
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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



1st Reading:
Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25;
3.1-7

2nd Reading:
Romans 5.12-19

Gospel:
Matthew 4.1-11

1st Sunday of Lent

Fasting and Feasting

As we begin this great season of Lent it is important to take some time to reflect on how we plan to best spend this time to grow as stewards of Christ. We often associate Lent with fasting and penances, which are undoubtedly good. However, it is important that if we are going to give something up, we should strive to replace it with something good as well, for Aristotle famously said that “nature abhors a vacuum.”

This leads us to the practice of “fasting and feasting” in Lent. Through this practice we are able to cultivate strong stewardship through fasting from things that are unvirtuous and feasting on charitable and wholesome acts. Let us take some time to prayerfully reflect on how we can implement the following list this Lenten season.

Fast from judging others; Feast on the Christ dwelling in them. Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of life. Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify. Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude. Fast from anger; Feast on patience. Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation. Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives. Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others. Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that strengthens. In essence, let us fast from anything that prevents us from being good stewards and feast on those practices that strengthens us.

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/>

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday February 25th

10:00 am - † Angelica Gonsalves – Memorial mass

Sunday February 26th

9:00 am - Andrew D’Cruz – Heavenly birthday

† Sydney Roberts Sr.

† Jill Whittaker

10:30 am

12:00 pm - † Norie Cadhit

Monday February 27th

Tuesday February 28th

8:30 am - † Immaculata Pazzano

† Christopher Lyne

Wednesday March 1st

8:30 am - † Rosemary Bass

Thursday March 2nd

Friday March 3rd



The Youth Empowerment Support Group and the Native Child Family Services of Toronto are having a food drive

The most needed items are:

- boxes of cereal
- oatmeal
- granola Bars
- canned vegetables
- pasta sauce
- rice
- beans
- noodles
- applesauce
- condiments
- crackers
- cookies
- snack/lunchbox items
- coffee/tea
- and toiletries and feminine hygiene products

Administrative Assistant – St. Martin de Porres Church

Educational Qualifications: Gr. 12 diploma/2 yrs in a community college.
Skills: Good communication (written & verbal), attention to detail, phone etiquette, discretion, serving our parishioners with integrity, ability to prioritize and having a pleasant personality.
Experience: 2 yrs. or more of admin. asst experience.
Work hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm.
 Salary and other remunerations to be discussed at the interview.
 Please forward your resume to my personal email: franthonygns@hotmail.com
 Please provide 3 references (name and contact information of previous employers).

50+ Group

Thank you to all the members who attended our Valentine's event and made it a huge success. Thanks also to the wonderful musicians - John, Ian, Diane & Adrian who had everyone singing as well as up and dancing. Mark your calendars for our next event on March 16th when we will celebrate and honour two saints - St. Patrick and St. Joseph.

World Day of Prayer

It is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women. It will be on Thursday, March 2, 2023, 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church (200 Morrish Rd). For more information, please call Edna (416) 266-6449.

FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2023

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation for the parish is on March 22, 2023, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.



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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