
St. Martin De Porres Parish

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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

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





4th Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-5,
8b-12, 14a, 16

2nd Reading: Romans 16.25-27

Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

The Annunciation



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.**

Readily Saying Yes to Stewardship

As we approach Christmas the church encourages us to reflect on the Annunciation. The Annunciation can be seen as the singular event that changed the world for it is during this episode that Mary consents to God's will and Christ is conceived within her. As stewards striving to follow Jesus, we can learn a great deal from prayerfully imitating Mary in our own lives.

Mary had an incredible faith and trust in God to be able to accept His will for her life. It is important to note that Mary wasn't told how her life would precisely unfold. She didn't know she would give birth in a manger, or about her flight to Egypt, or that Jesus would go missing in the temple or that she would stand by as He was crucified. Instead, all she knew was that she would conceive the Son of God. Many times we seek to know God's entire will for our lives but we can learn from Mary to readily say yes to the current step of the plan that He is calling us to and, like Mary, ponder God's will in our hearts by spending time in prayer).

As stewards, God too is calling us to a very specific and important mission. St. John Henry Newman says that we should all recognize that "God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission." We can live out this mission by being stewards of our time and talents for our communities, our parish and the entire Church. Let us seek Mary's intercession and trust in the Lord's call for our lives and readily follow Him.

The four traditional advent themes for the four advent Sundays



- **God's people - The Candle of Hope.**
Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. ...
- **The old testament prophets - The Candle of Peace.** ...
- **John the Baptist - The Candle of Love.** ...
- **Mary the mother of Jesus - The Candle of Joy**

Christmas and New Year Masses

As we have not been informed by Cardinal Collins of changes to the present lockdown, we anticipate having our celebrated Masses as follows:

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve 24th Dec. is at 5 p.m.

Christmas Day 25th Dec. at 10 a.m.

New year Masses

New Year's Eve 31st Dec. is at 5 p.m.

New Year's Day 1st Jan, 2021 at 10 a.m.

Mass Intentions for the week



Saturday Dec 19th

† Cheryl & Eldric Fernandes
† Crescencia Menezes

Sunday Dec 20th

9.00 am - People in the Parish
† Emily D'Sa

Monday Dec 21st

** No Mass

Tuesday Dec 22nd

† Crescencia Menezes

Wednesday Dec 23rd

Thursday Dec 24th (Christmas Eve)

5.00 p.m. - † Gerald Rodricks
† Andrew D'Cruz

Friday Dec 25th Christmas Day

10.00 a.m. - All Parishioners

Saturday Dec 26th

The Annunciation



“Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word”

Merry Christmas and Happy & Prosperous New Year!



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