
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

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(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



When we pray,
God hears more
than we say,
answers more than
we ask,
gives more than
we imagine...
in HIS own time
and HIS own way.

5th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 9.26-31

2nd Reading: 1 John 3.18-24

Gospel: John 15.1-8

Jesus the True Vine

Abiding in Christ

In today’s Gospel we are invited to reflect on the image of Jesus, the true vine. Jesus says “Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.” As stewards, there is much to be gleaned through reflecting on this passage.

Firstly, Jesus desires to abide in us. He does this whenever we receive Him in the Eucharist. In the same way, we are called to abide in Him by prayerfully placing our very selves in His presence, whether it’s through praying in our rooms or before the Blessed Sacrament. This close relationship with Jesus is where our stewardship originates and is sustained. Jesus bluntly proclaims that we can do nothing without abiding in Him first.

As stewards, more than the actual works we perform, we are giving other people Christ through our time and talents. We can only give what we have first received. Therefore, it is of paramount importance that we focus on our prayer life above all. For example, before we plan on giving our time to a fellow parishioner and journeying with them, let us say a prayer asking God for the strength to work through us. Similarly, before we offer up our talents through various ministries in the parish, we should try to say a prayer asking that our works may point others to Christ, not to ourselves. Therefore, through abiding in Christ we may share His love and presence with others.

Regular Mass Schedule

All Public Masses are Cancelled .

Weekday Masses

Daily Morning Private Masses celebrated by Fr. Anthony for the intentions.

No congregation for any of the Masses.

Weekend Schedule:

Sunday 10 a.m. (Livestream Mass)

No congregation for any of the Masses.

Watch livestream Mass at website:

<https://stmartindeporesc.archtoronto.org/en/>

Click on watch livestream Mass link.



The Sick and Homebound

The goal of the Ministry to the Sick and homebound is to provide compassionate presence, pray with the sick, and to administer the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

This ministry does not include Anointing of the sick as that is a Sacrament in itself and that Sacrament can be administered to the Sick only by a Priest as the Sacrament also includes Reconciliation.

The Eucharistic Ministers who visit the sick provide them with a sense of community as they keep the Sick abreast of the happenings in their Parish. The Sick do not feel isolated and they are able to visualize the happenings in their Parish and they feel very much a part of their Parish even though they are not physically present.

As Deacon John Grieves is no longer involved in Parish Ministry at St. Martin de Porres, we need a Parishioner who can co-ordinate and give directives to the Parishioners in this ministry. Keep me (Fr. Anthony) abreast of your intentions to take over where Deacon John has left. I thank Deacon John for his excellent work in this ministry for a great number of years and wish him God's Blessings.



Prayer In Time of COVID

by Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, Auxiliary Bishop, Central Region, Archdiocese of Toronto

Gracious God, you who are the author of all life, and who desire the well-being of all people, during these dark days of COVID-19, increase in us, respect and reverence for all human life.

Grant restored health to the sick, comfort and hope to the dying, eternal peace for those who have died, strength to family members, relatives, clergy, friends and volunteers, renewed energy to hospital workers, PSWs, nurses and doctors, and perseverance to all in the health care professions.

Grant wisdom to scientists for the development of effective and moral vaccines, discernment and right judgment for legislators, aid to the discouraged, poor and vulnerable, courage and justice for front-line workers and all who risk their lives for the benefit of others, and keep always in our minds the vision of the true common good of all the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

To download this prayer:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/globalassets/media/images/infographics/prayers/prayer-in-time-of-covid.png>

Mass Intentions for the week



Saturday May 1st

Sunday May 2nd

10 am - + Andrew D'Cruz and
+ Rocco Alfred Mele.

Monday May 3rd

8.30 am -

Tuesday May 4th

8.30 am - + Deceased members of the
De Souza & Vaz families.

Wednesday May 5th

8.30 am - + Angela Sollecito

Thursday May 6th

8.30 am -

Friday May 7th

8.30 am -

Saturday May 8th

Mass Offerings

Parishioners who want to make Mass offerings but unable to come to office during weekdays, can do so by using a white envelope (not your offering envelope) addressed to "Mass offering" —OFFICE / Anne, with the following details and dropping it through the slot on the office entrance door (Parish Mail Box) at least a week ahead of your intended date for Mass offering.

Cost for Mass offering is \$20.00 for each intention

- Date and time of Mass requested :
- Intention (Deceased/ Thanksgiving ,) with Name of the person Mass is offered for:
- Gender of the person Mass is offered for:
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