St. Martin De Porres Parish

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Pastoral Team

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays

Tuesday to Friday 8.30 AM ** No Morning Mass on Monday & Saturday FRIDAY Mass is followed by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 10.00 am.

Weekend

SATURDAY: 5.00 PM (Vigil) SUNDAY: 9.00 AM, 10.30 AM & 12.00 Noon Reconciliation SATURDAY From 4.15 PM to 4.45 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)416-469-1111Catholic Family Services:416-921-1163(counselling for individuals and families)416-281-6007Retrouvaille (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



Receiving God's love Arees us to love one another without demanding that there be something in it for us.

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6.2-6 **2nd Reading:** Hebrews 7.23-28 **Gospel:**Mark 12.28-34

The First Commandment

A Steward's Way of Loving

"You shall love The Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength ... You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Love – that is what is at the core of our Christian stewardship. In response to God's love and goodness for us, we are inspired to love Him and our neighbour.

Jesus isn't vague in his explanation on how we ought to love. Instead, he specifies in great detail that we are to love with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. In essence, we are called to love with our entire lives. In order to love in this manner, it is essential to embrace a spirituality of stewardship. An authentic steward is called to offer the gifts of their time and talent to God and the Church.

One way in which we can love through the gift of our time is through our dedication to prayer. We are woven out of time, so what we spend our time on greatly reflects what is most important to us. As stewards, we should set aside a portion of each day that is reserved solely for prayer. In regards to our talents, we can love others by sharing these gifts with our parish community through various ministries. For example, if we have an ability to sing, perhaps we can look to join a parish choir. Let us take some time to reflect on how we can better use our time and talents to love God and our neighbour with our entire lives.

Regular Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses:

Daily Morning Mass will be celebrated Tuesday through Friday at 8.30 a.m.

Weekend Schedule:

Saturday (Vigil) Mass – 5 p.m. Sunday Masses - 9.00 am (Livestream) and open for public

10.30 a.m.

12.00 p.m.

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St. Vincent De Paul Society Christmas Appeal

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas will be a very bleak time for many. Since it is just about two months away, your Society of St. Vincent de Paul is appealing to you for your assistance in making this Christmas a little brighter for your Neighbours in Need. Many people have lost their jobs, and can't find new ones, others have simply given up.

Most government assistance programmes have either ended or will end soon. With the prices of food, and all other consumables increasing quite dramatically, a Christmas dinner will be a luxury that most will not be able to afford.

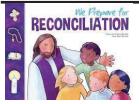
To this end, we are asking if you would consider donating gift cards for either No Frills, or Food Basics to be distributed to your Neighbours in Need.

Please put the gift cards into an envelope, clearly labelled for St. Vincent de Paul. If you would like a tax receipt, please be sure to include your full name, address and phone number. All gift card donations may be put into the collection basket, or into the mail slot in the side door.

Thank you for your generosity.

God Bless You

Your Society of St. Vincent de Paul



First reconciliation preparation classes

The First reconciliation classes for grade 2's will commence on October 28th Thursday @ 6.30 PM – 7.30 pm via zoom online. Also classes will be held on Nov 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th same time.

Student Lists will be acquired through the parish schools (St. Martin De Porres, St. Malachy, St. Ursula) for in school and students following online classes (St. Anne's Academy etc.)

Also, all students who have missed First communion last year (now in grade 3) and all online St. Anne's Academy students please give your names to your home school to join the grade 2 students this year.

Only students not attached to parish schools attending other schools can email the following details to the parish email address stmartins.office@rogers.com

Student Name, Parent Name, phone and email, grade , baptized (yes/No)

<u>Please confirm all these students have already</u> <u>been baptized before registering for First Rec-</u> <u>onciliation.</u>

Date for 1st Reconciliation will be notified later. Hopefully the pandemic will be brought under control as 1st reconciliation will be in person. (Physical presence at the parish is mandatory).

Mass Intentions for the week

Saturday Oct 30th

5.00 pm - + Anthony & Johnny Mascarenhas + Orlin Rodrigo

Sunday Oct 31st

9.00 am - + Jose Sr. & Felicisma Turiamo

10.30 am - + Bonifacio Carlos

12.00 pm - People in the Parish

Monday Nov 1st

8.30 am - Personal intentions of Fr. Anthony *Tuesday Nov 2nd*

8.30 am - + D'Souza & Gomes Families

Wednesday Nov 3rd

8.30 am - + Margaret Mascurine

+ Nicholas Rozario

Thursday Nov 4th

8.30 am - - 35th Wedding Anniversary of David & Matilda Rozario

Friday Nov 5th

8.30 am - + All souls in purgatory

+ Deanne Neely

Saturday Nov 6th

5.00 pm - † Nicola & Maria Macri

+ Victor James Nalliah

Canadian Bishops to Welcome Pope Francis to Canada on Historic Pilgrimage of Healing and Reconciliation

The Catholic Bishops of Canada are grateful that Pope Francis has accepted their invitation to visit Canada on a pilgrimage of healing and reconciliation. The Holy Father's full statement on the matter can be found <u>here</u>.

In anticipation of this visit, the planned delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers and youth will travel to the Holy See, where they will have the opportunity to speak to Pope Francis about the timing, focus, and themes in preparation for his future pilgrimage to Canada.

"The Bishops of Canada have been engaged in meaningful discussions with Indigenous Peoples, especially those affected by Residential Schools who have shared stories about the suffering and challenges that they continue to experience," said CCCB President, the Most Rev. Raymond Poisson. "We pray that Pope Francis' visit to Canada will be a significant milestone in the journey toward reconciliation and healing."

The Canadian Bishops recently pledged to work with the Holy See and Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit to Canada by the Pope. Following this pledge and informed by three years of ongoing dialogue between the Canadian Bishops, the Holy See, and Indigenous Peoples, the President and former-President of the CCCB met in Rome with the Secretary of State of the Holy See to discuss next steps on the reconciliation journey earlier this month and in preparation for the delegation.

This delegation to the Holy See will take place from December 17-20, 2021, and is being planned in close collaboration with National Indigenous Organizations and other partners.

"We will invite the delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers, and youth who will meet with Pope Francis to open their hearts to the Holy Father and share both their suffering as well as their hopes and desires for his eventual visit to Canada," added Bishop Poisson. Additional details about Pope Francis' pilgrimage to Canada, as well as the Rome delegation will be announced by the CCCB as details are confirmed.



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