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



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God's Kingdom is like



a mustard seed

See God's kingdom is like a mustard seed, which is smaller than any other seed on earth that you can plant. But when you plant it, it grows and becomes the largest of all the plants in your garden.

1st Reading:
Ezekiel 17.22-24

2nd Reading:
2 Corinthians 5.6-10

Gospel:
Mark 4.26-34
(The Parable of the Mustard)

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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Making the Church a Home

In today's readings we hear about small things having large impacts. In the Gospel, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven "is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

The mustard seed in this parable represents the Gospel that Jesus came to proclaim. It started with just a small handful of people but now, 2000 years later, has spread to all the corners of the world. The birds that come to find refuge in the tree represents all of us who come to find rest and shelter in the Gospel and the Church.

As stewards, we should play our part in helping the tree continue to grow through the gift of our time and talents. We should seek ways to help spread the Gospel message in our parish, whether it be through assisting at liturgies, helping with catechesis or serving the poor in our community. We should also spread the message that God desires all of us, even those who have fallen away from their faith, to find healing, safety, and comfort in the Church. Let us be committed to making the Church a home for all who seek Christ.

Summary

In today's Gospel we hear about the parable of the mustard seed in which Jesus explains that the tiniest seed can grow into the largest tree that houses many birds of the air. The mustard seed represents the Gospel message that began with a few people 2000 years ago and has now spread all over the world. As stewards, we should play our part in helping the tree continue to grow through the gift of our time and talents.

Mass Intentions for the Week – June 15 - 16, 2024

Saturday June 15th

5:00 pm + Cresencia Miel
+ Samuel & Edna Deen and children

Sunday June 16th

9:00 am + Andrew D'Cruz & Jon Don Paul
10:30 am + Farid Ala
12:00 pm - Thanksgiving Mass
+ John Noronha

Monday June 17th

9:00 am

Tuesday June 18th

8:30 am

Wednesday June 19th

8:30 am + Margaret & Horace Mascurine

Thursday June 20th

8:30 am + Intentions for all the seniors in the parish
+ K.G Jacob (Death Anniversary)

Friday June 21st

8:30 am



**Wishing all the fathers of our parish a
Happy Father's Day!**

**National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 21, 2024**

National Indigenous Peoples Day has officially been celebrated in Canada since 1996. It is an occasion to celebrate the rich culture and heritage of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples. Pope Francis has often spoken of the beauty of Indigenous culture. We recall in a special way the words he spoke to the Canadian Delegation he welcomed to the Vatican on April 1, 2022:

"First, your care for the land, which you see not as a resource to be exploited, but as a gift of heaven. For you, the land preserves the memory of your ancestors who rest there; it is a vital setting making it possible to see each individual's life as part of a greater web of relationships, with the Creator, with the human community, with all living species and with the earth, our common home. All this leads you to seek interior and exterior harmony, to show great love for the family and to possess a lively sense of

community. Then too, there are the particular riches of your languages, your cultures, your traditions and your forms of art. These represent a patrimony that belongs not only to you, but to all humanity, for they are expressions of our common humanity."

As common home to us all, the land is the place where we must "walk together" in peace and harmony for the good of everyone. Indigenous cultures and traditions form a precious heritage, which can guide our shared journey. Today, walking alongside Canada's Indigenous Peoples, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops reaffirms its commitment to deepen and strengthen relationships with Indigenous Peoples through truth, healing, justice, reconciliation and hope.

Fr. Jean Vézina
General Secretariat
Canadian Conference of Catholic
Bishops (CCCB)

Parish Weekly fact

The month of June contains the feast days of many familiar saints. Next Saturday, June 22nd, the church celebrates the martyrdom of Saint John Fisher and Saint Thomas More. Both John Fisher and Sir Thomas More refused to take the oath required by King Henry VIII's Act of Succession, refusing to acknowledge Henry as supreme head of the Church of England and the annulment of his marriage to Catherine of Aragon, especially because it repudiated papal authority. They were imprisoned in the Tower of London and executed in 1535.

The Archdiocese of Toronto has named two Parishes after these saints: **St. John Fisher** (in Brampton) and **St. Thomas More**



There will be **NO** weekly bulletins for July and August. Regular printing of our parish bulletin will begin again on **September 8, 2024**. Mass intentions during this time, will be posted on the bulletin boards in the foyer.



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



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

If you know of a non-Catholic living in our neighborhood, who would like to join the Catholic Church, please have him or her phone Fr. Anthony at 416-284-9192 ext.2 or the parish office at ext. 4. Our Classes begin in September 2024.



(RCIC) Rite of Christian Initiation for Children

Do you have a child in grades 2-6, who has not received the sacrament of Baptism, First Reconciliation or First Communion? If so, we have our next RCIC preparation program starting in the fall. We invite you to attend the First Reconciliation/ First Communion registration meeting in September for all the details on the RCIC program. The dates will be in our Parish bulletin by September. We look forward to meeting you.



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

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