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## St. Martin De Porres Parish

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#### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 4.32-34, 39-40

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8.14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20 (*The Commissioning of the Diciples*)

#### 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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#### Signing Ourselves with the Trinity

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The Catechism says that the "mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life ... It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith" (CCC 234). As Christians, we profess the mystery of the Trinity every time we make the sign of the cross, in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The practice of signing ourselves with the cross is an ancient tradition that likely dates back to the time of the Apostles. Around the year 200, Tertullian wrote that "we Christians wear out our foreheads with the sign of the cross." By signing ourselves, we are joining the countless saints that have gone before us. We can be a witness to the world whenever we sign ourselves in public. For example, the next time we eat in public let us strive to make the sign of the cross as we pray our grace before meals.

Additionally, often times the sign of the cross is the quickest prayer we can muster in times of great stress. St. Francis de Sales, Doctor of the Church, recommends that we "make spiritual aspirations to God by short, ardent movements of [our] hearts." We can do this by invoking all three persons of the Trinity and marking ourselves with the cross, which is the sign of our salvation. Therefore, the next time we experience a difficult moment let us not despair but boldly make the sign of the cross. This will allow us to continually raise up our minds and hearts to the Blessed Trinity, the greatest mystery of our faith.

#### Summary

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity which we profess every time we make the sign of the cross saying "in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit." St. Francis de Sales recommends that we "make spiritual aspirations to God by short, ardent movements of [our] hearts." Therefore, the next time we experience a difficult moment in our lives or ministries, let us not despair but boldly invoke all three persons of the Trinity and make the sign of the cross.

#### Mass Intentions for the Week - May 25 - 26, 2024

#### Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm + All Souls in Purgatory

#### Sunday May 26th

9:00 am - Thanksgiving Mass + Josefa & Ferenc Giczi

10:30 am

12:00 pm + Vinita Maria Cordeiro

#### Monday May 27<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am

#### Tuesday May 28th

8:30 am

#### Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am + Kathleen & William Tozer

+ Helen & Timothy Horrigan

#### Thursday May 30th

8:30 am + Józef Olczak

+ Vinita Maria Cordeiro (Month's Mind Mass)

#### Friday May 31st

8:30 am + Sheila Ma

+ Sheila Matheson and all deceased members of the Gillespie Family



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

#### ALL CANDIDATES MUST ATTEND THE 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



**The Bible Study Program at** St. Martin De Porres Church begins **Monday June 3, 2024**, in the Church Hall.

The cost is \$60.00 per person (covers the workbook cost required for each participant).

The sign-up sheet is in the Lobby. Registration is still open.





The 50+ group is organizing a bus trip to **Martyrs Shrine** in Midland on **Friday, June 14th**.

Tickets are \$50 and will be available after all weekend masses beginning June 1, 2024.

"Don't miss out! Book now to avoid disappointment!"

## Parish Weekly fac



#### **ShareLife**

Next Sunday, **June 2nd** is the third ShareLife Collection. Every year 150,000 individuals and families are supported with hope and healing through ShareLife-funded agencies. Share-Life is one of the most Responsible and Accountable of all Canadian charities, with 90.7% of monies going directly to Program spending, and only 5.6% to Fundraising, and 3.7% to Administration.



#### CONFIRMATION

Tuesday May 28, 2024, 6:30 PM St. Malachy / St. Ursula / Other Schools

#### SMDF



Dear Parish Community,

We are excited to announce the establishment of a new youth ministry program here at our parish! As we strive to nurture the faith of our young members, we believe this initiative will provide them with a supportive environment to grow spiritually, build relationships, and engage in meaningful service.

Our youth ministry will offer a range of activities including Bible studies, prayer groups, parish community service projects, and social events tailored to the interests and needs of our young members. Through these activities, we hope to foster a deeper understanding of their faith and empower them to live out their beliefs in their daily lives.

We are inviting all youth, ages 11-18, and their families to join us as we embark on this journey together. Whether you are a parent looking to get involved or a young person seeking to connect with peers who share your values, there is a place for you in our youth ministry.

As we are in our early planning stages, stay tuned for more details on how you can get involved and help support this important ministry in our parish community. Together, let us inspire and empower the next generation to embrace their faith and make a positive impact in the world.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Anthony Gonsalves

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

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