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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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Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages)	416-281-6007	New Beginnings	416-222-1101
		St. Vincent de Paul Society	416-284-6131



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



1st Reading:
Acts 9.26-31

2nd Reading:
1 John 3. 18-24

Gospel:
John 15. 1-8
(Jesus the True Vine)

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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Abiding in Christ

In today's Gospel we are invited to reflect on the image of Jesus, the true vine. Jesus says "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." As stewards, there is much to be gleaned through reflecting on this passage.

Firstly, Jesus desires to abide in us. He does this whenever we receive Him in the Eucharist. In the same way, we are called to abide in Him by prayerfully placing our very selves in His presence, whether it's through praying in our rooms or before the Blessed Sacrament. This close relationship with Jesus is where our stewardship originates and is sustained. Jesus bluntly proclaims that we can do nothing without abiding in Him first.

As stewards, more than the actual works we perform, we are giving other people Christ through our time and talents. We can only give what we have first received. Therefore, it is of paramount importance that we focus on our prayer life above all. For example, before we plan on giving our time to a fellow parishioner and journeying with them, let us say a prayer asking God for the strength to work through us. Similarly, before we offer up our talents through various ministries in the parish, we should try to say a prayer asking that our works may point others to Christ, not to ourselves. Therefore, through abiding in Christ we may share His love and presence with others.

Summary

In today's Gospel Jesus says "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." We can abide in Jesus by placing ourselves in His presence whenever we pray and He likewise abides in us, especially through receiving Him in the Eucharist. This close relationship with Jesus is where our stewardship originates and is sustained so let us never fail to go to Him before we offer up our time and talents to the parish.

Mass Intentions for the Week – April 27 – May 3, 2024

Saturday April 27th

5:00 pm + Partick Mendonca & Sylvia Pereira
+ Giuseppina "Josie" Schembri

Sunday April 28th

9:00 am + Stephanie Crowley
+ Martha D'Souza

10:30 am + Constante Bigornia
(5th Death Anniversary)

12:00 pm + Elizabeth Cabus

Monday April 29th

Tuesday April 30th

8:30 am + John Lyne
+ Luigi D'Addario
+ Tony Van Heer
(30th Death Anniversary)

Wednesday May 1st

8:30 am - S.I. Linda Banganibam
+ Alejandro & Maria Calara

Thursday May 2nd

8:30 am + Anthony Mascarenhas

Friday May 3rd

8:30 am



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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 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



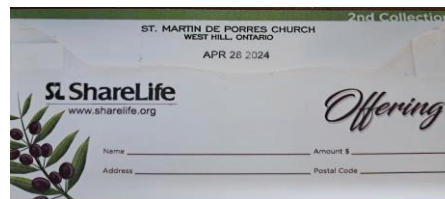
Parish Weekly fact

More information about our San Damiano Crucifix

At the foot of the cross there is a picture of six figures, two of whom are represented with halos. In accordance with the traditions of the day, these six are the patrons of Umbria: St. John, St. Michael, St. Rufino, St. John the Baptist, St. Peter, and St. Paul.

On the top of the cross, we see Jesus now fully clothed in his regal garments and carrying the cross as a triumphant scepter. He is climbing out of the tomb and into the heavenly courts. Ten angels are crowded around. Five of them have their hands extended in a welcoming gesture to Jesus, who himself has his hand raised in the form of a greeting.

At the very top of the cross is the right hand of the Father with two fingers extended. Jesus is being raised from the dead by the right hand of God the Father. This can also be understood as the blessing of God the Father on all that Jesus has done.



ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday is April 28th, and we once again ask you to give generously to support Catholic agencies, who in turn care for the most vulnerable in our communities. As a parish, this is our opportunity to live the Gospel!
An envelope for the 2nd Share Life Offering on April 28th is available in your box of envelopes, or you can pick one up from the table in the foyer.



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



Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is hosting a celebration for the procession and the crowning of The Blessed Virgin Mary on **Saturday May 18th, 2024**, after the 5:00 pm Mass.
More details will follow in the coming weeks.

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