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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:

Phone: 416-284-9192, 416-519-9663

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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

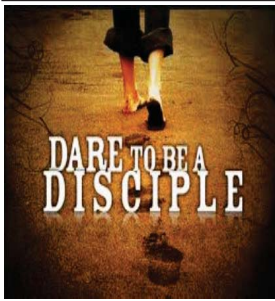
New Beginnings

416-222-1101

St. Vincent de Paul Society

416-284-6131





### 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

**1st Reading:** Jonah 3.1-5, 10

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7.29-31

**Gospel:** Mark 1.14-20

*Jesus Calls the First Disciples*

### Fishing for Christ

“Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people.” Just as Jesus called his first disciples 2000 years ago, he continues to call us to follow him. As we reflect on this beautiful Gospel account, let us focus on one particular aspect, the fact that Jesus uses the image of being a “fisher.” It is most interesting to note that as he is calling actual fishermen, he uses their own language.

There is a deep spiritual insight that can be gleaned from this, namely, that Christ uses what we bring to the table to serve Him and the Church. While fishing may seem unrelated to being an apostle, Jesus does not downplay their past experience. He invites them to bring all of the gifts and talents that they’ve received from God, but instead of using it for their own gain, to use it to gain souls for Christ.

So too as stewards, we can sometimes think that God can only use us if we’re already perfect disciples, or have degrees in theology or extensive training in ministry. However, the Lord wants us to bring all of our experiences, even our personal and professional backgrounds to serve Him. If we have backgrounds in finance or accounting, we can use that to help assist various parish ministries. Likewise, if we have experience as a teacher, we can utilize those gifts through various catechist or RCIA groups. This is the heart of stewardship. To recognize that we all bring our own particular gifts that can be used to serve Christ. Let us reflect on our own gifts and graciously heed the call to become “fishers of people,” each in our own way.

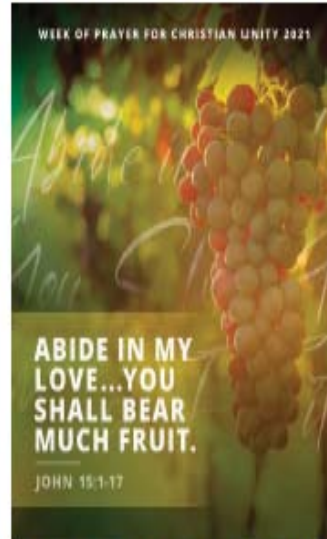


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## FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2021



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2021 was prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp. The theme “Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit” (cf. John 15:5-9) expresses Grandchamp’s vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family. “Abiding in Christ” is an inner attitude that takes root over time and it demands space to grow. As Christians, how can we express our personal relationship to Christ in a modern and socially oriented Church during challenging times, which can bring unity of the Christian family and all humanity? Give examples.

Read John 15:1-17, consult resources, and submit a 500-word essay that answers the given question.

**Contest Rules:** All submissions will be read by a panel including professional journalists and the Director of the Office for Promoting Christian Unity, Archdiocese of Toronto, and judged on overall merit. Contestants must be 14-18 years of age, and currently enrolled in an Ontario secondary school or equivalent program. Essay must be between 450 to 500 words in length and submitted on or before the contest closing date of Feb. 15, 2021. Entries must include contestant’s full name, email address, phone number and name of your school on the front page of your essay.

**Submission Deadline: Monday, February 15, 2021**

Submit essays by E-mail: Re: “Friars’ Contest” to [editor@catholicregister.org](mailto:editor@catholicregister.org)

For information: 416-934-3400 (x 527) or 1-855-441-4077 (x 401)

For contest details & resources please visit - [www.catholicregister.org/writingaward](http://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward) & <http://www.christianunity.va/content/unitaecristiani/en/settimana-di-preghiera-per-l-unita/en.html>



1st Place: Lenovo Idea Pad 3 Laptop



2nd Place: Samsung Galaxy Smartwatch with Heart Monitor



3rd Place: Apple Earpods

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**Church Open hours &  
Live Stream Mass**

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

**Mass Schedule:**

**Saturday 5 pm (vigil) & Sunday 10 am  
Fr. Anthony will be having a private Mass.  
Details on Livestream Mass will be notified via an email to parishioners.**

**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.**
- **Please note when you email parish about any concerns /sponsor for your child's confirmation pls remember to mention the school and the grade.**

**Mass Intentions for the week**



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

**Saturday Jan 23rd**

5.00 pm -

**Sunday Jan 24 th**

10.00 am - † Bhavan  
† Angel & Florencia De Guzman

**Monday Jan 25th**

**\*\* No Mass**

**Tuesday Jan 26th**

**Wednesday Jan 27th**

**Thursday Jan 28th**

**Friday Jan 29th**

† Remedios Malolos

**Saturday Jan 30th**

5.00 pm - Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Delecta & Rabi

**Change of Address**

**Also please note if your mailing address has changed recently please email your new mailing address to the parish email [stmartins.office@rogers.com](mailto:stmartins.office@rogers.com) as your tax receipts may be mailed to parishioners who are eligible to receive a tax receipts.**

**If there was no change you do not have to inform.**



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