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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

Divine Mercy Sunday



1<sup>st</sup> Reading:  
Acts 5. 12-16

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:  
Revelation 1.9-11a, 12-13,  
17 -19

Gospel:  
John 20. 19-31  
(Jesus Appears to the Disciples)

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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Learning from Doubting Thomas

On this Second Sunday of Easter, we are faced with the Gospel passage that earns St. Thomas the Apostle the name of Doubting Thomas. Jesus appears to all of the disciples when Thomas was not present, and Thomas refuses to believe in the risen Christ until he sees and touches Jesus himself. A week later Jesus appears to them again, this time with Thomas present, and Thomas believes exclaiming, "My Lord and my God!"

As disciples of Christ, we too may experience many moments of doubt in our lives. Especially with the overtly secular culture we live in, it is becoming harder to accept the truths of our faith. So how are we to deal with these moments of doubt? Firstly, we should take consolation in the loving and gentle way Jesus dealt with Thomas' doubt. Jesus meets him where he is and lovingly tries to help him look past his doubt. So too with us, Jesus does not reprimand us for our moments of doubt but is constantly providing us opportunities for us to grow in faith.

However, it is important that we play our part. If we doubt the truth about certain mysteries of our faith, we should try to read what the Church teaches on this point. St. Anselm's motto was "faith seeking understanding." Sometimes we need to use our rational faculties to try to educate ourselves on the teachings of the Church and pray that God may illumine our mind. There are a variety of good books and websites that can help us find the answers we are looking for. Let us strive to rid ourselves of all doubt by slowly seeking understanding and praying for faith.

Summary

Similar to St. Thomas in the Gospel, we too may experience many moments of doubt. Jesus does not reprimand us for our doubt but constantly sends us providential opportunities to help us grow in our faith. However, let us strive to do our part by educating ourselves through good books and websites on topics of the faith and by praying for the gift of understanding.

Mass Intentions for the Week of April 26 / 27, 2025

Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm

Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am      + Sr. Barbara Desmond  
+ Susana Garces & All Souls in Purgatory

10:30 am      - For All Parishioners of SMDP

12:00 pm      + Romolo Cadhit

Monday April 28<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am      + John Lyne

Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am      + Vinita Maria Cordeiro  
(1<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary)  
+ Tony Vanheer

Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup>

8:30 am

Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 am



## CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE 2025

### 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 – SMDP 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**

### Parish Weekly *fact*

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II as an Official Catholic Holiday at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

Saint Faustina Kowalska was a polish nun who received visitations and visions of Jesus. She wrote about her vision of the feast of Divine Mercy granting the biggest promise of Grace. On this day, all who receive communion may obtain total forgiveness of all sins, meaning that the person would go directly to heaven without suffering in purgatory. The first Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday was held on March 23, 1937.



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



## 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



### St. Martin de Porres Knights of Columbus Council 12909 CHARITY FUNDRAISER BUS TRIP TO



### Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

First location pickup at 8:35 am,  
 at 2452 Sheppard Ave. E  
 Second location pickup at 8:45 am,  
 at Centennial Arena  
 (1967 Ellesmere Rd, just west of Markham Rd)

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Ticket Sales

**Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**

Available during the mass at 5:00 pm

**Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. (until noon)**

Available between masses at 10:00 am and 12:00 pm.

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