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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

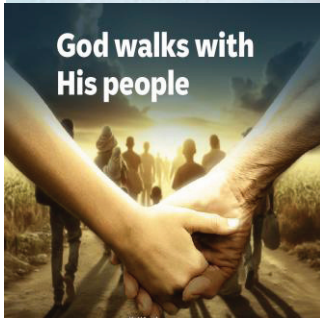
Catholic Cultural Services 416-757-7010

New Beginnings 416-222-1101

St. Vincent de Paul Society 416-284-6131

September 28, 2025

**WORLD DAY OF
MIGRANTS
& REFUGEES**



**God walks with
His people**

1st Reading:
Revelation 12.7-12a

2nd Reading:
Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14

Gospel:
John 1.47-51
(Jesus calls Nathaniel)

Joining the Celestial Battle

All of us love a good story that involves a fierce battle between two opposing sides where goodness ultimately triumphs over evil. We get exactly this story in the first reading from the Book of Revelation, in which the war between St. Michael and the angels and the devil and his army is depicted. Often in our lives as disciples, we too seek to take up arms and fight the good fight to overcome the evilness that pervades our society.

This desire is inherently good, but how can we live this out practically. A good, albeit unexpected, way in which we can join the heavenly armies is by taking up the consistent, daily practice of prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that prayer "always presupposes effort ... prayer is a battle. Against whom? Against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter who does all he can to turn man away from prayer, away from union with God" (CCC 2725).

The Church herself describes prayer inherently as a battle. We can thus channel our desire for a celestial combat into our taking up the arms of prayer. How often do we fight to make time for prayer each day? How often do we recognize how efficacious prayer is for the good of our soul and the Church as a whole? Perhaps one practice we can adopt as stewards is to offer God the first and last thoughts of our day. Let us strive to commit to praying daily, safeguarding this practice from all competing distractions for our time and in doing so, enrich our parish community with the foundation of prayer.

Summary

As we contemplate the celestial battle between the angels and demons, we should ask ourselves, how can we join the fight? A good, albeit unexpected, way in which we can join the heavenly armies is by taking up the consistent, daily practice of prayer, which the catechism describes as a battle. Let us strive to commit to praying daily and in doing so, enrich our parish community with the foundation of prayer.

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/eq/>

Mass Intentions for the Week of Sept 27 / 28, 2025

Saturday Sep 27th

5:00 pm + Jerome D'Mello
+ Domingos D'Souza

Sunday Sep 28th

9:00 am + Jose Soria
+ Roy Chan

10:30 am - For All Parishioners of SMDP

12:00 pm - Thanksgiving Mass
- Thanksgiving & S. I for Wanceslaw
De Torres on her 87th Birthday
+ Allen Domingo

Monday Sept 29th

8:30 am

Tuesday Sept 30th

8:30 am + Peggy Morrison

Wednesday Oct 1st

8:30 am + Andrew D'Cruz
+ Angelicia & Hilario Gonsalves

Thursday Oct 2nd

8:30 am + Sunny Paul
- S.I. & Blessings for Alice Pinto

Friday Oct 3rd

8:30 am + Anthony & Julie Mascarenhas

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 (Rehearsal)

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Wednesday November 12th @ 6:00 pm

EDGE YOUTH MINISTRY

Edge nights are back!

Students in grades 5—8 are invited to join us for an evening of faith, fun, and friendship! Our youth deserve a place where they can grow in their faith, learn more about Jesus, make new friends, and have a great time together. Edge will kick off on **Friday, October 24, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in the church hall.**

Registration is now open! Visit the Edge volunteers at the registration table in the foyer after the weekend Masses to register your child.

Registration will close on October 19, 2025.

Thank you for supporting our youth!



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



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."



Come Celebrate the Most Wonderful Time of the Year as the Jolly season is just around the corner. This means that it is time for **SMDP Annual Christmas Bazaar 2025!**

Date: November 15th Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Year after year we have had much success through the efforts and skills of our parishioners. This year let's outdo ourselves once more! More fun, more participation. The Christmas Bazaar Committee are appealing to your generosity and talent for sponsorship of this event in any way you can. **Donations required:**

- Gift-cards,
- Vouchers
- Items towards the gift baskets – please see the list in the lobby.
- Monetary donations
- Volunteers for baking and cooking
- Arts and Crafts.

Your support is important as part of the parish community and plays a significant role in the success of the bazaar. Please note that all profits go toward projects to maintain the parish community as well as our church. Thank you in advance and may God bless you always.

Parish Weekly *fact*



The solemnity of Saint Michael the Archangel is celebrated on September 29. Saint Michael, the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Toronto, features prominently in Toronto's history. Churches, schools, hospitals, and social service agencies bearing the saint's name serve as a witness of the Catholic community's presence and ministry in Canada's largest city. St. Michael's Basilica, the Cathedral church of the Archdiocese of Toronto, was dedicated on September 29, 1845. We say the Prayer to St. Michael after Mass.

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