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## 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)	416-469-1111	Catholic Cemeteries	416-733-8544
Catholic Family Services:	416-921-1163	Catholic Cultural Services	416-757-7010
(counselling for individuals and fam	ilies)	New Beginnings	416-222-1101
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages	s) 416-281-6007	St. Vincent de Paul Society	416-284-6131

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11 **2nd Reading:**Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-

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Gospel: Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

The Baptism of Jesus

## **Becoming Role Models**

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Catechism says that the sacrament of "baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission." Let us reflect on how Jesus' baptism can teach us more about our own baptism. Firstly, Jesus didn't need to get baptized because he was already without sin. However, in doing so, He became a model for how we should be baptized for the forgiveness of our sins. Similarly, as stewards we are called to be authentic models of the faith to others. When people see us, do they see what it means to be a disciple? We should be examples of how to live a holy and virtuous life so that others may be inspired by our lives of stewardship. Moreover, not only is it important to do good, but we must also consciously try to avoid anything that may scandal others. All of the baptized, especially stewards, represent Christ and the Church. If we perform actions that are negative or hurtful, people who observe us may be turned away from the faith. Of course, we are all human and are bound to make mistakes, but we should strive to avoid anything that may significantly hinder others from accepting the faith. Let us always turn to Jesus for help, our true model of holiness and stewardship,

## 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.

https://stmartindeporressc.archtoronto.org/en/

### The Synod on Synodality: Share Your Thoughts

Pope Francis has launched the <u>Synod on Synodality</u>, an ambitious two-year global process of listening to the faithful.

"Synod" comes from an ancient Greek word meaning "walking together on the road." There have been many synods in the history of the Church, but these have traditionally been opportunities for bishops to come together to determine the path forward for the Church.

With the Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis is asking every Catholic to help discern what the Holy Spirit is telling us at this moment as the Church enters its third millennium.

The first phase of the Synod on Syndodality will last through the first half of 2022 and will see the world's faithful sharing their thoughts at a diocesan level. All those diocesan-level responses will be collected and summarized. Then the bishops of Canada will meet to discuss what they heard in their respective dioceses, followed by larger multinational meetings and, ultimately, culminating in a synod of bishops in the Vatican in 2023.

This graphic provides answers to some frequently asked questions about the Synod on Synodality.

Your participation is incredibly important for the success of the Synod on Synodality, so we kindly ask you to complete the survey below. Thank you and God bless.

https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/archdiocesan/the-synod-on-synodality-share-your-thoughts/

## Celebration of Marriage Mass



The Celebration of Marriage Mass will take place on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St, Toronto at 2:30 p.m. Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB will preside over this special Mass and all married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows.

Due to social distancing measures, in-person attendance is limited at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica and only couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60+ wedding anniversaries and one (1) guest per celebrant couple will be able to register to attend (for a total of a group of 3). Other couples, family, and friends are welcome to participate in the celebration via the <u>Livestream</u>.

For more information and to register visit <a href="www.archtoronto.org/marriage">www.archtoronto.org/marriage</a>.

Registration will close on February 4, 2022, or when we reach maximum capacity at the Cathedral.

Download the poster: <a href="https://bit.ly/MarriageSunday-Poster2022">https://bit.ly/MarriageSunday-Poster2022</a>

We look forward to meeting and serving all the married couples who have registered for this event.

## Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday Jan 9th

9.00 am - Intentions of Angela Pinto

**10.30 am** - B'Day Blessings for Angela Pinto

† Orlin Rodrigo

12.00 pm - † Elvena Pierre

Monday Jan 10th

8.30 am -

Tuesday Jan 11th

8.30 am -

Wednesday Jan 12th

8.30 am -

Thursday Jan 13th

8.30 am - † Elizabeth Ho

† Rose Ho

Friday Jan 14th

8.30 am -

Saturday Jan 15th

5.00 pm -

Sunday Jan 16th

9.00 am -

10.30 am - † Fe Alconaba

12.00 pm - People in the Parish

## **Attention Students:**

# FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2022

Closing Date: Monday, February 14, 2022, 2:00 p.m

### Please see the details in the link below.

https://www.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/offices-ministries/pastoral-ministries/office-for-christian-unity--jewishdialogue/prayer-for-christian-unity/2021-nov.-5-friars-writingcontest-poster-with-bitly-links.pdf







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