

# St. Martin De Porres Parish

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Oh Come  
Let us Adore Him

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
Christmas Eve



**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:**  
2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:**  
Romans 16.25-27

**Gospel:**  
**Luke 1.26-38**  
*The Annunciation*

**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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**Readily Saying Yes to Stewardship**

As we approach Christmas the church encourages us to reflect on the Annunciation. The Annunciation can be seen as the singular event that changed the world for it is during this episode that Mary consents to God’s will and Christ is conceived within her. As stewards striving to follow Jesus, we can learn a great deal from prayerfully imitating Mary in our own lives.

Mary had an incredible faith and trust in God to be able to accept His will for her life. It is important to note that Mary wasn’t told how her life would precisely unfold. She didn’t know she would give birth in a manger, or about her flight to Egypt, or that Jesus would go missing in the temple or that she would stand by as He was crucified. Instead, all she knew was that she would conceive the Son of God. Many times we seek to know God’s entire will for our lives but we can learn from Mary to readily say yes to the current step of the plan that He is calling us to and, like Mary, ponder God’s will in our hearts by spending time in prayer).

As stewards, God too is calling us to a very specific and important mission. St. John Henry Newman says that we should all recognize that “God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission.” We can live out this mission by being stewards of our time and talents for our communities, our parish, and the entire Church. Let us seek Mary’s intercession and trust in the Lord’s call for our lives and readily follow Him.

**Summary**

The Annunciation can be seen as the singular event that changed the world for it is during this episode that Mary consents to God’s will and Christ is conceived within her. Many times, we seek to know God’s entire will for our lives, but we can learn from Mary to readily and prayerfully say yes to the current step of the mission that He is calling us to. We can live out this mission by being stewards of our time and talents for our communities, our parish, and the entire Church.

**Mass Intentions for the Week – December 23 - 24**

**Saturday December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

5:00 pm                      + Estelita Lagman  
   + Sarah Pinto

**Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> (CHRISTMAS EVE)**

9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm

**5:00 pm**  
**(For the Church and the People of our Parish)**

**Monday December 25<sup>th</sup> (CHRISTMAS DAY)**

9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm

**(For the Church and the People of our Parish)**

**Tuesday December 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am                      + JiJi D’Cruz  
   (2<sup>nd</sup> Death Anniversary)

**Wednesday December 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am

**Thursday December 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am                      + Heavenly Birthday of Veeda Don Paul

**Friday December 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am                      - For the intentions of Joe Gayondato

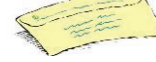


**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE**

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

**FINAL REMINDER**

**Offering Envelopes**



Please pick up your 2024 donation envelopes from the foyer and start using them from January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**DO NOT USE YOUR 2023 DONATION ENVELOPES IN THE NEW YEAR.**

Thank you.



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

**Parish Weekly Fact**

What is interesting, is the origin of the word Christmas. It means Christian Mass. It is a shortened form of Christ's Mass. Christmas is a time of spiritual reflection on the important foundations of the Christian faith. And it is a celebration when Christians rejoice in God's love for the world through the birth of the Christ child, Jesus.

**PARKING ON DEC 24<sup>TH</sup> AND 25<sup>TH</sup>**

Parking is on a first-come basis. Please do not park in front or at the side of the Church as it is a fire route and must be kept clear. Additional parking is available at SMDP Catholic School which is adjacent to the church. Thank you for your cooperation.



*A silent night, a star above, a blessed gift of hope and love.  
This Christmas, may you find comfort and joy in the message of hope and salvation that  
the Christ Child brings.*

*Blessed Christmas greetings to you and your family.  
From: Fr. Anthony Gonsalves and the Staff at St Martin de Porres*



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