Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Week in Our Parish - July 05, 2020

Website: www.stmartincolumbia.org

MONDAY, July 6, Fr. Michael's Day Off

TUESDAY, July 7, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: T

WEDNESDAY, July 8, Noon Mass

Mass Intention: †

THURSDAY, July 9, No Mass

FRIDAY, July 10, Noon Mass

Mass Intention:

SATURDAY, July 11, 5:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, July 12, 9:00 am and 11:30 am Mass

No Soup Kitchen until further notice

MASS INTENTIONS July 4-5, 2020

5:00 pm – People of the Parish 9:00 am – People of the Parish 11:30 am – People of the Parish

MASS ATTENDANCE June 27 & 28, 2020

Adults - 53

FINANCIAL MATTERS - June 28, 2020

| Regular Collection | \$4,172.00 |
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| School | \$55.00 |
| Mortgage Reduction | \$80.00 |
| Parish Charity | \$100.00 |
| Holy Father/ Peter's Pence | \$47.00 |
| Seminary | \$25.00 |
| Soup Kitchen | \$85.00 |
| Infirm Priests | \$25.00 |
| Maintenance | \$298.00 |
| MAP/Bicentennial | \$25.00 |
| Father's Day | \$25.00 |
| Bank Fees | \$19.09 |
| TOTAL | \$4,956.09 |

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

SECOND COLLECTION SCHEDULE

July 5 – Soup Kitchen July 12 – Infirm Priests

Parishioners are encouraged to post their offerings, so that we can continue to carry our parish responsibilities. Post checks to:
St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church,
2229 Hampton St., Columbia, SC 29204

OR USE:

Online Giving

https://abundant.co/stmartindeporres/give

Download the mobile app: Abundant Giving
Text: SMDP to 73256, click the link & follow the prompts to give

SHARE THE BURDEN

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). These words of our Savior seem to be in stark contrast to the previous chapter from the same Gospel, when we were told that if we do not take up our crosses, we are not worthy of Christ. Connecting these two messages might help us on our faith journeys. Being a follower of Christ surely means that we must embrace the cross, in its mystery of both suffering and triumph. This is something that we need not do alone, for the burden is often too heavy for us to carry by ourselves. Who, then, do we turn to? We can turn to the Body of Christ—the community of disciples gathered for worship. When we find the burden too heavy, let us remember that we can share that burden with our Christian sisters and brothers, who can help bring us rest.

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"Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

For the healing of: Terrell Alexander, Adren Bailey (Larry Bailey), Pearl Bartley, Rose Bailey, Paula Baylis, Hermina Bellinger, Kelvin Brown, Mary Beth Callais, Irma Coleman, Janice Coleman, Savi Culbertson, Dolores DiMaria, James T. Easley, Damon Frazier, Carla Gourdine, Robin Green, Ellen Greiner, Dierdre Harris, Leroy Henry, Frank Herty, Leslie Hodges-Jackson, Amira Johnson (Barbara Johnson), Keddrick Jones, Sandra Joseph (Harrison Joseph), Vivian Kates, Dawn Lance, Maxine Lloyd, Wayne Lopez (Stanley Lopez), Joseph McKenzie, Hank MacDonald, Samuel Marshall, Eugene Mincer, Elizabeth Murphy, John Roland Neal, Sr. (Tyrone Neal Sr.) Arthur Newson, Robert Pearson, Helen Pellicci, Joyce Poulard, Veronica Ramseur, Maria Reyes, Linda Rocano, Jane Rienzie, Tripp Roche, Royce Rosemond, Judith Scott, Brenda Singleton (Pheobe Malloy), Patricia McDermott Sinnott (Gerald/Sandra McDermott), Jaimie Smith, Brenda Easley Webb (mother of Cynthia Joseph), Robert Webb (Cynthia Joseph), Leroy White, Jr., Lauretta Williams, and Marcia Wilson.

Assisted Living: Dorothy "Nana" Paul

<u>For the Souls of</u>: Mrs. Vicki Tomas, Mr. Walter Sinnott, victims of violence and for those who have died from the Coronavirus COVID-19, and all of our departed Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to Dr. Hector Baens for sponsoring this week's Altar Flowers

Please provide notice of additions to our prayer list (hospitalizations, sick and homebound). Kindly call the office at (803)254-6862 or email

stmartincolumbia@charlestondiocese.org

SMDP SCHOOL NEWS

<u>School Registration</u>: Please share with your family, friends, and co-workers that we are accepting applications for the 2020-2021 School Year. Grades Pre K3, Kindergarten, First, Second, and Third.

**PreK 4 is open for all counties with tuition paid by First Steps for students 4-year-old by September 1 of each year!

- 1. First Steps: FREE4KSC.org
- 2. School Applications: www.saintmartindeporres.org
- 3. You may email for an application:

smdpschool@charlestondiocese.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NO Religious Education classes during the summer and Vacation Bible School is cancelled. Director of Religious Education

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9;

Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38 Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16;

Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17;

Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33 Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23;

Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Maria Goretti

Thursday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

Saturday: St. Benedict

SPIRITUAL READING

You will not see anyone who is truly striving after spiritual advancement who is not given to spiritual reading.

—St. Athanasius

FROM FR. MICHAEL



Safety is the greatest challenge in all we do during this period. All individuals attending Mass MUST wear their masks during the Mass, except when they are reading or cantoring.

If you want peace, work for justice.



Prayer to Overcome Racism

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us.

Amen. www.usccb.org/racism

Be Safe.

Blessings, Fr. Michael Okere

PRAYER IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

O God of compassion, your people are anxious in this time of pandemic. Send your Holy Spirit among us to dispel our fears. We cry out to you in our confusion; comfort us in our affliction. Grant our leaders wisdom to guide us. Strengthen and sustain those who are ill, and be with those who care for them.

Help us to travel this road in solidarity with our neighbors, with our eyes fixed on the salvation promised us through the death and resurrection of your Son, who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen.

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