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Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
7:15am, 8:45am,
10:30am (*streamed for homebound*)
12:15pm and 5:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

8am (*streamed for homebound*)
6:30pm
Saturdays 8am (*streamed for homebound*)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays: 7:15 - 8:15pm
Wednesdays: Following Mass at 8:45am
Saturdays: 4 - 5pm
Additional Advent Confession
Hours can be found on page 5

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Sunday, December 17, 2023 | 3rd Sunday of Advent



OUR PARISH MISSION & VISION

St. Martin de Porres is a Stewardship and Hospitality parish. As Catholic Christians guided by the Holy Spirit, we are Christ's disciples dedicated to faith formation, worship, community life, and service. All are welcome as we use our unique gifts to serve the world as a visible sign of God's love.

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FROM OUR PAROCHIAL VICAR FATHER NICOLAUS THAI

Perhaps the absence of the singing of the Gloria during the season of Advent (*except for solemnities*) might not be too noticeable this year, given the short duration of the season, with the 4th Sunday Mass followed immediately by the celebrations of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. This absence might give the impression that the Mass is shortened.

The Gloria is “a most ancient and venerable hymn by which the Church, gathered in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb.” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, n. 53) Its lyrics are rooted in and inspired by the Sacred Scriptures, with the first words, “Glory to God in the highest,” taken from the praise of the multitude of angels offered to God at the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” (*Luke 2:13-14, New American Bible version*) Hence, the Gloria can be referred to as the hymn of

the angels. In singing, or even reciting, this joyful, ancient, prayerful song to God, the Mass-goer join with the angels praise, bless, adore, and glorify God and thank God for showing him His glory of the Holy Trinity: His Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom God the Father reveals, Jesus Christ’s redemption of mankind by taking sins away and ascension into heaven, and the Holy Spirit.

That the Gloria is not sung at Sunday Masses during Advent (the season to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ, commemorated at Christmas and anticipated at the end of time and also in words and Sacraments) creates a missing part from the usual, joyful spirit of the Mass on the Day of the Lord and, in doing so, reminds the Mass-goer to more conscientiously, once again welcome Jesus Christ and what He accomplished objectively and continues to do so subjectively in them, as the Gloria praises.

REREDOS ARTWORK FOR MID-DECEMBER



San Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Feast Day—Dec 9

Juan Diego was born in 1474 with the name “Cuauhtlatotzin” (“the talking eagle”) in Cuautlitlan, today part of Mexico City, Mexico. He was a gifted member of the Chichimeca people, one of the more culturally advanced groups living in the Anahuac Valley.

On Dec 9, 1531, when Juan Diego was on his way to morning mass, the Blessed Mother appeared to him on Tepeyac Hill, the outskirts of what is now Mexico City. She asked him to go to the Bishop to request in her name that a shrine be built in Tepeyac, where she promised to pour her graces upon those who invoke Her. The Bishop who did not believe him, asked for a sign to prove that the apparition was true. On Dec 12, Juan Diego returned to Tepeyac. Here, the Blessed Mother told him to climb the hill and to pick the flowers that he would find in bloom. He obeyed and although it was wintertime, he found roses flowering. He gathered the flowers and took them to Our Lady who carefully placed them in his tilma and told him to take them to the Bishop as “proof.” When he unfolded the tilma before the Bishop, roses cascaded from his tilma, and an “Icon” of Our Lady of Guadalupe was miraculously impressed on the cloth, bringing the Bishop to his knees. Within 2 weeks of the miracle, Bishop Zumarraga ordered a Shrine to be built where the Virgin Mary had appeared. San Juan Diego died May 30, 1548 and was buried in the first chapel dedicated to the Virgin of Guadalupe. He was beatified on May 6, 1990, and canonized on July 31, 2002 by Pope John Paul II in the Basilica of Santa Maria di Guadalupe, Mexico City. *San Juan Diego, Pray for us.*



Saint Stephen Feast Day—Dec 26

St. Stephen was born in Tarsus, a major city in eastern Cilicia in 5 AD. Died—36 AD; Jerusalem. The name Stephen is Greek and according to Acts 6, he was a foreign born Jew or a Hellenist who spoke Greek. St. Stephen is traditionally venerated as the protomartyr or first martyr of Christianity. He lived an exemplary

life as one of the seven deacons appointed by the Apostles to carry out charitable acts to the poor. His defense of the faith before the rabbinic court enraged his Jewish audience, and he was taken out of the city and stoned to death. His final words, a prayer of forgiveness for his attackers (Acts of the Apostles 7:60) “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Lord, do not hold this sin against them,” echo those of Jesus on the cross (Luke 23:34). Following those words, Stephen died, in the Lord. He is often represented carrying a martyr’s palm and a pile of rocks or with rocks on his head, symbolic of his martyrdom by being stoned to death. He is the patron saint of deacons and stonemasons. *St. Stephen, pray for us.*



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own eyes, except for His Most
Holy Body and Blood.”

- ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesday

Dec 19: 8:45-10am & 7-8:30pm

Wednesday

Dec 20: 8:45-10am & 7-8:30pm

Thursday

Dec 21: 7-8:30pm

Friday

Dec 22: 7-8:30pm

Saturday

Dec 23: 8:45-10am & 3-5pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sunday, December 24

4pm (Church) | 4:15pm (Parish Hall)

6pm | 8pm | 12 midnight

Monday, December 25

8am | 10am | 12pm

WORSHIP

2023 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS MASS OBLIGATION PLANNER

The Fourth Sunday of Advent is Sunday, December 24. Christmas is, of course, December 25. Both are Holy Days of Obligation. Therefore, we have two obligations to fulfill – **we must go to two distinct Masses.** To fulfill one's Sunday or Holy Day obligation, one may do so by attending any Mass between 4pm the evening before and 11:59pm of the day itself.

That means, for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, you can go to any Mass between 4pm on Saturday, December 23 and 11:59pm on Sunday, December 24. For Christmas, you can go to any Mass between 4pm on Sunday, December 24 and 11:59pm on Monday, December 25.

The following planner will help you decide which two Masses you will go to at St. Martin de Porres, in order to fulfill both of your obligations!

To fulfill one's 4th Sunday of Advent Obligation, one may attend any of the Masses in purple below.

1st Obligation
(Fourth Sunday of Advent)

(pick one from the right)

Saturday, December 23
5:30pm

Sunday, December 24
7:15am 8:45am 10:30am 12:15pm
4pm 4:15pm 6pm 8pm

To fulfill one's Christmas Obligation, one may attend any of the Masses in green below.

2nd Obligation
(Christmas)

(pick one from the right)

Sunday, December 24
4pm 4:15pm 6pm 8pm

Monday, December 25
Midnight 8am 10am 12pm

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLYWEDS



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"Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." . .

- Genesis 2:24



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FAITH FORMATION



SUNDAY ADULT RCIA CLASSES

Come be inspired as we deepen our Catholic faith by journeying with our RCIA families **every Sunday from 10-11am** in Sts. Paul & Elizabeth Rooms.

Walk-ins are welcome to class anytime.

The Upcoming Class Topics are:

Dec 17: *Catholic Moral Vision: Virtue, Grace & Path to Happiness*
—Peter Medina



We want to wish all our Kids of the Kingdom families and friends a joyous Advent season. As we embark on this festive time, may the spirit of joy and peace fill your hearts with love and wonder as we await the greatest gift of all – our newborn King, Jesus. This is a time of anticipation, a period of reflection on the year that has passed and the promise of new beginnings. Happy Advent!

Please Note CFF Closures Below:

- No First Eucharist or Continuing Faith Formation classes from December 25 - January 3
- No Sunday School on December 24 and 31

Childcare and Childrens Liturgy of the Word will continue to gather for the 8:45 am and 10:30 am Masses as usual.



IMPORTANT DATES

Confirmation (Meeting 7-9pm)

C1: January 9, 23

C2: January 9, 16

Middle School (Meeting 6:30-8pm)

December 18, January 8

SMYL (Meeting 7-8:30pm)

December 20 Christmas Party

High School Youth Night (Meeting 6:30-8:30pm)

January 7 & 14

Save the Dates: Starting January 10 8 SESSION WED BIBLE STUDY

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

(A Quick Journey through Salvation History)

Video series by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer

Facilitated by Adult Faith Formation

7:15 – 8:30pm | Parish Hall

Cost is \$30 for materials and supplies

Register online at: smdply.org (mandatory)

Childcare available

January

10– Introduction

17– Early World

24– Patriarchs

31– Egypt & Exodus & Desert Wanderings

February

7– Conquest & Judges & Royal Kingdom

14 – Ash Wednesday (No Bible Study)

21– Divided Kingdom, Exile & Return

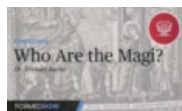
28– Maccabean Revolt & Messianic Fulfillment

March

6– Messianic Fulfillment, the Church & Continuing the Journey

FORMED

PICKS OF THE WEEK – December 17, 2023



Who are the Magi? Are they kings, wise men, prophets? What was the meaning of their role in the birth of Christ? Watch “Who are the Magi” this week on FORMED.org. In this FORMED

Now! special episode, Dr. Michael Barber sits down to reflect on the Magi from the Gospels and what spiritual lessons can be learned from this historical event recorded in Scripture.



Want a perfect family night celebration of the birth of Jesus? Watch “O Holy Night” this week on FORMED.org. Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother

Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior. O Holy Night is a great way to remind everyone of Who we celebrate at Christmas!

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FAITH & FITNESS MINISTRY

Our next Faith and Fitness Ministry meetings are:

Monday, Dec. 18: 9-10am in St. Elizabeth Room

Thursday, Dec. 28: 7:30-8:30pm in St. Matthew Room

Please join me for this very special prayer and movement class called **"SoulCore."** *SoulCore is a movement that combines core stretching and gentle, functional exercises with prayers of the Rosary & other Catholic prayers.* Participants must wear tennis shoes (no open-toe or slip-on shoes), comfortable attire, bring a water bottle, and an open heart. For more information visit smdpyl.org/fitness or email Rebecca Gonzalez at: fitness@smdpyl.org



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Join us **today** in the Parish Hall after 7:15, 8:45 and 10:30am Masses. Serving eggs, pancakes, sausage and oatmeal.

\$8 Adults, \$5 Children &
\$25 Families.

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YEAR-END GIVING



As 2023 comes to a close, consider a year-end gift to St. Martin de Porres Parish. You can choose to support a specific ministry or you may give to general support - which focuses on the greatest need of the Parish.

There are several ways to give:

1. Donate online through the Parish Web Site at smdpyl.org/egiving
2. Drop off a check or credit card payment at the Parish Office.
3. Directly transfer appreciated securities by contacting your investment advisor. Please note, wire transfers are not immediate and may take 3 to 5 business days from initial transfer.
4. Donate through your IRA or if you are eligible through a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) both of which are tax-deductible. Please contact your investment advisor for more specifics related to your financial situation.

To learn more about ways to make a year-end gift, please contact the Parish Office at 714-970-2771. As this year ends, open yourself up to new possibilities and success achieved through giving and receiving. Thank you for your continued support of St. Martin de Porres Parish!

THE BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES (THE HOLY LAND)

This weekend, the Bethlehem Christian Families will be on campus to sell their hand carved religious articles made of olive wood. The sale of these precious articles supports their Church Mission which is to maintain the roots and the existence of the Christian Families who are struggling to remain in Bethlehem.

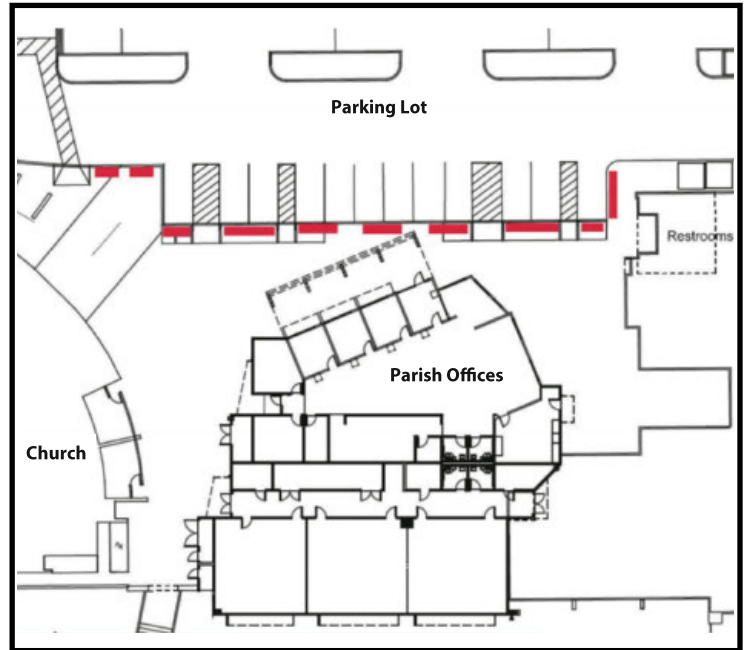
At least ninety percent of the funds raised through these sales go directly to Christians living in the Bethlehem area. The proceeds will create more work which helps them to survive and stay in the Holy Land since they have no other source of income and are dependant on the olive wood industry. Thank you for your support and generosity.



MONSIGNOR'S CORNER

Planter/Bollard Project

As I previously communicated, St. Martin de Porres applied for and was awarded a CalOES (California Governor's Office of Emergency Services) Grant to be used to increase the safety and security of our parish. In order to better protect parishioners in gathering areas on the parish property from any accidental or intentional motor vehicle intrusion, part of the grant money will be used to install structural planters that will be anchored into the ground. These planters will be three feet tall and designed to match the existing structure. Where possible these planters will be located in existing ground-level planter areas. Construction will occur during the First Quarter of 2024. I am grateful to those on the safety team who are handling the many details involved with this project.



WINGS... Christmas Around the World



Ladies, **Wednesday, December 20, 2023** is our annual Christmas Brunch. Hopefully you have signed up to join us. We will be sharing pot luck dishes and Christmas traditions from other countries. Usual start time of 9am. Take a moment for some rest and relaxation from all your preparations for the celebration of our Savior's birth. No meeting December 27. Plan to join us on January 3 as we kick off our Winter Season.

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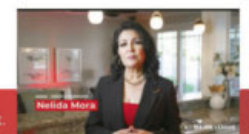
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Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish Office with your request.

Baptism for Infants

Come to the Parish Office to pick up an information packet (3 months ahead) or visit www.smdpyl.org/baptism to register online for Baptisms. For non-infant Baptisms, please contact the Parish Office at 714-970-2771.

Funeral Rite

For assistance with funeral arrangements, kindly direct your questions to the Parish Office at 714-970-2771. Please note that in most cases, funeral requests require 7 days of preparation and planning.

Rite of Matrimony

Call the Parish Office for an appointment with a priest/deacon at least 6 months prior to the planned date of marriage.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Nicki Roden	Philip Parke
Clarita Albertson	Deacon Steve Greco
Therese Alexander	Luis Verdoza
Johnny Guadagno	Tony Scalise
Karen Morrell	Tatiana Scalise

DIED IN CHRIST

Carlos Llena	Thu Tam Phan
Kay Strobbe	

MILITARY SERVICE



Prayers for our Men and Women serving in the Military and in Law Enforcement.

MASS INTENTIONS

Presider schedule is subject to change

Sunday, December 17:

7:15 AM (Msgr Stephen/Dcn Nick) Mass for the People, Melissa and Cef Manalo
8:45 AM (Msgr Stephen/Dcn Nick)
† Jessica Jablonski
10:30 AM (Msgr Stephen/Dcn Nick)
† Jessica Jablonski
12:15 PM (Fr Nicolaus) † Isidor Rodriguez
5:30 PM (Fr Nicolaus) † Gabriela Belinsky

Monday, December 18:

6:30 AM (Fr Peter) Joe and Vivian Abapo
8:00 AM (Fr Nicolaus) Manny and Maryann Lopez and Family
6:30 PM (Msgr Stephen) † Joseph Huan Nguyen, † Ann that Tran

Tuesday, December 19:

6:30 AM (Fr Abel) Lorna Frost
8:00 AM (Fr Nicolaus /Dcn Mark)
† Veneranda, † Perfecta, † Loreto,
† Horacio Revilla
6:30 PM (Msgr Stephen) † Maria Do

Wednesday, December 20:

6:30 AM (Fr Ian) Toffee and Malou Jeturian
8:00 AM (Fr. Francis) † Efren and Celia Terrible
6:30 PM (Fr Nicolaus) Okazaki and Bato Families

Thursday, December 21:

6:30 AM (Fr Florante) Citas and Ramon Cabrera
8:00 AM (Msgr Stephen) Jack & Mary Ellen Galeener and Family
6:30 PM (Msgr Stephen) † Frances Bagnall Cunneen

Friday, December 22:

6:30 AM (Fr Abel) Zeny Garlitos
8:00 AM (Fr Nicolaus) † Santos Manuel Moreno, † Braulio Salazar, † Grady Robinson, Fr. Sy Nguyen, Francesca Micaletti

6:30 PM (Msgr Stephen) † Stephanie, Thomas and Alynna Hernandez

Saturday, December 23:

6:30 AM (Fr Ian) Jessie and Pete Sioson
8:00 AM (Msgr Stephen) Maiquez and Reyes Families
5:30 PM (Fr Nicolaus) † Rosario Gaudinez, † Roberta Crabtree, † La Commare Family Souks in Purgatory, † Eva, † Victoria, and † Gregorio Cayetano, Pope Francis & all Religious

Sunday, December 24:

7:15 AM (Fr Florente) Marisa McManus, Fannie and Dante Canta

DEVOTIONS

Rosary Monday - Saturday after 8am Mass, Monday - Friday at 6pm, before Mass on Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation & Holidays

Divine Mercy Chaplet Daily 3pm

Miraculous Medal Novena Mondays after 6:30pm Mass

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Wednesdays after 6:30pm Mass

St. Joseph Novena Thursdays after 6:30pm Mass

Litany of the Sacred Heart Fridays after 6:30pm Mass

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send to pulpitann@smdpyl.org with a copy to parishOffice@smdpyl.org by the Tuesday prior to the weekend. Contents are to be only 1-2 sentences.

BULLETIN SUBMISSION

Submit articles 10 days before the weekend (holiday submissions vary). Send to Becky Fautch at: bulletineditor@smdpyl.org

FACILITY RESERVATION

For all requests or those which include tables in the outdoor Gathering Plaza, please visit smdpyl.org/reservations on the Parish Website. Requests must be submitted two weeks in advance. After your request has been approved and entered, you will receive a confirmation from the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions Continued

8:45 AM (Msgr Stephen) Mass for the People
10:30 AM (Msgr Stephen) Michael DeMaci, William & Viola Wisher
12:15 PM (Fr Nicolaus) † Norman Robinson
4:00 PM (Msgr Stephen) Linda, Julia, and Ann Johnson
4:15 PM (Fr Nicolaus) † Thang & † Tuat Cao, Cao Family
6:00 PM (Fr Nicolaus) Johnny Shun
8:00 PM (Msgr Stephen) Magaña and Dallal Families
12:00 AM (Msgr Stephen) Mass for the People