
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

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416-469-1111

Catholic Cemeteries

416-733-8544

Catholic Family Services:

416-921-1163

Catholic Cultural Services

416-757-7010

(counselling for individuals and families)

New Beginnings

416-222-1101

Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages)

416-281-6007

St. Vincent de Paul Society

416-284-6131



1st Reading:
Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26,28-31

2nd Reading:
1 Thessalonians 5.1-6

Gospel:
Matthew 25.14-30
- The Parable of the Talents

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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Entering our Master's Joy

"Well done, good and trustworthy slave; enter into the joy of your master." These are the beautiful words that all of us long to hear after a life of following Christ. The parable of the talents is often seen as the classical parable on stewardship. Let us take some time reflecting on it more deeply today.

Cardinal Collins comments on this parable in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* saying, "As good stewards, we are meant to use God's gift fruitfully and creatively, so that with true gratitude for what we have received we may return God's gifts to Him with increase." The key word in that sentence is increase. Although the third slave did not waste or squander the talents or gifts he had received, the Master did not utter that beautiful phrase to him. The third slave did not work so as to create an increase of his goods. Stewardship always remains as an active way of life.

If we want to hear those beautiful words at our judgement, we must live in such a way that fully embraces the spirituality of stewardship. How well are we using our gifts for the glory of God and the Church? Let us not be passive in our service but seek ways to be used as an instrument of God. Let us start with prayer and move into acts of charity. We can serve in our parish community whether it be joining various ministries or helping people in need. This weekend let us renew our commitment to serving Christ.

Summary

"Well done, good and trustworthy slave; enter into the joy of your master" are the beautiful words that all of us long to hear after a life of following Christ. If we want to hear that spoken to us at our judgement, we must live in such a way that fully embraces the spirituality of stewardship. Let us ask ourselves, how well are we using our gifts for the glory of God and the Church?

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday November 18th

5:00 pm † Emiliana Ayco
- For the intentions of Rita Mendonca

Sunday November 19th

9:00 am † Eldric & Cheryl Fernandes
- Antionetta Pinto (B'day blessing)

10:30 am † Juan Miel
† Joseph Rodrigues

12:00 pm - Thanksgiving Mass
† Juanita Lugar
† Toyoko Eliseo

Monday November 20th

Tuesday November 21st

8:30 am - † Angelica Gonsalves

Wednesday November 22nd

8:30 am -

Thursday November 23rd

8:30 am - † Sarah Pinto

Friday November 24th



First

Reconciliation Children preparing for their First Holy Communion in 2024, will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Wednesday, December 6th, 2023, at 6:30 pm** in the SMDP Church. Attendance is mandatory.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday December 23 rd	5:00 pm
Sunday December 24 th	9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon
Sunday December 24 th (Christmas Eve)	5:00 pm
Christmas Day	
Monday December 25 th	9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon
Saturday December 30 th	5:00 pm
Sunday, December 31 st	9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon
Sunday, December 31 st (New Year's Eve)	5:00 pm
New Year Masses	
Monday, January 1 st	9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon



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.



Please pick up your **2024** Sunday Offertory envelopes which are available in the Church Foyer as soon as possible. Thank you.



There will be a special 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, 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.



Your Society of St. Vincent de Paul is appealing to you for help in making this Christmas a little brighter for your Neighbours in Need. Please consider donating gift cards for either No Frills, or Food Basics. Denominations of \$25, \$50 or \$100 would be ideal. Please put the gift cards into an envelope, clearly labelled for St. Vincent de Paul. If you need 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. We would appreciate receiving your donations by the first week in December. Thank you for your generosity.



A very big **THANK YOU** to all our parishioners for their generosity and patronage of the SMDP Christmas Bazaar that was held on Saturday, November 11, 2023. Your talents, donations, presence, and support made this event a huge success. We managed to raise a hefty total of \$7296.00. All proceeds from the Bazaar, will go towards funding various projects in the church.

Thank you once again and God Bless You!

Parish Weekly Fact

Today's 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time is also "World Day of the Poor". As we near the advent of Christmas, a time of giving generously, we might remember Jesus' words in the gospels: "The poor you have always with you..." (Matthew 26:11, Mark 14:7, and John 12:8).

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