
St. Martin De Porres Parish

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Pastoral Team

Pastor - Rev. Anthony Gonsalves

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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 Cemeteries

416-733-8544

Catholic Family Services:

416-921-1163

Catholic Cultural Services

416-757-7010

(counselling for individuals and families)

New Beginnings

416-222-1101

Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages)

416-281-6007

St. Vincent de Paul Society

416-284-6131

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



1st Reading:
Sirach 15.15-20

2nd Reading:
1 Corinthians 2.6-10

Gospel:
Matthew 5:17-37

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time *Going the Extra Mile*

In today's Gospel we hear some of Jesus' bold proclamations to the people of Israel which are still applicable to us 2000 years later. Jesus says "You have heard what was said to those of ancient times ... but I say to you..." He challenges his followers to go above and beyond their limits of charity and to not settle for their old previous notions of what it meant to love.

This is an important lesson for us as stewards who strive to follow Christ and serve Him and the Church. We should not just offer our gifts to our parish community in a mediocre way, but strive to do so as generously as possible. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that "as good stewards, we are meant to use God's gift fruitfully and creatively, so that with true gratitude for what we have received we may return God's gifts to Him with increase." The key word in the Cardinal's exhortation is "increase."

How often do we go the extra mile in our sharing of our time and talent? How often do we surpass our comfortable notions of how much we want to love? Jesus is asking all of His stewards to give of themselves generously. Perhaps we can try to take a little more time this week for prayer and commit more wholeheartedly to the ministries we are involved in. Let us always strive to be better and remember the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who said, "You were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."

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://stmartindeporressc.archtoronto.org/en/>

Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2023

Saturday March 4 – 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST

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CONTACT: Sadie, 905-270-2510 or write to: Catholic Renewal Ministries 84008 Wellandport Road Welland, Ontario, L0R 2J0

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday February 11th

5:00 pm - Sylvia Pereira - Healing
 †John Noronha – 1 yr. memorial

Sunday February 12th

9:00 am - Everette Harper
 †Norie Cadhit

10:30 am - †Norie Cadhit
 †Bertram Fernandez
 †William Ronquillo

12:00 pm - Pietro & Maria Schembri – 60th Wedding
 †Norie Cadhit

Tuesday February 14th

8:30 am - †Ethel MCGilley

6:30 pm - †Norie Cadhit – Memorial Mass

Wednesday February 15th

8:30am - †Kim Tan
 †Mary Tan

**FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
 & CONFIRMATION 2023**

FIRST RECONCILIATION DATES

February 8, Wed. 6:30 pm In-person Class
 February 15, Wed. 6:30 pm Reconciliation

FIRST COMMUNION DATES

June 10, Sat, 9:00 am St. Martin
 June 10, Sat, 11:00 am St. Ursula
 June 10, Sat, 1:00 pm St. Malachy

In-person classes

March 30, Thurs. 6:30 – 7:30 pm
 April 13, Thurs. 6:30 – 7:30 pm
 April 20, Thurs. 6:30 – 7:30 pm
 April 27, Thurs. 6:30 – 7:30 pm
 June 8, Thurs. 6:30 – 7:30 pm

CONFIRMATION DATES

May 30, Tues. 6:30 pm St. Ursula
 May 31, Wed. 6:30 pm St. Martin
 June 2, Fri. 6:30 pm St. Malachy

Confirmation Enrollment

April 16, Sun. 10:30 am

Confirmation Registration

April 29, Sat. 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Preparation Classes:

April 30, Sun. 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
 May 7, Sun. 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
 May 14, Sun. 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
 May 21, Sun. 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

May 28, Sun. 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm RETREAT

50+ Group

Valentine's Luncheon - February 16th at 12:30

Tickets are on sale after all the masses this weekend. The price for members is \$12, and \$15 for non-members. Please try and bring exact change.

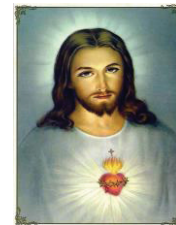
Please note that if you think you may have leftovers that you would want to take home, please bring a reusable container, as we will not have styrofoam containers available. Thank you for your consideration of the environment.

Please join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.



The **Legion of Mary** is hosting a “**Book Borrow**” on **February 25 and 26** on all Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please come and check us out at the foyer before and after all the Masses. You may borrow books and sign up to be active or auxiliary members for the Legion of Mary, and also sign up if you want the pilgrim Virgin Mary statue to be brought to your house for a week or two.

Thank you!
 Our Lady Cause of Our Joy Praesidium
 St. Martin De Porres Church



Reflecting on Cardinal Collins’ Pastoral Letter on the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sacred Heart and Social Justice

The Sacred Heart statues with outstretched hands challenge us to care for those most in need. The famous story of such a statue of the Sacred Heart, with hands blown off during battles in World War I France, speaks of this. When, after

the war, the parishioners wanted to get a sculptor to repair the hands, a wiser person said: “No, leave it as it is, but put a sign on the statue saying ‘You are His hands’.”

And so we are, extending the practical love of Jesus to others. Head, heart, and hands.

To learn more about the Cardinal’s letter, *Heart Speaks to Heart*, visit www.archtoronto.org/sacredheart.

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