
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
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Diocesan Services

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		St. Vincent de Paul Society	416-284-6131



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Second Sunday
of Advent

1st Reading:
Baruch 5.1-9

2nd Reading:
Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11

Gospel:
Luke 3.1-6
(The Proclamation of
John the Baptist)

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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A Season for Evangelization

In the Gospel this Second Sunday of Advent we hear about the proclamation of John the Baptist. John's vocation in life was to "prepare the way of the Lord [and] make his paths straight." He played the vital role of closing out the line of prophets that all pointed to Jesus. As stewards, all of us are called in a similar way to imitate John the Baptist and point others to Christ.

Evangelization is an essential aspect of our stewardship. One of the greatest gifts we can ever receive is the knowledge and love of Christ in our lives. A gift as great as this cannot be held for ourselves but must be shared with as many people as possible. This Advent season, let us help share the true meaning of Christmas to our friends and family members, especially those who may have fallen away from their faith.

However, all evangelizations must be done in truth and charity. St. Thomas Aquinas says, "To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them." This is the crucial image we must keep in mind as we strive to spread the faith. Evangelization requires work. We must lovingly and patiently meet others where they are and slowly walk with them as they discover the mysteries and beauties of the Church. Perhaps one action we can try is to invite someone to Mass with us next week. Let us strive to use this season of Advent to grow in our spirit of evangelization.

Summary

In the Gospel today we hear of the proclamation of John the Baptist, and as stewards, all of us are called to imitate him and lead others to Christ. St. Thomas Aquinas says, "To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them." We must lovingly and patiently meet others where they are and slowly walk with them as they discover the mysteries and beauties of the Church.

Mass Intentions for the Week Dec 7 / 8, 2024

Saturday December 7th

5:00 pm +Giuseppina "Josie" Schembri
+ All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday December 8th

9:00 am - S.I. for Agnes Harper
- S.I. for Shirley Chung

10:30 am - For All Parishioners

12:00 pm - S.I. for Ricardo & Cornelia
on their Anniversary
+Ernesto Ramos Yu

Monday December 9th

NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday December 10th

8:30 am + Florence Fraser
- S.I. for John Fraser

Wednesday December 11th

8:30 am + Antonio Marcaida Jr.
+Sofronio Juaneza

Thursday December 12th

8:30 am - Thanksgiving and S.I.
for Ivan Noronha

Friday December 13th

8:30 am - S.I. for Praveen Balahumar
+ Maria D'Mello



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Tuesday December 24th - 6:00 pm

Christmas Day

Wednesday December 25th - 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31st - 5:00 pm

New Year Masses

Wednesday, January 1st - 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon



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.



50+ Christmas Party & Lunch

Please join us to 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



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 print 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.



TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A 2024 TAX RECEIPT

Donations must be received in the Parish office by 1:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, December 31st** to be included in your 2024 tax receipt (or post-marked by December 31, 2024, if mailed). Thank you.



St Martin de Porres Christmas Sing-along

Next Saturday, December 14th after the 5 o'clock mass

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. come join us in spreading Christmas joy with your fellow parishioners.



Parish Weekly fact

December 8 is the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1708, it was declared a holy day of obligation by Pope Clement X1, when Catholics were expected to attend mass as on Sundays. It remains a holy day of obligation in the United States, but the bishops of Canada have transferred all holy days except Dec. 25 and January 1 to the nearest Sunday. In many Catholic countries in Europe, Asia, and Central America December 8 is celebrated with Masses, parades, fireworks, processions, food and cultural festivities in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



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

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