# St. Martin De Porres Parish

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## **Pastoral Team**

Pastor - Rev. Anthony Gonsalves Deacon - Rev. John Grieve **Parish Office: Phone:** 416-284-9192, 416-519-9663 **Fax:** 416-284-0201 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)416-469-1111Catholic Family Services:416-921-1163(counselling for individuals and families)416-281-6007Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages)416-281-6007

Catholic Cemeteries	416-733-8544
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St. Vincent de Paul Society	416-284-6131



## Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

1st Reading: Exodus 34.4b-6, 8-9

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13.11-13 Gospel: John 3.16-18

For God so Loved the World

## **Building a Community of Love**

This Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity which is the "central mystery of Christian faith and life" (CCC 234). While the Trinity is a mystery our mind will never fully grasp we can still glean much spiritual fruit through prayerful reflection.

Firstly, we must remember that God is Love (1 John 4:16). In order for God to be Love itself, it stands to reason that He is "one but not solitary" (CCC 254). This is because love requires a lover and a beloved. It is within the Trinity that an eternal exchange of Love exists. St. Augustine describes in his treaty "On the Trinity" that the Father and the Son eternally look at each other with pure Love, and this unadulterated love is the Holy Spirit, existing for all ages.

Hence, through reflecting on this mystery we come to understand the immense importance of community and the sharing of love. As stewards, we are called to imitate this divine life of the Trinity. We can do this by living with our brothers and sisters and fellow parishioners in a community of love. Love requires sacrifice and is expressed not just in words but in deeds (1 John 3:18). So let us offer up our time and talents for the good of our parish and the Church. If we strive to create this community of love, we can take great consolation in knowing that we are abiding in the Trinity, for St. John says "whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him" (1 John 4:16).



## Mass Schedule

<u>Weekdays — OUR PARISH</u>

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

## 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 <u>send the same information via email to</u> <u>stmartins.office@rogers.com.</u>

<u>*Please Note:*</u> 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.

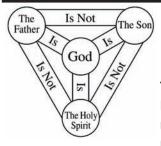
Please note the Cheques will be picked up by Father.

## Weekly Offerings

For all weekly offerings you could make one cheque for the total amount but <u>write your Envelope Number /</u> <u>Name / Address/ Phone on the envelope</u> 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.



## The Most Holy

## **Trinity**

This Sunday is the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, the central mystery of Christian faith, the mystery of God's inner life. It is

clear and unequivocal on the interrelation of the three divine Persons, insofar as their mutual and perfect possession of the divine nature, or "Godhead," is concerned.

The Lord who is holy Father, almighty and eternal God, is fittingly and justly praised, says the opening phrase of the Preface. We address ourselves to God the Father telling Him that always and everywhere we offer thanksgiving—a eucharist—to Him. The prayer speaks of the Almighty in such philosophical and non-biblical terms that we seem to have lost something precious in our relation to God, in our very attempts to describe who God is. The sacred liturgy begins and ends with the sign of the cross made in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. But how often do we think of ourselves as deeply and intimately related to each of the divine Persons, as adopted children of the Father precisely by reason of our union with the Son by the gift of the Spirit? God's inner life is love, a union of giving among three Persons. The manifestation of love God makes in our behalf is a communication of the love that He Himself is.

God's work of redemption as the best clue to the triune God who acts behind it. The Christian life is essentially a trinitarian life. Christ is above all a revelation of the Father, a vocation given in virtue of Christ's life, death, resurrection and ascension. Through the power of the Holy Spirit—the Spirit of Christ sent by Christ and the Father—man is adopted as son; his new life of grace will be a journey to the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit: "Through Him [Christ], and with Him, and in Him..."The Spirit is the bond of the mutual knowledge and self-giving of Father and Son. All this is a communion of love. We are taken up into this Life through the Church's liturgy, beginning with baptism. We are called to return to the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit. Love who created us, who destroyed death's power over us, and who calls us to an eternity of love with Himself.

## **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:

• <u>Mail or Drop off</u> 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** <u>Archdiocesan website</u> at https://www.archtoronto.org/covid19/Pages/support.aspx

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

Please <u>click here</u>. 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 pre-authorized giving.** <u>click here</u> for more information on pre-authorized giving. You can obtain a form from the parish office or you can <u>click here to download an enrollment form</u> 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 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.

In the body of the email provide:

- o Your name
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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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