## 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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St. Ursula School	416-393-5306

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(counselling for individuals and far	nilies)	New Beginnings	416-222-1101
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriage	es) 416-281-6007	St. Vincent de Paul Society	416-284-6131

#### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Nehemiah 8.2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Corinthians 12.12-30

Gospel:

Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21 (Jesus Reads in the Synagogue)

#### 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://stmartindeporressc.archtoronto.org/eg/

#### Embracing our Uniqueness

In today's second reading St. Paul teaches us a great lesson that can enrich our lives of stewardship. He says, "Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." We are made up of many different body parts that each have their own important and distinct role to play in order for the entire body to live. It is the same way in the Church.

The Church is made up of many individuals who are all uniquely and wonderfully made. If we tried to change ourselves to become like someone else, we would be robbing the Church of our own unique contributions. St. Therese uses a beautiful image of a garden to express the importance of embracing who God made us to be. She says, "The splendor of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not rob the little violet of its scent nor the daisy of its simple charm. If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness."

In our lives of stewardship, these different types of flowers represent how all of us have our own unique set of gifts from God. When we recognize that we each have our own strengths, we are less likely to compare ourselves to others and we begin to rid ourselves of envy and pride. We all have a role to play in our parish communities. Let us gratefully acknowledge the unique gifts God has given us and seek ways to offer them back to the Church.

#### **Summary**

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells us that just as the body is made up of many individual parts, so too the church is made up of many individual disciples, all of which have an important role to play. We each have a unique set of gifts and talents that God has bestowed only on us. Let us gratefully acknowledge these unique gifts us and seek ways to offer them back to the Church.

#### Mass Intentions for the Week Jan 25 / 26, 2025

#### Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm + Jeannie Lawrence (Month's Mind)

+ Olga Machado

#### Sunday January 26th

9:00 am + Sr. Barbara Desmond

+ Elmo Emmanuel

10:30 am - For All Parishioners of SMDP

12:00 pm + Archimedes M. Cruz Sr. + Leonardo & Beatrice Polacco

#### Monday January 27th

#### Tuesday January 28th

8:30 am + Emiliana Ayco

+ Ligaya Santos & Lina Capili

#### Wednesday January 29th

8:30 am + Freda De Jesus

#### Thursday January 30th

8:30 am + Vinita Maria Cordeiro

- Thanksgiving Mass for Dea Resplandor

#### Friday January 31st

8:30 am



This is the last weekend (Jan 25 / 26) to pick up your 2025 Sunday Offertory envelopes from the foyer

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.





Christian Symbols

Alpha and Omega – The Beginning and the End





Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. Ever seen the two letters intertwined on a church window or in religious art? That is not mere decoration; it is deeply symbolic.

Alpha and Omega signify that God is eternal, spanning from the beginning to the end of time. When you encounter these symbols, remember, it is a gentle nudge, a reminder of God's omnipresence, everpresent, everywhere, every time. Feeling overwhelmed? Here is a thought: What better anchor in tumultuous times than something that has always been and will always be?



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



#### A Celebration of Marriage in the Archdiocese of Toronto

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