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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

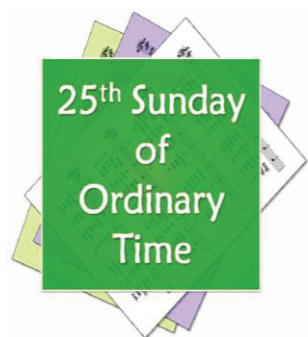
Catholic Cemeteries 416-733-8544

Catholic Cultural Services 416-757-7010

New Beginnings 416-222-1101

St. Vincent de Paul Society 416-284-6131

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



1<sup>st</sup> Reading:  
Amos 8.4-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:  
1 Timothy 2.1-7

Gospel:  
Luke 14.25-33  
*The Parable of the Dishonest Manager*

### 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/>

### **Serving the Greater Master**

From a young age, society presents us the “perfect” roadmap for a life of happiness. This vision usually includes having the fancy job, a large house, extravagant clothes and a large sum of money in the bank. It is engrained in our upbringing that the amassing of wealth should be the most important facet of our life, which is why the Lord’s words in today’s Gospel, that “you cannot serve God and wealth,” can be so difficult to swallow.

It is interesting that Jesus doesn’t say we cannot have wealth, but instead, that we should not serve wealth. What does it mean to serve wealth? It is to preferentially prioritize our efforts for career advancement over our efforts to deepen our relationship with God. Essentially, those who serve wealth utilize all of their time and talents to attain more and more possessions. Stewards on the other hand utilize their time and talents to serve Christ and His Church.

In order to foster a healthy attitude towards our wealth, it is important to view it, and our very lives themselves, as a gift from God. It is only then that we can begin to move from gratitude to generosity, graciously sharing our gifts with others for the glory of God and the church. When the temptation to hold onto our wealth looms over us, let us remember Christ’s words, and ask ourselves how are we sharing our gifts with the parish community?

### **Summary**

The Lord’s exhortation that “you cannot serve God and wealth” can be difficult to swallow. In order to foster a healthy attitude towards our wealth, it is important to view it, and our very lives themselves, as a gift from God. When we view our wealth as a gift we can then begin to move from gratitude to generosity, graciously sharing our gifts with others for the glory of God and the church.



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

### **Mass Intentions for the Week of Sept 20 / 21, 2025**

#### **Saturday Sep 20<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm                      + Eustace & Melinda De Souza  
                                     - S.I & Blessings for Rachel John

#### **Sunday Sep 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 am                      + Mae Ong (1<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary)  
                                     + Stephen George Tan

10:30 am                      - For All Parishioners of SMDP

12:00 pm

#### **Monday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 am

#### **Tuesday Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 am

#### **Wednesday Sept 24<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am                      + Vinita Cordeiro

#### **Thursday Sept 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am                      + Milagros Cunanan  
                                     + Arnold Pinto

#### **Friday Sept 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am



National Day  
for Truth and  
Reconciliation

### **FOOD AND TOILETRIES’ DRIVE 2025**

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

Thank you.

## Good Shepherd Ministries Thanksgiving Food Drive



Most needed good items:

- Tuna & canned meat
- Coffee & tea bags
- Soups & stews
- Beans & chickpeas
- Canned tomatoes, corn & vegetables
- Pasta sauce
- Peanut butter, jams, condiments
- Bagged rice, pancake mix
- Granola bars, packaged snacks
- Mini-sized juice boxes
- Salad Dressing
- Sugar, Salt, Pepper and Spices
- Cooking Oil

### Financial Donations are also welcome!

Donations will be collected the weekend of  
**October 4/5**, in the Church hall.

Thank you for your support, and only together it is possible for us to provide needed services to those less fortunate in our community.

Let us share our blessings this thanksgiving!

## ✝ preparing for Reconciliation

Students in Grades 2/3 - In person classes begin on the following dates:

Wednesday October 8, 2025	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Wednesday October 15, 2025	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Wednesday October 22, 2025	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Wednesday October 29, 2025	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Wednesday November 5, 2025	6:00 pm ( <b>Rehearsal</b> )

### RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

**Wednesday November 12th @ 6:00 pm**



**50+ Group** is organizing a trip to Niagara Falls on **Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. We will be visiting the Shrine of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux for Mass at 11.15 am. Following Mass, we will spend the rest of the day at Niagara Falls and the Casino. The cost is \$35.00 pp. Tickets are available after all masses in the foyer. The bus will leave the Church parking lot at sharp 8.30 am.



### Thursday Prayer Meetings Resume!

Come join this coming **Thursday, September 25, at 7:00 pm** in the church. Pray, sing, and enjoy fellowship with old friends and new friends! Come for prayers that heal and music that lifts you up. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend.

Have the word of God come alive! The week's focus: Luke 16: 19-31. A Plea from Hell: The Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man



Society of  
Saint Vincent de Paul

*Bundle up Weekend*

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the church parking lot over the weekend of **October 18th & 19th**. Now is the perfect time to check your closet for those items of clothing that are still in good condition, but which you no longer wear. We accept gently used clothing, shoes, and household items. Thank you for your generosity."

## Parish Weekly <sup>fact</sup>

In the June Bulletin on the Feast of St. Anthony, we promised to explain praying to St. Anthony to help us locate lost or misplaced items.

The traditional practice is traced to an incident during St. Anthony's lifetime. According to the story, Anthony had a [book of psalms](#) that contained his notes and comments for use in teaching his students. A [novice](#) who had chosen to leave had taken the psalter with him. Before the [invention of the printing press](#), any book was [hand-copied](#), and thus, an item of high value; a Franciscan friar in particular, given his vow of poverty, would have difficulty in replacing such a book. When Anthony realized his psalter was missing, he prayed it would be found or returned, after which the thief was moved to not only return the book, but also return to the order. The once-stolen book is preserved in the Franciscan friary in Bologna.

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