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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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Office Administrator - Anne Gunawardena

## 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

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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

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416-733-8544

Catholic Cultural Services

416-757-7010

New Beginnings

416-222-1101

St. Vincent de Paul Society

416-284-6131



**4th Sunday of Advent****1st Reading:** Micah 5.2-5a**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 10.5-10**Gospel:** 1.39-45***The Visitation*****Lessons from our Mother**

Mother Mary becomes the focal point of the Gospel on this fourth Sunday of Advent. Our Lady, shortly after discovering that she will conceive the Son of God, goes in haste to assist her cousin Elizabeth. After Jesus, Mary is the perfect model and example of how to live a life of deep stewardship. Let us take some time to reflect on this episode and glean insights on how we can better imitate her.

Firstly, we can learn a great lesson from how Mary “went with haste” to help Elizabeth. As stewards, we should not sit idle by and be half-hearted in our attempts to serve our neighbour. Whenever we see a need in our parish community, let us strive to utilize our gifts to readily offer our help and support.

Secondly, we should try to imitate Mary in her role of bringing Jesus to others. It wasn't so much Mary who brought help and comfort to Elizabeth, but rather, it was the presence of Jesus dwelling within her. As stewards, we need to constantly remind ourselves that it is not our own merits that bring about good and conversion in our parish. Rather, we must realize that everything is a result of the grace of God that is working through us. Let us conclude with the beautiful words of St. Teresa of Calcutta who says, “I'm a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a love letter to the world.”

**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.**

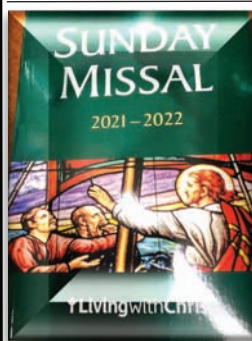
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**Offertory Envelope boxes for 2022**

Offertory Envelope boxes for 2022 are ready to be picked up in the Hall. Please read the name carefully that you pick the box belongs to you.

Please print your phone number on the sheet placed on the table when you are picking up your box. If you have picked up a box that belongs to someone else, please place it back where you found it.

Parishioners who are registered but do not have a box of envelopes please get one from office and do not use old envelopes from previous years.



**Sunday Missals**  
**2021 /2022**

**Sunday Missals are available after weekend Masses for**

**\$ 5.00 per copy.**

**Please bring exact change to get your copy.**

## The four traditional advent themes for the four advent Sundays



- God's people - The Candle of **Hope**. **Hope** is like a light shining in a dark place. ...
- The old testament prophets - The Candle of **Peace**. ...
- John the Baptist - The Candle of **Love**. ...
- Mary the mother of Jesus - The Candle of **Joy**



## Christmas Fundraiser Concert

We invite you to attend a Christmas Fundraiser

Concert at St. Martin de Porres Church on December 19<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) from 5pm to 6pm. You will be entertained by The "7-Strings Girl band" who will be performing popular Christmas hits and tradition tunes.

We invite all parishioners and your friends to join us for a fun hour of entertainment and sing-alongs.

A minimum donation of \$5 per person is requested. All proceeds will be going to the St. Martin de Porres Church.

We will be using the same Eventbrite sign-up we use for Sunday Masses to reserve your spot at the Church. You can book your spot starting December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please book early as we have limited space in the Church.

See you on December 19<sup>th</sup>!

## Mass Intentions for the week



### Saturday Dec 18th

5.00 pm - B'day Blessings for Jeneia Aquino

### Sunday Dec 19th

9.00 am - † John Don Paul (Death Anniversary)

10.30 am - Intentions of Angela Pinto  
People in the Parish

12.00 pm - † Malcolm, † Marina & † Samuel Jayatilake

### Monday Dec 20th

8.30 am -

### Tuesday Dec 21st

8.30 am - † Remedios Malolos

### Wednesday Dec 22nd

8.30 am - † Gracy Menezes

### Thursday Dec 23rd

8.30 am - † Dominador & † Patrocinio Macaranas

### Friday Dec 24th

4.00 pm - People in the Parish

6.00 pm - People in the Parish

### Saturday Dec 25th

9.00 am - † Gerald & Linda Rodricks

10.30 am - People in the Parish

12.00 pm -

*Merry Christmas and Happy &  
Prosperous New Year 2022*





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