
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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



1st Reading:
1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9,
12-13, 22-25

2nd Reading:
1 Corinthians 15.45-49

Gospel:
Luke 6.27-38
(Love for Enemies)

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://stmartindeporsressc.archtoronto.org/eg/>

Praying for Our Enemies

In the face of today's secular culture, various Christian values may seem far too radical or outdated. Many people, with well-meaning intentions, may think that "being good" is all that matters in this life. However, the Gospel responds with the challenge to be more than good, but rather, to be holy. One of Jesus' radical messages that can help us work towards holiness is the call to love our enemies.

In the time of Jesus, and even to this day, the notion of loving those who wrong us or hurt us seems like an impossible ideal. We often have a hard time loving those whom we should naturally love. How then are we expected to love our enemies? We must first realize that it is a long process to truly love them, but it begins with small acts of prayer.

We often wish for bad things to happen to our enemies, or at the very least, we hope things don't go well for them. We can begin to heal the unforgiveness in our hearts by praying for God to bless them. Prayer is powerful. Let us begin to pray for the good of our enemies and slowly rid ourselves of feelings of anger or hatred. For example, perhaps we can pray one Hail Mary a day for God to bless the family and work life of those whom we find it difficult to love. We can always look to the example of Christ on the cross, who boldly prayed for those who crucified him. Let us strive to be stewards of God's love and mercy.

Summary

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Mass Intentions for the Week Feb 22/23, 2025

Saturday February 22nd

5:00 pm + Joseph & Philomenia Silveira
 + George Pereira

Sunday February 23rd

9:00 am + Mary Ong
 - S.I. for Everette Harper
10:30 am - For All Parishioners of SMDP
12:00 pm + Bernard & Gertrude Gomez
 + Giovanna Grima & Raymond
 Doucette

Monday February 24th

Tuesday February 25th

8:30 am

Wednesday February 26th

8:30 am + Christopher Lyne
 + Hilary Maghacod

Thursday February 27th

8:30 am + Jean Smith (1st Death Anniversary)
 + Nirmala Gomez

Friday February 28th

8:30 am + Andrew D'Cruz (Heavenly B'day)
 + Vinita Maria Cordeiro



Lift Jesus Higher Rally is an annual event for Youth and Adults that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and Eucharistic Adoration.

Thousands of Catholics from all over North America will gather at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on **March 29th, 2025**, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For the early bird special & ticket information, please see the bulletin board or visit www.LJHR.ca.



Tax Receipts

All Tax receipts have been mailed out to parishioners. Thank You.



Ash Wednesday March 5th

Mass at 8:30 am and 6:30 pm
Ashes will be distributed during Mass.



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Your Society of St. Vincent de Paul needs a Treasurer. This is a volunteer position and requires a few hours a month. No experience is necessary, but knowledge of how to use a computer would definitely be an asset. If you are interested, please call us at 416-284-6131 and leave a message.

SMDP Edge Youth Ministry

The Edge Youth Ministry is having a fundraising campaign. Please support our youth by purchasing a Jubilee 2025 T-shirt. All proceeds will help fund events and activities for Edge kids in Grades 5-8 and the youth of our parish. Your contribution will help make summer camps, retreats, and community-building activities possible, creating meaningful experiences for our young disciples.

These T-shirts are excellent quality 100% cotton with the **Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope** logo. Cost is \$15 for short sleeves and \$20 for long sleeves. To place your order, please contact the Youth Minister, Theresa Vandenbroek, at smdpyouth24@gmail.com
Thank you for your support!



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

Bundle up Weekend



Mark your calendars. The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here the weekend of **March 8th and 9th**. Now is the time to go through your closets and sort out all those items that are in good condition but seem to have shrunk.

Parish Weekly fact

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, only 10 days away! The date for Ash Wednesday falls 40 weekdays before Easter (Sundays are not considered part of Lent). The date for Easter has been set for thousands of years. It all has to do with the Pashal, or Passover full moon. In any year, Easter will fall between **March 22** and **April 25**. In 2025 Easter occurs on April 20th. There are mathematical formulas you can use to determine when Easter will fall in any year.

Lent offers an occasion for followers to give to charity. Catholics have given more than 250 million dollars to feed the hungry during Lent.



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

KAPIT BAHAY

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except Tues

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