

# Living the Gospel

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## St. Martin De Porres Parish

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## 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

**1st Reading:** Wisdom 6.12-16

**2nd Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

**Gospel:** Matthew 25.1-13

### The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

## Living with a Holy Fear

In today's Gospel we hear the parable of the ten bridesmaids in which only the five wise ones who had prepared for the wedding banquet were allowed to enter into the celebration. Jesus ends this parable with the exhortation to "keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." It is true that none of us know the time of our own death or Christ's Final Judgement.

While this reality can lead many to fear and trembling, the Catechism instead calls us to cultivate a "holy fear" and a "blessed hope" (CCC 1041). We can cultivate those attitudes by intentionally calling to mind the finiteness of our lives and remembering that we are all ultimately made for Heaven. This reality is beautifully summarized in the words of St. Rose of Viterbo. "Live so as not to fear death. For those who live well in the world, death is not frightening but sweet and precious."

Let us also remember that during our judgment before God we will be standing before the same Lord that we have befriended through prayer and the sacraments. Let us not appear before the throne of God not having first known Him in this life. As stewards, we should live with our feet planted on earth but our eyes fixed heavenward. The Lord has ordained it in such a way that we are still called to serve and love Him in this life but let us never forget our true home. Let us prepare ourselves well.



## Sacrament of Confirmation

### Schedule for administering the Sacrament of Confirmation is as follows:

- **St. Martin De Porres (Grade 8) -**  
Saturday, February 6th, 2021 at 10 a.m. Mass
- **St. Malachy (Grade 8) -**  
Saturday, February 13th at 10 a.m. Mass
- **St. Ursula (Grade 8) -**  
Saturday, March 20th at 10 a.m. Mass
- **St. Martin De Porres (Grade 7) -**  
Saturday, May 8th, 2021 at 10 a.m. Mass
- **St. Malachy (Grade 7) -**  
Saturday, May 15th at 10 a.m. Mass
- **St. Ursula (Grade 7) -**  
Saturday, May 22nd at 10 a.m. Mass
- **Children from other schools could join the ceremony of any of the above schools.**

*Classes will be held virtually through zoom.*

Link to join the meeting will be communicated to the parents via email.

Please download the Zoom application and sign-up first (It's Free):

<https://zoom.us/download>

### Schedule for Confirmation Preparation Classes is as follows:

- **Thursday, December 3rd, (6:30 pm- 7:30pm)**
- **Thursday, December 10th, (6:30 pm-7:30 pm)**
- **Thursday, January 7th (6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.)**
- **Thursday, January 21 (6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.)**



**Sacrament of First Communion**

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Saturday Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 10 am Mass –  
St. Martin de Porres School

Saturday Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> 10 am Mass –  
St. Malachy School

Saturday Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 10 am Mass – St. Ursula School

Children from other schools and RCIC candidates could join any of the Masses above.

**Offerings for souls:**

If you wish to make an offering for your deceased loved ones, please use any unused envelope in your box of envelopes, together with the offering and write the names of deceased family members and drop it to the special box “Offerings for Souls” on the same table where we have a basket for church offerings.

If you do not have a box of envelopes, and expect to receive a tax receipt (if over \$50.00) please use any envelope and clearly write your name and full address on the envelope.

All these envelopes will be placed on the altar and prayed for during Masses, through out month of November.



**COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE -**

**Saturday, November 14**

On **Saturday November 14th** between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00

noon, a **Community Food Drive will be held in the Parking Lot of St. Boniface Church, 142 Markham Road.**

This will be a Drive-Through Food Drive hosted by the **Knights of Columbus**. Appropriate Covid-19 protocols will be observed (masks, sanitizer, distancing).

All community members are invited to **bring non-perishable food items**, much needed during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Members of the **Knights of Columbus** will take donations from the trunk of your car, so you will not have to leave your vehicle. The food items will then be delivered to our community Food Bank. Thanks in advance to all who are able to participate.

**Mass Intentions for the week**



**Saturday Nov 7th**

8.15 am - \*\* **No Mass**

4.00 pm -

6.00 pm -

**Sunday Nov 8th**

9.00 am - People in the Parish

11.00 am -

1.00 pm - † Victor James

**Monday Nov 9th**

8.15 am - \*\* **No Mass**

**Tuesday Nov 10th**

8.15 am - † Simeon Thuram

**Wednesday Nov 11th**

8.15 am - B'day blessings for Dorothy Lam

**Thursday Nov 12th**

8.15 am - † Vetty Thuram

**Friday Nov 13th**

8.15 am - † Philomina Lion

† Richter Family

**Saturday Nov 14th**

8.15 am - \*\* **No Mass**

4.00 pm -

6.00 pm - † Daniel Pathmanathan



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