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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



1st Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 9.8-15

2nd Reading:1 Peter 3.18-22

Gospel: Mark 1.12-15

The Temptation of Jesus

Fighting Temptations

During this First Sunday of Lent we hear the account of Jesus's temptation in the wilderness. Facing temptations is a part of life. St. Anthony the Great says to "Expect temptation to your last breath." Each time we face a temptation we have the choice of whether we follow Christ or turn away from Him. We should ask ourselves, how hard do we fight to resist temptations? St. Josemaria Escriva says to fight temptations "Saint Francis of Assisi rolled in the snow, Saint Benedict threw himself into a thorn bush. Saint Bernard plunged into an icy pond ... what have you done?" When temptations come our way we must intentionally distance ourselves from the source of temptation and pray for strength. Perhaps one practice we can start is praying a Hail Mary as we physically walk away from any potential occasions of sin. Let us also realize that every sin is tempting us with a twisted version of something good. So instead of just running away from evil, let us run towards what is true, good and beautiful. For example, we won't fall into the temptation to gossip if we form the habit of building people up with our words. We will be less likely to get angry if we practice kind acts towards our neighbour. We won't fall into the sin of lust if we strive to sacrificially love others. This Lent, let us begin to run away from sinful temptations and fill ourselves with good things from God instead. This will allow us to become holier stewards, which will lead to the revitalization of our parishes as our holiness and charity will point others to the love of Christ.





Lent 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.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is on **March 5 2021**. Due to Covid19 there is no gathering in the church.

The country this year is Vanuatu

Donations by cheques can be send to:

(WICC) Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada 47 Queen's Park Crescent East

Toronto, Ont. M5S 2C3

Receipts will be issued for donations over \$20 or for Income Tax next year.

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.

<u>Please fill in the Sponsor Name on-line.</u> 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>



Watch Cardinal Collins' Latest Lectio Divina

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On the evening of Sunday, February 7, Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, spoke about "A Life of Honour" during his latest edition of <u>Lectio Divina</u> at St. Michael's Cathedral...

Mass Intentions for the week

Fr. Anthony will be offering his



private Mass for your intentions.

Saturday Feb 20th

9.00 am -

Sunday Feb 21st

10.00 am - + Camilo Gomes

+ Horace Mascurine

Monday Feb 22nd

9.00 am -

Tuesday Feb 23rd

9.00 am - + Angel & Florencia De Guzman Wednesday Feb 24th

9.00 am -

Thursday Feb 25th

9.00 am -

Friday Feb 26th

9.00 am -

Saturday Feb 27th

9.00 am -

Parish Donations

Parishioners could place their donations through the slot in the Office Entrance metal door (West Door) of church.

Your donations are safe as these will be dropped into a locked mail box.

Online Faith Formation Study Opportunity

Registration is now open for Cycle 2 online seminars on a variety of topics related to our Catholic faith.

Download list of courses and seminars offered

DATE: February 21 to March 27, 2021.

REGISTRATION CLOSES: Wednesday, February 17,

2021

COST: \$50 USD for five-week courses; \$40 USD for three-week seminars.

For more information, contact Connie Price

at <u>cprice@archtoronto.org</u> or 416-934-3400, ext. 513





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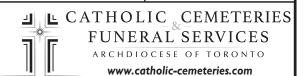
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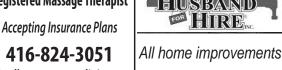
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