan Fine, Robert Munch Sr., Alma B LaBostrie, Joseph Duplessis Sr., Dorothy Lastrapes, Irma Diggs, Reposed soul of Charmaine Reed Diaz, Jhaylen Zaire Garbutt-Gibbs. Charmaine Carrere, Elvera Murphy

Sunday, March 30
9:00 AM Parishioners of St. Martin de Porres
10:30 AM Keith Triggs, Eddie Triggs, Lolita Dede, Jacqueline Taylor, Lolita Price Augillard, Janet Bonnee, Angelique Lopez, Sylvia Lumas
6:00 PM UNO Community Members

Tuesday, April 1
6:00 PM Parishioners of St. Martin de Porres

Wednesday, April 2
8:00 AM Roberta Rachal Balthazar
12:05 AM UNO Community Members

Thursday, April 3
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Martin de Porres

Friday, April 4
8:00 AM Bobby & Irene Adams -- 55th anniversary
12:05 PM UNO Community Members

- Devotions at St. Martin de Porres Church and Chapel and UNO:
- Precious Blood Devotion: **every Wednesday at 2:00 pm and Thursday at 6:30 pm** in the Chapel.
 - Divine Mercy Chaplet and Devotion: **every Friday at 3:00 pm** in the Chapel.
 - Novena: 1st Friday Mass and 1st Saturday Mass
 - Mother of Perpetual Help: Tuesday evening after Mass
 - Way of the Cross: **every Friday during Lent at 6:00 pm**

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- Future Parents Group date: Saturday, April 26th. Save the date!
- Rice Bowls will be collected the weekend of Easter, April 19/20. Please participate in this cause.


Lenten Fish Fry:

If you live on a local major thoroughfare and are willing to place a sign in your yard to advertise our Lenten fish fry, please notify the parish office at 504-302-7931.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

We are also taking donations for the Lenten fish fry; please assist if you can. This will be one of our largest fundraisers for the church. We can use your support. Thank you!

Please spread the word about our fish fry to family and friends; together we will make this event a huge success!



The SANCTUARY LIGHT
will burn this week for:

Joseph Duplessis Sr., Lolita Dede,
Janet Bonnee, Angelique Lopez,
Sylvia Lumas, Elvera Murphy

Opportunity for candle to burn for your living or
deceased loved one before the Blessed Sacrament: \$5.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: April 25-27, 2025

For those hurting from abortion or miscarriage, open to women and men: \$200/person; register with Pam Richard 504-460-9360, richj504@bellsouth.net or Donna Scheuermann 504-258-9183, donnas@1791.com. Fr. Robert Cavalier, Priest Facilitator

Archdiocese Announcement:

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration: Sunday, June 22, 2025 at 3:00pm, St. Philip Neri Church, 6500 Kawanee Avenue, Metairie; for couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary and above — married in 1975 or earlier. Registration due by April 25th: <https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/2025golden>

Second Collections: *Please be sure to pick up a Rice Bowl!!*

There is no second collection this weekend — 3/29-30.
The second collection next weekend — 4/5-6, is for our **Building & Maintenance Fund**.
We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Memorial Opportunities

Remember or Honor Loved Ones: Sanctuary Lamp: \$5. Mass Intentions: \$5. Altar arrangements: \$90. Call the church office at 504-302-7931, email to contact@smdpnola.org, or mail to: 2212 Prentiss Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70122. You can now pay for your mass intentions via the online giving platform **after** contacting the office with details and dates.

Lent/Easter Spiritual Events:

How beautiful it will be if you mark your calendar and participate in these spiritual activities in the Lent and Easter seasons.

The Way of the Cross — every Friday during Lent in the Church at 6 pm and at Newman Center after noon Mass

Lenten Dive into the Catechism of the Catholic Church, March 31st, April 7th and 14th at 5:30 PM
Monday, March 31st, 5:30 pm (Part Two of the Catechism – Fr Deogratias Ekisa)
Monday, April 7th, 5:30 pm (Part Three of the Catechism – Fr Raymond Igbogidi)
Monday, April 14th, 5:30 pm (Part Four of the Catechism – Fr Raymond Igbogidi)

Lenten Day of Adoration and Reconciliation — Thursday, April 10th from 6 pm-7:00 pm
"7 Last Words of Christ" Performance by Lorraine Hess

Chrism Mass at St Louis Cathedral on Tuesday, April 15th at 10 am

Holy Thursday — Mass of the Last Supper on April 17th at 7 pm

Good Friday — Outdoor Way of the Cross on April 18th at 10 am

Good Friday — Passion of Christ on April 18th at 3 pm

Holy Saturday — OCIA Candidates' Retreat on April 19th at 9 am

Holy Saturday — The Great Easter Vigil on April 19th at 8 pm

Easter Sunday Mass at Dawn (on the lake – weather permitting) at 6 am, and in the Church at 9 am and 10:30 am

On the Question of ‘Missa Pro Populi’ (Mass for the People)

I have received calls and questions regarding Mass bookings for 9 am Mass here at St Martin de Porres. I apologize for not mentioning/ explaining this publicly since the beginning of St Martin de Porres Parish in July of 2024. And I understand that there are people who have been sending money to have Masses offered for their loved ones during 9 am Mass. I completely take responsibility for the lack of information.

Let me begin by referring to the Church’s Code of Canon Law Paragraph 534, articles 1, 2, and 3:

- Can. 534 §1. After a pastor has taken possession of his parish, he is obliged to apply a Mass for the people entrusted to him on each Sunday and holy day of obligation in his diocese. If he is legitimately impeded from this celebration, however, he is to apply it on the same days through another or on other days himself.
- Can. 534 §2. A pastor who has the care of several parishes is bound to apply only one Mass for the entire people entrusted to him on the days mentioned in §1.
- Can. 534 §3. A pastor who has not satisfied the obligation mentioned in §§1 and 2 is to apply as soon as possible as many Masses for the people as he has omitted.

In obedience to the Law of the Church (Universal) and fulfillment of this pastoral obligation/requirement, I decided that out of the 4 Masses, we have on a weekend (both in Church and at the Newman Center), 9 am be reserved and designated ‘Missa Pro Populi’ (Mass for the People). This means that this Mass cannot be booked or offered for one individual. Parishioners are welcome to send in Mass requests for the other Masses, including the weekdays and Holy Days of Obligation.

I am not sure what was done in the former three parishes that were merged and how the pastors handled this when those parishes were in existence. For St Martin de Porres which came into existence just July of 2024, I humbly wish to explain that 9 am Mass on Sunday is offered for the people (parishioners).

~ Fr. Francis

Office of Black Catholics Ministries Announcements:

A Morning of Reflection will be April 5th at Schulte Auditorium of Notre Dame Seminary. The day will begin with breakfast and registration at 8:15am followed by presentations and prayer lead by Fr. Tony Ricard and Deacon Lawrence Houston. The event is free, but registration is requested.

"Pilgrims of Hope: A Lenten Revival" featuring the St. Augustine High School Knights of Praise April 7th—9th at 6:30pm each evening. The revival will be at St. Raymond—St. Leo the Great Parish in New Orleans.

For more information on these two opportunities to draw us closer to Christ this Lent, please contact the Office of Black Catholic Ministries, 504-861-6207.

Online Giving:

We have two ways to support our parish online:
1) Donations can be made through our website by the following link, <https://smdpnola.com/give>.
2) Donations can be made through the ParishSoft Giving Program by the following link or by the QR code shown here, <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stma0271872>.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

