
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 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





Pentecost Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 2.1-11

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20.19-23

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

Being Strengthened by the Spirit

Today we celebrate Pentecost Sunday which is called by many as the birthday of the Church. Let us take some time to reflect on the Holy Spirit in our lives as stewards. Firstly, we should never fail to marvel at the fact that starting with 11 lowly men 2000 years ago, the Catholic Church still continues to this day and the name of Jesus is praised and adored all over the world. This is the power of the Holy Spirit. From a human standpoint, the church should have failed centuries ago if it were not sustained by the Spirit. This should inspire us as stewards to rely on the Holy Spirit to guide all of our actions.

Moreover, in today's second reading from Corinthians, St. Paul says that "there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit ... [and] to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." Each of us as stewards have particular gifts and talents from the Spirit that are not to be hoarded but generously used for the "common good" of the Church. We should all take time to reflect on what particular way is God calling us to serve Him. None of us are exempt from this call for St. Paul explains that we are all to work for the good of the Church in our own ways.

Let us pray this week for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit into our lives. May the same Spirit that has birthed the Church and guided her through the millennium continue to raise up great stewards to continue to carry out the great commission of Christ in all the world.



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

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>



The Holy Spirit – Feel and Respond

The message of Pentecost is that we are not alone. God is with us on our journey to the kingdom. At the Last Supper he promised that he would not leave his disciples desolate. He sent them the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day. Neither will he abandon us. Today we ask God to come in our lives and to strengthen us with his Spirit so that we will be his voice where the sick need healing, the hungry need feeding the distressed need comforting.

"How do you know that the Holy Spirit is working within you?" ...

Have you ever asked yourself whether or not the Spirit is at work in your life?

"Am I willing to abandon myself to the power of the Spirit within? We know that the Spirit dwells in us because we have Jesus' word in John 14: 17, *"You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be with you."*

Sometimes we don't acknowledge the power of God's Spirit within us, and we don't rely on that Spirit's power and guidance in our day to day living.

The Holy Spirit does live within us; he guides us, teaches us, moves us, and strengthens us. It remains for us to allow the Spirit to bear fruit. *Contd..*

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. We would appreciate if you do not combine the Mass offerings with your weekly offerings.

Please try to keep these separate. 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.

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 by Father.

Weekly Offerings

For all weekly offerings you could make one cheque for the total amount but write your Envelope Number / Name / Address/ Phone on the envelope and drop it off in the Parish Mail box.

Please try not to combine this with Mass offerings as we have mentioned above.

Thank you for your understanding.

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.

The Holy Spirit – Feel and Respond Contd..

The Spirit is alive and at work within us, each time “we feel and respond” freely without thought for ourselves. Each time we see a child suffering; a homeless begging for a few dollars; a stranger in need of a few words of encouragement – when we feel deep in our hearts and respond with love, compassion, tenderness, gentleness, hopefulness, loving kindness, the Spirit is alive, because it is happening within us without our effort. Because we don’t stop to analyze how these feelings and our response to it is going to affect our own life or well-being – we just respond and reach out. It is a response that comes unbidden, one you didn’t think about or plan. Simply, you see the need and your heart wants to love. It may call you to do something you would never have thought you could do on your own; or perhaps it may call you to act in ways that are out of the ordinary. Moved by the Spirit we simply respond with loving abandon.

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 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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