
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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1st Reading: Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10

2nd Reading: James 5.7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11

Jesus Praises John the Baptist

Rejoicing amidst the Darkness

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” These are the words proclaimed in the entrance antiphon of Mass for Gaudete Sunday this week. It urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord, and as good stewards of Christ, we should always strive to live lives inundated with the joy that flows from the Lord.

In order to do this, we must understand the difference between joy and happiness, for the Lord never promised us happiness. Instead He says, “I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete” (John 15:11). Happiness is a result of our good circumstances, because we feel good, or we had something positive happen to us, etc. Joy on the other hand goes much deeper. Henri Nouwen describes it as “the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing -- sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death -- can take that love away.”

So joy is the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved sons and daughters of God even amidst the trials of our life. Henri Nouwen further describes joy as a choice we must make every day. How often in our difficult lives do we take solace and rejoice in our identities of being beloved children of God? This Gaudete Sunday let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, “Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete” (John 16:24).

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.



Our Parish, 50+ Committee is happy to announce that we are having a Christmas Party on

Dec 21st from 12 noon - 2 pm in the Church Hall. A hot lunch will be served.

Please renew your membership and receive the Christmas Party ticket.

Annual membership is \$10.00 per person - please bring exact change.

Tickets are available after each Mass this weekend and next weekend.

Looking forward to seeing all our seniors and having a great time!



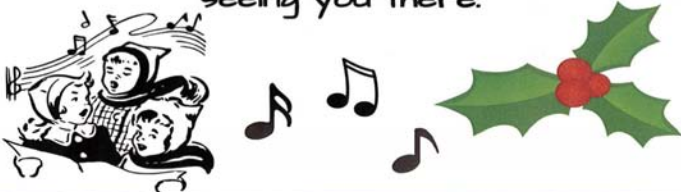
Christmas Concert 2022

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 10th

10.30 am—Memorial Mass Peggy Dggan
5.00 pm -

Sunday December 11th

9.00 am - † Nicholas Choong
† Peggy Duggan

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

12.00 pm - † John Noronha

Tuesday Dec 13 th

8.30 am - † Deceased members of Clarence & Dagma families
† Angelica Gonsalves

Wednesday Dec 14th

8.30 am - Healing intentions for Jeyathas

Thursday December 15th

8.30 am - † Juan Miel
† Mary Gayonda
† Kim Tan

Friday December 16th

8.30 am - † Laureana Varona
† Aniceto Varona Jr

Saturday December 17th

5.00 pm - † Adaviges Jaminez
B'day Blessings for Jenia Aquino

Sunday December 18th

9.00 am - People in the Parish

10.30 am - † Jose & Dominga Barrachea
† Romeo Toribio

12.00 pm - † Rosita Castro

Winter Clothing Donation Drive for Indigenous Communities in Manitoba and Northwest Territories

We would appreciate if you can bring your donated winter clothing for remote indigenous communities during the weekend Masses on December 17th and December 18th.



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

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