

# Living the Gospel



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## **St. Martin De Porres Parish**

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:**  
**1 Samuel 16.1b,**  
**6-7, 10-13**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:**  
**Ephesians 5.8-14**

**Gospel:**  
**John 9.1-41**

### 4th Sunday of Lent – Jesus Heals a Blind Man

#### *True Recovery of Sight*

In today's Gospel we encounter Jesus healing a man who was born blind. In all of the Bible, this is the only healing of a man blind since birth, whereas other healings were of temporary blindness. The uniqueness of this great mystery offers us the ability to richly reflect on what it means to be good stewards of Christ.

Firstly, while the man was healed of his physical sight, the more remarkable miracle was his ability to grasp Jesus' true identity. When Jesus reveals to him that He is the Son of Man, the blind man boldly responds, "Lord, I believe." The blind man did not come to this realization on his own, but it was the Lord's working in his life that led him to this change of heart.

So too in all of us, it is the Lord and His grace that brings about our interior conversion. We must never fall into the temptation that our faith and charity is the result of our own strength or abilities. After the blind man's encounter, it says "he worshipped Him." As good stewards we should seek to imitate his example, falling down in thanksgiving and adoration for all of the grace and gifts the Lord has poured into our lives. Let us take a moment today to praise God most especially for the gifts of our Catholic faith and the Church.

#### *Summary*

In the Gospel Jesus performs a two-fold miracle of healing a man of his physical blindness and his spiritual blindness. So too in all of us, it is the Lord and His grace that brings about the miracle of our interior conversion. Let us imitate the cured blind man and fall at the feet of Jesus and thank Him for the gifts and graces He has poured into our lives.

#### 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 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am -

5:00 pm -              Jillian Dias – For good health  
                                 †P. T. Thomas  
                                 †Irene Dias

##### Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am -              †Veeda & John Don Paul  
                                 †Peggy Duggan

10:30 am -            †Roosevet Chuze

12:00 pm -            † Malcohm Jayathilake &  
                                 Elmo Jayathilake

##### Monday March 20<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am -

##### Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup>

8:30 am -              †Kees Lips  
                                 †Jan Lips

##### Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 am -

##### Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:30 am -

##### Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am -              †Ursula Braganza

**ShareLife**

**Show your love on the Feast of St. Joseph through ShareLife**

Today we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph and reflect on his holy life and the way he loved and cared for Jesus and Mary.

Next week is ShareLife Sunday. May we emulate St. Joseph's example and share our blessings with the least of our brothers and sisters.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



**Saint Joseph**

Patron of Canada and the Universal Church, pray for us. (Feast Day March 19)



**Sunday, March 26, 2023 04:00 PM - Sunday, March 26, 2023 05:30 PM**

Maximilian Kolbe Church, 4260 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga

Right to Life Mississauga & Area will be hosting an in-person event on Medical Assisted Suicide entitled:

"The Real Impacts of MAiD (Medical Assisted Suicide) Revealed!" Mark your calendars and join us for this event where Right to Life Mississauga Area will be hosting three knowledgeable and notable speakers who have first-hand experience with the legislative, institutional and personal impacts of what is becoming out-of-control Medical Assistance in Dying legislation (known as MAiD), thinly veiled as compassionate care.

A Reception including light fare and refreshments will be held, with doors opening at 3:30 pm.



**Archdiocese of Toronto**

Bishop Frank Leo of Montreal will be installed as the next Archbishop of Toronto during a special Mass and ceremony to take place on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in downtown Toronto. Let us include him in our prayers.

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



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

**Redemptorist Vocation Come & See Evening Tuesday, March 21, 2023 4:30 PM - Tuesday, March 21, 2023 9:00 PM**

St. Patrick's Church, Toronto, 131 McCaul St., Toronto

Ever considered life as a Priest or Brother? Wondering if God might be calling you? Curious about a Vocation as a Redemptorist? **Come and See** – The Redemptorists invite Catholic young men (age 18-39) to an evening dinner and discussion to learn more about discernment and a call to Redemptorist life and ministry. Interested in learning more? Contact Fr. Santo Arrigo CSsR. [ignite@redemptorists.ca](mailto:ignite@redemptorists.ca) for more information and how to register. Further event details will be made available upon registration. Pre-Registration is required for this event by Friday, March 17.

**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, 20, 27 & June 8	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, May 7, 14, 21	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
May 28 (Retreat)	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm



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