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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
Catholic Family Services: (counselling for individuals and families)	416-921-1163	Catholic Cultural Services	416-757-7010
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages)	416-281-6007	New Beginnings	416-222-1101
		St. Vincent de Paul Society	416-284-6131



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



1<sup>st</sup> Reading:  
Zephaniah 3.14-18a

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:  
Philippians 4.4-7

Gospel:  
Luke 3.10-18  
(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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### **An Attitude of Gratitude**

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice.” These are the beautiful words we hear from St. Paul on this Gaudete Sunday. This Third Sunday of Advent is a time for joy in the midst of the waiting and preparation for Christmas. It is a reminder for us that despite the crosses and difficulties of our lives, the joy of Jesus’ birth should always shine brightly.

One way in which we can cultivate a spirit of joy is through an intentional “attitude of gratitude.” Former U.S. president, Theodore Roosevelt, once said that “comparison is the thief of joy.” When we compare our lives, possessions, gifts, and attributes with those of others, we inherently become ungrateful for the blessings God has placed in our lives. If we begin to thank God for all the good things in our lives, we will quickly realize that there are far more things to be joyful about than upset over.

This Advent, as society is trying to make Christmas more and more materialistic, let us take some time to be grateful for all the things we already have. Perhaps one tangible way we can express our gratitude is to offer our time and talents to others this Christmas. For example, we could visit a nursing home or a soup kitchen or help with a toy drive for those who are less fortunate than us. As stewards, let us constantly strive to be grateful for our blessings and then seek to share them generously with others.

### **Summary**

On this Gaudete Sunday we are reminded that despite the crosses and difficulties of our lives, the joy of Jesus’ birth should always shine brightly. If we begin to thank God for all His blessings, we will quickly realize that there are far more things to be joyful about than upset over. Perhaps one way we can share this joy is by offering our time and talents to help others this season, whether it be at a nursing home, a soup kitchen or helping with a toy drive.

### **Mass Intentions for the Week Dec 14 / 15, 2024**

#### Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm      + Juan C. Miel  
                 + Alzira Pereira (Month’s Mind Mass)

#### Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am      + Lawrence Anthony Aguanno  
                 + Loreto Negrito Rey

10:30 am      - For All Parishioners

12:00 pm      + Rocky Fernandes

#### Monday December 16<sup>th</sup>

**NO MORNING MASS**

#### Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am      - S.I. for Jeffery Dutchin  
                 - Thanksgiving to St. Martin De Porres

#### Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am      + Nicholas D’Rozario  
                 + Audrey Powell

#### Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am      + Maria Gomes  
                 + Aniceto Varona Jr.

#### Friday December 20<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am      + Deceased members of the  
                 Don Paul Family  
                 + Horace & Margaret Mascurine



**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



**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 asap!!



**PARKING ON DEC 24<sup>th</sup> AND 25<sup>th</sup>**

Please respect the fire routes and **DO NOT** park in front of them. Parking is on a first-come basis and additional parking is available at St. Martin de Porres Catholic School, which is adjacent to the church. Bylaw officers will issue tickets to those who do not comply especially during the holiday. Thank you for your cooperation.

**DONATIONS**

**TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A 2024 TAX RECEIPT**

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



Serving Our Neighbours In Need

***Christmas Appeal***

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.

**Celebrating the Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope**



T-Shirts are on sale for \$15.00 each and will be available in the foyer after all weekend masses (while quantities last). Grab yours now to avoid disappointment.



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



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