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# St. Martin De Porres Parish

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## Pastoral Team

Pastor - Rev. Anthony Gonsalves

## Parish Office:

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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

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416-469-1111

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416-921-1163

(counselling for individuals and families)

Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages)

416-281-6007

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416-733-8544

Catholic Cultural Services

416-757-7010

New Beginnings

416-222-1101

St. Vincent de Paul Society

416-284-6131

## PALM SUNDAY



**Procession Gospel:**  
**Mt 21.1-11**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 2.6-11**

**Gospel: Matthew 26.14–27.66**

### **Palm (Passion) Sunday**

*Through the Eyes of a Donkey*

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred week in the entire liturgical calendar of the church. It opens with the celebration of Palm (Passion) Sunday where Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem riding a donkey amidst the waving palm branches. We can glean a great insight into true stewardship when we reflect on this event through the lens of the donkey which is a metaphor for our lives.

From the donkey's perspective, he sees a great crowd ready to welcome him into Jerusalem. He hears the singing of praises and sees them laying their coats and branches on his path. It would be easy for the donkey to feel prideful as he walks along. However, we as onlookers can clearly see that the crowds are not praising the donkey, but the one sitting upon the donkey, Jesus Christ.

As stewards offering ourselves to our parish community, we can be tempted to think that all of the compliments, praises and thanks we receive is properly owed to us. However, from this image of the donkey, we should strive to humbly recognize that all of our good works should lead others to Christ, not ourselves. The donkey served Christ just as we, through our time and talents, should serve Him and His body, the Church. This Palm Sunday let us ask ourselves, do we fully direct all of the praise, glory and honour of our actions to Jesus?

#### *Summary*

The donkey on which Christ rode into Jerusalem could've seen all the palms and praises being sung around him and been tempted to believe that he was the one they celebrated. However, we as onlookers can clearly see that the crowds are not praising the donkey, but the one sitting upon the donkey, Jesus Christ. This Palm Sunday let us learn from this image and ask ourselves, do we fully direct all of the praise, glory and honour of our actions to Jesus?

### **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 April 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 am -

5:00 pm -

✠Rosemary Bass

✠Epifanio & Purita Lladoc

✠Caesar Pecus – 20<sup>th</sup> death anniversary

#### **Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 am -

✠Andrew D'Cruz

✠Veeda & John Don Paul

10:30 am -

✠Angelica & Hilario Gonsalves

12:00 pm -

✠Juanito Iyco

#### **Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00 am -

#### **Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am -

#### **Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am -

✠Stephen Maynard

✠Agnes O'Connor

#### **Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm -



### Welcoming Jesus into our hearts by sharing our blessings

Today is Palm Sunday. In our Lenten observance, we have been called to welcome Jesus into our hearts. Let us follow His example of sacrifice by sharing with those who need our help the most. One way we can do so is by giving generously to ShareLife.

Thank you for your support and for living the Gospel by providing for those in need!



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### 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 29, Thurs.	6:00 – 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
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#### Confirmation Registration

April 29, Sat.	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
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#### 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 6<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday - 6:30 pm  
Washing of the Feet and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

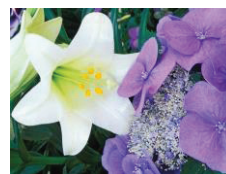
April 7<sup>th</sup> Good Friday - 10:30 am  
Stations of the Cross

Services – 12:00 pm & 3:00 pm

Taizé Prayer – 6:30 pm

April 8<sup>th</sup> Easter Vigil – 6:30 pm

April 9<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday – 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm



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