## St. Martin De Porres Parish

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#### **Pastor**

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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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(counselling for individuals and far	nilies)	New Beginnings	416-222-1101
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriage	es) 416-281-6007	St. Vincent de Paul Society	416-284-6131



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 2.7ab, 15, 18-24

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 2.9-11

Gospel: Mark 10.2-16 (Teaching about Divorce & The Little Children)

#### 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

9:00 am, 10:30 am and Sunday Masses

12:00 noon

https://stmartindeporressc.archtoronto.org/eg/

#### The Origins of Stewardship

In the first reading this Sunday we hear about our first parents, Adam and Eve. By reflecting on their lives, we can learn a great deal about how we too are called to live. It says in Genesis that, "the Lord God formed man ... and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it." It is from this that the spirituality of stewardship finds its origins, all the way from the first book of the Bible.

To be a steward is to gratefully acknowledge our lives and all we possess as gifts from God that should be used for the glory of Christ and the Church. We must maturely take care of them, not for selfish reasons, but out of love and generosity. This is exactly what God is asking of Adam in Genesis.

God gives Adam the gift of Eden and the beauty of creation, yet He doesn't instruct him to use all these gifts for his mere enjoyment and pleasure. Instead, he is told to work at nurturing and fostering these gifts so as to allow them to increase. God tells him to till the land. So too as stewards, we need to till the lands of our time and talents. Let us strive to not passively use them for our own gain but work on using them for God's will. God desires us to share our gifts for His glory, so let us reflect on how we can better offer ourselves for the good of God and the Church.

#### Summary

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#### Mass Intentions for the Week - October 5 - 6, 2024

#### Saturday October 5th

5:00 pm + Giuseppina "Josie" Schembri

+ Dominic & Edna Menezes

#### Sunday October 6th

9:00 am + Andrew D'Cruz

+ Deceased members of the Don Paul Family

10:30 am + Gala Lobo

> + Angelicia & Hilario Gonsalves + Cheryl & Eldric Fernandes

- S. I. for Dana Fernandes & Dorothy Pinto 12:00 pm

+ Remedios Elejode

#### Monday October 7th

8:30 am

#### Tuesday October 8th

8:30 am + Victoria Brewster

> - S. I for Patrica & Patrick Doyle on their 58th Wedding Anniversary

#### Wednesday October 9th

8:30 am + Giuseppe Corrado

+ James Sherry

#### Thursday October 10th

8:30 am + Cecile Lopez

#### Friday October 11th

8:30 am



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





Calling all Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8 students! Come and join the **EDGE Youth Ministry** where you'll have a place to belong to, meet other amazing young people, have fun on a Friday night (with snacks) and best of all, gain a better understanding of God's immense love for YOU! EDGE will kick off on Friday, November 15, 2024 @ 7:00 pm. Register now and pick up your Registration form at the Church foyer table. For more information, please contact the Youth Minister, Theresa Vandenbroek, at <a href="mailto:smdpyouth24@gmail.com">smdpyouth24@gmail.com</a>.





#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up Weekend will take place **October 19th & 20th**. Now is the time to go through your closets and clear out all those items that you thought you still fit into.

The truck will be open before and after the 5 pm mass on the 6th, and open before the 9 am mass on the 7th, till after the noon mass. We accept gently used clothing, shoes, and household linens. Thank you for your generosity. "



#### **ROSARY RALLY 2023**

Please join us on **Saturday October 12**<sup>th</sup> at St. Martin De Porres Church Parking lot for the rally captained by Martin Pallath with the members of St. Joseph's Church - Legion of Mary.

Time: Noon to 1:00 pm.

## Parish Weekly fact

Why do we designate October as Rosary Month? According to an ancient account, The Virgin Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against heresy and gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and effects, and told him to preach it to others. In 1571 St. Pius V ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on the first Sunday of October.

The Rosary is the most widely practiced form of devotion to Mary and has come to be regarded as the very badge of Catholic piety.

#### <u>Life in the Spirit Seminar – Thursday</u> evenings, Oct 17- Nov 28

Pope Francis declared 2024 a *Year of Prayer*, ahead of the Church's celebration of <u>Jubilee 2025</u>, 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.



Legion of Mary



All Parishioners are invited to join us in Prayer at *The Living Rosary* on Saturday **October 26**<sup>th</sup> after the 5.00 pm mass followed by a get-together in the Church Hall.

Thank you and God Bless.

#### **Serra Club of Markham-Scarborough**

Serra Club of Markham-Scarborough cordially invites the parishioners of St. Martin de Porres (SMDP) to join their gathering on **Saturday, October 12, 2024**, from 8:30 am to 11:00 am, at SMDP. The morning will begin with Eucharistic Adoration, followed by a Mass Celebration, and a wonderful opportunity to hear Fr. Anthony Gonsalves share his inspiring vocation story. Light snacks and refreshments will be available.

What is Serra?

Serra is a global lay apostolate for vocations in the Catholic Church. Serrans are passionate and dedicated to their work to ensure the future of our Church by promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

A Knights of Columbus Scholarship of \$500 is available to a member of St. Martin de Porres Parish who will be attending a full-time post secondary program in the 2024-25 academic year. Consideration will include the applicant's involvement in Parish and/or Community activities, either currently or in the past. Application Forms should be requested from smithwriter@rogers.com by email.

The deadline for return of applications is November 30, 2024.

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