
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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



1st Reading:
Habakkuk 1.2-3; 2.2-4

2nd Reading:
2 Timothy 1.6-8, 13-14

Gospel:
Luke 17.5-10
(*Faith like a Mustard Seed*)

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/>

The Gift of Faith

How often do we pray to God for greater faith? The apostles in today's Gospel echo the words of Christians throughout the centuries, "increase our faith!" Jesus was teaching messages that challenged their own preconceived notions, and they recognized that they needed faith to be able to accept these truths. So too, it is often difficult in our own secular society to believe all of the increasingly counter-cultural teachings of the Church. In a culture that demands the stamp of scientific approval on all matters, it requires greater faith to believe certain sublime truths of the Church that cannot be proven in such a manner.

This is why we too need to earnestly implore the Lord for more faith. The Catechism of the Catholic Church claims that "faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by Him." (CCC 153). This understanding is important in realizing that while we can perform acts that help cultivate our faith, it ultimately remains a pure gift of grace from God. This lens allows us to remain humble in times when our faith is strong for we realize that we are constantly being sustained by grace. This should spur us onto greater gratitude to God.

By recognizing our great need for the pure gift of faith, we should strive to return to the core act of our discipleship, namely, prayer. Let us set aside time each day to pray to the Father the words found in the Gospel of Mark, "I believe, help my unbelief." Let us then move outwards and pray for others to be strengthened in their faith, especially those whom we know are struggling.

Summary

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Mass Intentions for the Week of Oct 4 / 5, 2025

Saturday Oct 4th

5:00 pm
+ Mary Joseph
+ Arnold Pinto

Sunday Oct 5th

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
+ Cheryl & Eldric Fernandes
+ Ruben Brual

Monday Oct 6th

8:30 am

Tuesday Oct 7th

8:30 am
+ Marichu Alcantara
+ Liza Palu-Ay

Wednesday Oct 8th

8:30 am
+ Arnold Pinto
- Thanksgiving Mass

Thursday Oct 9th

8:30 am
+ Giuseppe Corrado
+ Victoria Brewster

Friday Oct 10th

8:30 am
- Thanksgiving Mass by the D'Mello Family
+ Julie Malijan

Parish Weekly

October 7th is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Why do we designate October as Rosary Month? An ancient account tells us that The Virgin Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against heresy, and gave him the Rosary, explained its uses and effects, and told him to preach it to others. In 1571 St. Pius V ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on the first Sunday of October. The Rosary is the most widely practiced form of devotion to Mary, and has come to be regarded as the badge of Catholic piety.



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)



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**. We accept gently used clothing, shoes, and household items.
Thank you for your generosity.

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!



NOVEMBER 15TH, 2025

9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

SMDP CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2025

Food Stalls, Baked Goods,

Arts & Crafts, Raffles

and much more!

All are Welcome!!



**Knights of
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A Knights of Columbus Scholarship of \$500 is available to a member of St. Martin de Porres Parish who is attending a full-time post-secondary program in the 2025-26 academic year. Consideration will include the applicant's involvement in Parish and/or Community activities, either currently or in the past.

Application Forms should be requested from smithwriter@rogers.com by email.

The deadline for return of applications is **November 30, 2025.**



**Knights of Columbus Council 12909
CHARITY FUNDRAISER**

Bus trip to Casino Rama

Saturday, November 8th, 2025.

Donation: \$25.00

Includes: \$10 free playing credits

You must have a Player's card for Fallsview Casino Resort and valid Government ID. 50/50 Draw.. Snacks

Tickets available on the weekends after the 5.00 pm, 10.30 am and 12 noon masses

To book a seat e-mail: jason.shantz@gmail.com



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



Living Rosary

All Parishioners are invited to join us in Prayer at **The Living Rosary on Saturday October 25th** after the 5.00 pm mass followed by a get-together in the Church Hall.
Thank you and God Bless.

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