
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

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



1st Reading:

Malachi 1.14 – 2.2, 8-10

2nd Reading:

1 Thessalonians 2.7-9, 13

Gospel:

Matthew 22.1-12

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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31st Sunday in Ordinary Times

The Gospels have many conflicts between Christ and the Pharisees and He denounces their approach. What follows are called the “Woes” against the Pharisees. It helps to give a picture of the dangers, not only of Pharisaism in the time of Christ, but of the perils of the false practice of religion in all ages, including our own.

Pharisaism can be seen from several angles. It is the belief that one can save oneself through the observance of law, through the performance of works of piety, fasting, prayer and almsgiving with an eye on the praise of human beings. The Pharisees tended to put stress on little things (“Tithe of mint, dill and cummin”) while neglecting the much more important matters of faith, justice, and mercy. They were noted for their zeal in making converts who in due time became twice as bad as their converters. The outcome was that the Pharisees tended to be hypocrites, a title which Jesus bestowed on them with great liberality.

The “Woes” in Matthew against the Pharisees end with Christ denouncing them for violence, especially against the prophets whose blood they shed and whose tombs they later adorned. The finishing off the work was the death of Christ for which the Pharisees were largely responsible. The works of piety, the strict observance of law was a defense mechanism at work within the Pharisees. They suffered from a sense of guilt which they refused to acknowledge, as the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican informs us. However, if guilt is not acknowledged within oneself, it seeks a victim outside oneself. We can say that Christ was the victim on whom the Pharisees projected their own unacknowledged sense of guilt.

Today's Gospel is an invitation to all, especially the more pious and those who tend to be judgmental of others, to examine what's the motive of our good works. Are they an escape from a sense of guilt? If so, the remedy is not rejection of piety and good works, but a search for a precious gift of God, the willingness to face up to ourselves by acknowledging our personal and national guilt.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday November 4th

5:00 pm † Leoncio, Agapita & Eliza Torrano

Sunday November 5th

9:00 am † Andrew D'Cruz
† Veeda & John Don Paul

10:30 am † Angelica & Hilario Gonsalves
† For all Deceased Légionnaires
† Thanksgiving for Philip, Priyanka & Family

12:00 pm - Intentions for Lydia Shemain
† Phyllis D'Souza

Monday November 6th

9:00 am † Maria & Nicola Macri

Tuesday November 7th

8:30 am - - Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday November 8th

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† Teofilo & Maximina Gabon & for all deceased family members
† Thanksgiving for Thelma Cordero & Family

Thursday November 9th

8:30 am - † Verlynda Villarosa (40th Day Mass)
† John & Felicidad D'Silva

Friday November 10th

8:30 am - Dorothy Lam (94th B'day Blessing)
† Michael Alberga
† Jean Marlow

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES 2024

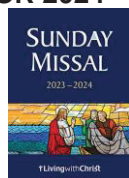
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| Saturday June 1st, 2024, | 9:00 AM | St. Malachy |
| Saturday June 1st, 2024, | 11:00 AM | St. Ursula |
| Saturday June 1st, 2024, | 1:00 PM | SMDP |

50+ Group

The 50+ group is organizing a trip to the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Youngstown (Buffalo) NY and to see the Festival of the Lights on Saturday, November 18th.

As there is a limited number of seats on the bus, please ensure you buy your tickets early, to avoid disappointment. The cost is \$45 per person.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES AND NEW MISSALS FOR 2024



Kindly pick up your 2024 Sunday Offertory envelopes which are available in the Church Hall. Please look for the alphabet of your last name. If you do not see your name on a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office.

Please do not use the 2024 envelopes until January.

Sunday weekend missals are on sale in the hall for \$5 at the end of each mass. These missals come into use on the weekend of December 2/3 - the first Sunday of Advent.

Friday November 3rd Feast of Saint Martin de Porres



Most humble St Martin, whose burning charity embraces all, but especially those who are sick, afflicted, or in need, we turn to you for help in our present difficulties.

We implore you to obtain for us from God, health of soul and body, and in particular the favour we now ask.

May we, by imitating your charity and humility, find quiet and contentment all our days, and cheerful submission to God's holy will in all the trials of life.

Amen



The Month of November is dedicated to all deceased souls.

A "**Book of Remembrance**" is placed in front of the pulpit along with special envelopes if you wish to donate. All the envelopes will then be placed on the altar and prayed for throughout the month of November.

NEXT WEEKEND SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11TH



The SMDP Christmas Bazaar 2023

9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

It is not too late to donate.

Let us make this an event to remember!!

Bring your Family and Friends and let us celebrate together.

Parish Weekly Fact

The Feast of St. Martin de Porres was on Friday, November 3rd. He is the patron Saint of helping the poor, of mixed-race people, and public health workers. St. Martin de Porres was a close friend of St. Rose of Lima. His shrine is located within the Convent of Santo Domingo in Lima, Peru alongside the shrine of St. Rose of Lima. It seems appropriate that the parishes dedicated to these saints are adjacent along St. Lawrence Avenue East in Scarborough.



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

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