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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



1st Reading: Daniel 12.1-3

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10.11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13.24-32 (The Coming of the Son of Man & The Fig Tree)

The prayer of the poor rises up to God"

Contemplating the End

Today's readings point our attention to the second coming of Christ and our final judgement. "Heaven and earth will pass away" and though no one knows when that day will come, we are all aware that it will indeed come. Each of us will stand before the judgement throne of God. Let us ask ourselves, will He be pleased with us and with the way in which we used the gifts He granted us?

Today's apocalyptic message gives us a great opportunity to reflect on the meaning of our lives. We were not created to live solely for our time on earth. Rather, we were made for something greater. We were made for Heaven. The way in which we live our lives should reflect our eternal destination and not focus merely on this short earthly stopover.

One beautiful way of life we can choose to adopt here on earth that will greatly prepare us for our heavenly home is that of stewardship. If we live our lives worthy of the call that Christ has given us, by being united to Him in prayer, being strengthened by the sacraments, and striving to offer our gifts to others, we need not fear judgment. We should instead rely solely on the mercy of God and do our part of being faithful stewards that are sustained by His grace. Let us decide today to recommit all the more fervently to our call of stewardship.

Summary

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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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Mass Intentions for the Week - November 16 / 17, 2024

Saturday November 16th

5:00 pm	 + Alcantra & Mary Dominic Menezes + Leoncio, Agapita & Eliza Torrano 		
Sunday November 17 th			
9:00 am	 Thanksgiving from the Couture Family Mae Choong & all deceased members of the Choong Family 		
	+ Ronnie Bautista		
10:30 am	- For All Parishioners		
12:00 pm	 + Theophilus & Sylvia Ampson + Norma & Ruben Jacob + Deceased members of the Gomes Family 		
Monday November 18 th			
8:30 am	 S. I. & Thanksgiving for Antonetta Pinto B'day Blessings for Antonetta Pinto 		
Tuesday November 19 th			
8:30 am	+ Juan Miel + Eldric & Cheryl Fernandes		
Wednesday November 20 th			
8:30 am	 Thanksgiving and S.I. for Debbie S.I. for Bernard Batoy 		
Thursday November 21 st			
8:30 am	 + Angelica & Hilario Gonsalves + Bernardo Go (1st Death Anniversary) 		
Friday November 22 nd			
8:30 am	+ Abraham Manuel (Death anniversary) + Felipe Lilia Arias		

Remembering All Souls

The Month of November is dedicated to all deceased souls. A **"Book of Remembrance**" is placed in front of the pulpit along with special envelopes if you wish to donate.All the envelopes will then be placed on the alter and prayed for throughout the month of November.



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



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Tuesday December 24th

- 6:00 pm

- 5:00 pm

Christmas Day Wednesday December 25th

- 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

New Year's Eve Tuesday, December 31st

New Year Masses

Wednesday, January 1st

- 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

ving Our Neighbours



Your Society of St. Vincent de Paul is appealing to you for help in making this Christmas a little brighter for your Neighbours in Need. Please consider donating gift cards for either No Frills, Food Basics or Walmart. Denominations of \$25, \$50 or \$100 would be ideal. Please put the gift cards into an envelope, clearly labelled for St. Vincent de Paul. If you need a tax receipt, please clearly write your full name. address, and phone number. All gift card donations may be put into the collection basket, or into the mail slot in the side door near the parish office. We would appreciate receiving your donations by the first week in December. THANK YOU for your generosity.



You better watch out, you better not cry, and you better save this date, Saturday, December 14th, because Christmas cheer is coming to town! On Saturday, December 14th, after the 5 o'clock mass at 6:00 pm, you are invited to the St Martin de Porres Christmas Sing-along. Members of our many choirs will join their musical talents to lead you in song! From traditional and most holy Christmas hymns to more contemporary songs. Hot chocolate and cookies to follow in the church hall. So, come join us in spreading Christmas joy with your fellow parishioners.





ADVENT CONFESSION NIGHT

St Martin De Porres will have its annual **Advent Confession** Night on Wednesday, December 11th from 6 – 8 PM. There will be other priests available for confessions. Please take advantage of this time as it will be your last major opportunity before the celebration of Christmas.

First

Reconciliation Children preparing for their First Holy Communion in 2025, will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 4th, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the SMDP Church. Attendance is mandatory.

50+ Group is organizing a bus trip to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Youngstown (Buffalo) NY on Saturday, November 23^{rd.} As there is a limited number of seats on the bus, please ensure you buy your tickets early, to avoid disappointment. The cost is \$45.00 per person. Tickets are available at all weekend masses.



Poinsettias To help decorate the church for Christmas.

The parish is asking for donations of Poinsettias. If you would like to donate poinsettias, please drop them off by Sunday, Dec. 22nd in the parish hall. We thank you for your generosity!



Recent figures show that Sunday Offertory donations have increased by about 5% over the previous year, but that the number of parishioners using electronic donations has decreased slightly. Offertory donations not using envelopes or electronic methods still make up about 24% of the total. Using envelopes for donations or PAG (pre-authorized giving) generates an Income Tax Receipt from the parish or archdiocese at year's end. Envelope users have also accounted for 77% of the total Building Fund donations.



Kindly pick up your **2025** Sunday Offertory envelopes from the Church Hall. Please look for your last name and not your envelope number, as many numbers have changed. If you do not see your name on a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

Please do not use the 2025 envelopes until January.

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