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 |
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| St. Malachy School | 416-393-5336 |
| St. Ursula School | 416-393-5306 |

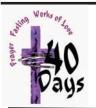
Diocesan Services

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 |
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| Catholic Cultural Services | 416-757-7010 |
| New Beginnings | 416-222-1101 |
| St. Vincent de Paul Society | 416-284-6131 |
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



1st Reading: Joshua 5.9a, 10-12 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.17-21 Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32 The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Approaching the Mercy of God

This Sunday we are invited to reflect on the beautiful parable of the prodigal son. This parable offers us an insight into the unfathomable depths of God's mercy. We are also given an example of the prodigal son to imitate. He teaches us that whenever we fall, we too need to recognize our sin, get up and approach our merciful and loving Father. However, we may at times find it difficult to accept just how generously God bestows His mercy on those who seek Him. We may have the notion that God is out to punish those who commit sin. However,

there is one particularly beautiful line in the parable this Sunday that can help us ease those fears. It says that "while [the son] was still far

off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him." The beauty in this passage is that the father saw the son "while he was still far off." This means that he must've spent time each day looking out at the horizon, eagerly and lovingly waiting for his son to return. Not only does he see him, he then runs and embraces his son even though he was dirty and smelled like pigs. As stewards, we shouldn't fear approaching God for His mercy and

forgiveness for He longs to grant it to us. Across the Archdiocese, every parish will host a Lenten Day of Reconciliation in which many priests will be available for the sacrament of Confession. Let us take advantage of this beautiful opportunity for healing and prepare ourselves for the Risen Lord at Easter

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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Way of the Cross:

Every Friday at 6.30 pm during LENT





Saturday April 9th 9 am to 12 pm

Drop off non-perishable food items in

the parking lot of:

St. Martin de Porres Church

Corner of Lawrence Ave. East & Morningside

Sponsored by:



St. Martin de Porres - Council 12909

MARCH 27, 2022



Day of Parish Confessions:

March 30th 6.30 pm— 8pm.

Together with Fr. Anthony there will be other priests hearing confession on that day.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday April 9th / 10th Weekend :

<u>Masses: 5 pm, 9 am, 10.30 am,</u> <u>12.00noon</u>

Holy Thursday Apr. 14th :

Mass: 6.30 pm ** No Morning Mass

Good Friday Apr. 15th :

Services: 12 noon & 3 pm Stations of the Cross: 6.30pm

Holy Saturday Apr.16th :

Easter Vigil : 6.30 pm

Easter Sunday Apr 17th : 9 am, 10.30 am, 12.00 noon

Mass Intentions for the week

<u>Sunday Mar 27th</u>

9.00 am -

1**0.30 am - †** Balkaran Samaroo

People in the Parish

Tuesday Mar 29th

8.30 am - I Leyland & I Vernon Deane

Wednesday Mar 30th

8.30 am - Healing intentions of Rolie

Healing intentions of Josie O'Neil

<u>Thursday Mar 31st</u> 8.30 am -Friday Apr 1st

<u>Friday Apr 1st</u> 8.30 am -<u>Saturday Apr 2nd</u>

5.00 pm - - + Katalyn Jurasits + Alcantara & + Dominic Menezes

Sunday Apr 3rd

9.00 am - † Andrew D'Cruz † Veeda & † John Don Paul

10.30 am - People in the Parish

12.00 pm - † Chirta Machado

Attention: Parents of prospective Confirmandi

Parents of the students anticipating to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year (Grade 7 and Grade 8 -who have not received the sacrament), please contact school and give your child's name and information required to your child's school. All name lists are taken from parish schools. Online school students please give information to the parish school you are attached to.

Parish schools are:

St. Martin De Porres , St. Malachy, St. Ursula



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