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St. Martin De Porres Parish

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Pastoral Team

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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
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(counselling for individuals and families	s)	New Beginnings	416-222-1101
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages)	416-281-6007	St. Vincent de Paul Society	416-284-6131



3rd Sunday of Advent 1st Reading: Isaiah 61.1-2a,

10-11

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians

5.16-24

Gospel:John 1.6-8, 19-28

Choosing Joy

"Rejoice always!" These are the words that St. Paul writes in the second reading this Gaudete Sunday. He exhorts all of us to always rejoice. It is important to note that he doesn't say to always be happy, but to rejoice always. Happiness, by definition, is utterly circumstantial. We are happy when we are experiencing something good, like eating ice cream on a hot day. However, when the ice cream melts, or it begins to rain our happiness quickly ceases because that good thing we were experiencing is fleeting.

Joy on the other hand is radically different. To experience joy is to remain happy despite the circumstances. This everlasting joy springs solely from recognizing that we are beloved children of God and being aware that we are living in the smiling gaze of Christ. But how do we live in joy? St. James in his letter says, "My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy," To experience joy is to intentionally call to mind God's love in the midst of our trials.

As stewards, let us not keep this practice of joy to ourselves. One way we can help people rejoice in suffering is by not partaking in complaining about our difficult situations. The next time we are in a tough moment and people around us begin to complain, let us strive to steer the conversation into one of gratitude for the good things the Lord is doing in our lives. This slow adjustment of choosing joy in our trials will begin to revitalize our parishes and communities, and the entire world.



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:

<u>Grade 7 (SMDP, ST. MALACHY, ST. URSULA SCHOOLS)</u>

Dec 9th Wed Grade 7 --- 6pm – 7pm

Dec 16th Wed Grade 7 --- 6pm – 7pm

<u>Grade 8 (SMDP, ST. MALACHY, ST. URSULA SCHOOLS) & Other Schools</u>

Dec 10th Thursday Grade 8 -- 6pm - 7pm

Dec 17th Thursday Grade 8 -- 6pm - 7pm



O Mary my
mother
Conceived
without
Original Sin,
Pray for us who
have recourse
to thee.

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.

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.

Mass Intentions for the week

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



Saturday Dec 12th

Sunday Dec 13 th

9.00 am - People in the Parish

Monday Dec 14th

** No Mass

Tuesday Dec 15th

+ Juan Miel

Wednesday Dec 16th

Thursday Dec 17th

Friday Dec 18th

+ Guy Fernandez &

Deceased Members of Family

Saturday Dec 19th

- + Cheryl & Eldric Fernandes
- + Crescencia Menezes



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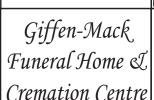
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