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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.

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**1st Reading:** Isaiah 2.1-5  
**2nd Reading:** Romans 13.11-14  
**Gospel:** Matthew 24.37-44

*The Necessity for Watchfulness*

## Preparing Ourselves for Christ

This Sunday marks the beginning of the beautiful season of Advent, a time to deepen our relationship with Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus exhorts us to “keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.” This exhortation doesn’t imply that we are expected to never sleep, or sin, again, but that we must consistently strive to move from a life of running towards sin, to a life of running away from sin.

One tremendous way we can do this is to receive God’s merciful love in the sacrament of reconciliation. It is important to remember that the Lord eagerly and lovingly awaits to forgive us. The whole purpose of the Incarnation was for this reason, as St. John says in his first letter, “in this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.” Jesus became man for our salvation. In going to confession, we are enabling the Lord to fulfill His salvific mission in our lives which brings Him boundless joy.

This cleansing of our sins will greatly help us live out our lives as stewards by infusing all of our actions with the grace that flows from the sacrament. In order to receive the graces well, let us foster a sense of contrition for our sins, a firm purpose of amendment for our lives and a commitment to penance. All parishes in the Archdiocese will be hosting an Advent Day of Confessions to make it easier for us to avail ourselves to this sacrament. Let us take this season of preparation to become better stewards by properly preparing our own souls for the coming of Christ in our 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.**



St. Martin de Porres - Council 12909

## Christmas Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus at St. Martin de Porres parish will be holding a Christmas Food Drive in support of the **Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities** this holiday season. We are asking that parishioners bring non-perishable food items to **St Martin dePorres Parish between 9AM and Noon on Saturday December 10th**. Knights from Council 12909 will be in front of the church to collect these food items.. These items will go to support the over 1,700 families that have requested help this Christmas season from the Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities and your donation of food items will help bring joy to many people at this special time of year.

### Suggested Items Include:

- Cereal
- Drinks
- Soup
- Canned meats/fish
- Pasta sauce
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Baby food

Thank you for your support!



# Christmas Concert 2022

With Christmas just around the corner, a Carol evening is being held on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, in the church after the 5:00 pm mass.

Join us for an evening of Christmas music and fellowship followed by a Hot Chocolate & Cookie reception after, in the lobby.

It's been a while, so come, celebrate the season.

All are invited - looking forward to seeing you there.



## Mass Intentions for the week



### Saturday Nov 26th

- 5.00 pm - † Anthony Fernandes
- † Maria August
- † Maria Paul
- † Ofelia De Cos Santos

### Sunday Nov 27th

- 9.00 am - † Seymour McRae & Deceased members of family
- † Bernard & Deliah Harper & deceased family members
- 10.30 am - People in the Parish
- 12.00 pm - † Deceased members of Shemain Family

### Tuesday Nov 29th

- 8.30 am - † Howard & Jackie Bryce
- Special Mass

### Wednesday Nov 30th

- 8.30 am - † Deceased members of Legion of Mary
- Yvonne Middlecoat

### Thursday December 1st

- 8.30 am - † Rosemary Bass

### Friday December 2nd

- 8.30 am - † Paul Sciberras

### Saturday December 3rd

- 5.00 pm - † Onofre Lopez
- B'day blessings for Dorine Couture
- † Mary Magaret Swampilla
- † V.A. Swampilla

### Sunday December 4th

- 9.00 am - † Andrew D' Cruz
- † Veeda & John Don Paul
- 10.30 am - † Noemi Gallardo
- † Jose Pontillas Sr.
- 12.00 pm - People in the Parish

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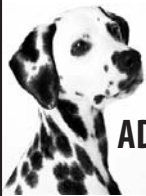
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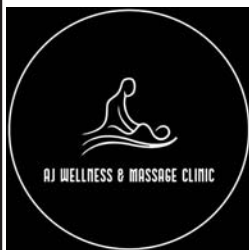
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