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St. Martin De Porres Parish

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Pastoral Team

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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

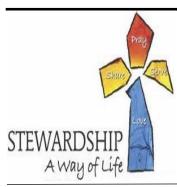
Please let the parish team know so that they can be supported sacramentally.

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:	416-921-1163	Catholic Cultural Services	416-757-7010
(counselling for individuals and fam	ilies)	New Beginnings	416-222-1101
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages	s) 416-281-6007	St. Vincent de Paul Society	416-284-6131



Fifth Sunday of Easter 1st Reading: Acts 6.1-7

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2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2.4-9

Gospel: John 14.1-12 Jesus the Way to the Father

Exercising our Priestly Call

"Beloved: let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood." These are the words of St. Peter that we find in the second reading today. St. Peter exhorts us to see ourselves as priests. The Catechism says "the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king" (CCC 1546).

What is the primary and essential act that priests perform? The answer is simply that priests offer sacrifices. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that "In exercising this office, [disciples] most fully realize the meaning of [their] Christian stewardship.

To be an authentic steward is to offer our God-given gifts back to God for the good of the Church and our parishes. Essentially, it is to sacrifice our lives for Christ, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation. That is why He is the true, high priest that we strive to emulate. The USCCB goes on to say that "part of what is involved here for Catholics is a stewardship of time, which should include setting aside periods for family prayer, for the reading of Scripture, for visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and for attendance at Mass during the week whenever this is possible." Let us conclude this reflection by asking ourselves, how well are we living up to the call of being part of the royal priesthood of Christ?

Mass Schedule

Weekdays — OUR PARISH

Mass will be celebrated **Tuesday through Saturday Morning at 8.30 AM**

via ZOOM Meeting Room. NO Mass on Mondays.

Meeting Room opens at 8.AM.

Rosary Starts at 8.10 AM

Mass Begins at 8.30 AM

Parishioners interested in volunteering to lead

Rosary decades or do Daily Readings for weekday

Masses please contact stmartins.office@rogers.com in
advance. We need more volunteers.

Links for entry to the meeting room will be sent to all parishioners.

Weekend — OUR PARISH

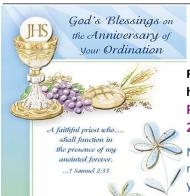
Mass will be celebrated every Sunday Morning

at 10 AM via the ZOOM Meeting Room.

Links for entry to the meeting room will be sent to all parishioners.

To join our virtual Mass celebration, please download the Zoom application and sign-up first (it's free):

https://zoom.us/download



Congratulations Fr. Anthony!

Father Anthony is celebrating his Silver Jubilee of his Priesthood on 13th of May 2020

May the Lord in His goodness richly bless you. May He bring you peace of mind and heart. May He give you joy as you celebrate your

25th Ordination Anniversary.

Congratulations on your Silver Jubilee!

Thank You Father, for all your hard work, sacrifices, guidance you provide as the Shepherd of our Parish.

We look forward to celebrate and party after church reopens as a Parish Family! You are always in our Prayers! We Love you!

St. Martin's Parishioners & Staff!

Please join for Morning Mass on 13th of May to give Thanks to God for 25 years of Graces during his Priestly life.

Mass Intentions

You can offer Mass intentions by dropping off a Cheque for \$20.00 (for each intention) in an envelope in the Parish Mail box.

The Cheque should be accompanied with a note about your Mass Intention, Contact Name & Phone number, and preferred Date for the Mass and send the same information via email to stmartins.office@rogers.com.

Please Note: Masses that were offered for days in end March and the first week of April will be celebrated at a later date when we are fully functioning.

Sorry for that inconvenience.

Please note the Cheques will be picked up on every Wednesday by Father.



Happy Mother's

She said YES in trust and love for God

She did not worry about what Joseph would say or do on her YES

She did not protest when Her Son had to go to the desert

She did not condemn or judge those who tortured Her Son on the way to the Cross

She willingly accepted Her Son's request to be OUR Mother

Mary, most perfect, most holy, most pure and "Hand maid of the Lord"

Pray for us, your children "now and at the hour of our death".

To all Mothers, both living and deceased: thank you for, like Mary co-operating with God to giving us life as she did with Jesus.



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:

· Mail or Drop off your regular weekly offertory contribution cheques could be mailed to the Parish Address or place your envelopes across the slit in our PARISH MAIL BOX.

For more ways to give go the Archdiocesan website at https://www.archtoronto.org/covid19/Pages/support.aspx

Contribute to our parish offertory by credit card.

Please click here. You will then be able to select our parish in the dropdown menu. You can make a one time or recurring contribution to our parish offertory or other special funds.

- Contribute through <u>pre-authorized giving</u>. <u>click here</u> 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,

Fr. Anthony Gonsalves.

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