# St. Martin De Porres Parish

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Oh Come Let us Adore Him

# **Nativity of the Lord**

1st Reading: Isaiah 9.2-4,6-7
2nd Reading: Titus 2.11-14

Gospel: Luke 2.1-16

# Commemoration of Jesus' Birth

Today we join Christians all over the world in celebrating the birth of Jesus. We rejoice that God has come to save us and today, we kneel before the manger in awe and gratitude. *O come let us Adore him* 

When we look at the nativity scene, we see hay and animals. And right in the center of it all is Jesus, the Son of God, lying in a manger. We would never have thought that Jesus would choose to make His glorious swelling in such a humble setting. This truth needs to sink in. Jesus, the Messiah, was willing to be born in a stable. No pomp. No fanfare. No royal attendants. His presence alone made that stable glorious.

Everyday, Jesus continues to come to us in humility. He chooses to enter the ordinary circumstances and make them glorious. When He does, our lives are graced just as the stable was 2000 years ago. Just as He came to an untidy stable, Jesus is happy to come into our messy homes. Just as He was surrounded by the sounds of noisy animals, He is there in the midst of crying children or difficult relationships. Just as He came to a displaced family huddled in a cave, He is there when we feel isolated and afraid. He comes to prison cells and hospital rooms just as readily He comes to families gathered around the table and worshippers around the altar. Jesus is always Emmanuel, God with us, in times of joy and times of sorrow. He comes and fills us with His glory.

# Regular Mass Schedule

# **Weekday Masses:**

Daily Morning Mass will be celebrated Tuesday to Friday at 8:30 a.m.

# **Weekend Schedule:**

Saturday (Vigil) Mass – 5 p.m. Sunday Masses – 9:00 a.m. (livestream)

> 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.

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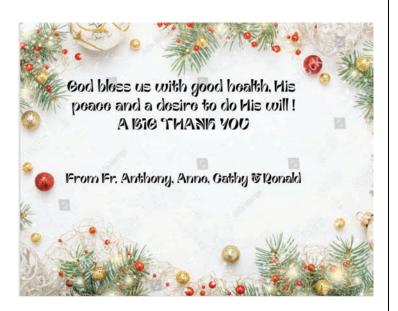
WISHING ALL PARISHIONERS A
BLESSED, PEACEFUL, AND A
MERRY CHRSITMAS!

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Merry Christmas to all of you and your loved ones near and far. May we celebrate Christ's Birthday by giving ourselves totally to Him.

I, Fr. Anthony Gonsalves, take this opportunity to hank all our Parishioners, who have through their generous donation, helped to keep the Parish afloat. I would like to thank Lectors, the Eucharistic ministers, the Music Ministry, the Hospitality Ministers, our Staff, and all those who gave of their time talent to make all our Eucharistic celebrations more meaningful and lastly those who work tirelessly in a very silent manner.



# **Mass Intentions for the week**

Saturday Dec 24th

5:00 pm – Parish intentions

Sunday Dec 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am - Thanksgiving mass - D'Cruz Family

Thanksgiving mass – Don Paul Family

10:30 am - + Angelica Gonsalves

12:00 pm - Parish intentions

Tuesday Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am - Thanksgiving mass – Marian

Fernando

Wednesday Dec. 28th

8:30 am - + Veeda Don Paul

Thursday Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am - + Maria & Francisco Macri

Friday Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am - Thanksgiving - Edmar



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