

# St. Martin De Porres Parish

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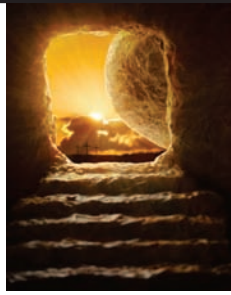
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*He Lives!*



*Alleluia, Alleluia!!*



**Easter Sunday**

**1st Reading:** Acts 10.34a, 37-43

**2nd Reading:** Colossians 3.1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5.6b-8

**Gospel:** John 20.1-18++

*The Resurrection of Jesus*

**Recognizing the Risen Lord**

Rejoice, the Lord is risen, truly He is risen! Today is the Solemnity of Solemnities, the most holy day in the Church's calendar. Let us take a moment to rejoice in the glory of the resurrection. These past forty days we've been preparing for this great feast where we will be met with the risen Christ. However, let us ask ourselves, how often do we fail to recognize Him in our daily lives? In the Gospel today, we hear the account of Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene. Mary is face-to-face with Jesus risen from the dead and yet she didn't recognize Him. She has spent the last couple years of her life following Him and now she cannot even identify Him as the man before her. While we may be quick to judge Mary, we should remember that Christ makes Himself present to us in countless ways that we often don't perceive. One way that Jesus comes to us is through our neighbour. St. Teresa of Calcutta says "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus." This Easter, let us rejoice in Jesus' resurrection and seek to find Him in our neighbours. The same way that we would run to serve Christ, let us serve Christ dwelling in those around us and fully live out our call of stewardship.

**Regular Mass Schedule**

**Weekday Masses**

**Daily Morning Mass will be celebrated Tuesday through Saturday at 8.15 am with a maximum capacity of 44 people + Pastor.**

**Weekend Schedule:**

**Saturday (Vigil) Masses – 4 pm & 6 p.m.** (With congregation )

Register at website "Register for Mass" link

**Sunday Masses –**

**8.30 a.m.** (With congregation in church ) - Register at website "Register for Mass" link

**10 a.m.** (Livestream )

**11.30 a.m** (With congregation in church ) –

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**1 p.m.** (With congregation in church )

– Register at website "Register for Mass" link



**A Request from Parish**

**Finance council**

**We would like to remind those PAG & "Donate Now" donors to give generously on Easter Sunday.**

*Thank You !*

**† St.Vincent de Paul**



**"Time to start spring cleaning."**

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the church parking lot the **weekend of April 10th & 11th**. All those gently used clothes that you promised yourself you would lose weight to fit into, those small appliances you bought but no longer use - please consider donating them. They will all help your Neighbours in Need. "



There's been a lot of moral/ethical debate about whether Catholics should avoid being injected with COVID-19 vaccines that were produced using cell lines derived from an abortion. BY [CATHOLIC REGISTER EDITORIAL](#)

Here's the bottom line: [Get vaccinated.](#)

Pope Francis says it's OK, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith says it's OK, Canada's bishops say it OK. They've all been saying so for months, but it appears each time a new vaccine arrives, there's a moral question that pops up anew for Catholics to ponder.

The Vatican has stated clearly that it is "morally acceptable to receive COVID-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process." Further, "the morality of vaccination depends not only on the duty to protect one's own health, but also on the duty to pursue the common good." Further still, "the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal co-operation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive."

In the absence of pharmaceutical companies being able to offer "ethically acceptable" vaccines, these are acceptable.

A little science: All the vaccines currently approved for use in Canada have some connection to an aborted fetus, however remote. Using cells descended from two abortions in the 1970s and '80s, fetal cell lines are grown in laboratories to produce viruses that are used in the development of many vaccines.

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines use mRNA technology which entailed using these cell lines in testing, not production. Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca are offering vaccines in which the cell lines were part of the production process. All the vaccines have been deemed effective in dealing with COVID-19.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops reiterated the Vatican position in a March 9 statement issued on the heels of the Health Canada approvals of the Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca vaccines. Given a choice — and it's not likely many will have that — the bishops said the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines should be preferred because of their more remote connection to abortion-derived cell lines. Importantly, they did not suggest any vaccine be rejected — quite the opposite.

Quebec politicians were the first to jump on the bishops, led by health minister Christian Dubé, for apparently suggesting one vaccine is more effective than another. They did not. The chorus of outrage was loud enough that Montreal Archbishop Christian Lépine issued a statement to confirm that "in the present context of a health emergency, any authorized vaccine can be used in good conscience by believers." The CCCB said the same thing in a "clarification" statement the next day.

The world has seen enough misinformation and misunderstanding throughout this pandemic. There should be no ambiguity about the necessity for as many Canadians as possible to roll up their sleeves for a vaccine — whichever one is offered. Our politicians, health officials and religious leaders all agree on that, so lets get on with it.

## Mass Intentions for the week

### Saturday April 3rd (Easter Vigil)

6.30 pm -

### Sunday Apr 4th

8.30 am - People in the Parish & +Andrew D'Cruz

10 am livestream - + Samuel, Marina & Malcolm

Jayatileka

11.30 am - Thanksgiving Mass from Hyacinth Lambert Family

1.00 pm - + Stephen Maynard

### Monday Apr 5th

8.15 am -

### Tuesday Apr 6th

8.15 am -

### Wednesday Apr 7th

8.15 am - + Bridget Correira

### Thursday Apr 8th

8.15 am - +

### Friday April 9th

8.15 am - +

### Saturday Apr 10th

4.00 pm -

6.00 pm -



*Happy and a Blessed Easter to all our  
"Dear Parishioners" !*

*From Fr. Anthony and Staff at St. Martin's.*





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