
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.

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416-284-6131





1st Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

2nd Reading: Romans 15.4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

A Stewardship Examination

As Christmas carols take over radio stations and shopping malls are filled to capacity, it is easy to lose track of the true purpose of Advent. Essentially, Advent is a time to prepare for the Lord's coming on Christmas Day as well as his final coming at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our own individual judgement day is coming too, where we will stand before the throne of God and give an account of how we have used all the gifts and blessings we have received.

Cardinal Collins in his *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship** states that "A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master ... and must eventually give an account to the Master for the way in which [the gifts] have been cared for and made fruitful." This Advent season reminds us to conduct a humble examination of how are we best using our God-given gifts for His glory and the good of the Church.

Are we staying faithful to our practice of prayer? Are we using our time to serve and journey with others? Are we taking an active role in the life of the parish community? Are we serving the less fortunate in our community, remembering Christ's words to serve the poor? Are we living for the present world or for the world to come? Let us take this Advent to re-examine how we are being stewards of the gifts in our lives and recommit to fully living the Gospel.

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!



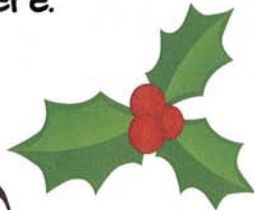
Christmas Concert 2022

With Christmas just around the corner, a Carol evening is being held on Saturday, December 17th, 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 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

Tuesday Dec 6 th

- 8.30 am -

Wednesday Dec 7th

- 8.30 am -

Thursday December 8th

- 8.30 am -

Friday December 9th

- 8.30 am -

Saturday December 10th

- 5.00 pm -

Sunday December 11th

- 9.00 am - † Nicholas Choong

- 10.30 am - † Juanita & Emiliano Aygo
People in the Parish

- 12.00 pm - † John Noronha

Dear Parishioners,



We would request you to bring Poinsettia plants for decorating the Sanctuary on December 22nd Morning.

Envelope Boxes :

Envelope Boxes will be ready for pickup During December 10th / 11th Weekend.



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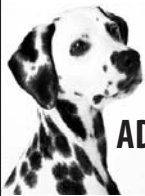
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