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# 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



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



1<sup>st</sup> Reading:  
Jeremiah 33.14-16

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:  
1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2

Gospel:  
Luke 21.25-28, 34-36  
(The Coming of the Son  
of Man)

## **A New Season of Stewardship**

We have arrived at the beautiful and powerful season of Advent. It is a season to prepare in awe and wonder for the coming of Christ at Christmas, His coming as a tiny babe wrapped in swaddling clothes. It is also a period to prepare for the final coming of Christ as well as our own individual day of judgement at the end of our lives. We will all be called to give an account of how we used the gifts God gave us to better serve Him and the Church. Advent is a season of stewardship.

The readings this Sunday quickly call our attention to the need to be aware of our judgement. The Gospel boldly warns, "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." It is so easy for us to lose focus of our heavenly destination by excessive preoccupation with the pleasures and worries of this life. To avoid this pitfall Jesus says to "be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength."

During Advent, we stewards must ask ourselves some difficult reflective questions. Are we staying faithful to our prayer life? Are we using all of our energy to offer our time and talents to our parish community? Are we seeking reconciliation and forgiveness in the sacrament of Confession for the times we have failed? Are we living for the present moment or for our heavenly home? Let us get ready for the Lord's coming and prepare with awe and wonder.

## **Summary**

The readings this Sunday quickly call our attention to the final coming of Christ as well as our own individual day of judgement at the end of our lives. It is so easy for us to lose focus of our heavenly destination by excessive preoccupation with the pleasures and worries of this life. This Advent season, let us heed the advice of Jesus to "be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength."



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

## **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**

<https://stmartindeporssc.archtoronto.org/eg/>

## **Mass Intentions for the Week Nov 30 / Dec 01, 2024**

### **Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm                    + Domingo Savio & Ludavinha Machado  
                                  + Joaquim Azavedo

### **Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 am                    + Andrew D'Cruz  
                                  + Deceased members of the  
                                  Don Paul Family

**10:30 am                - For All Parishioners**

12:00 pm                  + Johnny Coutinho  
                                  - S.I. for Betty Boco on her birthday

### **Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 am

### **Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 am                    + Andrew D'Cruz  
                                  - S.I. & Birthday blessings for  
                                  Dorine Couture

### **Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am

### **Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am

### **Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am



## ***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. 22<sup>nd</sup> in the parish hall. We thank you for your generosity!



**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve**

Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm

**Christmas Day**

Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

**New Year's Eve**

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> - 5:00 pm

**New Year Masses**

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon



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In Need



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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the SMDP Church.

**Attendance is mandatory.**



**50+ Christmas Party & Lunch**

Please join us for a fun filled afternoon and a festive lunch on **Thursday December 19th at 12.30 pm**  
Tickets on sale at all weekend masses  
**@ \$20.00 per person.**

Kindly purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment



**SMDP Christmas Bazaar update**

A huge thank you to our parishioners for participating in this year's Christmas bazaar. It was a success mainly due to your talent and generosity. We raised a grand amount of **\$6,810.00**. All proceeds from the bazaar will go 100% towards various parish projects. Here's wishing you and yours the best for the upcoming Christmas season.

**Parish Weekly fact**

**Advent and the Advent Wreath** - **Advent**, from the Latin meaning "coming toward", is a time of preparation for Christmas when we commemorate the first coming of Jesus Christ into the world. But amid the preparation for gift giving, charitable donations, and festive gatherings, Advent also calls us to prepare our souls for Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. The progressive lighting of the candles on the **Advent Wreath** symbolizes expectation, hope, and joy of our preparation for the coming of Christ.



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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