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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 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





## 2nd Sunday of Advent

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11

**2nd Reading:** 2 Peter 3.8-14

**Gospel:** Mark 1.1-8

*The Proclamation of John the Baptist*

### Preparing the Way of the Lord

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” This was the prophecy by Isaiah concerning John the Baptist who ends the line of prophets pointing to Jesus. John the Baptist played his role in preparing the people of Judea for the coming of Christ. As stewards, we can look to John as a model of how to best lead others to Christ.

Firstly, we must remember that it is never our own merits that convert people but is instead always a pure gift from God. John the Baptist fully recognizes this when he says that he baptizes with water while the one coming after him, Jesus, will baptize with the Holy Spirit. We too should always remember that it is the Lord who does great things, and we are only his instruments.

However, while we may not cause the actual conversion, we do play an important role in helping others encounter Christ. During the encounter, God does all the work, but we must still help facilitate this encounter. People can most readily encounter Christ through His church which is why we must play our part in making our parishes as hospitable and welcoming as possible. This Advent and Christmas season as we may begin to see new faces in the parish, let us welcome them with loving hearts and smiles. The angels and saints in heaven rejoice whenever someone comes back to church, shouldn't we do the same? Let us strive to be charitable stewards and say hello to any new parishioners we may encounter this season as a sign of our love and hospitality.



## Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation Class

### Schedule

Schedule for administering the Sacrament of Confirmation is as follows:

*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:

Grade 7 (SMDP , ST. MALACHY, ST. URSULA SCHOOLS)

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed Grade 7 --- 6pm – 7pm**

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Wed Grade 7 --- 6pm – 7pm**

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Wed Grade 7 --- 6pm – 7pm**

Grade 8 (SMDP , ST. MALACHY, ST. URSULA SCHOOLS) & Other Schools

**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Grade 8 -- 6pm – 7pm**

**Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Thursday Grade 8 -- 6pm – 7pm**

**Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Thursday Grade 8 -- 6pm – 7pm**

**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 8.30am**

**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 Dec 5th**

Intentions of Patricia Doyle

**Sunday Dec 6th**

9.00 am - † Andrew D' Cruz

**Monday Dec 7th**

**\*\* No Mass**

**Tuesday Dec 8th**

Thanksgiving and intentions from Rick & Connie Chua

**Wednesday Dec 9th**

† Lourdthamma Fernando  
† Cesina Ciapanna

**Thursday Dec 10th**

B'day blessings for Mary & Josephine Roberts

**Friday Dec 11th**

**Saturday Dec 12th**



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