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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

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



**HOSANNA**  
*in the highest*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:  
Isaiah 50.4-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:  
Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel:  
Luke 22.14 – 23.56  
(The Passion of the Lord)

### 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**

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### The Cross of Christ

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most important and solemn week of the Church's liturgical calendar. In the Gospel this Sunday we are invited to reflect on the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. The cross is the most recognizable symbol of our Christian faith. We see crucifixes hanging in Churches, schools, homes and even worn around many people's necks. However, we can become so used to this constant presence of the crucifix that we become indifferent to what it signifies. Let us take a moment to grasp the beauty and truth found in the cross.

God became man and was willing to be crucified for the forgiveness of our sins. It is through the cross that Christ defeats Satan and triumphantly attains our salvation, allowing us to enter our heavenly home. The entire course of human history was dramatically altered because of the cross of Christ. As stewards, we should always view the salvation won through the cross as the greatest gift that God has bestowed on us.

As we approach the Holy Triduum, let us take some time each day this week to reflect on the passion of Christ. Many great saints strongly promoted this practice of calling to mind the sufferings of Christ. We can do this in many ways such as praying the Stations of the Cross or the sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary, reading the passion narratives in the Bible or simply gazing upon a crucifix. Let us never fail to appreciate the sublime beauty of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

### Summary

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### Mass Intentions for the Week of April 12 / 13, 2025

#### Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm                      - Thanksgiving & S.I for Jeffrey Dutchin

#### Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am                      + Sr. Barbara Desmond

10:30 am                      - For All Parishioners of SMDP  
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Eddie & Linda Sun

12:00 pm                      + Peter Rozario (Death Anniversary)  
- S.I for the healing & well-being of Lydia Shemain

#### Monday April 14<sup>th</sup>

#### Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am                      + Anita Lazo

#### Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am                      + P.C. Thomas  
+ Dominga Geneta

#### Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm                      **Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
(Washing of the Feet and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

#### Friday April 18<sup>th</sup>

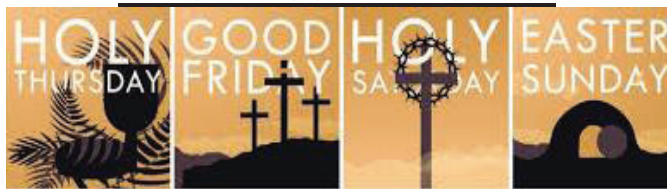
**11:00 am                      STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

12:00 noon & 3:00 pm      **Good Friday Service**

#### Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm                      **Easter Vigil**

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



### April 17<sup>th</sup> - Holy Thursday

6:30 pm – Washing of the Feet and  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### April 18<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday

Services – 12:00 noon and 3:00 pm  
11:00 am – Stations of the Cross

### April 19<sup>th</sup> - Easter Vigil at 6:30 pm

### April 20<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday

9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon



### Flowers for Easter

Help decorate The Sanctuary for Easter by donating a flowerpot in honor of family and friends by placing a card with their name/s on it. Please drop them off by April 17<sup>th</sup>, in the parish hall. We thank you for your generosity!

Choice of flowers – Easter Lilies, Asters, Tulips, Hydrangeas and Sunflowers.



**50 + Group** is celebrating Easter with a lunch on Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. Tickets are on sale after all masses for the next 2 weekends in the foyer. For member \$18.00 and non-members \$20.00. Please purchase your tickets early as there will be only a few chances to purchase tickets during Holy week.



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

## CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE 2025

Information Night & Collection of Confirmation Registration Forms - **Wednesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30 pm**

### Confirmation Enrolment (MADATORY)

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> - @ 5:00 pm – St. Ursula's School  
Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> - @ 10:30 am – St. Martin De Porres School  
Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> - @ 12:00 pm – St. Malachy's School

### Preparation Classes (In Person) – FOR ALL 3 SCHOOLS

Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 - 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm (**Rehearsal**)

### CONFIRMATION DATES

Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 6:30 pm  
Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

**ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND MASS FROM THE ENROLMENT DATE RIGHT UNTIL THE DATE OF THEIR CONFIRMATION**



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Classes begin on **Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 6:30 pm (**Rehearsal**)

### RECEPTION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 @ 9:00 am – St. Malachy  
June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 @ 11:00 am – St. Ursula  
June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 @ 1:00 pm – St. Martin De Porres

**Parish Weekly fact** Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday reminds that we are beginning Holy Week ... the most important week in Catholicism. This week of great reverence and reflection spans the final eight days of Jesus' life -- from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. It is astounding how much wisdom, insight and inspiration are available to us during this one week, the events of the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection.

A reminder that envelopes for Good Friday will be available at Mass this week, and that Easter Sunday donation envelopes are in your envelope box

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