
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



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



1st Reading:
Sirach 27.4-7

2nd Reading:
1 Corinthians 15.54-58

Gospel:
Luke 6.39-45
(Judging Others)

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/>

Unlocking the Secret of Happiness

“Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.” These are the words from the refrain of this Sunday’s responsorial psalm. Thanksgiving is at the core of what it means to be a steward. We cannot offer our gifts to our parish communities if we don’t first acknowledge and give thanks to God for giving us these gifts in the first place. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that “deep stewardship begins with gratitude and ends with accountability ... We recognize gratefully that everything in life is a gift of God.”

Not only does gratitude unlock a spirituality of stewardship, but it is also the first step in living a life of greater joy. The opposite of gratitude is indifference. Often, we are indifferent and unaware of all the great gifts in our lives. By adopting an intentional lens of gratitude, we can begin to realize how blessed we truly are.

St. Gianna Molla beautifully tells us that “the secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness.” Wherever we are reading this reflection, let us take a moment to thank God for three things around us. We can express our gratitude for having a roof over our heads, food in our stomachs, or the joy of family and friends. Above all, we can always be thankful for the gift of God’s love in our lives. As stewards, let us begin to adopt a spirituality of thanksgiving and begin living more joyful lives.

Summary

St. Gianna Molla beautifully tells us that “the secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness.” Wherever we are reading this reflection, let us take a moment to thank God for a few things around us. We can express our gratitude for having a roof over our heads, food in our stomachs, the joy of family and friends, and above all, we can always be thankful for the gift of God’s love.

Mass Intentions for the Week March 1 / 2, 2025

Saturday March 1st

5:00 pm - Thanksgiving Mass

Sunday March 2nd

9:00 am + Andrew D’Cruz
 + Deceased members of the Don Paul Family

10:30 am - For All Parishioners of SMDP

12:00 pm + Adam & Agnes Polacco
 + Simon & Christaline Fernandes

Monday March 3rd

Tuesday March 4th

8:30 am

Wednesday March 5th

8:30 am - Thanksgiving & S.I for Alexander

Thursday March 6th

8:30 am + Muriel Bryce
 + Maria Elena Borrego

Friday March 7th

8:30 am + Sr. Barbara Desmond
 + Slanislaus Steven

6:30 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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





Ash Wednesday March 5th

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

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.

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!



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.



STATIONS of the CROSS

Please join us in praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:30 pm beginning March 7th, 2025



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.



St Martin de Porres
Knights of Columbus Council 12909
Fallsview Casino Resort trip
Saturday March 29th, 2025
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To book a seat e-mail: jason.shantz@gmail.com
Ticket Sales
Sunday March 9th, 16th and 23rd, 2025.
after the masses 10:30 am and 12:00 noon masses.

Parish Weekly fact

Ash Wednesday, this week on March 5th, is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes, made from blessed palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass, symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Lent also offers an opportunity for charitable giving. Remember that cheque for \$200 from the provincial government? Some parishioners have decided to donate it (or part of it) to a favourite charity. Your parish would be a good recipient for Lenten almsgiving. You could use the Sunday Offertory or Building Fund envelopes or use the **Donate** option on the parish website to receive a 2025 Income tax receipt.

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