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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

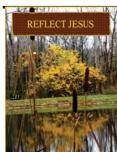
Please let the parish team know so that they can be supported sacramentally.

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



5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Job 7.1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading:1 Corinthians 9.16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1.29-39

Jesus Heals Many at Simon's House

Reflect

This Sunday, one central theme that runs through all of the readings is that of evangelization. St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians says "woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!" At the end of the Gospel reading today it says that "Jesus went throughout Galilee proclaiming the message in their synagogues." St. Francis Xavier says that "many, many people hereabouts are not becoming Christians for one reason only: there is nobody to make them Christians." As stewards, evangelization is one of our core responsibilities so let us take some time to reflect on how we can offer our time and talents to this important work. Firstly, in order for us to encourage people to follow Christ, we must take the time to journey with them. This is perhaps the most important gift we can offer someone as we evangelize. Jesus often spent His time conversing and interacting with the people of Judea. We too should follow this practice and intentionally make an effort to spend time with those whom we know are away from the faith. It is in these interactions that they will be able to see the joy and love that emanates from the presence of Christ within us. Secondly, as stewards we are invited to perform concrete actions to help bring others to Christ. St. Teresa of Avila says that "we must all try to be preachers through our deeds." By performing selfless acts of love we can point others to Love Himself and help them come to know Jesus. Therefore, as stewards, let us take the time and effort to intentionally share the Gospel through our daily witness.

Marriage Sunday 2021: Preparing for a

Life Together

As the Archdiocese of Toronto prepares for Marriage Sunday on February 14, we acknowledge and thank all married couples – and especially those who are celebrating milestone anniversaries – for their commitment and witness to our community.

An essential ingredient for a long marriage is preparation. The archdiocese has been working with parishes to provide solid marriage preparation that meets our current needs and remains accessible during the pandemic.

To learn more about the "Joy-filled Marriage" program being offered by the Archdiocese of Toronto, please visit

https://www.archtoronto.org/marriageprep



Lent Season Services

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17th at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. & 12 p.m.

Distribution of Ashes & Holy Communion (Paraliturgical Services)

Thursday, Feb.18th, Friday, Feb. 19th & Saturday., Feb.20th

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Sunday, Feb. 21st, Holy Communion will be distributed after 11 a.m. as usual. No Ashes will be distributed that day.

Fasting & Abstinence

- Fasting on Ash Wednesday is to be observed by Parishioners under 65 years of age.
- Abstaining from meat is recommended on Fridays during Lent.
- Fasting, Praying, and Giving Alms are encouraged/ recommended all through the season of Lent.

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:

Weekdays and Saturday Fr. Anthony is saying private Mass for your intentions.

Sunday 10 am on Mass on Livestream. Login to the website and click on the link on main page.

https://stmartindeporressc.archtoronto.org/

Administering the Sacrament of Confirmation

We would like to inform all parents and students that the Confirmation dates have been post-poned due to the stay-at-home order.

We are not sure of any dates yet. We will be emailing you later, once we get to know when we are told about the changes to the stay-at-home order.

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

2020 Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for 2020 parish donations will be mailed to the parishioners via a mass mailing through Archdiocese.

They are targeting end of February (28th) for all parishioners to have their receipts in hand.

Please wait for yours to receive by mail and do not call parish office regarding tax receipts as we have already done our part.

Mass Intentions for the week

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



Saturday Feb 6th

** No Mass

Sunday Feb 7th

10.00 am - Thanksgiving from Edward & Regina,
Good health for Veeda Don Paul

+ Andrew D'Cruz.

Monday Feb 8th

** No Mass

Tuesday Feb 9th

Wednesday Feb 10th

Thursday Feb 11th

Wedding Anniversary of Regina & Edward

Friday Feb 12th

+Maria Simone

Saturday Feb 13th

9 AM— Morning Mass

Phone Messages

When leaving phone messages on parish phone numbers please speak slowly and clearly and leave you name an phone number. We will get back to you at our earliest. You could also email parish via stmartins.office@rogers.com

Envelope BOXES

PLEASE <u>DO NOT</u> BUZZ AT THE OFFICE ENTRANCE TO PICK THE ENVELOPE BOXES.

YOU CAN PICK THOSE BETWEEN 10 AM-12 NOON TUESDAY – SUNDAY ARRANGED IN THE HALL.

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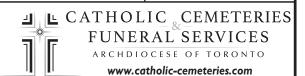
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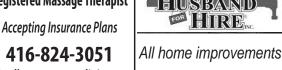
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