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# St. Martin De Porres Parish

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## Pastoral Team

Pastor - Rev. Anthony Gonsalves

Deacon - Rev. John Grieve

## Parish Office:

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Office Administrator - Anne Gunawardena

## 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 Family Services:

416-921-1163

(counselling for individuals and families)

Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages)

416-281-6007

Catholic Cemeteries

416-733-8544

Catholic Cultural Services

416-757-7010

New Beginnings

416-222-1101

St. Vincent de Paul Society

416-284-6131



**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**1st Reading:** Acts 1.1-11

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 1.17-23

**Gospel:** Matthew 28.16-20

**The Commissioning of the Disciples**

**Being the Hands and Feet of Christ**

This Sunday we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of the Lord which is ripe with spiritual importance and depth. Let us examine how the Lord's ascension affects us as stewards. Firstly, when the apostles watched the Lord ascend into heaven, two angels appeared and asked them "why do you stand looking up toward heaven?" The apostles were not meant to stay there constantly gazing heavenward. Instead, they, like us, are called to live firmly on this earth with our whole purpose set on reaching heaven and leading as many people with us as possible.

We see this at the end of St. Matthew's Gospel when Jesus gives the great commission to "make disciples of all nations." Jesus' ascension is a firm call to action. A call to be stewards and use our gifts to spread the Gospel within our parishes and the Church. We do this through the strength of Christ within us who says "remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

It is now up to us to cooperate with the Spirit and make disciples of the whole world. Let us end by pondering the beautiful saying of St. Teresa of Avila. "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through 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."



**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 [smartins.office@rogers.com](mailto:smartins.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>

**Pray for the candidates for confirmation**

In the Biblical roots of confirmation, as believers received the Holy Spirit after Peter and John laid their hands on them. The Second Vatican Council says that those who receive the sacrament "are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit." When we find it difficult to persevere, or our worries surrounding the pandemic weigh heavily, let us continually ask the Holy Spirit to carry us forward.

In a special way, let us pray for the candidates for confirmation for whom the sacrament has been postponed, that their desire to receive the Spirit may be increased during this time of waiting.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2020 CHARITIES LOTTERY**

Because of COVID 19 restrictions, the Draw Date scheduled for May 29th has been **postponed until October 31, 2020**. Parishioners who purchased tickets are asked to **keep their receipt stubs until winners are notified after the Oct. 31st draw.**

## 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 [smartins.office@rogers.com](mailto:smartins.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



### ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ascension of Jesus is the physical departure of Christ from Earth into the presence of God in Heaven.

In the Christian tradition, reflected in the major Christian creeds and confessional statements, God

exalted Jesus after his death, raising Him as first of the dead and taking Him to Heaven, where Jesus took his seat at the right hand of God.

In Christian art, the ascending Jesus is often shown blessing an earthly group below him, signifying the entire Church. The Feast of the Ascension is celebrated on the 40th day of Easter, always a Thursday. In Canada we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension the Sunday after the actual day of the feast.

The Ascension of Jesus is the climax of His victory over sin and death. It is a day of joy and hope. Jesus wants us to share in his victory. It's important to realize that He hasn't left us, but is still with us, helping us in our struggles.

## 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](https://www.archtoronto.org/covid19/Pages/support.aspx) 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 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](mailto:development@archtoronto.org) for processing. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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