
St. Martin De Porres Parish

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8.15 am
FRIDAY Mass is followed by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 10.00 am.

Weekend

SATURDAY: 5.00 pm
SUNDAY: 9.00 am, 10.30AM & 12.15 pm
Please check timing of masses under MASS INTENTIONS for the week in case of a change in timing of a mass due to unforeseeable circumstances.

Reconciliation

SATURDAY From 4.15 pm to 4.45 pm

Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion

Registered and active parishioners are asked to contact the parish office during week days between 8.30 am to 4.30 pm (Closed 12.30pm - 1.30 pm)

Marriage

Contact the parish priest one year in advance of the date of marriage.

Shut-ins

Please let the parish team know so that they can be supported sacramentally.

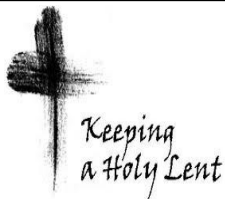
Parish Schools

St. Martin De Porres School	416-393-5286
St. Malachy School	416-393-5336
St. Ursula School	416-393-5306

Diocesan Services

Birthright (pregnancy support)	416-469-1111	Catholic Cemeteries	416-733-8544
Catholic Family Services: (counselling for individuals and families)	416-921-1163	Catholic Cultural Services	416-757-7010
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages)	416-281-6007	New Beginnings	416-222-1101
		St. Vincent de Paul Society	416-284-6131





5th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37.12-14

2nd Reading: Romans 8.8-11

Gospel: John 11.1-45 –

The Raising of Lazarus

Raising from Death to Life

In today's Gospel we encounter the great mystery of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. This apparent death of Lazarus was not in vain for Jesus says it occurred so "that the Son of God may be glorified through it." After raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus instructs the crowd to "unbind him, and let him go"

This "unbinding" signifies that Jesus doesn't just raise him from the dead but also sets him free. So too, through God's great gift of forgiveness, He raises us from the death of sin and leads us to interior freedom. This Lent, let us seek God's forgiveness by availing ourselves to the sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. The Catechism says that "the sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true "spiritual resurrection," restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God" (CCC 1468).

Moreover, after Lazarus was freed it says that many people believed in Jesus. Likewise, after we receive God's forgiveness and live in freedom and friendship with God, we should be true stewards of God's gifts and evangelize those around us. Through the grace of the sacrament we will have the necessary strength to offer our time and talents to our parish community. So this Lent let us not remain in the death of sin but turn to Jesus and receive the life and freedom of forgiveness.



Mass Schedule

Weekdays

Pray with Cardinal Collins Mass, Rosary and Angelus 7.30 am 8.10 am

<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>

Weekend

Masses Celebrated by Archdiocese of Toronto priests in different languages

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6dTaaqU0EM7J-Lno251R9jdqvOZ7f5b>

Extraordinary Urbi et Orbi Blessing from Pope Francis on March 27

<https://www.archtoronto.org/media-centre/news-archive/chancery-news/extraordinary-urbi-et-orbi-blessing-from-pope-francis-on-march-27>



Directives from Cardinal T. Collins for

Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter

Due to the current pandemic, the liturgical celebration of the paschal mysteries of Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter will be celebrated without the physical participation of the faithful. The following instruction outlines how these liturgies are to be celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica of St. Michael, and in all parish churches throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Palm Sunday - Sunday, April 5, 2020:

At the Cathedral Basilica of St. Michael:

☑ The liturgy of Palm Sunday will begin at 10:00 am, and will be livestreamed so that the faithful may prayerfully unite themselves in their homes to the celebration of the liturgy.

At parish churches:

☑ At a suitable time, the pastor will begin the liturgy of Palm Sunday with the blessing of palms, the proclamation of the Gospel and Solemn Entrance, but without the procession of palms. The liturgy will then proceed in the usual way. **Blessed palms will be distributed at a later date.**

The Mass of the Lord's Supper - Thursday, April 9, 2020:

At the Cathedral Basilica of St. Michael:

☑ The Mass of the Lord's Supper will begin at 7:00 pm, and will be livestreamed so that the faithful may prayerfully unite themselves in their homes to the celebration of the liturgy.

At Parish Churches:

☑ At a suitable time in the evening, the pastor will begin the Mass of the Lord's Supper. ☑ **The washing of feet will be omitted.** ☑ At the end of the Holy Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the tabernacle. There will not be a procession to a special place of reposition.

Preparation for the sacred time of Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter

Sacrament of Reconciliation: The only ordinary way of attaining forgiveness for sins is participating in individual and integral confession and absolution. Nevertheless, if a person is unable to make an appointment with a priest for the Sacrament during the current pandemic, it will suffice for the moment to pray the Act of Contrition as best as one can intending it truthfully, and to commit to participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation as soon as possible when conditions allow.

Closures and Cancellations

In order to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus and so as to comply with the Government of Ontario's new regulations requiring that all non-essential workplaces be closed, we are sorry to inform you that **the church and the parish office must remain closed until further notice.**

This is a deeply painful, but necessary, decision for our faith community.

However, we are still here for you during this difficult time. You can still leave a voicemail at the parish office: 416 284 9192. Or you can email us at: stmartins.office@rogers.com. We are working remotely and will return your message as soon as possible. Visit www.archtoronto.org/covid19 for updated information from the Archdiocese of Toronto and for links to view the Daily Mass online.

Please continue to pray for those sick and those caring for them. Be assured of our daily prayers for you.

Yours in Christ
Fr. Anthony Gonsalves

Directives from Cardinal T. Collins for Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter *Contd.*

Good Friday – April 10, 2020:

At the Cathedral Basilica of St. Michael:

The Good Friday Passion of the Lord will begin at 3:00 pm, and will be livestreamed so that the faithful may prayerfully unite themselves in their homes to the celebration of the liturgy.

At Parish Churches:

At the usual time of 3:00 pm, the pastor will begin the liturgy for Good Friday. Special prayers are to be said “for the sick, the dead, for those who feel lost or dismayed.

The Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 11, 2020:

At the Cathedral Basilica of St. Michael:

The Easter Vigil will begin at 7:00 pm, and will be livestreamed so that the faithful may prayerfully unite themselves in their homes to the celebration of the liturgy

At Parish Churches:

At a suitable time in the evening, the pastor will begin the liturgy of the Easter Vigil. At the Solemn Beginning of the Vigil, the lighting of the fire is omitted. The Paschal Candle is to be lit in the sanctuary. The rite of baptism and the reception of baptized Christians is to be deferred to a later time.

Easter Sunday – April 12, 2020:

At the Cathedral Basilica of St. Michael:

The Mass for Easter Sunday will begin at 10:00 am, and will be livestreamed so that the faithful may prayerfully unite themselves in their homes to the celebration of the liturgy.

At Parish Churches:

At a suitable time, the pastor will celebrate the Mass of Easter Sunday. Special prayers are to be said for those affected by the current pandemic, for our religious and government leaders, and for the dead.

Spiritual Resources

<https://www.archtoronto.org/covid19/Pages/spiritual.aspx>

Support Your Parish

Message for parishioners for support of parish offertories

I hope and pray that you are staying healthy – both physically and spiritually. Please let me know if the parish can help you during these difficult times.

No doubt you are aware that our parish relies on the support of our parishioners to operate – parish salaries, programs and ongoing operating costs (heating, water, electricity, etc.) – are funded through the generosity of our parish community. It will be a challenge for our parish to maintain operations without the weekly offertory collection.

In response to many requests that I have received from parishioners, here are the ways that you can continue to support our parish at this time:

· **Drop off or mail** your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office.

For more ways to give go the Archdiocesan website at www.archtoronto.org/covid19/pages/support_your_parish

· **Contribute to our parish offertory by credit card.**

Please [click here](#). You will then be able to select our parish in the drop-down menu. You can make a one time or recurring contribution to our parish offertory or other special funds.

· **Contribute through pre-authorized giving.** [click here](#) for more information on pre-authorized giving. You can obtain a form from the parish office or you can [click here to download an enrollment form](#) which can be printed and completed. Return the completed form and a voided cheque to your parish office. Or e-mail the form and a scanned copy or photo of a voided cheque to development@archtoronto.org for processing. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.

· **You can contribute to the offertory via online banking.**

To do this, the archdiocese will need to send you a unique account number. Please send an e-mail to campaign@archtoronto.org.

In the body of the email provide:

- o Your name
- o Address
- o Parish name
- o Municipality

You will be emailed account information which you can use to set up the Archdiocese of Toronto as a payee in your on-line banking. Your gift will be forwarded to our parish. You can make a one time or recurring gift to our offertory. If you have any questions please contact Parish office or the Development Office at the Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-934-3400, ext. 540 or development@archtoronto.org.

Thank you for your many contributions to our parish community. I miss seeing all of you at the Mass and I pray daily that we will be able to gather together again soon.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor,

Fr. Anthony Gonsalves.

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