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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

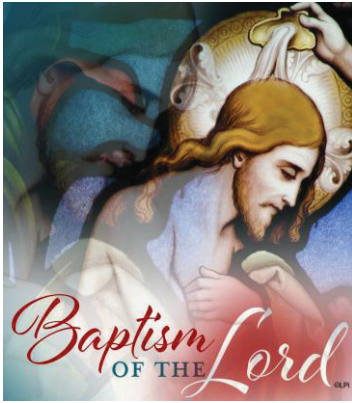
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## Diocesan Services

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Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages)	416-281-6007	New Beginnings	416-222-1101
		St. Vincent de Paul Society	416-284-6131



# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



1<sup>st</sup> Reading:  
Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:  
Titus 2.11 – 14; 3.4-7

Gospel:  
Luke 3.15-16, 21-22  
(*The Baptism of Jesus*)

## 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://stmartindeporessc.archtoronto.org/eg/>

## Mass Intentions for the Week Jan 11 / 12, 2025

### Saturday January 11<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm                      + Anthony D'Souza  
   + Maria & Jerome D'Mello

### Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am                      + Lydia Cruz  
  
10:30 am                      - For All Parishioners of SMDP  
  
12:00 pm                      + John Noronha  
   + John Bosco Gunaseelan

### Monday January 13<sup>th</sup>

### Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am

### Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am                      - Holy Infant of Jesus

### Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am                      + Jude Gayondato

### Friday January 17<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am

### Becoming Role Models

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Catechism says that the sacrament of "baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission." Let us reflect on how Jesus' baptism can teach us more about our own baptism.

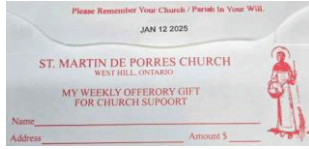
Firstly, Jesus didn't need to get baptized because he was already without sin. However, in doing so, He became a model for how we should be baptized for the forgiveness of our sins. Similarly, as stewards we are called to be authentic models of the faith to others. When people see us, do they see what it means to be a disciple? We should be examples of how to live a holy and virtuous life so that others may be inspired by our lives of stewardship.

Moreover, not only is it important to do good, but we must also consciously try to avoid anything that may scandal others. All of the baptized, especially stewards, represent Christ and the Church. If we perform actions that are negative or hurtful, people who observe us may be turned away from the faith. Of course, we are all human and are bound to make mistakes, but we should strive to avoid anything that may significantly hinder others from accepting the faith. Let us always turn to Jesus for help, our true model of holiness and stewardship.

### Summary

As we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we should first realize that Jesus didn't need to be baptized but rather did so in order to give us an example to imitate. Similarly, as stewards we are called to be authentic models of the faith so that others can be inspired by our witness. Moreover, it is extremely important that we avoid anything that may scandal others because this could drive them away from the Church. Let us strive to be true models of the faith.

## Friendly REMINDER



Please pick up your 2025 Sunday Offertory envelopes from the foyer as soon as possible. We will hold these envelopes until Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have not picked up your envelope box by then, your number will be assigned to someone else. Also, kindly check your name before picking up your envelope box.

Print your full name and address clearly on the envelope before submitting so we can identify you. This will ensure you receive a tax receipt at year end.

## 50 + Group



The 50+ Group is hosting a Membership drive on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

It will begin with Holy Mass at 11.00 am. **Cost \$15.00 per year.**

Lunch will be served to all 2025 renewing members and new members.

Lunch will be followed by a movie.



### Jubilee Prayer

Father in Heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will share eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



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

## Parish Weekly fact

Have you started using your 2025 Envelopes yet?

We are now into the 2025 calendar year, and our planning for supporting God and the Church should be well underway.

All parishioners should have a set of envelopes. If you donate by cash in the collection basket, envelope use will earn you a 2025 Income Tax Receipt.

If you donate by pre-authorized digital methods, envelopes help remind you of upcoming Building Fund or other Special Collections.

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