
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



1st Reading:
Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18

2nd Reading:
Philippians 3.17 – 4.1

Gospel:
Luke 9.28b-36
(The Transfiguration)

Regular Mass Schedule

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

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Ascending and Descending the Mountain

Every Second Sunday of Lent the Church invites us to reflect on the account of the Transfiguration of Christ. This passage describes how Jesus went up a mountain with Peter, James and John, and was transfigured before them, revealing His divine glory. The apostles, although wanting to stay upon the mountain, are brought back down into the real world. These two movements of ascent and descent are critical in the lives of stewards.

Firstly, we too are invited to ascend the heights of mountain-top spiritual experiences. To ascend the mountain is to take some time away from the noise of the world to experience the glory and majesty of Christ. Sometimes this involves large mountains such as attending retreats or conferences. However, we can also ascend the mountain every time we turn to prayer and build up our relationship with God. All these moments are essential in keeping our faith alive and active.

However, this is where the second aspect of descent becomes so important. Unless we are called to live as a brother or sister in a contemplative religious order, we are not called to always remain tucked away in retreats or prayer. Instead, we are called to be strengthened through our mountaintop experiences so that we will have the grace to go out into the world and spread the Gospel. This Lent, let us take some time to be nourished on the mountain so that we will be all the more ready to proclaim the Good News.

Summary

Just as the apostles were invited to ascend the mountain for the Lord's transfiguration, we too are called to ascend our own mountains. We can do this whenever we take some time away from the noise of the world so that we may experience the glory and majesty of Christ in prayer. We are then called to descend the mountain and use the grace of our mountain-top experiences to spread the Gospel in the world.

Mass Intentions for the Week March 8 / 9, 2025

Saturday March 15th

5:00 pm + Kim Tan
+ Pat Pereira (5th Death Anniversary)

Sunday March 16th

9:00 am + Jose & Elisa Catulay
+ Todd Kirby

10:30 am - For All Parishioners of SMDP

12:00 pm + Liborio Manzanilla & Dominador
Padailla
- Thanksgiving from the Ibarrientos
Family

Monday March 17th

Tuesday March 18th

8:30 am + P.T. Thomas
+ Paul & Clarence King

Wednesday March 19th

8:30 am - St. Joseph
+ Josie O'Neill

Thursday March 20th

8:30 am + Sr. Barbara Desmond
+ Thanksgiving & Blessing for
Marie Keating on her 90th Birthday

Friday March 21st

8:30 am - Thanksgiving for Melinda & Family
- Thanksgiving & S.I. for Tekam
Bernardette

6:30 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



LENTEN CONFESSION

Please join us for our Lenten Confession Night on **Wednesday April 9th from 6 - 8 pm.**

Celebrating St. Partick & St. Joseph



The **50+ Group** will honour and celebrate two venerable Saints this month - St. Joseph and St. Patrick, on **Thursday March 20th.**

Tickets are \$15 for members, and \$18 for non-members, and will be on sale this weekend after all masses.

Annual membership is \$15.00. Please purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment. We look forward to seeing everyone.



"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
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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



Monday March 17th marks the Feast of St. Patrick, Catholic bishop, "Apostle of Ireland" and one of the most well-loved and celebrated saints of all time. The humble saint is known for his powerful expositions of the principles of the Catholic faith. He even used the ordinary three-leaf shamrock plant to teach people about the Trinity.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in "Confessions". After years of living in poverty, traveling, and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

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



Save the date! On Saturday, May 31, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new archdiocesan event called "**A Day with Mary**" will be taking place at Villanova College in King City. We will gather together from all corners of the archdiocese to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address for the adults and children's catechesis for the kids. There will be music and fellowship, and we hope you will consider joining the Cardinal Archbishop and so many others who love the Blessed Mother.

More information will follow in the coming weeks.
Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us!

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