
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



**WORLD DAY OF
MIGRANTS
& REFUGEES**



**God walks with
His people**

September 29, 2024

1st Reading:
Numbers 11.25-29

2nd Reading:
James 5.1-6

Gospel:
Mark 9.38-43, 45, 47-48
(Temptations to Sin)

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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Removing the Obstacles

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the bold teaching that we should rid ourselves of anything that causes us to sin, for the price of losing our eternal salvation is far too great. This teaching can seem harsh at times, yet it is actually one of great truth and love. The radical implication in Jesus' message is that the salvation of our souls is the most important thing in life.

As followers of Christ, we should ask ourselves, is there anything that is causing us to sin? Sin begins to weaken our relationship with God which hinders our ability to truly love others and act as authentic stewards. If we want our stewardship to flourish, we should take concrete actions to avoid the near occasions of sin and seek forgiveness in the sacrament of Confession for whenever we do fall.

Additionally, not only should we seek to remove the causes of sin in our lives, but we should try to remove all those things that hinder us from being better stewards of our time and talents. For example, if our pride and ego get in the way of us being willing to humbly serve others, we should pray for the strength to grow in humility. Likewise, if our addiction to television or movies stops us from giving our time to others, we should try to intentionally limit our viewing time. There are many ways we can grow as faithful stewards of Christ so let us start by taking small steps towards being more generous.

Summary

Jesus instructs us in the Gospel to remove anything that causes us to sin for the most important thing in life is the salvation of our souls. Likewise, we should strive to remove anything that hinders us from being better stewards of our time and talents. There are many ways we can grow as faithful stewards of Christ so let us start by taking small steps towards being more generous

Mass Intentions for the Week – September 28 - 29, 2024

Saturday September 28th

8:30 am - Auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary
5:00 pm

Sunday September 29th

9:00 am + Sydney Pereira
 + Josefa & Ferenc Giczi
10:30 am + Domingos D'Souza
12:00 pm

Monday September 30th

8:30 am + Vinita Maria Cordeiro

Tuesday October 1st

8:30 am + Andrew D'Cruz (Death Anniversary)
 + Angelica & Hilario Gonsalves

Wednesday October 2nd

8:30 am + Sunny Paul

Thursday October 3rd

8:30 am + All Souls in Purgatory

Friday October 4th

8:30 am



Inviting all grades 6, 7 and 8 students to join St. Martin de Porres' EDGE Youth Ministry! Our parish youth deserve a place where they can have fun as a means to discover some of the riches of the Catholic faith and make new friends. EDGE will kick off in November - date to be confirmed. To sign up, look for the Sign-up sheet in the Church foyer and fill in your name, email, and telephone number. You can also contact Theresa Vandebroek, Youth Minister, at smdpyouth24@gmail.com.

Registration will start in October.



The Children's Liturgy is a vibrant ministry for children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3, where the Liturgy of the Word is presented to children in a way that is fun and easy to understand. While the adults are having their celebration in the sanctuary, the children will have their lessons in the hall. **The session is about 20-25 minutes and will begin October 6th.**

The children will be brought back to the sanctuary to rejoin their parents for the rest of the mass. Please encourage your children to participate in the program.

Life in the Spirit Seminar – Thursday evenings, Oct 17- Nov 28

Pope Francis declared 2024 a *Year of Prayer*, ahead of the Church's celebration of [Jubilee 2025](#), calling on the faithful "to pray more fervently ... and experience the power of hope in God."

Deepen your prayer life and experience the power of hope and healing. Join the parish's Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS), Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Oct 17, 24 and Nov 7, 14, 21, 28.

Fill out a registration form available at the LSS registration table in the foyer after weekend masses. Register early. Space is limited.

You may also scan your completed registration form and email to stmartinlss2024@gmail.com by Oct 13.

Questions? Call 416 282-5192. There is no cost to attend the program.

**Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation
Special Collection
Sunday, October 5/6, 2024**

The Archdiocese of Toronto will hold a special collection the weekend of October 5/6, 2024, to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.

Please write your donation envelope number on the parish supplied special envelopes.

Campaign Life Coalition Presents



A peaceful prayerful witness to life will be held all over North America on Sunday Oct. 6th, 2024 - from 2-3 pm at the intersection of Lawrence Ave E. & Kingston Rd. For more information or questions please call Life Chain at (416) 204-9749.



Parish Weekly fact

The solemnity of Saint Michael the Archangel is celebrated on September 29. Saint Michael, the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Toronto, features prominently in Toronto's history. Churches, schools, hospitals, and social service agencies bearing the saint's name serve as a witness of the Catholic community's presence and ministry in Canada's largest city. St. Michael's Basilica, the Cathedral church of the Archdiocese of Toronto, was dedicated on September 29, 1845.



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

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