
St. Martin De Porres Parish

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Pastoral Team

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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





2nd Sunday of Lent

1st Reading:Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18

2nd Reading:Romans 8.31b-35, 37++

Gospel: Mark 9.2-10

The Transfiguration

Conquering all through the Love of Christ

Following Christ is hard. This is a simple reality that anyone who has sought to be a disciple has quickly learned. In a culture that is increasingly secular, living out the Gospel can lead to many trials. Even as stewards we can often face many difficulties and sufferings from striving to offer all of our gifts to God. These sufferings could come from setbacks or failures in ministry or mocking and persecutions from our peers. All of these things can cause us to lose hope and tempt us to stop fighting for Christ. This is where St. Paul’s beautiful letter to the Romans can help bring us tremendous consolation. St. Paul boldly proclaims, “If God is for us, who is against us?” He encourages us to place all our hope in God despite the challenges we face. He goes on to say “Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.” This is the lifeline that we must firmly hold onto if we wish to keep our head above water in the midst of an ocean of suffering. To know that we will always remain in the love of Christ is to know that Christ will bring us through any problem we face. When our life of stewardship becomes difficult, let us take a moment to simply pray: “I love you Jesus, help me to be more aware of your love for me.”

Jesus at the Border of Islam and Judaism

Tuesdays, February 23, March 2 and 9

A VIRTUAL EVENT OFFERED BY THE INSTITUTE FOR ISLAMIC, CHRISTIAN, JEWISH STUDIES

Both Muslim and Jewish thinkers have written about Jesus and the role he plays in their respective traditions. Even though the importance of Jesus varies according to each tradition, the variety and depth of views about Jesus among Jews and Muslims provides a fascinating and important way into interreligious dialogue. In this mini-course, we will explore a few Muslim and Jewish interpretations of Jesus over the centuries in order to appreciate: a) how the central figure of Christianity played a role in relations among Christianity, Judaism and Islam; and b) how these discussions can provide useful and interesting ways into interreligious dialogue today.

Recommended by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and Religious Relations with Judaism

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/JesusAtTheBorders>



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**

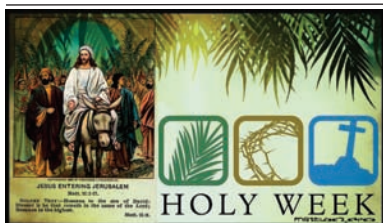
Tuesday through Sunday Church will be open from 10 am to 12 noon for private prayer. Maximum 10 people in the church.

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://stmartindeporesc.archtoronto.org/>



**Lenten
Schedule**

Way of the Cross starting Feb 26th -

via zoom at 5.30pm - 6 p.m.

(link to join will be e-mailed to parishioners)

Palm Sunday - March 28th

Mass at 10 am (Livestream)

Holy Thursday - April 1st

**Mass & Benediction at 6.30 p.m.
(Livestream)**

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament till 9pm

Good Friday - April 2nd

**Good Friday Service 12 noon & 3 p.m.
(Livestream)**

**Way of the Cross at 5.30 p.m. via zoom
(link to join will be e-mailed to parishioners)**

Holy Saturday - April 3rd

Vigil Easter Mass at 6.30 pm (Livestream)

Easter Sunday - April 4th

**Easter Mass at 9am, 11 am & 1pm
(Livestream)**

Mass Intentions for the week



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

Saturday Feb 27th

9.00 am -

Sunday Feb 28th

10.00 am - + May Choong

+ Joseph Solarski

Monday Mar 1st

9.00 am -

Tuesday Mar 2nd

**9.00 am - Intentions of Jane Nambitta &
Jadee Karangwa**

Wednesday Mar 3rd

9.00 am -

Thursday Mar 4th

9.00 am -

Friday Mar 5th

9.00 am -

Saturday Mar 6th

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.

Treasurer for Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Martin de Porres is in need of a treasurer. Our current treasurer is retiring after many years of devoted service.

If you have a reasonable working knowledge of computers, can work a spreadsheet, and are willing to volunteer a few hours a month, **please contact SVP at 416-284-6131.**

You do not have to be an active member to be our treasurer.



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