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# 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: (counselling for individuals and families)	416-921-1163	Catholic Cultural Services	416-757-7010
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages)	416-281-6007	New Beginnings	416-222-1101
		St. Vincent de Paul Society	416-284-6131



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



1<sup>st</sup> Reading:  
Exodus 20. 1-17

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:  
1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25

Gospel:  
John 2.13-25  
(*Jesus Cleanses the Temple*)

### 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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### Confession is a Place of Victory

In today's first reading we hear about how Moses received the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai. The Church has always taught that the Ten Commandments are a gift that God has revealed to us to help us orient our lives in a way that best leads us to holiness. In the Gospels, in addition to teaching about the Ten Commandments, Jesus teaches about the importance of loving God and loving our neighbour. The Catechism states that the Ten Commandments "must be interpreted in light of this twofold yet single commandment of love, the fullness of the Law."

As we are in this penitential season of Lent let us take some time to reflect on how well we are living up to these commandments. One common way of doing this is to perform an examination of conscience. This involves reflecting on our own lives in light of the Commandments and their related sins. This isn't meant to be a sadistic practice of self-loathing but rather an opportunity to see in which ways we can grow in deeper love for Christ and our neighbour.

The best way we can start this process of growth is to avail ourselves to the sacrament of Confession. Confession always remains a place of victory for the Lord is achieving our salvation through the forgiveness of our sins. To be reconciled with God is always a source of celebration. Let us not look to our examination of conscience and confession as a place of guilt and defeat. Instead, this Lent let us be cleansed through the grace of the sacrament so that we may grow as ever holier stewards of Christ.

### Summary

In today's first reading we hear about how Moses received the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai. As we are in this penitential season of Lent let us take some time to reflect on how well we are living up to these commandments through an examination of conscience. Let us then avail ourselves to the sacrament of Confession so that the Lord can victoriously heal us of our sins, helping us grow in holiness.

### Mass Intentions for the Week – March 2 - 3, 2024

#### Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>

5:00 pm                      + Simon & Christaline Fernandes  
   + Caterina & Filippo Pazzano

#### Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 am                      + Andrew D'Cruz  
   + Deceased members of the  
   Don Paul Family

10:30 am                    + Newton Rodrigues

12:00 pm

#### Monday March 4<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am

#### Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am                      - Thanksgiving

#### Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am                      + Muriel Bryce

#### Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am                      + Stanislaus Steven  
   + Ligaya Santos

#### Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am                      + Allison Bryce

6:30 pm                      **(STATIONS OF THE CROSS)**



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

**CONFIRMATION**

**Collection of Confirmation Registration Forms**

Saturday March 30, 2024, from 10 am to 12 noon in the Parish Hall

**Confirmation Enrolment (MADATORY)**

Saturday April 6, 2024 - 5:00 pm Mass St. Ursula School  
 Sunday April 7, 2024 - 10:30 am Mass St. Martin de Porres School  
 Sunday April 7, 2024 - 12:00 pm Mass St. Malachy School

**Preparation Classes (In Person) - FOR ALL 3 SCHOOLS**

Sunday April 14, 2024,	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	
Sunday April 21, 2024,	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	
Sunday April 28, 2024,	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	
Sunday May 5, 2024,	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	
Sunday May 19, 2024,	1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>RETREAT</b>

**CONFIRMATION DATES**

Wednesday May 22, 2024, 6:30 PM St. Martin de Porres  
 Friday May 24, 2024, 6:30 PM St. Ursula  
 Tuesday May 28, 2024, 6:30 PM St. Malachy

**ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND MASS FROM THE ENROLMENT DATE RIGHT UNTIL THE DATE OF THEIR CONFIRMATION**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Classes begin on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.**

Wed. April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 – 7:30 pm	
Wed. April 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 – 7:30 pm	
Wed. April 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 – 7:30 pm	
Wed. April 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 – 7:30 pm	
Wed. May 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 – 7:30 pm	
Friday May 31 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 pm	Rehearsal

**FIRST COMMUNION DATES**

Saturday June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024 -	9:00 am	St. Malachy
Saturday June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024 -	11:00 am	St. Ursula
Saturday June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024 -	1:00 pm	St. Martin De Porres



**DROPPING OFF PASSENGERS**

Dropping off passengers at the front of the church steps is presenting a safety concern, as we are seeing a backup of cars at times out to the street while passengers exit their vehicles. If you need to drop off a passenger, please drive up to the entrance of the ramp at the side of the church, enabling the passenger/s to use the ramp to enter the building. Or you might pull into the fire route momentarily until your passenger exits, then go around to park your vehicle. As soon as your passenger has left the vehicle, Ministers of Hospitality may assist as required, and you will be able to park your car. Thank you for your understanding.



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

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**



**March 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**

Regular Saturday and Sunday Mass times

**March 28<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday**

6:30 pm - Washing of the Feet and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**March 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday**

Services – 12:00 noon & 3:00 pm  
 6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

**March 30<sup>th</sup> Easter Vigil - 6:30 pm**

**March 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday**

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



**Parish Weekly fact**

**More information about our San Damiano Crucifix.**

We purchased this cross, crafted by a Quebec artist, through the generous support of parishioners. Before the remodelling of our church, it was suspended by airplane wires above the main altar. The largest figures at the side of Jesus are five witnesses of the crucifixion. On the left side are the Virgin Mary and St. John the Evangelist. On the right side are Mary Magdalene, Mary, Mother of James, and the centurion who in Matthew's Gospel asks Christ to heal his servant, also depicted on the shoulder of the centurion (Matthew 8:5-13). Both Mary and Mary Magdalene have their hands placed on their cheeks to reflect extreme grief and anguish. The first four witnesses are saints and are therefore represented with halos. More about the figures on the cross will appear in later weeks.



**PARKING / FIRE ROUTES** -We have a problem regarding our fire routes and parking. Please respect the fire routes and **DO NOT PARK** 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.

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