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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)

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.

**DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**  
In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.



**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://stmartindeporsc.archtoronto.org/>**

**Administering the Sacrament of Confirmation**

We would like to inform all parents and students that the **Confirmation dates have been postponed 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 fill in the Sponsor Name on-line. Please note when you email parish about any concerns /sponsor for your child's confirmation pls remember to mention the school and the grade.**



**Lectio Divina**  
with Cardinal Thomas Collins

**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 [Lectio Divina](#) 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 [cprice@archtoronto.org](mailto:cprice@archtoronto.org) or 416-934-3400, ext. 513



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