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

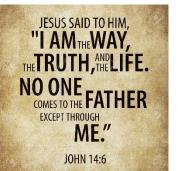
St. Martin De Porres School	416-393-5286
St. Malachy School	416-393-5336
St. Ursula School	416-393-5306

Diocesan Services

Birthright (pregnancy support)416-469-1111Catholic Family Services:416-921-1163(counselling for individuals and families)416-281-6007Retrouvaille (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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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5th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 6.1-7

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2.4-9

Gospel: John 14.1-12

Jesus the Way to the Father

Exercising our Priestly Call

"Beloved: let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood." These are the words of St. Peter that we find in the second reading today. St. Peter exhorts us to see ourselves as priests. The Catechism says, "the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king" (CCC 1546).

What is the primary and essential act that priests perform? The answer is simply that priests offer sacrifices. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that "In exercising this office, [disciples] most fully realize the meaning of [their] Christian stewardship.

To be an authentic steward is to offer our God-given gifts back to God for the good of the Church and our parishes. It is to sacrifice our lives for Christ, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation. That is why He is the true, high priest that we strive to emulate. The USCCB goes on to say that "part of what is involved here for Catholics is a stewardship of time, which should include setting aside periods for family prayer, for the reading of Scripture, for visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and for attendance at Mass during the week whenever this is possible." Let us conclude this reflection by asking ourselves, how well are we living up to the call of being part of the royal priesthood of Christ?

Summary

The Catechism says that "the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king." The primary and essential act that priests perform is to offer sacrifices. Let us strive to be an authentic steward by sacrificing our time and gifts for Christ, especially in the little things, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation.

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			
<u>Saturday May</u> 5:00 pm -	<u>′ 6th</u> ♦Manuel Pereira ♦Margaret Lambe		
<u>Sunday May 7</u> 9:00 am -	^{7th} [✦] Andrew D'Cruz [✦] Veeda & John Don Paul ✦Leonie Espera & Imelda Espera		
10:30 am -	Angelica & Hilario Gonsalves		
12:00 pm -	♦Rene Cabildo		
<u>Monday May 8th</u> 9:00 am -			
<u>Tuesday May</u> 8:30 am -	9 th [†] ¹ ¹ ¹ ¹ ¹ ¹ ¹ ¹		
Wednesday May 10 th 8:30 am - *Alexander Michael Clermont			
<u>Thursday May</u> 8:30 am -	<u>/ 11th</u> Dianne Ragelle – Birthday blessing ∲Rose & Elizabeth Ho ∲John Noronha		
<u>Friday May 12</u> 8:30 am -	<u>2th</u>		



SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING YOUR OLD ENVELOPES. ON CURRENT ENVELOPES BEING USED, PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT YOUR NAME <u>OR</u> YOUR ADDRESS ON IT. IT WOULD HELP US IDENTIFY YOU EASILY AND EFFICIENTLY.

THANK YOU.



Mark your calendars! The 50+ Group will be hosting a retreat at St. Martin de Porres Church on **May 18th**.

The retreat will be facilitated by a priest from the Manresa Retreat Centre. The cost for the retreat is \$30 per person, and this will include a light lunch and refreshments.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.



The Legion of Mary is hosting a celebration for the procession and the crowning of The Blessed Virgin Mary on May 20 after the 5 pm Mass.

All are welcome to join and celebrate with us this special occasion. May is the Month of the Rosary for the Virgin Mary.

Reception to follow right after at the Church Hall.

FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2023

11:00 am

1:00 pm

FIRST COMMUNION DATES June 10. Sat. 9:00 am

June 10, Sat, June 10, Sat. June 10, Sat. In-person classes St. Martin St. Ursula St. Malachy

March 29, Thurs.6:00 – 7:30 pmApril 13, 20, 27 & June 86:30 – 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 registration & enrollment have now been completed.

Preparation Classes beginning:

April 30 May 7, 14, 21 **May 28 (Retreat)**

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm (mandatory)

Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations:

On Friday May 5th, parishes throughout the archdiocese hold prayer initiatives dedicated to vocations. We are inviting you to take a moment to pray for two intentions: for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for endurance in vocations already committed.

Prayer Vigil: Please be advised that the Prayer Vigil, for our soon-to-be priests is being held at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on *Friday, May 12, 2023, from <u>5:30</u> <u>p.m. to 10:00 p.m.</u> There will be praise and worship, interspersed throughout the evening, communal prayers, such as the Rosary and a sung version of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.*

For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations via email – <u>vocations@archtoronto.org</u>. <u>Please</u> note, this event is open to the public.

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