
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)

416-469-1111

Catholic Family Services:

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

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For Many are
Called
but
Few are Chosen
Matthew 22:14

1st Reading:
Isaiah 25.6-10a

2nd Reading:
Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20

Gospel:
Matthew 22.1-14
(The Parable of the Wedding Banquet)

Regular Mass Schedule Weekday Masses:

Daily morning mass will be celebrated Tuesday to Friday
(**Please see timings listed below**)

Weekend Schedule:

Saturday (Vigil) Mass **5:00 pm**

Sunday Masses **9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 noon**

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Count Your Blessings

A steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, develops those gifts responsibly, shares those gifts lovingly in justice with others, and makes a return with interest to the Lord. As stewards we are called to be grateful disciples of Christ. Gratitude is at the very core of what it means to be a steward.

Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that "the deepening of the 'attitude of gratitude' will enhance our commitment to prayer and Eucharistic adoration, to the flourishing of lay engagement in the mission of evangelization, to an increase in the response to the call to the priesthood and religious life, to a courageous and effective dedication to social justice, and so on." Essentially, it all begins with growing in gratitude.

One practice that is often recommended to children is to "count your blessings." There is great spiritual fruit to be discovered through this practice, even as adults. Often times we place greater weight on the few negative things in our lives rather than focusing on the hundreds of blessings. Let us intentionally set aside a few minutes this weekend to concretely identify all the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us this past year. We can then begin to move from gratitude to generosity by offering up these blessings to our parish community.

Summary

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday October 14th

5:00 pm - Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Sunday October 15th

9:00 am † Irene Morson

10:30 am

12:00 pm † Kim Tan

Monday October 16th

NO MASS

Tuesday October 17th

7:30 am - † Mr. Eleuterio Dias
 † Baby Earth-Lopez Stephens

Wednesday October 18th

7:30 am -

Thursday October 19th

7:30 am - † Glicería & William Ronquillo

Friday October 20th

9:00 am † Daniel Couture
 † Hilario Gonsalves

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES 2024

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



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – October 22, 2023

There will be a second collection on Sunday October 22nd for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church, and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.

SCHOLARSHIP

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS \$500 SCHOLARSHIP

A Knights of Columbus Scholarship of \$500 is available to a member of St. Martin de Porres Parish who is attending a full-time post-secondary program in 2023-24. Students of any age, in any course, or any year (not just 1st year) are eligible. Consideration will include the applicant's involvement in Parish and/or Community activities, either currently or in the past. Application Forms should be requested from smithwriter@rogers.com by email. The deadline for the return of applications is November 29, 2023.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & FUNERAL SERVICES - ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services – Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the **All-Souls' Day Mass on Saturday November 4th at 2 p.m.** All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:

- Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum
- Christ the King Cemetery, Markham – Reception Centre
- Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill – Holy Family Mausoleum
- Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge – St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian and English)
- Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby – Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum

All are welcome!



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. An **Information night was held on Tuesday October 3rd at 6:30 pm.** Registration forms were given out during the meeting. If you did not receive a copy of the registration form, please collect one from your respective schools.



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.

50+ Save the Dates

Thursday: Oct 19: Thanksgiving Lunch

Saturday: Nov 18: Fatima Shrine Festival of Light Bus Trip

Thursday: Dec 14: Christmas Lunch

Parish Weekly Fact

Everything has been going up! As of July 1, 2023, the Archdiocese has raised the interest rate on monies owed by all parishes from 2.5% to 4.0%. This rate applies to the \$250,000 or less slice of our interest-bearing loan. We continue to manage this well based on our Building Fund and other contributions.



Let us Pray! For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.

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