
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

St. Martin De Porres School

416-393-5286

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416-393-5336

St. Ursula School

416-393-5306



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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Second Sunday of Advent



Peace

1st Reading:
Isaiah 40. 1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading:
2 Peter 3.8-14

Gospel:
Mark 1. 1-8
The Proclamation of John the Baptist

Preparing the Way of the Lord

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” This was the prophecy by Isaiah concerning John the Baptist who ends the line of prophets pointing to Jesus. John the Baptist played his role in preparing the people of Judea for the coming of Christ. As stewards, we can look to John as a model of how-to best lead others to Christ.

Firstly, we must remember that it is never our own merits that convert people but is instead always a pure gift from God. John the Baptist fully recognizes this when he says that he baptizes with water while the one coming after him, Jesus, will baptize with the Holy Spirit. We too should always remember that it is the Lord who does great things, and we are only his instruments.

However, while we may not cause the actual conversion, we do play an important role in helping others encounter Christ. During the encounter, God does all the work, but we must still help facilitate this encounter. People can most readily encounter Christ through His church which is why we must play our part in making our parishes as hospitable and welcoming as possible. This Advent and Christmas season as we may begin to see new faces in the parish, let us welcome them with loving hearts and smiles. The angels and saints in heaven rejoice whenever someone comes back to church, shouldn't we do the same? Let us strive to be charitable stewards and say hello to any new parishioners we may encounter this season as a sign of our love and hospitality.

Summary

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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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Mass Intentions for the Week – December 9 - 10

Saturday December 9th

5:00 pm † Lorna Gomes

Sunday December 10th

9:00 am † Austin Cuenca
† Glicerio Ledesma
(Death Anniversary)

10:30 am † Mary Roberts
- Healing of Clarissa Inquillo Bonifacio

12:00 pm - Intentions for Josephine Roberts
† Brian Mascarenhas

Monday December 11th

8:30 am -

Tuesday December 12th

8:30 am - † Souls in Purgatory
† Gerry DeFry (Death anniversary)
† Deceased members of the Gillespie & LeBlanc Families

Wednesday December 13th

8:30 am - † Daphne Khan
† Aniceto Varona Jr.

Thursday December 14th

8:30 am -

Friday December 15th

8:30 am - † Kim Tan
† Cristeta Serrano-Velayo
† Juan Miel



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



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.



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!



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.



at the 50+ Group



let's have a jolly good time!
Thursday December 14th at 12:30 pm
Last weekend to buy your tickets after all masses.

For members tickets are for \$12.00 and for non-members tickets are for \$ 15.00



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



For those using donation envelopes, 2024 envelopes are available for pickup in the foyer as you leave the church today. The envelopes are sorted alphabetically by last name. If you do not find your envelope box, please advise the parish office. Thank you.

Parish Weekly Fact

As we come to the end of another calendar year and prepare for Christmas giving, we should not forget to plan our gifts to God and his church in the coming year. The best way to prioritize our giving is by regular electronic or credit card donations, or by consistent use of Sunday envelopes.

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