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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 Family Services: 416-921-1163  
(counselling for individuals and families)

Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages) 416-281-6007

Catholic Cemeteries 416-733-8544

Catholic Cultural Services 416-757-7010

New Beginnings 416-222-1101

St. Vincent de Paul Society 416-284-6131



# THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



*The Presentation of the Lord*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:  
Malachi 3. 1-4

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:  
Hebrews 2.10-11, 13b-18

Gospel:  
Luke 2.22-40

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

## Sharing the Love of Christ

This Sunday we hear St. Paul's famous discourse on love from his first letter to the Corinthians. God is Love. Therefore, love is at the very core of who we are as a Christian people. In order to be faithful disciples of Christ and authentic stewards, we must fully embody what it means to love. Let us take some time to reflect on why love is so important and then on how we can let love infuse every act of our stewardship.

St. Paul says that even if we were to serve Christ and do many good works, if we didn't have love we would "be nothing." Love is what makes our stewardship have significance. Without love, our good works can be seen as a form of social volunteerism. However, when we truly love those whom we serve, we do a great service for them because we point them to the Love of Christ. Above all of our material needs, we all have a great need to be satisfied with a love that never fails which can only be found in Christ. That is why it is so important to serve others with love.

But how can we infuse our all acts with love? The simple principle remains that we cannot give what we do not have. In order to love others with God's love, we must first be filled with that same love through our practice of prayer. Let us take a few minutes each day to realize just how deeply Christ loves each and every one of us. We can then go out and set the world on fire with His love.

## Summary

In today's second reading, St. Paul says that even if we were to serve Christ and do many good works, if we didn't have love we would "be nothing." When we truly love those whom we serve, we do a great service for them because we point them to the Love of Christ. Let us strive to love others through our stewardship by first being filled with God's love through our practice of prayer.

## Mass Intentions for the Week Feb 1 / 2, 2025

### Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup>

5:00 pm      - S.I for Quinlan John  
                 - S.I & blessings for Adrian & Kareem John

### Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

10:30 am      - For All Parishioners of SMDP

12:00 pm      + Bernard and Gerturde Gomez  
                 - Thanksgiving & S.I. for Florence  
                 + Gerardo Cosare

### Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Tuesday February 4<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am      + Baylon & Blasia Mascarenhas

### Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup>

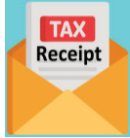
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### Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am

### Friday February 7<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am      + Sr. Barbara Desmond



2024 Tax Receipts

2024 Parish Tax Receipts for donations received at the parish are being processed, and assuming Canada Post is on time, you will receive them in the mail on or before **Monday February 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Tax receipts for donations using credit cards on the parish website are issued by the Archdiocese and you should also receive them by February 17<sup>th</sup>.

50+ Group



**Save the date - February 20th!**

We will celebrate Valentine's Day. More details to follow in the coming week. We look forward to seeing all our members. Please ensure you renew your membership for 2025. Cost for the year is \$15.00.

**BOOK BARROW**



The **Legion of Mary** is hosting a "Book Barrow" on Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup> after all masses in the foyer. You may borrow a book or two and sign up to be an active or auxiliary member for the Legion of Mary.

Parish Weekly **fact**

February 3rd is the feast day of St. Blaise, an early Christian bishop and martyr from Turkey (died c. 316). One of the most popular medieval saints, especially in eastern Europe, he is venerated as the patron saint of sufferers from throat diseases. Begun in the 16th century, the blessing of St. Blaise is a ceremony still practiced and celebrated on his feast day in many places. Two candles are consecrated and crossed before the congregation or against the throats of the faithful.



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

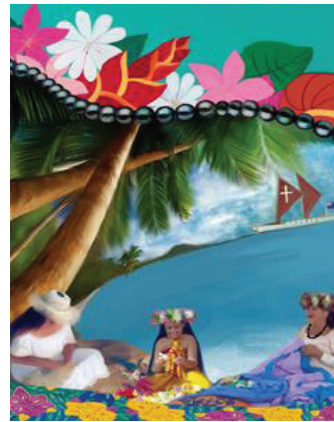


**2025**

**"I Made You Wonderful"**

**Psalm 139: 1-18**

**Artists: Tarani Napa and Tevairangi Napa**



**Ecumenical Worship Service Information**

**Friday, March 7, 2025 7:00 p.m.**

St. Dunstan of Canterbury Anglican Church 56 Lawson Road, Scarborough  
**All Are Welcome!**



Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cook Islands, and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada



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