
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)

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416-281-6007

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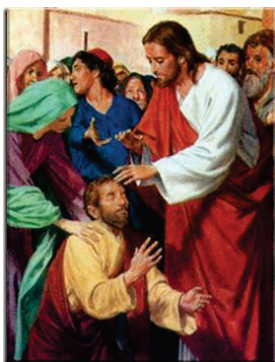
New Beginnings

416-222-1101

St. Vincent de Paul Society

416-284-6131

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



1st Reading:
Deuteronomy 18.15-20

2nd Reading:
1 Corinthians 7.32-35

Gospel:
Mark 1.21-28
(The Man with an Unclean Spirit)

Spreading Jesus' Fame

In today's Gospel we hear about Jesus delivering a man with an unclean spirit. When the crowds saw this great miracle, they were all amazed by Jesus' words and deeds and began to speak about Him in astonishment. The Gospel ends by saying that "at once Jesus' fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee." The news of this miracle helped others in the region come to know about Jesus.

So too, as stewards of Christ we should share with others the wonderful deeds God has done for us. All of us who have chosen to follow Christ more closely have our own testimony of how God entered into our lives. St. Peter says that it is important to "always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15).

Therefore, whenever someone asks us why we take our faith and stewardship so seriously, we should be able to tell them why. These are prime opportunities to share the faith with others. The next time a family member or friend asks us why we choose to follow Christ, let us share with them how God has beautifully worked in our lives. This way, just as Jesus' fame spread in the Gospel, it can also spread here in the Archdiocese. Bishop Robert Barron says that "the minute you walk outside of your church on Sunday you're in mission territory." As stewards, let us live this missionary call and spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

Summary

In the Gospel today it says that after Jesus healed a man with an unclean spirit that his "fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee." So too, as stewards of Christ we should share the wonderful deeds God has done for us in order to evangelize those around us. This way, just as Jesus' fame spread in the Gospel, it can also spread here in the Archdiocese.

Regular Mass Schedule Weekday Masses:

Daily morning mass is 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 – January 27 – 28, 2024

Saturday January 27th

5:00 pm + Emiliana Ayco (Death Anniversary)
 + Emerson Quinlan

Sunday January 28th

9:00 am

10:30 am + Olympia & Evangelist Coutinho
 + Nita Umali
 + Lenardo & Beatrice Polacco

12:00 pm - Thanksgiving Mass
 + Kristina Podolskaia Burton

Monday January 29th

8:30 am

Tuesday January 30th

8:30 am

Wednesday January 31st

8:30 am

Thursday February 1st

8:30 am

Friday February 2nd

8:30 am - Thanksgiving Mass

Offering Envelopes



If you have not picked up your Sunday Offertory envelopes for 2024, please contact the parish office.

Thank you.

PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR 2023 DONATION ENVELOPES.

2024 SUNDAY MISSALS

Copies of the 2024 Sunday Missals are still available for \$5.00 . If you would like to purchase one, please contact the parish office.

Parish Weekly

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Why is the fish a symbol used in Christianity?

The Greek word for fish is "ichthys." As early as the first century, Christians made an acrostic from this word: Iesous Christos Theou Yios Soter, i.e. Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior. The fish has plenty of other theological overtones as well, for Christ fed the 5,000 with 2 fishes and 5 loaves and called his disciples "fishers of men." Greeks, Romans, and many other pagans used the fish symbol before Christians. Hence the fish, unlike the cross, attracted little suspicion, making it a perfect secret symbol for persecuted believers in the early church.



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



Come discover the many opportunities to share your talents in our Faith community.

**Saturday Jan 27th after the 5:00 pm mass and
Sunday Jan 28th after all the masses
In the Parish Hall**

Learn more about the different ministries in our parish and come see who we are and what we do. Ask questions and discover if God is calling you to share your faith, time, and talent. Share what you love and see where your gifts may fit in.

We look forward to welcoming you!



DAY OF REFLECTION

**Monday, January 29, 2024: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre,
2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering**

Topic: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you."

At Mass, just before communion, we have a Rite of Peace. This is no accident. Today we have a time for reflection on the importance of this rite. We offer a sign of peace to one another, we pray for peace in our world and in our lives, but we also open ourselves in a new way to receive this gift from Christ.

Facilitator: Fr. Jim Kelly, SJ.

A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Includes break, lunch, and mass along with the program.

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