
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.

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



1st Reading:
Genesis 12.1-4

2nd Reading:
2 Timothy 1.8b-10

Gospel:
Matthew 17.1-9

2nd Sunday of Lent – The Transfiguration

Becoming Like God

In the Gospel this Sunday we are invited to reflect on the account of the Transfiguration. In this mystery, Jesus goes up the mountain with Peter, James and John, and is transfigured before them and briefly “discloses His divine glory” (CCC 555). Moreover, “the Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ’s glorious coming, when he will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body” (CCC 556).

The mystery of the Transfiguration alludes to the teaching of the Church called divinization, in which we believe that we humans will be made like God. Not only does Jesus raise us from sin, death and hell, but He even raises us up to divine life. He desires us to be made sharers in His own divine nature and participate in the life of the Trinity. St. Athanasius boldly proclaims that “He was made man that we might be made God.”

We can share in the Trinitarian life by cooperating in the work of God. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* states that “God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense.” To be a steward is to be deified and take part in the life of the Trinity. How often do we appreciate this rich reality of being a steward for Christ? Let us take some time to reflect on our raised identities in Christ and strive to be greater stewards in our parishes.

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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday March 4th

9:00 am - † Annette Colosimo

5:00 pm - Cyril Dias – For good health
 † Estela Encarnacion

Sunday March 5th

9:00 am - † Andrew D’Cruz
 † Sydney Roberts Sr.
 † Robin Fernandes

10:30 am - † Angelica and Hilario Gonsalves
 † Fario Ala

12:00 pm - † Rosa Maravilla

Monday March 6th

8:30 am - Glen Whalen – Speedy Recovery
 † Muriel Bryce

Tuesday March 7th

8:30 am - Thanksgiving Mass to St Martin De Porres
 Amanda Musprat – Good health
 † Stanislaus Stephen

Wednesday March 8th

8:30 am - † Alison Cissee

Thursday March 9th

8:30 am - † Bernadette Hamill
 † Aniceto Varona Jr.

Friday March 10th

8:30 am - Thanksgiving mass for favours received
 through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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

The most needed items are:

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



Live the Gospel by supporting ShareLife

ShareLife Sunday is March 26.

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Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

50+ Group

Mark your calendars for our next event on Thursday, March 16th when we will celebrate and honour two saints - St. Patrick and St. Joseph.



STATIONS of the CROSS

Please join us in praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:30 pm.

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
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Confirmation Registration

April 29, Sat.	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
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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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