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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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## 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.

### Parish Schools

St. Martin De Porres School

416-393-5286

St. Malachy School

416-393-5336

St. Ursula School

416-393-5306

## Diocesan Services

Birthright (pregnancy support)

416-469-1111

Catholic Family Services:

416-921-1163

(counselling for individuals and families)

Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages)

416-281-6007

Catholic Cemeteries

416-733-8544

Catholic Cultural Services

416-757-7010

New Beginnings

416-222-1101

St. Vincent de Paul Society

416-284-6131

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# SALT & MATTHEW 5:13-16 LIGHT

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:  
*Isaiah 58:6-10*

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:  
*1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

Gospel:  
*Matthew 5:13-16*

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time *Light of Stewardship*

St. Teresa of Avila is famously quoted for saying, "from sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us." She believes that Christians who are on fire for their faith shouldn't be downcast but instead be joyful stewards of Christ. In today's Gospel, Jesus says "let your light shine before human beings so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matt 5:16).

Jesus challenges us to let our light shine brightly. We must not be stewards with gloomy and sour faces, but ones that shine with the peace and joy of knowing we are beloved children of God. Pope Francis says that "we need smiling Christians, not because they take things lightly, but because they are filled with the joy of God, because they believe in love and live to serve."

When people see us, they should be able to see the love and joy that emanates not from us, but from God dwelling within us. As stewards, we should fight the temptation to become complacent or robotic in our good works, doing them as if we're on autopilot. Instead, we should strive to be intentionally joyful and light-hearted as we serve Christ and His Church. Let us ask ourselves today, does our demeanour as stewards showcase the reality of God's transforming love to others? Does our light truly shine forth as a witness to the world?

### SUMMARY

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### 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**

**10:30 am**

**12:00 pm**

<https://stmartindeporesc.archtoronto.org/en/>



Dear Parents and Guardians,

At St Martin de Porres, we have a dedicated team of volunteers who share their precious time to serve your little ones, in the Liturgy of the Word for Children Program. The session takes place each Sunday at the 10:30 mass. While the adults are having their celebration in the sanctuary, the children will have their lessons in the hall. The program is to share the Word of God in a simplified way adaptable to their age.

We welcome children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3 who have not yet received the first communion to join us each week. The session is about 20-25 minutes. The children will be brought back to the sanctuary to rejoin their parents for the rest of the mass.

Please encourage your children to participate in the program. May they come to know their friend Jesus through the Word of God.

## **Mass Intentions for the Week**

### Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am - ✦Victoria Rodrigues

5:00 pm - Regina Edwards - Thanksgiving  
✦Joaquim Azavedo

### Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am - ✦Andrew D'Cruz  
✦Veeda & John Don Paul  
✦Domenico Caldaroni  
✦Mae Choong

10:30 am - Thanksgiving offered by Edgardo  
✦Angelica and Hilario Gonsalves

12:00 pm - Romeo John Almojuela – speedy healing  
recovery  
✦Norie Cadhit

### Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am - ✦Norie Cadhit

### Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>

8:30am - ✦Norie Cadhit

### Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am - ✦Norie Cadhit  
✦Howard and Jacky Bryce

### Friday February 10<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am - ✦Norie Cadhit

## **Dominican Friars Youth Interfaith Video Contest 2023**

The Office for Interreligious Dialogue invites high school students to participate in the Youth Interfaith Video Contest sponsored by the Dominican Friars of Toronto in collaboration with The Catholic Register, and Salt + Light Media. The theme of the contest is, "A Pathway to the Future," taken from the United Nations' International Day of Human Fraternity (February 4).

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-fraternity>

This is an opportunity for young learners to explore the theme and appreciate the value of diverse faith traditions. We encourage participants to not only highlight the contest theme but to reach out to collaborate and engage with people of diverse cultural and religious backgrounds.

The contest begins on Monday, February 6 and closes on Monday, April 17. The length of the video should not be more than three minutes. For complete contest details, please see the poster at <https://bit.ly/3ZF99kF>. The video can be submitted at this link: <https://www.catholicregister.org/videocontest>.

For any queries, please contact Office for Interreligious Dialogue, at [Interreligious@archtoronto.org](mailto:Interreligious@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527

## **DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

### **Legacy Gifts to Any Part of the Archdiocese From: Peter Okonski, Planned Giving & Personal Gifts**

If you have included your parish or favourite archdiocesan charity in your Will or estate plan, please let us know. Through the Legacy Society of the Archdiocese of Toronto, we would like to say a special thank you.

All Legacy Society members are invited to the Annual Legacy Society Lunch & Mass at the Archdiocese of Toronto. They also receive:

- A hand-crafted cross blessed by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins.
- A personal letter from Cardinal Collins and a certificate acknowledging your intention.
- Invitations to Legacy Society functions and other special events.

Let your legacy be a testament of your faith! All Legacy Society members have the option of remaining anonymous. If you have any questions, please contact the Development Office at [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org).

## **50+ Group – Save the Date**

Mark your calendars! We will celebrate Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm with lunch and an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Tickets will be on sale the weekends of February 4/5 and February 11/12.



### **Are you Indigenous and Catholic?**

Did you know that St. Ann's Parish in Toronto is home to the Archdiocese of Toronto's Native People's Mission? We offer an enculturated weekly Sunday Mass at 12:30 pm that honours traditional spirituality. All are welcome. 120 First Ave., Toronto. More information at - <https://nativepeoplesmission.archtoronto.org/>. Miigwech.

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