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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.” - Mt 18:15


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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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

**SUN 9/6**  Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

**MON 9/7**  1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11

**TUE 9/8**  Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:5ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**WED 9/9**  1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26

**THR 9/10**  1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38

**FRI 9/11**  1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42

**SAT 9/12**  1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49

**SUN 9/13**  Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

**Sunday:**  23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:**  Labor Day

**Tuesday:**  The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Wednesday:**  St. Peter Claver, Priest

**Friday:**  Patriot Day

**Saturday:**  The Most Holy Name of Mary

**Next Sunday:**  24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

**Inspiration for the week**

It is not easy to confront someone who has wronged or hurt us. But it is absolutely necessary to do so in order for reconciliation to occur. We are taught to mind our own business and keep our thoughts to ourselves. When we have been hurt or wronged and we do not acknowledge and give voice to it, those feelings of hurt remain in our hearts and can eventually turn into anger. verbalizing our feelings can diffuse them, and communicating how we actually feel brings honesty to our relationships. This is the only way that the path of love can remain open and that integrity and mutual respect can be maintained. It is no wonder that Jesus absolutely insisted upon healthy and compassionate confrontation. People don't always realize that they are doing harm. Bringing this to light is not only good for the one who is hurt but for the one who caused the pain. The new insight and revelation may prevent the action from being repeated again.
WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING
If you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt; but you shall save yourself. (Ez 33:9)

PSALM
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

SECOND READING
Whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Rom 13:9a)

GOSPEL
“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.” (Mt 18:19)


GOSPEL MEDITATION
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It’s all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other’s lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.
EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments
The Blessing of the Community

I have been blessed to be a member of my parish community for 28 years. For much of that time I was serving as a member of the parish staff, but it was still the community that I call home. I have been fortunate to be able to remain in that parish even as my life has encountered new chapters and callings. I am so grateful to God that I have been able to grow, be nourished, and find companionship in a parish for this long of a time.

It is a natural tendency for human beings to desire belonging to something bigger than themselves. Not everyone is fortunate enough to find the community, big or small, that fulfills that need. Unfortunately, that means that many communities suffer from not having the benefit of the gifts, skills, and talents that any member can offer. Communities are in many ways living organisms that move and breathe based upon the individuals who form that body. A community is truly the sum of its parts.

Your parish community reflects you and everyone else in that community. The more each member gives to the community, the stronger that community finds itself. If you hold back, your community suffers, and you gain little. I know firsthand what being a part of a community can mean to a person. I would be no one at all – and you would not be reading this – if it weren’t for the life I have had in my parish community.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Catholic Life Explained:
Choosing Organ Donation

Question:
Are Catholics allowed to donate their organs?

Answer:
Yes, Catholics are allowed to donate their organs. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church praises this practice when it notes that, “Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity” (no. 2296).

The Church has a series of guidelines for health care providers called The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Services. This document helps us see organ donation as an act of charity, but it also reminds us that we have to be sure that donations of organs by living donors do not "sacrifice or seriously impair any essential bodily function and the anticipated benefit to the recipient is proportionate to the harm to the donor" (no. 30); trained medical professionals can help to make this assessment. In the case of organ donation at the end of life, we must be sure of the intentions of the donor or of their proxy are always respected, and that the dignity of the human body is always respected.

In the end, we can look to Pope Saint John Paul II and his encyclical Evangelium Vitae, where he noted that organ donation is a beautiful act of expressing the culture of life, when “performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health or even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope” (no. 86).
SHARING THE GOSPEL
Where two or three of you are gathered together in the name of Jesus, he is there with you. When you and your family ask God’s blessings on you and the food you eat, Jesus is sitting there with you. “Bless this food, O Lord, we pray. Keep our souls near you today.” Because two of you on earth asked for God’s blessing, it will be given to you by God in heaven.

PRAYER
Holy Spirit, heal my body and protect my soul.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK
I will ask God to bless my family and keep us close to Him.
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“Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

-Mt 18:19-20

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