
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





4th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23++

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2.4-10

Gospel: John 3.14-21

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

Carrying our Crosses

Spreading the Gospel can be difficult in our increasingly secular society. As stewards who are called to receive our gifts from God and put them at the service of the Church, this challenge can sometimes seem daunting. We may be tempted to think that today’s society is just too far gone to accept Jesus. We may even see this within our own circle of friends and family members. However, this resistance from society is nothing new and nothing to fear. In today’s first reading from 2 Chronicles, we hear how God sent many people on His behalf to spread His word “but [the people] kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words, and scoffing at his prophets.” Even in the Old Testament, those who sought to serve God faced hardships and retaliation. Therefore, as stewards, we should not expect everything in our ministry to be perfect or easy. Jesus says in the Gospel of Matthew that whoever wants to follow Him must take up their cross and follow. To take up the cross is to take up suffering and hardships for the sake of serving Christ. As stewards, let us not shy away from these crosses but accept them willingly. The cross will forever be the symbol of our hope and salvation. To take part in the cross of Christ by carrying our own crosses is a supreme dignity. Therefore, the next time we face a difficulty in our stewardship, let us simply pray “Lord, help me to carry this cross out of love for you.”

FREE WEBINAR!!!

ESTATE PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 10:00 am

Join this webinar and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services will share:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will
- How to ensure that your wishes are legally protected
- About Powers of Attorney
- Estate Trustee selection
- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors
- Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burial and funeral

An estate planning guide will be mailed to all attendees at no cost.

To register, send us an email to: development@archtoronto.org

Please include ‘**webinar Mar 27**’ in the **subject line** and provide your **name and mailing address in the body of a message** (otherwise we won’t be able to send you your copy of the Estate Planning guide!). Also, we would be grateful if, for the sake of our statistics, you could let us know whether you are planning to watch this webinar alone or together with a family member.

- You will receive a link to the webinar on March 22nd, and in a couple of reminders closer to the date of the presentation.

**Church Open hours &
Live Stream Mass**

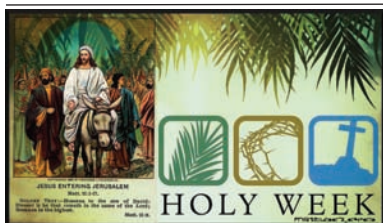
Tuesday through Sunday Church will be open from 10 am to 12 noon for private prayer. Maximum 10 people in the church.

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://stmartindeporscsc.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 Mar 13th

9.00 am -

Sunday Mar 14th

10.00 am - + Patrick Pereira
+ Nicholas D'Rozario

Monday Mar 15th

9.00 am -

Tuesday Mar 16th

9.00 am - + Bertran Fernandez

Wednesday Mar 17th

9.00 am -

Thursday Mar 18th

9.00 am -

Friday Mar 19th

9.00 am -

Saturday Mar 20th

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.

Celebration of the 500th Year Anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines

Topic: Inaugural Mass for the diocesan celebration of the 500th Year Anniversary of the Arrival of Christianity in the Philippines

Date : Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Online - the Mass will air from our website: www.ph500toronto.com and on www.facebook.com/500yocTO or Youtube: Gifted to Give – Toronto 2021



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