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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

Birthright (pregnancy support)

416-469-1111

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416-921-1163

(counselling for individuals and families)

Retrouvaille (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



**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:**  
Sirach 27.30 – 28.7

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:**  
Romans 14.7-9

**Gospel:**  
Matthew 18. 21-35

### **Forgiving and Being Forgiven**

The central mystery woven throughout the readings this Sunday is the need to forgive others. In today's Gospel we hear the parable of the wicked servant who although he was greatly forgiven of his large debt could not forgive the small debt of his fellow servant. This parable can be summarized by the words found in the Our Father, "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

The Catechism teaches us that unless we forgive those in our lives, we cannot fully experience God's forgiveness. It says that "in refusing to forgive our brothers and sisters, our hearts are closed, and their hardness makes them impervious to the Father's merciful love; but in confessing our sins, our hearts are opened to his grace" (CCC 2840)

So as stewards we should strive to forgive those who have hurt us, but how do we do this? The essential answer is prayer. The Catechism plainly states that "it is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession" (CCC 2843). So we don't need to conjure up warm or fuzzy feelings, but we must intentionally choose to pray for our debtor and for the grace to forgive them. This is a difficult process and is sure to not happen overnight. Let us take some time daily, starting today, to pray for those who've hurt us.

### **Summary**

The Catechism is very explicit in teaching that unless we forgive others, we cannot fully experience God's forgiveness. It instructs us that forgiveness doesn't necessitate good feelings or forgetting past offenses, but instead that it requires intentionally praying for those who have hurt us. As stewards let us begin to pray for the ability to forgive and so live out the words, "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

### **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 and 12:00 noon**

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### ***Mass Intentions for the Week***

#### **Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm      † Sheila Matheson  
- Thanksgiving for Mickey D'Sousa & Family

#### **Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am      † Ch-Kai Lam  
† Quirina Lamarca  
(1<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary)  
† Mary Lipiec

10:30 am

12:00 pm

#### **Monday September 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am -      † Yvonne Middlecoat

#### **Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am -      - Thanksgiving for Giselle Dolores & Lindy Miel  
- Marie Marc Lola Lissade

#### **Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am -      † Eustace & Melinda DeSouza

#### **Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 am -

#### **Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 am

## FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

2023-2024

### FIRST RECONCILIATION DATES (In-person classes) 2023

Wed. Sept. 13	6:30 PM	
Wed. Sept. 20	6:30 PM	
Wed. Sept. 27	6:30 PM	
Wed. Oct. 4	6:30 PM	
Wed. Nov. 15	6:30 PM	
Wed. Dec. 6	6:30 PM	Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation

### FIRST COMMUNION (In-person classes) 2024

Wed. April 3	6:30 – 7:30 pm	
Wed. April 10	6:30 – 7:30 pm	
Wed. April 17	6:30 – 7:30 pm	
Wed. April 24	6:30 – 7:30 pm	
Wed. May 1	6:30 – 7:30 pm	
Friday May 31	6:30 PM	Rehearsal or First Holy Communion

### FIRST COMMUNION DATES

Saturday June 1st, 2024,	9:00 AM	St. Malachy
Saturday June 1st, 2024,	11:00 AM	St. Ursula
Saturday June 1st, 2024,	1:00 PM	SMDP



## SMDP Christmas Bazaar 2023

Calling upon all the talent in the parish!

If you can cook, bake, are into arts and crafts, please reach out to the parish office to donate in kind or even in cash.

We are looking at donations for:

1. The International Café (various ethnic dishes from our diverse parish community)
2. Baked Goods (Christmas Treats)
3. Christmas Decorations – can you knit, crochet, are handy at crafts? **Only BRAND-NEW items**
4. Basket Raffle – **BRAND NEW** listed items/Gift Cards or cash for assorted baskets

**The success of the Christmas Bazaar depends on YOU, our parishioners!**

More details available through the announcements after each service.

## CONFIRMATION

As your child started Grade 7 this school year, they will have the opportunity to embark on a journey towards receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation is a decision that brings you to a point of spiritual maturity as you complete your sacraments of initiation and launches you into another phase of Catholic Christian relationship with Jesus. An **Information night will be held on Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm** for which parents and the child must attend. Registration forms will be given out during the meeting.



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them." (Mt 19:14).

The Children's Liturgy is a vibrant ministry for children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3, where the Liturgy of the Word is presented to children in a way that is fun and easy to understand. While the adults are having their celebration in the sanctuary, the children will have their lessons in the hall. The session is about 20-25 minutes. The children will be brought back to the sanctuary to rejoin their parents for the rest of the mass. Please encourage your children to participate in the program.

## Parish Weekly Fact

Did you notice in the paved parking area that cracks and potholes had been repaired in August? The perimeter fence area was also cleaned up.



## Knights of Columbus

Fall 50/50 online raffle starts September 1st through Dec 31st, 2023.

Proceeds will go towards purchasing winter coats for kids in need in our 3 local Catholic Elementary schools. Tickets are available online by either scanning the QR code or visiting the website.

See flyer in bulletin for details on how to purchase.

Thank you for your support."



A retreat is being organized by the Church on Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 3:30pm.

The Topic is: **TRUE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST**

Our Guest Speaker is Fr. Sam Samuel who is a Vincentian priest.

Tickets are \$30/- with lunch included and will be available after all masses this weekend.

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