## 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**

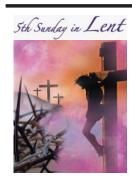
Please let the parish team know so that they can be supported sacramentally.

#### **Parish Schools**

St. Martin De Porres School	416-393-5286
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#### **Diocesan Services**

Birthright (pregnancy support)	416-469-1111	Catholic Cemeteries	416-733-8544
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(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



1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Jeremiah 31.31-34

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 5, 7-9

Gospel: John 12.20-33 (Jesus Speaks about His Death)

#### 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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#### **Heart Speaks to Heart**

As we approach Holy Week, the readings begin to point towards Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. His sacrifice was a sacrifice of love done to reconcile us with God. It is through His sacrifice that we now live in the new covenant between God and humanity. In the first reading, God tells the prophet Jeremiah, "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Through Jesus, a new covenant is formed. One that is not ruled by strict adherence to laws and regulations, but rather one that is based on living in the love of God. The Lord says that He will write the covenant on our hearts. For the Lord to insist on writing it on our hearts, He implies that this covenant will be extremely personal and intimate.

As stewards, we are called into a deep relationship and friendship with God. St. John Henry Newman's motto was "Cor ad cor loquitur", or "Heart speaks unto heart." He fully understood the depths and importance of what it means to be in an intimate relationship with God. Do we likewise try to foster a personal relationship with Christ? Jesus' life, death and resurrection forever changed the way we go to God in prayer. Let us strive to go to Him and bear our heart to Him, that we may be able to grow deeper in relationship with Christ.

#### **Summary**

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#### Mass Intentions for the Week - March 16 - 17, 2024

#### Saturday March 16th

5:00 pm - Intentions of Genevieve & Joseph

Rego

- Intentions of Dennis DeClaro

#### Sunday March 17th

9:00 am + Josie O'Neil

10:30 am + Marita Baylon Salcedo & All

Deceased family members

+ Irene Dias

12:00 pm

#### Monday March 18th

#### Tuesday March 19th

8:30 am + P. T. Thomas + Josie O'Neil

#### Wednesday March 20th

8:30 am

#### Thursday March 21st

8:30 am

#### Friday March 22nd

8:30 am + Elenora Carnemola

6:30 pm (STATIONS OF THE CROSS)

#### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**



#### March 24th Palm Sunday

Regular Saturday and Sunday Mass times

#### March 28th Holy Thursday

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

#### March 29th Good Friday

Services - 12:00 noon & 3:00 pm

2:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

March 30th Easter Vigil - 6:30 pm

#### March 31st Easter Sunday

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



#### Flowers for Easter

Help decorate The Sanctuary for Easter by donating a flowerpot in honor of family and friends by pacing a card with their name/s on it. Please drop them off by Thursday, March 28th in the parish hall. We thank you for your generosity!

Choice of flowers – Easter Lilies, Asters, Tulips, Hydrangeas and Sunflowers.

#### 50+ Group - Mark your calendars

The 50+ Group will honour and celebrate two venerable Saints this month - St. Joseph and St. Patrick, on <u>Thursday March 21st</u>. Tickets for the luncheon are \$12 for members, and \$15 for non-members, and will be on sale this weekend and next after all the masses. Please join us for what will be an enjoyable afternoon of fun and fellowship. We look forward to seeing everyone. Please consider wearing something brown to honour St. Joseph, and/or something green to honour St. Patrick.



### Parish Weekly fac



This year, the Fifth Sunday in Lent occurs on the Feast of St. Patrick, Catholic bishop, "Apostle of Ireland" and one of the most well-loved and celebrated saints of all time. The humble saint is known for his powerful expositions of the principles of the Catholic faith. He even used the ordinary three-leaf shamrock plant to teach people about the Trinity.



Please join us in praying The Station of the Cross Every Friday at 6:30 pm

#### **CONFIRMATION**

#### **Collection of Confirmation Registration Forms**

Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 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, Sunday April 21, 2024, Sunday April 28, 2024, Sunday May 5, 2024,

Sunday May 19, 2024, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm **RETREAT** 

#### **CONFIRMATION DATES**

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

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

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

#### Classes begin on April 3rd, 2024.

 Wed. April 3rd
 6:30 - 7:30 pm

 Wed. April 10th
 6:30 - 7:30 pm

 Wed. April 17th
 6:30 - 7:30 pm

 Wed. April 24th
 6:30 - 7:30 pm

 Wed. May 1st
 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm **REHEARSAL** 

#### **FIRST COMMUNION DATES**

Saturday June 1st, 2024 - 9:00 am St. Malachy Saturday June 1st, 2024 - 11:00 am St. Ursula

Saturday June 1st, 2024 - 1:00 pm St. Martin De Porres

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

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