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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-ing

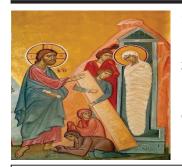
Please let the parish team know so that they can be supported sacramentally.

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 fam	ilies)	New Beginnings	416-222-1101
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages	s) 416-281-6007	St. Vincent de Paul Society	416-284-6131



1st Reading: Ezekiel 37.12-14

2nd Reading: Romans 8.8-11

Gospel: John 11.1-45

5th Sunday of Lent – The Raising of Lazarus

Raising from Death to Life

In today's Gospel we encounter the great mystery of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. This apparent death of Lazarus was not in vain for Jesus says it occurred so "that the Son of God may be glorified through it." After raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus instructs the crowd to "unbind him, and let him go"

This "unbinding" signifies that Jesus doesn't just raise him from the dead but also sets him free. So too, through God's great gift of forgiveness, He raises us from the death of sin and leads us to interior freedom. This Lent, let us seek God's forgiveness by availing ourselves to the sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. The Catechism says that "the sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true "spiritual resurrection," restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God" (CCC 1468).

Moreover, after Lazarus was freed it says that many people believed in Jesus. Likewise, after we receive God's forgiveness and live in freedom and friendship with God, we should be true stewards of God's gifts and evangelize those around us. Through the grace of the sacrament we will have the necessary strength to offer our time and talents to our parish community. So this Lent let us not remain in the death of sin but turn to Jesus and receive the life and freedom of forgiveness.

Summary

Just as Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, He raises us from the death of sin and leads us to interior freedom through His forgiveness. This Lent, let us seek God's forgiveness by availing ourselves to the sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. Through the grace of the sacrament we will have the necessary strength and grace to offer our time and talents to our parish community

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 25th

9:00 am - Dagma Fonseca – Birthday blessing

5:00 pm - Thanksgiving – M. Lawrence

†Jenny Sequeira

Sunday March 26th

9:00 am - Peter Hubbard

10:30 am -

12:00 pm -

Monday March 27th

9:00 am - Mayumi Chua – Birthday blessing

†Jenny Sequeira

Tuesday March 28th

8:30 am - \$\phi\Leyland & Vernon Deane

Teofilo & Maximina Gabon & deceased family members

Wednesday March 29th

8:30 am -

Thursday March 30th

8:30 am -

Friday March 31st

8:30 am - Pastiaan Vandenelshout

SL ShareLife

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday.

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. In the words of Cardinal Collins: "Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part."

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul bundle up weekend will take place April 15th & 16th. The perfect time to start your spring cleaning by clearing out those items of gently used clothing that you don't use anymore. We also accept gently used household linens, and gently used footwear.

Thank you for your generosity.

FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2023

FIRST COMMUNION DATES

June 10, Sat,9:00 amSt. MartinJune 10, Sat.11:00 amSt. UrsulaJune 10, Sat.1:00 pmSt. 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 RETREAT



Holy Week Worship Schedule

April 2nd Palm Sunday – Regular Saturday and Sunday Mass times

April 6th Holy Thursday - 6: 30 pm Washing of the Feet and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

April 7th Good Friday - 10:30 am Stations of the Cross

Services - 12:00 pm & 3:00 pm

Taizé Prayer - 7:30 pm

April 8th Easter Vigil – 6:30 pm

April 9th Easter Sunday – 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm



In appreciation of His Eminence, Cardinal Collins

"We receive so many good things from God: He is so good to us that it is fitting, indeed necessary, to say thank you." – Pope Benedict XVI

As he prepares to enter retirement, we would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to God for blessing us with so many years of faithful service from His Eminence, Cardinal Thomas Collins. We have all benefitted from his thoughtful leadership and steady hand, especially during the turbulent times of the health crisis these past few years. We wish him abundant blessings and continued good health in his retirement.

Thank you, Cardinal Collins!



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