St. Martin De Porres Parish

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Daily 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 3.30 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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Catholic Family Services:	416-921-1163	Catholic Cultural Services	416-757-7010
(counselling for individuals and far	nilies)	New Beginnings	416-222-1101
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriage	es) 416-281-6007	St. Vincent de Paul Society	416-284-6131



1st Reading: Genesis 9.8-15

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3, 18-22

Gospel: Mark 1. 12-15 (*The Temptation of Jesus*)

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

https://stmartindeporressc.archtoronto.org/eg/

Fighting Temptations

During this First Sunday of Lent, we hear the account of Jesus's temptation in the wilderness. Facing temptations is a part of life. St. Anthony the Great says to "Expect temptation to your last breath." Each time we face a temptation we have the choice of whether we follow Christ or turn away from Him. We should ask ourselves; how hard do we fight to resist temptations?

St. Josemaria Escriva says to fight temptations "Saint Francis of Assisi rolled in the snow, Saint Benedict threw himself into a thorn bush, Saint Bernard plunged into an icy pond ... what have you done?" When temptations come our way, we must intentionally distance ourselves from the source of temptation and pray for strength. Perhaps one practice we can start is praying a Hail Mary as we physically walk away from any potential occasions of sin.

Let us also realize that every sin is tempting us with a twisted version of something good. So instead of just running away from evil, let us run towards what is true, good, and beautiful. For example, we won't fall into the temptation to gossip if we form the habit of building people up with our words. We will be less likely to get angry if we practice kind acts towards our neighbour. We won't fall into the sin of lust if we strive to sacrificially love others. This Lent, let us begin to run away from sinful temptations and fill ourselves with good things from God instead. This will allow us to become holier stewards, which will lead to the revitalization of our parishes as our holiness and charity will point others to the love of Christ.

Summary

As we read the account of Jesus' temptation in the desert, we should realize that we too have to fight temptations. When temptations come our way, we must intentionally distance ourselves from the source of temptation and pray for strength. This Lent, let us begin to run away from occasions of sin and fill ourselves with good things from God instead which will slowly help us grow in holiness.

Mass Intentions for the Week - February 17 - 18, 2024

Saturday February 17th

5:00 pm + Ryker Santos Tartaglia

- Healing of Alzira Pereira

Sunday February 18th

9:00 am - Thanksgiving Mass for the Sayson

Family

- Healing of Agnes Harper

10:30 am + Olympia & Evangelist Coutinho

+ Leonard & Beatrice Polacco

12:00 pm + Eliza & Jose Catulay

Monday February 19th

9:00 am

Tuesday February 20th

8:30 am

Wednesday February 21st

8:30 am + Horace & Margaret Mascurine

+ Alvito Pinto

Thursday February 22nd

8:30 am

Friday February 23rd

8:30 am + Sarah Pinto

6:30 pm (STATIONS OF THE CROSS)



Please join us in praying the Stations of the Cross every Fridays at 6:30 pm

Important Notice

The parish office will be closed on Monday February 19th (Family Day) and will reopen on Tuesday February 20th.

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

Parish Weekly fact

This is the First Sunday in Lent, a time when Christians do some forms of penance and sacrifice in preparation for the sacrifice Jesus made for us, and for the Easter promise that awaits. Instead of negative activities such as giving up coffee, candy, or entertainment, we might consider spiritual activities, or increasing our regular support of the church by 10% each week.



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St Martin de Porres
Knights of Columbus Council 12909
Bus Trip to Casino Rama
Saturday February 24, 2024, <u>Departure: 8.45 AM</u>
Location: Centennial Arena
(1967 Ellesmere Rd just west of Markham Rd)
Donation: \$20.00
Includes: \$5 free playing credits + Snacks
To book a seat e-mail robertcheeatow@gmail.com



Tax Receipts

All Tax receipts have been mailed out to parishioners. Thank You.

PARKING / FIRE ROUTES - We have a problem regarding our fire routes and parking.

Please respect the fire routes and <u>DO NOT PARK</u> in front of them. Fire trucks and ambulances will have a tough time accessing the parking lot because people are parking illegally in the fire zones and driveways.

Time is crucial if a parishioner needs medical attention and needs to be rushed to the hospital.

We will have Bylaw officers issue tickets to those who do not comply.

God, Our Father, loving and merciful, bring together and keep all families in perfect unity of love and mutual support. Instill in each member the spirit of understanding and affection for each other. Keep quarrels and bitterness far from them, and for their occasional failures instill forgiveness and peace.

You gave us the greatest gift: the gift of life. In the coming year, help us use it wisely. May we grow in generosity, kindness and forgiveness, hope, faith, and love. Amen.

KAPIT BAHAY

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