

Daily Parish Communication

November 3, 2022

Good Morning All,

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mr. Joseph Bonacci. Funeral is scheduled for Friday at 1:00 PM.

Please see the attached flyer from the school regarding Energy Kits - a no cost fundraiser for the school. Please consider supporting this fundraiser!

Catholic Book Club today at 3:00 or 6:30 - the book this month is *Purgatory!*

1. Today's Readings: [Thursday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: St. Martin de Porres lived from 1579-1639 in Peru. He was the illegitimate son of a Spanish gentlemen and a freed slave from Panama. He suffered discrimination as a Dominican because of his mixed race. An interesting fact is that he started practicing medicine before he was 13 years old. Known for his deep prayer life, he would sometimes levitate and bilocate. Our articles today include the homily given at his canonization by Pope John XXIII and also how science has revealed what he truly looked like.

3. Quote of the Day:

~"Compassion is preferable to cleanliness. Reflect that with a little soap I can easily clean my bed covers, but even with a torrent of tears I would never wash from my soul the stain that my harness toward the unfortunate would create." *St. Martin de Porres*

St. Martin de Porres, Pray for Us!

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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Attention All Friends and Families of SJCCS!

Our students and staff have been enjoying Eco Guardians, and we have an opportunity to save energy AND earn cash rewards for our school! If you haven't yet, please request your **FREE** energy efficiency kit, reduce your home's carbon footprint and help us earn a \$1,000-\$2,500 grand prize! This is open to all - please send to your families and friends as well!

Visit [MyEnergyKit.org](https://www.MyEnergyKit.org) or call **1-855-386-9548** to request your kit before **December 31, 2022** using a teacher's unique Classroom Code.

Thanks for supporting our school!

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From a homily given at the canonization of Saint Martin de Porres by Pope John XXIII

"Martin the charitable"

The example of Martin's life is ample evidence that we can strive for holiness and salvation as Christ Jesus has shown us: first, by loving God "with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind; and second, by loving your neighbor as yourself."

When Martin had come to realize that Christ Jesus "suffered for us and that he carried our sins on his body to the cross, he would meditate with remarkable ardor and affection about Christ on the cross. He had an exceptional love for the great sacrament of the Eucharist and often spent long hours in prayer before the blessed sacrament. His desire was to receive the sacrament in Communion as often as he could.

Saint Martin, always obedient and inspired by his divine teacher, dealt with his brothers and with that profound love which comes from pure faith and humility of spirit. He loved men and because he honestly looked on them as God's children and as his own brothers and sisters. Such was his humility that he loved them even more than himself and considered them to be better and more righteous than he was.

He did not blame others for their shortcomings. Certain that he deserved more severe punishment for his sins than others did, he would overlook their worst offenses. He was tireless in his efforts to reform the criminal, and he would sit up with the sick to bring them comfort. For the poor he would provide food, clothing and medicine. He did all he could to care for poor farmhands, blacks, and mulattoes who were looked down upon as slaves, the dregs of society in their time. Common people responded by calling him, "Martin the charitable."

The virtuous example and even the conversation of this saintly man exerted a powerful influence in drawing men to religion. It is remarkable how even today his influence can still move us toward the things of heaven. Sad to say, not all of us understand these spiritual values as well as we should, nor do we give them a proper place in our lives. Many of us, in fact, strongly attracted by sin, may look upon these values as of little moment, even something of a nuisance, or we ignore them altogether. It is deeply rewarding for men striving for salvation to follow in Christ's footsteps and to obey God's commandments. If only everyone could learn this lesson from the example that Martin gave us.

Source: liturgies.net

New Tech Reveals St. Martin de Porres' True Face



Reconstructed face of St. Martin de Porres (photo: Divulgaco Ebrafol, Brazilian Team of Forensic Anthropology and Odontology)

A team of researchers using 3-D technology reconstructed the black saint's face and found it strikingly similar to the depiction of unknown Peruvian artists from his time.

A new reconstruction of the face of St. Martin de Porres reveals the face of the Dominican brother as he was in life, as well as his physical suffering: The saint had trouble eating toward the end of his life, due to the fact that he was missing most of his teeth.

When St. Martin died, he had only two teeth left and would have had great difficulty chewing, said Dr. Paulo Miamoto, pointing to the distortions in the saint's upper jaw.

Miamoto was part of an anthropology and dentistry group that spoke at a Nov. 3 presentation on the reconstructed face of the Peruvian saint.

The presentation coincided with the unveiling of the face, constructed by a team of specialists from research based on the saint's skull.

Thousands of the faithful packed the Basilica of the Most Holy Rosary in Lima for the event.

A solemn Mass was celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Raúl Antonio Chau of Lima and concelebrated by Dominican priests. In the homily, the bishop emphasized St. Martin's humble service and recalled the words of St. John XXIII, who called him "Martin of Charity" at his canonization Mass.

Once the Eucharistic celebration was over, Father Luis Ramírez, prior of St. Dominic Convent, where Martin lived, introduced the specialists from the NGO Ebrafol, a Brazilian forensic anthropology and dentistry team that headed up the study.

The specialists gave details on how they were able to reconstruct, through digital 3-D imaging, the face of the famed black saint.

For his part, 3-D designer Cicero Moraes explained that when he made the graphic representation of the saint's face, the result coincided closely with an old painting and a statue of the saint by unknown artists that are kept at the convent.

The research on the project was a collaborative effort between the NGO Ebrafol, St. Dominic's and the universities of St. Martin de Porres and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega in Peru. The group has previously recreated and unveiled the faces of St. Rose of Lima and St. Juan Macías.

The son of a Spanish nobleman and a black slave woman, St. Martin de Porres was born in Lima in 1579. A talented medical apprentice, he sought to enter the Dominican Order, but was initially prevented from becoming a religious brother due to a Peruvian law at the time that prevented people considered of "mixed race" from joining religious orders.

Instead, he lived with the community and did manual work, earning the nickname “Saint of the Broom” for his diligence and care in cleaning the Dominicans’ quarters. Eventually, he was permitted to join the order, and he worked with the sick in the infirmary.

Source: catholicnewsagency.com