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# St. Martin De Porres Parish

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## Pastoral Team

Pastor - Rev. Anthony Gonsalves

Deacon - Rev. John Grieve

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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 Family Services:

416-921-1163

(counselling for individuals and families)

Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages) 416-281-6007

Catholic Cemeteries

416-733-8544

Catholic Cultural Services

416-757-7010

New Beginnings

416-222-1101

St. Vincent de Paul Society

416-284-6131





**2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**

**1st Reading:** Acts 4.32-35

**2nd Reading:** 1 John 5.1-6

**Gospel:** John 20.19-31

*Jesus Appears to the Disciples*

**Building a Community of Stewardship**

As we continue along in this season of Easter, we are invited to reflect on the lives of the early Christians. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear the wonderful account of them living in great unity and joy as they were “of one heart and soul.” It says that “there was not a needy person among them” because everyone shared of their gifts for the good of the entire community.

This is the perfect model of a community where stewardship reigns. A parish community built on stewardship is one in which every member is welcomed, involved and nourished. The parish should be seen as our second home. It is where we join together with our brothers and sisters in Christ so that we can love and serve God side by side.

How well are we contributing to the building up of our community of stewardship? We must all play our own role in building up the Church. In the same way the early Christians offered all of themselves for the sake of the mission, we too should offer all of our gifts to the parish. We should spend time praying in the church and journeying with fellow parishioners through the joys and trials of their lives. Moreover, all of our talents and gifts should be offered up to the service of various ministries and apostolates within the parish. In this way, we will be able to echo the words from the first reading and joyfully proclaim: “There was not a needy person among them.”

**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)** With congregation in church ) - Register at website “Register for Mass” link

**11.30 a.m** (With congregation in church ) – Register at website “Register for Mass” link

**1 p.m.** (With congregation in church ) – Register at website “Register for Mass” link

**Registration for Masses are open for all upcoming weekend Masses for the next several months.**

**Please note all Ministers including Lectors, Cantor, Ushers, all volunteers helping for the Masses need to register through website for the times they are planning to serve and help. They are all included in the count for 44 registrations available for each Mass.**

**Please Make sure you are registered ahead of time if you are scheduled to serve and help in any Ministry.**



**St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the parking lot this weekend**

Reminder - Don't forget the **St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the parking lot this weekend** for all those gently used clothes, shoes, small appliances, and household linens that will be used to assist 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 cooperation 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 let's get on with it.

## Mass Intentions for the week



### Saturday Apr 10th

- 4.00 pm - + Elizabeth & Marciel D'Souza  
+ Jonathan & Brian Fernandez  
6.00 pm - + D'Souza Family  
+ Mascarenhas Family

### Sunday Apr 11th

- 8.30 am - Thanks giving Mass for Viswas Darsi  
10 am - People in the Parish  
+ Antonio Marcaida jr.  
11.30 am - + Nicasio Jr & + Rosalie Rey  
1.00 pm - + Loreto & + Nicasio Sr. Rey

### Monday Apr 12th

8.15 am -

### Tuesday Apr 13th

8.15 am - + Dominga Geneta

### Wednesday Apr 14th

8.15 am -

### Thursday Apr 15th

8.15 am - + Jane Quinlan

### Friday April 16th

8.15 am - +

### Saturday Apr 17th

4.00 pm -

6.00 pm - + Loyola Fernandes

## I'm Not Perfect, You're Not Perfect, but It's OK

A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY WOMEN ON THE WORD  
TORONTO Saturday, April 17, 2021 09:30 AM - Saturday, April 17, 2021 12:00 PM

Do you feel like everything in your life needs to be perfect? What does God's version of perfect mean? Women of the Word Toronto is hosting a virtual conference with guest speakers, Colleen Carroll Campbell, author of *The Heart of Perfection: How the Saints Taught Me to Trade My Dream of Perfect for God's* and Dr. Josephine Lombardi, theologian, author and presenter. Registration is required.

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