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3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." - Mt 11:10

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:15-4:00 pm or by appointment

Schedule of Holy Eucharist

Saturday Vigil - 4:30 pm

Sunday - 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Weekdays - Mon through Fri 8:00 am

Holy Days - 8:00 am and 7:00 pm

"Youth Music" Mass - 1st Sun. of month 10:30 am

"Children's Liturgy" Mass - every Sun. except 1st Sun. of month - 10:30am (Sept. through May)

Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesdays following 8:00 am Mass

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Anointing of the Sick

1st Friday of the month after 8:00 am Mass

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Inspired by Saint Martin de Porres and the gospel values, our parish family seeks to provide for the spiritual needs of our diverse community through vibrant liturgies and ministries, thereby creating a supportive, loving, caring and accepting environment for all.

Sacrament of Baptism Sunday after the 10:30 am Mass or by appointment after participation in Baptism Preparation Program. Our next Baptism Preparation Class is on **February 10th at 7:00 PM** to explain the sacraments and requirements. If you've never had a child baptized at St. Martin's, you must attend a class before scheduling a baptism. Call the office to sign up: 895-1100, ext. 2.

Sacrament of Matrimony Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to wedding to begin preparations.



Remember in your prayers

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Mass Intentions and Readings for the week

Mon. Dec 14	8:00 am	Helen Frese	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
Tues. Dec 15	8:00 am	Bobby Murray	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
Wed. Dec 16	8:00 am	Adele A Prouhet	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 1014 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
Thurs. Dec 17	8:00 am	Ruth Lampe Tanabe	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Fri. Dec 18	8:00 am	Bob Fink	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Sat. Dec 19	4:30 pm	Wally Castillo	
Sun. Dec 20	8:00 am 10:30 am	Parishioners Marlin & Annie Eck	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



In the Christian tradition, joy is the theme of the third week of Advent, the four-week series of spiritual preparation before Christmas. The lighting of the advent candles during the four Sundays before Christmas – candles of hope, peace, joy and love- are celebratory moments. The pink candle in the Advent wreath marks Gaudete Sunday. It signifies our joy that Christmas is quickly approaching. The color pink was selected to be a reminder of the spirit of Lent, with its mixture of joys and sorrows and in particular its joy of resurrection. But here in the midst of darkness, we light candles and rejoice for the light among us and the light to come. Although there may be difficult things weighing on our minds, we are invited to see the light in the darkness and rejoice.

Joy and woe are indeed interwoven in our lives. The whole Christian story embodies this concept. When we accept the good news of God's love for us in Jesus, we do so with the hope and trust that God's love holds us no matter the difficulties, even death on a cross.

Hence during this advent season, let us take time to reflect on our lives, the blessings and the challenges. It is tempting to face these unevenly. Sometimes we dwell exclusively on the challenges, the sacrifices, the pain. We can become immersed in victim mentality, oblivious to our blessings. Other times, we deny the pain and jump to joy with a quick bypass. Denial is powerful; it takes prayer and reflection and courage to overcome its hold on us.

We need this time of advent and its spirituality then to get back to balance. With faith in God's amazing grace and love for us, we are called to face the realities... the pain, the downturns in our life, within the context of the joy that God's gift of Christmas brings and will always bring.

In response to Gabriel's message, Mary looks beyond the complexity of her situation, bravely declaring, " my soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Although she feels great uncertainty, she rejoices that God has chosen her for a special ask. Like Mary, we should rejoice, for there is always good around us, even during difficult times.

In this third week of advent we rejoice in the light while we acknowledge the contrasting shades of sadness, we have many reasons for rejoicing, and they are always intermingled with sadness making joy all the sweeter. Advent reveals that joy and sadness are necessary elements of the cycle of life and salvation history, and one cannot exist without the other.

Hence let us prepare for Christmas during this week by feeling the joy already. Each morning this week we want to light the third inner candle. Three candles, going from expectation, to longing, to joy. They represent our inner preparation. In this time of conflict, uncertainties, pain, burdens of sufferings and loss let us begin each day this week with a sense of liberating joy. Each day this week, we will continue to go through our everyday life, but we will experience the difference our faith can bring to it. We are confident that the grace we ask for will be given us and make us feel the inner joy.

Let us also experience the Light shining into dark places of our lives and showing us patterns of sinfulness, and God inviting us to experience His mercy and healing through forgiveness. We may want to make gestures of reconciliation with a loved one, a relative, a friend or someone we have hurt. This surely will help us to experience the joy that Christmas offers.

Each night this week let us pause in gratitude. Whatever the day has brought, no matter how busy and messy it has been, we can stop to give thanks to God for a little more light, little more freedom to walk by the light, and experience the joy. Thus, let us make this third week of advent truly a time of Rejoicing.

St. Martin de Porres, Pray for us!

Fr. Lijo Kallarackal



PARISH CALENDAR

Masses are live streamed

MONDAY - DEC 14

- * 8:00 am - Mass
- * 7:00 pm - Scripture Study KH

TUESDAY - DEC 15

- * 8:00 am - Mass.
- * 9:00 am - Scripture Study KH

WEDNESDAY - DEC 16

- * 8:00 am - Mass.
- * 6:45 pm - PSR
- * 8:00 pm - Youth Group

THURSDAY, DEC 17

- * 8:00 am - Mass.

FRIDAY, DEC 18

- * 8:00 am - Mass.

SATURDAY, DEC 19

- * 4:30 pm - Mass

SUNDAY, DEC 20

- * 8:00 am - Mass
- * 10.30 am - Mass



Your gifts to God and Parish, Dec 6

Offertory, including loose	\$8,663.00
Online Giving (1st of month)	\$.00
St. Vincent De Paul	\$339.00
Beyond 50	\$457.00
Christmas Flowers	\$1,077.00
Christmas Offering	\$466.00
Education Fund	\$240.00
Seminarian Fund	\$281.00
Christmas Day Seminarians	\$266.00
TOTAL	\$11,849.00
Fiscal Year 7/1/20-6/30/21	
YTD Offertory Budget	\$151,859.40
YTD Offertory Actual	\$147,958.00
Surplus/Deficit	- \$3,901.40

GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 13, 2020
3rd Sunday of Advent

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something to create, buy, manufacture or acquire. It is a gift.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of our souls. Real, divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.

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Attending Mass Online

Materials for participating in Mass on our Facebook page are available in the office, or one can be mailed to you upon request. The packet includes Mass prayers and responses. The readings are available through the parish website, <https://www.stmartindeporesstl.com>, under "Readings for the Week," click on the day and you will be linked to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Website, allowing you to read and/or print them.

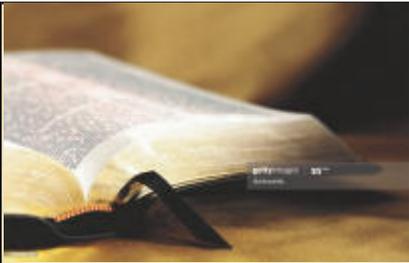
Deacon Dave's thought for the day

We are not all in the same boat. We are in the same storm. Some have yachts, some canoes, and some are drowning. Just be kind and help whoever you can.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

- * DEC 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE - 4:30 pm & 10:30 pm
- * DEC 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY - 9:00 am
- * DEC 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE - 4:30 pm
- * JAN 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY - 9:00 am
- * JAN 2 - EPIPHANY - 4:30 pm
- * JAN 3 - EPIPHANY - 8:00 am & 10:30 am





FIRST READING

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10a)



PSALM

My soul rejoices in my God. (Ps 61:10b)



SECOND READING

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23)



GOSPEL

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'" (Jn 1:23)

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John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."
-Jn 1:26-27

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Fr. Lijo at Your service

This pandemic has been difficult for us all, especially those of you not able to come or don't feel comfortable coming to church. Father Lijo would like to bring a little church to you.

He would be glad to come to your home to hear confessions and /or bring the Eucharist to you some time between now and Christmas. Please call the office at 895-1100 ext. 2 to set a time for him to come.

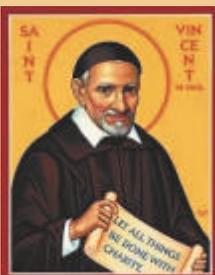


EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
A Constant Companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



St. Vincent de Paul is an amazing organization that helps many people in their greatest time of need. Donations are always appreciated especially right now in light of what is going on. They have seen a huge increase in requests for help with rent and utility bills, etc. from those suffering the effects of this pandemic. If you have been blessed, consider sharing your blessings with those less fortunate. Thank you for your generosity.



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Annually, the Wellston Center has a "Christmas Club". Families that receive assistance from the Wellston Center during the year are eligible to shop for gifts in the Christmas Club. The family size determines how much money each family may spend in the Club. All gifts are priced at about 10% of the original cost. Donors purchase new gift items from a suggested list. Gifts are then delivered unwrapped and with the price tag still on to the Wellston Center. With this year's pandemic truly altering the lives of many, the center would love your help to make this the best Christmas ever for all the families they serve. Check for new covid-19 restrictions 314-382-7158 For more detailed information go to <https://www.wellstoncenter.org/annual-christmas-club>



REST IN PEACE

A service was celebrated on
Monday Dec 7, 2020
for one of our former parishioners

Jim Poetzscher

Please keep his family in your prayers.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week.

What gives you joy? Joy is discovering when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain or landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean's horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you.

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It is time for us to update our data base with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year, as well as our directory or buzz book.

- ◆ **Have you changed** your phone number? Do we have your cell phone and email address? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record?
- ◆ **If you have not** already informed the office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the directory is correct.

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PSR

December 16 - Regular class
December 23 - Christmas break
December 30 - Christmas break

YOUTH GROUP

December 16 - 8:00 pm -Youth group
December 23 - 12-5 pm Christmas Party
January 6 - 8 pm - Youth Group



Online Advent & Christmas Gifts from Pauline Books

Give the gift of hope this Christmas! Visit the Daughters of St Paul/ Pauline Books & Media's online Advent and Christmas Gift Guide at their web-store:
<https://paulinestore.com/christmasgifts>.

Here you will find that gift and also support the sisters in their important mission of evangelization. Or visit the Sisters locally at Pauline Books and Media, 9804 Watson Rd. in Crestwood or call 314-965-3512.



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<https://www.saintvincenthome.org/getting-involved/holiday/>

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