

3 November 2020  
*Saint Martin de Porres, Religious*

Dear Friends,

This past Sunday, on All Saints' Day, I preached about the importance of making friends with the saints. Their friendship and intercession help us through the difficulties we face in this world, as we make our way to joining them in Heaven. The saint of today—Saint Martin de Porres (1579-1639), a brother in the Dominican Order from Lima, Peru—is an example of a good friend to help us today. His parents were from different races and different socio-economic backgrounds. In his own life he personally experienced many social issues that we are struggling with today: racism, an epidemic, employment rights, caring for the sick and poor, recognizing the dignity of every human life. Through these difficulties and personal sufferings, Martin kept on choosing love, which was grounded in, and made possible by, his life of prayer and devotion to the Eucharist.

At his canonization in 1962, Saint Pope John XXIII preached: Saint Martin loved others “because he honestly looked on them as God’s children and as his own brothers and sisters. ... It is remarkable how even today his influence can still move us toward the things of heaven. ... If only everyone could learn this lesson from the example that Martin gave us.”

So, on this Election Day, when we are struggling with how to relate to one another about so many important social issues, let’s call on the intercession of Saint Martin to help bring healing, peace, and love to our nation, and to our own hearts. And, following Saint Martin’s example, let’s ground ourselves in prayer. We have the following opportunities for prayer in church at MQP this week (available via live-stream on our parish YouTube channel where noted):

### **Mass**

Every day at 9:00 a.m. (in person and live-streamed)

### **Adoration**

Tuesday (11/3): after morning Mass – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday (11/4): after morning Mass – 1:00 p.m. (live-streamed until 10:00 a.m.)

Thursday (11/5): after morning Mass – 7:00 p.m.

### **Private Prayer**

Friday & Saturday (11/6-7): after morning Mass – 1:00 p.m.

Sunday (11/8): after morning Mass – 2:00 p.m.

### **Mercy Night**

Friday (11/6): 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Adoration, Confession, healing prayer, contemplative music)

Register for in-person: [www.signupgenius.com/go/mqpmercynight](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/mqpmercynight) (also live-streamed)

### **First Friday Rosary**

Friday (11/6): 7:00 p.m. (via Zoom): [tinyurl.com/y6ahyb3o](https://tinyurl.com/y6ahyb3o)

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Let’s keep praying for peace and unity, and let’s keep on making personal decisions each day with our own thoughts, words, and actions that contribute to peace and unity in our world!

Saint Martin de Porres, pray for us!  
Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Fr. Chad Green