
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 60.1-6

2nd Reading:

Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

Gospel:

Matthew 2.1-12

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Over the Christmas season, we give presents to different people, and they give presents to us. The roots of giving of presents lie in the story of the wise men who, on arriving at the stable in Bethlehem, fell on their knees and offered their best gifts to the baby who was born a King. Christmas can be more than just the season for exchanging presents.

Even more, it is a time for being present, that is sharing ourselves with others, showing them warmth, affection, and sincerity. The sharing of our personal presence is vital. Our practical gift-giving may be superficial, going through the motions, more a way of keeping the peace than of being really present.

The Magi were generous and sincere visitors, whose gifts expressed reverence, gratitude and love for the child in the manger. Their gifts were given with no conditions attached and no mixed motives. The mixed motives in our own gift-giving may make us feel that the commercialization of Christmas should be restrained and restricted, if not eliminated altogether.

Yet, the consumerism of Christmas is somewhat necessary. If it became a completely spiritual celebration, hundreds of small businesses would go to the wall. Thousands of factory workers making bon-bon, trees, chocolates, decorations, cards, and toys, would find themselves unemployed. Also, if people did not buy gifts to give to family and friends, their consciences might not be stirred to make donations to the poor and needy at this special time of giving and sharing.

At Epiphany, we are celebrating the greatest proof of goodness in our world, of God's personal love for each of us. It was an act of love when the Father gave us His Son, to be our Light, our Saviour, our King and our joy. This great gift is nothing less than the Divine presence in our lives.

Regular Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses:

Daily morning mass will be celebrated Tuesday to Friday at 8:30 am.

Weekend Schedule:

Saturday (Vigil) Mass **5:00 pm**

Sunday Masses **9:00 am**
(livestream)

10:30 am

12:00 pm

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*We have come
to worship Him!*





Having A Clear Goal In Mind

During a pilgrimage to the holy land, most pilgrims and myself stood up to our knees in the River Jordan, to renew the promises of our baptism. It was a moving experience as we remembered the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus after His baptism. By being baptized into Him, we are counted as members of God's beloved family. United with Jesus, we are made like Him, God's own daughters and sons. Others who stood that day in the Jordan will remember that moment today and use it to renew their commitment to Jesus. But all of us baptized somewhere, sometime, and we can claim that baptism fully as our own.

Jesus' baptism is a vital moment in our story of salvation, where He joined with humanity in the humble outreach to God, and where the Father and the Spirit are seen and heard to be there with Him. Our Gospel says that 'the heavens were opened', a powerful statement of the point of contact between heaven and earth. Later on, as Jesus, our Lord completes His life-journey on Calvary, we read how the 'veil of the Temple was rent in two', a symbol that we are not completely free to enter the Holy of Holies.

The Gospel for the 9th of January 2023, has Jesus beginning a journey which each of us is asked to travel. It is a journey full of purpose, a journey of intent. We need a sense of purpose and pattern to our living. St. Peter summarized the purpose and pattern of Christ's life when he said, "went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him". We are each invited, personally, to make this purpose our own.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday January 7th

5:00 pm - +Raul Collaco
+Carlotta Fernandes

Sunday January 8th

12:00 pm – Elvina Pierre

Tuesday January 10th

8:30 am – Olivia D'Cruz

Wed. January 11th

8:30 am - +John Noronha

Birthday blessings:

Jose Ibarrientos
Francine Nagum

Thurs. January 12th

8:30 an – Phyllis Christoperson



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