
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 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



1st Reading:
Exodus 17.3-7

2nd Reading:
Romans 5.1-2, 5-8

Gospel:
John 4.5-42

3rd Sunday of Lent – Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

Living in the Living Waters

In the Gospel today we reflect on the episode of Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman at the well. The passage recounts that Jesus was "tired" yet he still went out of His way to minister to the woman. Jesus tells her that "the water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." Through this image of water Jesus is alluding to the gift of the Holy Spirit that the Lord wishes to lavish upon His children (CCC 728).

As stewards of Christ we are called to generously share our time and talents with our parish community. However, a mere sharing of our gifts without the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit can easily lead us to becoming burnt out, discouraged or resentful. It is important to have all of our charitable acts infused with the Spirit. This way it is not our own merits but the Lord's grace bringing about conversion in our parishes.

How often do we invoke the Holy Spirit before we serve the Lord as stewards? It is in this invocation that we humbly recognize that it is the Lord, through us, accomplishing great deeds. Let us begin each day with the traditional prayer to the Holy Spirit. "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love." Let us bring about a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the hearts of our parish community by constantly turning to Him to strengthen us.

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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 March 11th

9:00 am -

5:00 pm - Rachel Dias - For good health
✠Patrick Pereira
✠John Noronha

Sunday March 12th

9:00 am - ✠Elisa Catulay
 ✠Sydney Roberts Sr.

10:30 am - ✠Eleonora Anna Carnemolla

12:00 pm -

Monday March 13th

9:00 am -

Tuesday March 14th

8:30 am -

Wednesday March 15th

8:30 am - ✠Kim Tan

Thursday March 16th

8:30 am - Dennis Declaro – Birthday blessing

Friday March 17th

8:30 am - ✠Franco Ratnam



As Cardinal Collins prepares to conclude his remarkable journey with us as our Archbishop, we are thrilled to invite you to a special online event with him on March 16 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. titled, "Embracing Gratitude". During this time, Cardinal Collins will reflect on his many years of service in our Archdiocese, share insights into the nature of his own spirituality and conversion, and kindly offer suggestions on how we can all grow in holiness by engaging others. "Embracing Gratitude" will offer us a special opportunity to connect with our beloved Shepherd before he departs as our Archbishop. We hope you will be able to join us for this very special moment.

If you have questions for Cardinal Collins during the conversation, please email them, in advance, to Quentin Schesnuik at quentins@archtoronto.org.

50+ Group

Mark your calendars for March 16th when we will celebrate and honour two saints - **St. Patrick** and **St. Joseph**. Tickets will be on sale after all the masses, this weekend. The price is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members. Please try and have exact change. Please also note that if you need a takeout container, please bring a reusable one from home, as we no longer have styrofoam containers available. Hope to see you all in attendance.

We encourage you to wear **brown** to honour and celebrate St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, and/or **green** to celebrate St. Patrick.

ShareLife

Live the Gospel by helping our vulnerable brothers and sisters

ShareLife Sunday is March 26 and we once again ask you to give generously to support Catholic agencies, who in turn care for the most vulnerable in our communities.

As a parish, this is our opportunity to live the Gospel!

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



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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