
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 Cemeteries	416-733-8544
Catholic Family Services:	416-921-1163	Catholic Cultural Services	416-757-7010
(counselling for individuals and families)		New Beginnings	416-222-1101
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages)	416-281-6007	St. Vincent de Paul Society	416-284-6131





1st Reading:
Malachi 4.1-2

2nd Reading:
2 Thessalonians 3.7-12

Gospel:
Luke 21.5-19
The Destruction of the
Temple and Signs of the End Times

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 & 12:00 noon**

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

Contemplating Life and Death

Benjamin Franklin has been quoted to say that there are only two things certain in life: death and taxes. While much can be said about the latter, let us focus on the former, namely, death. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* asserts that "the thought of death is spiritually fruitful, as it forces each of us to consider our priorities."

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Mass readings point toward Christ's Second Coming and the end of our earthly life. Through the contemplation of our limited time on earth, we can ask ourselves if we are appropriately using our gifts to serve Christ in the poor and our neighbour. One great gift we can share is that of our time. Cardinal Collins says that "we can use our time in this life to be selfish, or to be generous to others. The blessed used their time here to care for those in need."

Two practical ways we can effectively and generously use our time is in prayer and active presence with our neighbour. It is primarily important to spend time in prayer, in order to begin to know, love and worship God and come to understand His love and mercy for us. Consequently, with the fire of God's love fostered through our time in prayer, our time spent with others will be more fruitful, as it will now be God's love within us reaching out to others. So, as we journey with our eyes fixed heavenward, let us generously give our time to God and our parish community.

Summary

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Mass Intentions for the Week of Nov 15 / 16, 2025

Saturday Nov 15th

5:00 pm + Remy & Kitty Francis
+ Ernest & Olive Fernandes

Sunday Nov 16th

9:00 am + Arnold Pinto
- Thanksgiving from the Couture
Family
10:30 am - For All Parishioners of SMDP
12:00 pm + Alzira Pereira (1st Death Anniversary)
+ Maria D'Mello

Monday Nov 17th

Tuesday Nov 18th

8:30 am - Blessings for Antonetta Pinto
+ Maximo Comia

Wednesday Nov 19th

8:30 am + Juan C. Miel
+ Eldric & Cheryl Fernandes

Thursday Nov 20th

8:30 am - S.I for Rodolfo & Arlene Carganilla-Quinto
- S.I & Blessings for Antonetta Pinto

Friday Nov 21st

8:30 am + Angelica & Hilario Gonsalves
+ Arnold Pinto



Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul



Your Society of St. Vincent de Paul is appealing to you for help in making this Christmas a little brighter for your Neighbours in Need. Please consider donating gift cards for either No Frills, Food Basics or Walmart. Denominations of \$25, \$50 or \$100 would be ideal. Please put the gift cards into an envelope, clearly labelled for St. Vincent de Paul. If you need a tax receipt, please clearly write your full name, address, and phone number. All gift card donations may be put into the collection basket, or into the mail slot in the side door. We would appreciate receiving your donations by the first week in December.

THANK YOU for your generosity.



Poinsettias To help decorate the Altar & Church for Christmas

The parish is asking for donations of Poinsettias. If you would like to donate a poinsettia/s, please drop them off by Tuesday, Dec. 23rd in the parish hall. We thank you for your generosity!

Remembering All Souls

The Month of November is dedicated to all deceased souls. A “**Book of Remembrance**” is placed in front of the pulpit along with special envelopes if you wish to donate. All the envelopes will be placed on the altar and prayed for throughout the month of November.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

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



ADVENT CONFESSION NIGHT

St Martin De Porres will have its annual **Advent Confession Night on Wednesday, December 10th from 6 – 8 PM.**

There will be other priests available for confessions. Please take advantage of this time as it will be your last major opportunity before the celebration of Christmas.



The Shepherds' Trust
Caring for those who always cared for us

There will be a second collection on **November 15/16** for The Shepherds' Trust. *The mission of the Shepherd's Trust is help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry.* Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

Parish Weekly Facts



What is the meaning of the IHS Christian Symbol?

IHS is a Sacred Monogram, derived from the first three letters of Jesus's name in Greek, **ΙΗΣΟΥΣ** (Iēsous). The letters **IHS** often appear on liturgical items in our churches, building plaques, gravestones and sacred vessels. The Society of Jesus, or Jesuits, founded by St. Ignatius of Loyola in 1540, adopted IHS as their emblem. St. Ignatius encouraged his followers to meditate on Christ's name, making IHS a focal point. The Jesuit version sometimes includes a cross above the H and three nails below, symbolizing the crucifixion. This design became one of the most recognized forms of IHS in Catholic culture.



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

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