
St. Martin De Porres Parish

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Pastoral Team

Pastor - Rev. Anthony Gonsalves

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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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



1st Reading:
Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8

2nd Reading:
1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Gospel:
Mark 13.33-37
The Necessity for Watchfulness

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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Preparing Ourselves for Christ

This First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. The readings during this time of preparation focus on making us aware that it is time to rouse from our sleep and prepare for the Lord's coming. Jesus says in the Gospel to "keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come."

Advent and Christmas are also often times of lights. Whether it be lights on an advent wreath, a Christmas tree or festive lights decorating the house. However, above all these lights is Jesus, the true light of the world. This Advent we should strive to let the light of Jesus into our hearts so that it may even illumine and cleanse the dark and sinful areas of our lives. Our stewardship should reflect that light of Christ to others, so let us first be filled with what we seek to share.

One great way to invite the light of Christ into our lives is to seek God's cleansing healing in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Across the Archdiocese every parish will be hosting an Advent Day of Confessions in which several priests will be available to hear confessions. This is a beautiful opportunity to ready ourselves for the coming of our Saviour on Christmas morning. Let us strive to be reconciled with God and as stewards, let us try to invite our family and friends to join us.

Summary

Advent is a time of preparation that invites us to rouse from our sleep and prepare for the Lord's coming. One great way to prepare for His coming is to seek God's cleansing healing in the sacrament of Confession. Let us strive to be reconciled with God and as stewards, let us try to invite our family and friends to join us.

Mass Intentions for the Week – December 2 - 3

Saturday December 2nd

5:00 pm -

Sunday December 3rd

9:00 am -

- † Andrew D'Cruz
- † Veeda & John Don Paul
- † Kevin Edmonson
- Dorine Couture (b'day blessings)

10:30 am -

- † Angelica & Hilario Gonsalves

12:00 pm -

Monday December 4th

8:30 am -

Tuesday December 5th

8:30 am -

- Thanksgiving for the healing of Robert Brown

Wednesday December 6th

8:30 am -

- † Edna Etherington

Thursday December 7th

8:30 am -

- † Remembering the souls of the Doyle & Souce Families

Friday December 8th

8:30 am -

- † Margaret & Horace Mascurine
- † Mary Rasanayagam



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 Church. Attendance is mandatory.



ADVENT CONFESSION NIGHT

St Martin De Porres will have its annual Advent Confession Night on Monday, December 18th from 6:30 – 8 PM. There will be other priests available for confessions. Please take advantage of this time as it will be your last major opportunity before the celebration of Christmas.



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



50+ Save the Date

Christmas Party & Lunch – **Thursday December 14th**. Tickets will be sold after all masses and on the weekends of Dec 2/3 and Dec 9/10. For members tickets are for \$12.00 and for non-members tickets are for \$ 15.00



Poinsettias to help decorate the church for Christmas.

Help decorate our worship space for Christmas by donating 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.

Parish Weekly Fact

In a typical week, an average of 861 altar breads are consecrated and sacramentally received by St. Martin de Porres parishioners on Saturday/Sunday and weekday Masses.



A Carol evening is being held on **Saturday, December 23rd, 2023**, in the church after the 5.00 pm mass.

Join us for an evening of Christmas music and fellowship followed by a Hot Chocolate and Cookie reception after, in the lobby.

So come one, come all, to celebrate the season. Looking forward to seeing you there.



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