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Christ has no body but yours,
No hands,
No feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which
He looks with compassion on
this world,
Yours are the feet with which
He walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with
which He blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are
the feet, yours are the eyes,
you are His body.
Christ has no body now on
earth but yours.

Saint Teresa of Avila

If you desire to use your

God-given

IDEAS,

TIME,

TREASURE,

or

TALENT

to help the Church in

areas of

POVERTY, RACISM,

IMMIGRATION,

CRIMINAL JUSTICE,

HUMAN TRAFFICKING,

or any

RESPECT LIFE ISSUE,

Call the Parish Office at

504-834-9977

SAINT OF THE MONTH

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES – NOVEMBER 3

Martin de Porres was the illegitimate son of a Spanish grandee and a freed African slave. He was born in Lima, Peru in 1579. At fifteen, he began his long relationship with the Dominican Order, first as a tertiary and then as a brother with vows.



His painful childhood taught him compassion and generosity. As a Dominican he doctored Lima's sick. In addition to his free services as a doctor, he distributed thousands of dollars' worth of food and clothing to the poor each week. He founded an orphanage for abandoned children and staffed it with the best teachers, nurses and guardians he could

hire. On the hills near Lima, he planted fruit orchards for the poor. He is also remembered for his love of animals.

His beloved poor never allowed his memory to fade and today he is one of the most popular saints of the

Americas. He was canonized in 1962.

To you St. Martin de Porres, we prayerfully lift up our hearts filled with serene confidence and devotion. Mindful of your unbounded and helpful charity to all levels of society and also of your meekness and humility of heart, we offer our petitions to you. Pour out upon our families the precious gifts of your solicitous and generous intercession; show to the people of every race and every color the paths of justice and unity. Implore from our Father in heaven the coming of His kingdom, so that through our following your example of compassion and generosity, God may increase the fruits of grace and give us the rewards of eternal life. Amen.