THIRD SUNDAY OF Easter

THE TWO DISCIPLES RECOUNTED WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE ON THE WAY AND HOW JESUS WAS MADE KNOWN TO THEM IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD.

Luke 24:35

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church
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Pastoral Council
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SMdP Service and Ministry Meetings
April 30 - May 5, 2017

SMdP YOUTH MEETINGS
Sun., Apr. 30
Middle School 3:30p - 5p
High School 5:30p - 7p
Dive Deeper High School Bible Study 7-8p

Jason Liles Spring Piano Concert
Mon., May 1, Main Church 6:30p

Knight’s of Columbus Meeting
Mon., May 1, G/V South 6p

Altar Society Meeting
Mon., May 1, G/V North 6:15p

Women’s Gospel Reflection
Wed., May 3, Ch. Mtg. Rm. 6a

Divine Mercy Chaplet
Wed., May 3, Main Ch. after 8a Mass

Confirmation
Wed., May 3, St. Margaret Catholic Church 7p

Men’s Gospel Reflection
Fri., May 5, Ch. Mtg. Rm. 6a

Rosary Before Mass
Fri., May 5, Main Church 7:15a

AA/NA Recovery Meeting
Fri., May 5, G/V Kitchen 6p

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Call the office two months in advance to schedule an appointment.

Marriages: Call at least six (6) months in advance for pre-marriage instruction.

Reconciliation: Every Sat. 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm or by appointment during the week.

Anointing of the Sick: Available anytime, please call office to make arrangements.

Holy Orders: Interested in priesthood or deaconate, please contact Msgr. Daniel Torres 439-7400 Ext. 220

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Anticipated Mass 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am
Tuesday & Thursday 5:00 pm
Wednesday & Friday 8:00 am
Holy Days of Obligation 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

SMdP Parish Leadership

Parish Trustees

W.J. Lechtenberg
Veronica Miller

Pastoral Council

Mia Dubios
Lana Ellis
Chad Higginbotham
Matt Keating
Neal Rider
Richard Shaw
Lilly Vincent

Finance Council

Stephen Liles
David Bruchhaus
Mike Eason
Tina Higgins
David Ieyoub
Johnette Szydlo
Shively Verrette

Upcoming 2nd Collections

May 7 - Debt Reduction/Building Fund
May 14 - Bishop Services Appeal
May 21 - Basilica of National Shrine
May 28 - Catholic Communications
June 4 - Debt Reduction/Building Fund
**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Visit www.smdpcatholic.com, “Lagniappe” section to add or remove names from the sick list. Names will be removed after 90 days unless renewed or otherwise noted.

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

- Chris Arceneaux
- Marlan Blanchard
- Walker Kent Bosley
- Myra Bordelon
- Gayle Boudoin
- Gary Breau
- Wilma Breux
- Jennifer Broussard
- Susan Broussard
- Dan Burnhur
- Carol Camara
- Colin Couvillier
- Lisa Couvillier
- Karen Crawford
- Hillary Daigle
- Kayla Derouche
- Charles Domingue
- DC. Richard Donahoe
- Jack Dore
- Blaine Doucet
- Sean Doyle
- Amy Dugas
- Carolyn Eason
- Leland East
- Carol Ann Faulk
- Jacob Farmues
- Shanda Felton
- Bea Ferrtita
- Bill Ferguson
- Jodie Fontenot
- Lucy Fontenot
- Stella Fitzgerald
- Liliane Garandel
- Robert Gilbert
- Eddie Mac Gorman
- Linda Estay Granger
- Elmera Granger
- Louis Granger
- Tommy Greenlee
- Joshua Guillory
- Renee Haile
- Jude Hillard
- Cayson Hoffpaur
- Keith Hernandez
- Rose Holland

- Don Johnson
- Adam Jones
- Rick Jones
- Gene Juranka
- Laura Kaough
- Jenna Keller
- Ronnie Kramer
- Jason LaFosse
- Dennis P. Landry
- Grace Lahorca
- Danny Laughlin
- Lee LeBlanc
- Monica LeBlanc
- Leola Leger
- Michaels Madden
- Owen Mattson
- Gene Martin
- Miles McDonald
- Don Nelson
- Carol Neal
- Don Nelson
- Noah Nelson
- Shelia Nelson
- Vinton Nelson
- Dennis Nivel
- Larry Parker
- Sue Parker
- Mary Pauley
- Joyce Peoples
- Dot Pellerin
- Dexter Peloquin
- Leroy Peoples
- Elaine Primeaux
- Elista Price
- Melba Portmaine
- Alton Polum
- Dennis Primeaux
- Jonathon Puleo
- Angie Quinland
- Sheila Ratcliff
- Meg Reed
- Denise Robinson
- Maria Robinson
- Beve Rome
- Marlon Rome
- Nanette Rougeau
- Milton Ryan
- Quinten Savoie
- Jackie Shaughnessy
- Danny Sheridan
- Patti Sheridan
- Donna Shidell
- Bailey Shuff
- Connie Shuff
- Talon Sonnier
- Joseph Sowells
- Joe Speight
- Pamela Sprehe
- Elaine St. Mary
- Mitzi St. Robert
- Layvona Taylor
- Avis Theriot
- Wayne Thibodeaux
- Michael Timpa
- Mon Timpa
- Shelia Thibodeaux
- Katlynn Thacker
- Guy Trahan
- Jacqueline Trouard
- Lucas Verrett
- Jean Verrett
- Coralie Vidrine
- Hunter Walker
- Barbara Williams
- JoBella Winters

**ON THE ROAD**

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- J. S. Paluch Co.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK May 1 - May 7**

**Mon(5/1):** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

**Tue(5/2):** Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

**Wed(5/3):** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

**Thu(5/4):** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

**Fri(5/5):** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

**Sat(5/6):** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

**Sun(5/7):** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

It takes a lifetime of doing to learn that perseverance pays off. When a task taxes our energy, takes longer than we’d like, becomes more burdensome than we’d like, our human tendency is to stop doing it. We look to do something else that brings more immediate satisfaction and delight. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus had given up on Jesus the Nazarene as the one to redeem Israel. They did not persevere in looking for Jesus, although they were still conversing about all the things that had occurred. They hadn’t quite given up, but their hope was not strong enough to bring them to stay in Jerusalem to determine if Jesus truly was alive. Perseverance easily wavers when we are challenged beyond our capacity. The two disciples allowed their perseverance to waver; belief in a dead-but-now-alive Jesus was beyond their experience, beyond their capacity. But the risen Jesus searched them out, walked with them, broke bread with them. Their encounter led to an overwhelming transformation moving them from unbelief to belief. Further, after returning to Jerusalem, their newfound belief was confirmed by a community who attested that The Lord has truly been raised. We must choose this same journey today, over and over again: encounter the risen Jesus, come to deeper belief, witness to others his risen Presence. Our perseverance in proclaiming Easter joy must grow as our belief in the risen One grows. It takes a lifetime of doing to learn that perseverance pays off. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus experience an overwhelming transformation in moving from unbelief to belief—not because of any new facts or hearsay, but because of personal encounter with the risen Jesus in his breaking open the Scriptures and the bread with them. Further, after returning to Jerusalem, their newfound belief is confirmed by a community of eyewitnesses who had seen the risen Jesus, too: The Lord has truly been raised. The same is true for us today: we are transformed by encountering the risen Christ in word and sacrament, and by the testimony of the community of believers. Word and sacrament and community have the power to restore our perseverance at times of discouragement because they enable us to see for ourselves the new Life that is being offered us. Though we cannot see Jesus now in the same way as the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we do encounter him. We must choose to persevere in looking for him, in seeking the kind of new experiences that shake us out of our unbelief into grasping the new insight and new Life that the risen One offers. Perseverance matters! Fr. Jace

**REJOICE AND BE GLAD**

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**Parish Offertory Gifts**

*For the Week Ending: April 23, 2017*

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**Special Collections**

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**Total Collections**  $22,040

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**Additional Ushers Needed To Serve Weekend Masses**

The church currently has a shortage of ushers to cover the three weekend Masses. If you would be interested in serving as an usher or would like to learn more information about becoming an usher, call Hilton Bellow at 274-5964 or Randy Duhon at 425-4613.

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**Catholic Mission Trip**

The Abrazando Cristo Mission Trip for 2017 will be June 30 - July 9 to Nicaragua. Cost of the trip is $2,150 (covers all air and ground transportation, meals, lodging, tips, taxes, retreat and mission t-shirts). For more information contact Monsignor Daniel Torres at 439-7400. Only 25 seats available.

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**Easter Joy!**

*Congratulations*

**Newly Baptized**

Wyatt Airhart  
Chriisy Davis  
Jonathan Harless  
Karen Johnson  
Jacquelyn Thibodeaux

**Those Receiving Full Communion**

(Already Baptized)

Madeline DeBarge  
Andrew Fisher  
Jon Gavin Oglesby  
Alexis Quinton  
Kayla White

**Effects**

The effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.

—Pope Saint Leo the Great

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**May - The Month of the Rosary**

The Rosary will be prayed 45 minutes before every Mass in the month of May.

*Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex to volunteer to lead the Rosary.*

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**Like us on Facebook**

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Stay informed with the very latest news and happenings within our parish.

Search for our SMdP Religious Ed page “@smdpre” and our new SMdP Formed.org page on Facebook
Spring Piano Concert

Monday, May 1 at 6:30
St. Martin de Porres
Catholic Church
5495 Elliot Rd.

Free Admission
All are Welcome!
2017 Bishop Services Appeal Quota Collection May 14

St. Martin de Porres Parish has been given a quota ($52,902) by the Diocese to collect funds to help support the important functions of many diocesan offices of ministry such as Catholic Charities, The St. Charles Retreat Center, Rachel’s Vineyard, and seminarian’s education and many more. Please continue to give as generously as possible to fulfill this year’s campaign appeal. On-line givers, remember to select second collections options, as desired.

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May 9th 11:30 - 1pm
Call Annie Bruchhaus 562-9267 for more information

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280 Jars of Peanut Butter (16 oz.)

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Diocesan News

Watch Glad Tidings TV
Every Sunday Morning at 6am on KPLC

Stay up-to-date with the Catholic news of the Diocese of Lake Charles, the region, the state and the world. Bishop Glen John Provost will comment on the day’s Gospel reading. In the second half hour there is an interview with a local person or group from the diocese. Tune in every Sunday morning from 6am -7am on KPLC.

Saint Charles Center 2017 Schedule

The Saint Charles Center has their Spring 2017 schedule available for spiritual retreats and presentations. See the center’s website at www.stcharlescenter.com.

Schedule Your Facility Activity
Please Don’t Assume a Facility is Available

SMDP is blessed to have many service and ministry groups active within our church parish. However, with our very limited meeting space, competition for the same space is at an all time high.

Please check with Jackie Goodwill at the SMDP Church Office to get your regular, occasional or special meeting/activity scheduled on the official church calendar. Occasionally we allow non-parishioner groups to rent our space - but registered parishioner groups have first right to all church facilities.

Thank You for Your Cooperation

Brick Fundraiser Still Active

If you would like to remember a loved one or place the names of your families on a brick, see the forms in the Narthex or stop by the church office and fill out a form. Proceeds benefit the SMDP Debt Reduction/Building Fund.
44 FREE Movies - Family Movie Night

A few months ago we announced that we have a gift for you and your family - a FREE subscription to formed.org so you and your family can enjoy great movies, audio presentations, ebooks, Bible studies and more.

We are pleased to announce that 14 new inspiring movies have been added for your viewing pleasure.

Here’s how easy it is to get started:

1. Go to formed.org
2. First time users, type in the parish access code **Z8KZTC** (middle of the home page) to create your account.
3. Returning users, log in top right with your username/ email and password.
4. You’re in! Start watching, listening and reading.

We hope you and your family enjoy this FREE subscription and grow in Faith with FORMED.
Special Events This Week

Sun. Apr 30 3rd Sunday of Easter - Masses Main Church 8a & 10:30a; Youth Meetings - Middle School 3:30p, High School 5:30p; Dive Deeper 7p
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Mass Intentions

If you give online for your weekly SMdP offertory and still receive donation envelopes, please call the office to cancel. Envelopes aren’t necessary if you give online. It’s a great savings to the church.

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Join Msgr. Ken Hedrick & Msgr. Jace Eskind for a Special Pilgrimage to
Lourdes, Nevers, Lisieux & Paris
August 7-14, 2017

Required Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training

There is, however, a required Diocesan training video for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to watch. The Diocesan Office of Liturgy would like all EM’s to watch a training video. All EM’s must access the video at www.lcdiocese.org. It will last about one hour.

Please us the following steps:
1. www.lcdiocese.org
2. Resources (drop link at top of page)
3. Special Videos
4. EM of the Holy Eucharist Training Video

Join the Altar Society
SMdP Altar Society Welcomes New Members

Membership is always open to SMdP parishioners 18 years and older. Meetings are at 6p, on the first Monday of every month at the G/V Complex.

Thank you for your Easter Flower Donations

Enjoy the beautiful Easter flowers during the entire Easter season. The following donation did not make it in the Easter bulletin because of the early production deadline.

In Memory of: Gilbert Meche, Charlotte McGuire and Eric Bollman by Mr. & Mrs. Don M. Morris

Pray for those on our parish sick list and our loved ones in the Armed Forces (found on pg. 2 of this bulletin)