
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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**1st Reading:**

Wisdom 6. 12-16

2nd Reading:

1 Thessalonians 4. 13-18

Gospel:

Matthew 25. 1-13

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**<https://stmartindeporessc.archtoronto.org/eg/>**Living with a Holy Fear**

In today's Gospel we hear the parable of the ten bridesmaids in which only the five wise ones who had prepared for the wedding banquet were allowed to enter into the celebration. Jesus ends this parable with the exhortation to "keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." It is true that none of us know the time of our own death or Christ's Final Judgement.

While this reality can lead many to fear and trembling, the Catechism instead calls us to cultivate a "holy fear" and a "blessed hope" (CCC 1041). We can cultivate those attitudes by intentionally calling to mind the finiteness of our lives and remembering that we are all ultimately made for Heaven. This reality is beautifully summarized in the words of St. Rose of Viterbo. "Live so as not to fear death. For those who live well in the world, death is not frightening but sweet and precious."

Let us also remember that during our judgment before God we will be standing before the same Lord that we have befriended through prayer and the sacraments. Let us not appear before the throne of God not having first known Him in this life. As stewards, we should live with our feet planted on earth but our eyes fixed heavenward. The Lord has ordained it in such a way that we are still called to serve and love Him in this life but let us never forget our true home. Let us prepare ourselves well.

Summary

While the thought of death and judgement can lead many to fear and trembling the Catechism instead calls us to cultivate a "holy fear" and a "blessed hope" (CCC 1041). St. Rose of Viterbo says that we should "live so as not to fear death. For those who live well in the world, death is not frightening but sweet and precious." As stewards let us strive to prepare for death by remembering that we will stand before the same Lord at judgement that we meet every day in prayer and at Mass.

Mass Intentions for the Week**Saturday November 11th**

5:00 pm - Honoring our Nations Fallen Heroes
† Mendonca & Pereira Families
- Dominica & Alcantara Menezes
† John Noronha & Annie D'Souza

Sunday November 12th

9:00 am † Howard Solomon
† Cheryl Glaab

10:30 am † Regina Rebeiro & Kalu Ilr

12:00 pm

Monday November 13th

9:00 am

Tuesday November 14th

8:30 am -

Wednesday November 15th

8:30 am - † Kim Tan

Thursday November 16th

8:30 am -

Friday November 17th

8:30 am - Thanksgiving for the Couture Family

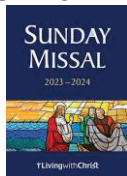
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES 2024

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



There will be a second collection on **November 18/19** for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of the Shepherd's Trust is to support the needs of the retired diocesan clergy of the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served our family of faith, bringing us the sacraments, and enriching our parishes, homes, schools, hospitals, and countless other gatherings through their ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

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.

Parish Weekly Fact

This story may be true, or just a myth: A church in New Orleans wanted to display small statues of as many known saints as possible. One package arrived with no information to identify the saint, but the shipping label had been stamped "EXPEDITE" (to speed the delivery). Having never seen an image of St. Expedite, they labeled and displayed the statue with that name. The consensus is that it was a statue of St. Martin de Porres.

Remembering all souls.

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.



Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul

Serving Our Neighbours
In Need



Christmas will be a very bleak time for many. Since it is less than 6 weeks away, your Society of St. Vincent de Paul is appealing to you for your assistance in making this Christmas a little brighter for your Neighbour's in Need. Many people have lost their jobs, and can't find new ones, others have simply given up. With the prices of food, and all other consumables increasing quite dramatically, a Christmas dinner will be a luxury that most will not be able to afford.

To this end, we are asking if you would consider donating gift cards for either No Frills, or Food Basics to be distributed to your Neighbour's in Need. Denominations of \$25 or \$50 would be ideal, however, we are grateful for any amount. The more we get, the more families we can assist. Please put the gift cards into an envelope, clearly labelled for St. Vincent de Paul. If you would like a tax receipt, please clearly write your full name, address, and phone number. All gift card donations may be put into the collection basket, or into the mail slot in the side door. If possible, we would appreciate receiving your donations by the first week in December. That will give us time to coordinate and distribute the cards. Of course, your donations are welcome anytime, as the need never goes away.



Poinsettias To help decorate the church for Christmas.

The parish is asking for donations of Poinsettias. If you would like to donate poinsettias, please drop them off by Friday, Dec. 22nd in the parish hall. We thank you for your generosity!



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

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