
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



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



1st Reading:
Deuteronomy 26.4-10

2nd Reading:
Romans 10.8-13

Gospel:
Luke 4.1-13
(The Temptation 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/>

Giving our First Fruits this Lent

As we enter this Season of Lent, let us reflect on how we can best use this time to grow in our relationship with God and our commitment to stewardship. In the first reading from the book of Deuteronomy, Moses instructs the people saying that when they come to give their offerings to God, they should “bring the first of the fruit of the ground.” The Lord wants our very best, not what we have leftover.

This is very true in our lives as stewards. It’s definitely good to offer up our time and talents to our parish community. However, do we only give from what we have remaining after all of our other priorities are taken care of? To serve the Gospel should always be of prime importance.

One Lenten resolution we can adopt to help us offer our “first fruits” is the practice of scheduling our time of prayer in advance. Prayer should not be an afterthought that we try to squeeze in when we have time. Instead, we should block out a chunk of time each day that is free from all other competing distractions and is reserved only for our conversation with God. Let us strive to create a scheduled prayer life this Lent, perhaps starting with 10 minutes a day. If we do so, we will see great wonders take place in our relationship with God and others.

Summary

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Mass Intentions for the Week March 8 / 9, 2025

Saturday March 8th

5:00 pm + Alcantara Menezes
 + Alison Bryce & Karen Motayne

Sunday March 9th

9:00 am - S.I for Everette Harper
 + Martin Vieira

10:30 am - For All Parishioners of SMDP

12:00 pm + Sr. Barbara Desmond
 - S.I for Shane Peter Jackson

Monday March 10th

Tuesday March 11th

8:30 am + Robert Largilie

Wednesday March 12th

8:30 am + Martin Vieira
 - Healing of Derek John Taylor

Thursday March 13th

8:30 am + Maria & JP D’Mello

Friday March 14th

8:30 am + Sr. Barbara Desmond
 - Thanksgiving to the
 Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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Please join us in praying the Stations of The Cross every Friday at 6:30 pm beginning March 7th, 2025. All are welcome!

Bundle up Weekend



The St. Vincent de Paul truck is here this weekend **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.



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.



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.



“In the poor and outcast, we see Christ’s face. By loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ.”

The first upcoming ShareLife Collection date is March 29th / 30th, 2025



St Martin de Porres
Knights of Columbus Council 12909
Fallsview Casino Resort trip
Saturday March 29th, 2025
Donation: \$55.00

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You must have a Player’s card for Fallsview Casino Resort and a valid Government ID. 50/50 Draw.... Snacks
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*

Our parish Annual Financial Report for 2024 shows an increase donations through use of envelopes. Monthly recurring use of Donate Now on the parish website has also increased over the previous year. Both good news! But in 2024 there was an increase in donations made loosely in the collection basket. Again, the Parish Finance Council encourages parishioners to regularly use envelopes, PAG (Pre-authorized Giving), or the Donate Now method to take advantage of an Income Tax Receipt at year’s end.



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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