
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

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



1st Reading:
Acts 3. 13-15, 17-19

2nd Reading:
1 John 2. 1-5

Gospel:
Luke 24.35-48
(Jesus Appears to His Disciples)

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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Befriending God

One of the most wholesome and life-giving relationships we can enjoy in this life is that of friendships. The book of Sirach says that “faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one has found a treasure.” Of course, the greatest friendship that we can have is our friendship with God. However, many people find it difficult to see God, the creator of the universe, as a friend. This is why Jesus became incarnate as a man, so that He could reveal God to us in a way that we could more fully grasp.

The Catechism teaches that “Jesus is inseparably true God and true man. He is truly the Son of God who, without ceasing to be God and Lord, became a man and our brother” (CCC 469). Since we know what it is like to befriend other humans, we can extend this same means of friendship to Jesus. However, this friendship doesn’t remain like all of our other friendships. Rather, since Jesus is also fully God, our friendship with Him also implies that we are friends with God.

This beautiful reality of Jesus being both God and man is visible in the Gospel today. Jesus appears to the disciples in His glorious new risen body, yet like all humans, he took a piece of fish and ate it. While this is a small example, it points to the reality of Jesus’ identity. As stewards, our friendship with God is the most important relationship we need to foster. Let us take some time each day in prayer to converse with Jesus as we would a close friend and by doing so, enjoy friendship with God.

Summary

We all love having friends and since we know what it is like to befriend other humans, we can extend this same means of friendship to Jesus because he too is fully human. However, this friendship doesn’t remain like all of our other friendships but is elevated to the status of being friends with God, since Jesus is also fully God. As stewards, let us take some time each day in prayer to converse with Jesus as we would a close friend and by doing so, enjoy friendship with God.

Mass Intentions for the Week –April 13 - 19, 2024

Saturday April 13th

5:00 pm + Sylvia Pereira
 + Ezilda Coutinho

Sunday April 14th

9:00 am + Todd Kirby
 + John Keating

10:30 am

12:00 pm + Doris Mitchell

Monday April 15th

Tuesday April 16th

8:30 am + Dominga Geneta

Wednesday April 17th

8:30 am + Horace & Margaret Mascurine

Thursday April 18th

8:30 am + P.T. Thomas

Friday April 19th

8:30 am



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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 31st 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



CONFIRMATION

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 RETREAT

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



Knights of Columbus bus trip to **Casino Rama**
Saturday April 27th, 2024

Departure 8:45 am. Tickets are \$20.

Contact email is robertcheeatow@gmail.com or see flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer for details.



Knights are holding a fundraising **Chili and Bingo event** on **Saturday April 27 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm.**

Tickets are \$15 and include meal, a chance at door prizes and a bingo card good for all 20 games.

Knights will be selling tickets after all masses. More details are on the bulletin board in foyer.



Parish Weekly fact

More information about our San Damiano Crucifix

Two smaller figures are located in the corners with the witnesses to the crucifixion. On the lower left is [Longinus](#) the traditional name of the Roman soldier who pierced the side of Jesus with a lance. He is represented here as holding the lance and looking up at Jesus. In the lower right is [Stephaton](#), the traditional name for the soldier who offered Jesus the sponge soaked in vinegar wine.

Six [angels](#) are represented as marvelling over the event of the crucifixion. They are positioned at both ends of the crossbar. Their hand gestures indicate they are discussing this wondrous event of the death and calling us to marvel with them.

More about the figures on the cross will appear in later weeks.



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

50 + GROUP EASTER LUNCH

THURSDAY APRIL 18TH FROM 12 NOON TO 3:00 PM
TICKETS ARE \$12 FOR MEMBERS, AND \$15 FOR NON-MEMBERS AND WILL BE ON SALE AFTER ALL THE MASSES THIS WEEKEND.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE 50 + GROUP, MEMBERSHIP FOR THE YEAR 2024 WILL BE \$15.00.

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