# St. Martin De Porres Parish

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#### **Pastor**

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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 |
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| St. Malachy School          | 416-393-5336 |
| St. Ursula School           | 416-393-5306 |

#### **Diocesan Services**

| Birthright (pregnancy support)       | 416-469-1111     | Catholic Cemeteries         | 416-733-8544 |
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| Catholic Family Services:            | 416-921-1163     | Catholic Cultural Services  | 416-757-7010 |
| (counselling for individuals and far | nilies)          | New Beginnings              | 416-222-1101 |
| Retrouvaille (for troubled marriage  | es) 416-281-6007 | St. Vincent de Paul Society | 416-284-6131 |



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 9, 13-18

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philemon 9b-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14.25-33 The Cost of Discipleship

#### 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 & 12:00 noon

https://stmartindeporressc.archtoronto.org/eg/

#### Giving the Gift of Ourselves

At first glance, Jesus' words in the Gospel this Sunday seem like a cruel and impossible ideal for any Christian to live. Surely, he doesn't mean for us to hate our fathers and mothers and even life itself, right? However, these words all point to the most central mystery of today's gospel, that "whoever of you does not give up all their possessions cannot be my disciple." Now the Lord doesn't mean to suggest that all of us should have no possessions, but rather to live with a lens that gratefully views all our possessions as gifts from God, that are meant to be used for His glory and the good of the Church. This lens is at the very core of what it means to live as a steward.

Cardinal Collins, in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\* states that good stewards are "meant to use God's gift fruitfully and creatively, so that with true gratitude for what we have received we may return God's gifts to Him with increase." These gifts do not involve simply financial goods, but the gifts of our time and talents as well.

As the new school year is beginning and many ministries in the parish are gearing up for a new year, we should ask ourselves, how can we lend our time and gifts to serve others? By taking today's Gospel message to heart, we can learn to be even more generous with the gift of our lives, as we boldly and joyfully proclaim our identity as Jesus' disciples.

#### **Summary**

Jesus says, "whoever of you does not give up all their possessions cannot be my disciple." The Lord doesn't mean to suggest that all of us should have no possessions but rather to live with a lens that gratefully views everything as gifts from God that are meant to be used for His glory and the good of the Church. As the new school year is beginning and many ministries in the parish are starting up, we should ask ourselves, how can we lend our time and gifts to serve others?

#### Mass Intentions for the Week of Sept 6 / 7, 2025

#### Saturday Sep 6th

5:00 pm + Giuseppina Schembri

+ Kevin Edmonson (2<sup>nd</sup> Death Anniversary)

+ Diosa Sanchez Ramos

Sunday Sep 7th

9:00 am + Andrew D'Cruz & All deceased members of the Don Paul Family

+ Mae Choong

10:30 am - For All Parishioners of SMDP

12:00 pm + Lester Najera

+ Deceased members of the

Lobo Family

#### Monday Sept 8th

8:30 am

#### Tuesday Sept 9th

8:30 am + Marichu Alcantara + Alex D. Barredo

#### Wednesday Sept 10th

8:30 am + Kevin Edmonson

+ Anthony & Julie Mascarenhas

#### Thursday Sept 11th

8:30 am + Vincente & Rosa Liwanag

+ Clifton Pereira

#### Friday Sept 12th

8:30 am



#### **Reconciliation & First Holy Communion**

There will be an information night for parents whose children are in grades 2/3 on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> in St. Martin de Porres Church at 6.00 pm.

Please make sure that you attend this meeting.



#### SMDP PARISH BUS TRIP TO ST. PADRE PIO SHRINE Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

We are pleased and thank everyone who purchased tickets early on the 1<sup>st</sup> bus. We intend to hire a 2<sup>nd</sup> bus based on participation. If you are interested in joining, kindly write your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. The cost is \$30.00 per person which covers transportation, water and snacks.



Welcome back to a new school year!
We pray for our students and teachers for a year filled with learning, growth, and success.
May God bless all our students with knowledge, wisdom, and a passion for learning. And may He guide our teachers in their important work."



#### FOOD AND TOILETRIES' DRIVE - 2025

Tuesday, Sept. 30th is National Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Day. To honor this day, the St. Martin de Porres Edge Group, in conjunction with the MAIAA (Movement for Active Indigenous Allyship & Advocacy) Group, is organizing a food and toiletries drive. If you would like to donate some. Here is a list of much-needed items:

- Hand Cream
- Deodorant and antiperspirant (non-aerosol)
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Cereals (Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, Rice Krispies, Honeycombs)
- Granola/Cereal Bars Crackers and Cookies
- Fruit snacks, yogurt fruit snacks, fruit chews
- Canned baked beans
- Canned vegetables
- Canned meat and fish
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Canned soup
- Tea
- Oil
- Peanut Butter
- Toilet Paper
- Cleaning supplies
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Floss picks
- Razors
- Shaving Cream (Non-aerosol)
- Body wash lotion

Donations will be accepted in the church foyer on the weekend of **September 27 and 28**.

Thank you.

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

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