# 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)

# <u>Marriage</u>

Contact the parish priest one year in advance of the date of marriage.

# <u>Shut-ins</u>

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)416-469-1111Catholic Family Services:416-921-1163(counselling for individuals and families)Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages)416-281-6007

Catholic Cemeteries	416-733-8544
Catholic Cultural Services	416-757-7010
New Beginnings	416-222-1101
St. Vincent de Paul Society	416-284-6131

# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 31.7-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 5.1-6

Gospel: Mark 10.46-52 (The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus)

# <u>Regular Mass Schedule</u> 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

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

#### Raising our Hearts in Prayer

As stewards, we are called to devote a portion of time every day to prayer. Prayer is what allows us to foster and deepen our relationship with God. However, we may sometimes be intimidated by prayer because we are unsure of what words to say or how to say them. We may seek to use complicated and inorganic formulas instead of simply praying in our own natural way.

Today's Gospel shows us that we don't really need to have our "act together" before we begin to pray. In the passage from Mark, we see the blind man Bartimaeus simply sitting on the roadside, yelling at Jesus in pure desperation. His posture probably wasn't reverent, his words not exactly eloquent, yet it was the most earnest prayer that he could have possibly made.

St. Therese of Lisieux says, "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." This simple look towards Heaven is what Bartimaeus fully embodied and is what we too are called to imitate as stewards. Whenever we are in a difficult moment and feel that we cannot pray, let our prayer simply be to raise our minds to God and contemplate His goodness. In times of joy, perhaps our prayer is just to sit before the tabernacle with a spirit of genuine gratitude for all of our blessings. Let us strive to turn to prayer in all circumstance for these moments are very pleasing to God.

#### <u>Summary</u>

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#### Saturday October 26th

5:00 pm	<ul><li>+ Rogelio Ramos</li><li>- S.I. &amp; Blessings for Natasha Fonceca</li><li>- S.I. for Sharon Pak</li></ul>			
Sunday October 27th				

9:00 am	+ Daniel Couture
10:30 am	+ All Souls in Purgatory + Emeteria Vicente
12:00 pm	+ Nori Cadhit + Nori Cadhit

# Monday October 28th

8:30 am + Norma Hearty

#### Tuesday October 29th

8:30 am + Jennifer & Ellis Fernandes + S.I. for Joseph & Kanthini Anthoipillai (30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

#### Wednesday October 30th

8:30 am

Thursday October 31st

8:30 am

Friday November 1<sup>st</sup>

8:30 am

+ All Souls in Purgatory





#### **Reconciliation Classes (IN PERSON)**

Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Wednesday November 6th - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Wednesday November 13th - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Wednesday November 20th - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Wednesday November 27th - 6:30 pm (<u>Rehearsal</u>) <u>RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION</u> Wednesday December 4th @ 6:30 pm

Communion Classes (IN PERSON)

Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 6:30 pm (**Rehearsal**)

#### **RECEPTION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 @ 9:00 am – St. Malachy June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 @ 11:00 am – St. Ursula June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 @ 1:00 pm – SMDP

# 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 fulltime 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 the return of the applications is November 30,2024.

# Parish Weekly fact

# Hallowe'en actually has significant Catholic roots. Many Christians and

non-Christians now fail to realize that Halloween is a hijacked holy day. Both are convinced it has pagan origins. When we separate something from its religious context, it quickly takes a turn for the worse. The word "Halloween" - or "Hallowe'en"- comes from *All Hallow's Eve*, the vigil celebration of All Saints Day (November1st) also known as All Hallows Day, when Catholics remember those who have gone before us to enter our heavenly home." (The word "hallow" means "holy." In the Our Father we pray, "Hallowed be thy name.")

Pope Gregory IV (827–844) extended the Feast of All Saints, which was previously just a local feast in Rome, to the universal Church. That is how the eve of All Saints Day (Hallowe'en) came to be celebrated by Catholics around the world in their own cultural ways. Celebrating these Christian holy days helps remind the faithful of the reality of heaven and hell, the saints and the damned, demons and angels, and the holy souls suffering in purgatory.





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 smdpyouth24@gmail.com.



SMDP Annual Christmas Bazaar 2024

Date: November 9th Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

### **DONATIONS REQUIRED**

Please support the parish bazaar through your talent and/or monetary donations. We are accepting: Ethnic cuisine Baked goods Pickles/ Chutneys Christmas crafts Hand knitted/crocheted items. Gift-cards, Monetary donations

There is also a sign-up list for items towards the Gift Basket Raffle.

Get into the Christmas Spirit and make the bazaar a success!

SMDP Committee members will be available after each service to accept your donations and answer any questions on the bazaar.





#### **BLESSING OF PETS!**

The Squires are holding their annual blessing of pets on **Nov 3**<sup>rd</sup> **after the 12-noon mass in the Church parking lot**. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their pets for an extra special blessing on the feast day of St. Martin De Porres. Dogs should be on leashes and other pets should be in appropriate carriers.

<u>Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services</u> - Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on Saturday Nov. 2, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations: - Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum

- Christ the King Cemetery, Markham – Reception Centre

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- Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill - Holy Family Mausoleum

- Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian and English)
- Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum

**ALL ARE WELCOME** 

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