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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

Tuesday to Friday 8.15 AM

\*\* No Morning Mass on Monday & Saturday

FRIDAY Mass is followed by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 10.00 am.

### Weekend

SATURDAY: 4.00 PM & 6 PM (Both Masses are Vigil)

SUNDAY: 9.00 AM, 11.00 AM & 1.00 PM

### Reconciliation

SATURDAY From 3.15 pm to 3.45 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 families)

New Beginnings

416-222-1101

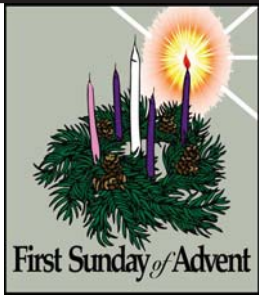
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages)

416-281-6007

St. Vincent de Paul Society

416-284-6131





## 1st Sunday of Advent

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 63, 16b-17;64,1,3-8

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

**Gospel:** Mark 13.33-37

*The Necessity for Watchfulness*

## Preparing Ourselves for Christ

This First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. The readings during this time of preparation focus on making us aware that it is time to rouse from our sleep and prepare for the Lord's coming. Jesus says in the Gospel to "keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come."

Advent and Christmas are also often times of lights. Whether it be lights on an advent wreath, a Christmas tree or festive lights decorating the house. However, above all these lights is Jesus, the true light of the world. This Advent we should strive to let the light of Jesus into our hearts so that it may even illumine and cleanse the dark and sinful areas of our lives. Our stewardship should reflect that light of Christ to others, so let us first be filled with what we seek to share.

One great way to invite the light of Christ into our lives is to seek God's cleansing healing in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Across the Archdiocese every parish will be hosting an Advent Day of Confessions in which several priests will be available to hear confessions. This is a beautiful opportunity to ready ourselves for the coming of our Saviour on Christmas morning. Let us strive to be reconciled with God and as stewards, let us try to invite our family and friends to join us.



## 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.)**

**Church Open hours & Zoom Mass**

**Tuesday through Sunday Church will be open from 10 am to 12 noon for private prayer. Maximum 10 people in the church.**

**Sunday 9 am Fr. Anthony will be having a private Mass where parishioners could join via zoom. Meeting room will open from 8.45am**

**Link for zoom Mass will be emailed to parishioners. Parishioners are not expected to join the Mass in church.**

**CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE**

**Saturday, December 12th**



On Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon a Community Christmas Food Drive will be held in the Parking Lot of St. Martin de Porres Church, at the corner of Lawrence Ave. E. and Morningside Ave.

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, who will support over 1,700 families this Christmas season.

**The Suggested Food Donations: Cereal, Drinks, Soup, Canned meats/fish, Pasta sauce, Canned vegetables, Canned fruit, Baby food**

Thanks in advance to all who are able to participate.

**Mass Intentions for the week**



**Fr. Anthony will be offering his private Mass for your intentions.**

**Saturday Nov 28th**

8.15 am - B'day blessings for Natasha Him

**Sunday Nov 29th**

9.00 am - † Howard & Jackie Vryce

**Monday Nov 30th**

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

**Tuesday Dec 1st**

8.15 am - † Louis & Elizabeth Ho

**Wednesday Dec 2nd**

8.15 am - Healing Intention of Conor Cooke

**Thursday Dec 3rd**

8.15 am - B'day blessings for Dorine Couture

**Friday Dec 4th**

8.15 am - † Samuel & Edna Deane & Deceased family members

**Saturday Dec 5th**

8.15 am - Intentions of Patricia Doyle



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