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# St. Martin De Porres Parish

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## Pastoral Team

Pastor - Rev. Anthony Gonsalves

## Parish Office:

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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)

416-469-1111

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



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

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st Reading:** 1 Kings 17.10-16

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 9.24-28

**Gospel:** Mark 12.38-44

*The Widow's Offering*

**Offering our All**

In the Gospel this Sunday we hear the account of the poor widow's treasury offering. Jesus observes many wealthy people put in large sums of money yet He only praises the lowly widow for her contribution of two small copper coins. He exclaims, "truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had." (Mark 12:43).

We can learn a great lesson in stewardship through the example of this widow who symbolically offered her entire life through her small monetary offering. We too are called to give our entire lives to God. We shouldn't imitate the wealthy people in the Gospel and give from what we have leftover. Rather, we should give the "first fruits" of our time and our talents because we want to show God how grateful we are for all He has given us.

Additionally, by giving everything she had, the widow is inherently saying "God I trust that you will take care of me." As stewards, do our sacrifices show that we trust God? To trust God means knowing that even though our time spent in the parish might mean we have less time for work or other commitments, that God will still bless us abundantly. Let us strive to give all we can and trust that God will take care of all our needs, for St. Paul says, "God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7).

**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 Fellow 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.

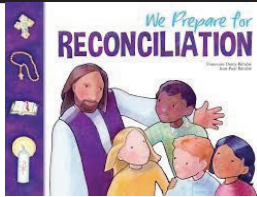
**To this end, we are asking if you would consider donating gift cards for either No Frills, or Food Basics to be distributed to your Neighbours in Need. Denominations of \$25 or \$50 would be ideal, however, we are grateful for any amount. The more we get, the more families we can assist.**

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 by **December 5th.**

Thank you for your generosity.

God Bless You

Your Society of St. Vincent de Paul



## First reconciliation preparation classes

The Next First reconciliation class will be on **Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday @ 6.30 PM – 7.30 pm via zoom online. Also classes will be held on 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 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 [smartins.office@rogers.com](mailto:smartins.office@rogers.com)

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

Please confirm all these students have already been baptized before registering for First Reconciliation.

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

## Mass Intentions for the week

### Saturday Nov 6th

5.00 pm - † Nicola & Maria Macri &  
† Victor James Nalliah



### Sunday Nov 7th

9.00 am - † Andrew D'Cruz & † Veda Don Paul  
10.30 am - Intentions of Dorine Couture  
12.00 pm - People in the Parish & † Joe Rodrigo

### Monday Nov 8th

8.30 am -

### Tuesday Nov 9th

8.30 am -

### Wednesday Nov 10th

8.30 am -

### Thursday Nov 11th

8.30 am -

### Friday Nov 12th

8.30 am -

### Saturday Nov 13th

5.00 pm - † Orazio & Carmela Luciano

## **Statement by Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto re announcement of Papal Visit to Canada**

I am most grateful that Pope Francis has accepted the invitation of the Bishops of Canada for a pastoral visit to advance the healing and reconciliation journey with the Indigenous Peoples of this land.

I reiterate the unequivocal apology of the Canadian bishops from earlier this year as we sorrowfully acknowledged the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. We affirm our commitment to walk with the Indigenous people on the lengthy path of healing and dialogue. I pray that the visit of the Holy Father will provide a space for that journey to continue through authentic encounters of compassion, understanding and reconciliation.

To assist in establishing the foundation for his pilgrimage to Canada, later this year, from December 17-20, the Holy Father will welcome a delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers and young people at the Vatican. Over the course of several days, through authentic listening and dialogue, Pope Francis will hear directly from those who have suffered.

I invite the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto to join me in prayer for all those who suffer from the legacy of the residential school system. We pray also for the delegates who will visit with the Holy Father in December. Finally, we keep Pope Francis close in prayer. May he be blessed with good health and strength to prepare him to join us at the appropriate moment to continue our journey of healing and reconciliation together.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.  
Cardinal Thomas Collins  
Archbishop of Toronto



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