# St. Martin De Porres Parish

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#### **Parish Contacts**

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Anthony Gonsalves (ext 105)

#### **Parish Office Secretary**

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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 far	nilies)	New Beginnings	416-222-1101
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriage	es) 416-281-6007	St. Vincent de Paul Society	416-284-6131

#### Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe



1stReading: 2 Samuel 5.1-3

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**: Colossians 1.12-20

Gospel: Luke 23.35-43

#### **Building up the Kingdom**

"Thy Kingdom come, thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven." These familiar words from the Our Father can provide us with rich reflection on this great feast of Christ the King, for where there is a king, there is a kingdom as well

As we pray the Our Father, we are asking that the Kingdom of God may continuously be built up here on earth. In addition to our practice of praying, we as good stewards can help build up the Kingdom through our deeds. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\* proclaims that through "worthy deeds in this life, people also make a limited but real human contribution to building up the kingdom."

This should fill those striving to live a life of stewardship with great excitement and zeal, for by faithfully sharing our time and talents with the parish community, we are actively contributing to the building of the Kingdom. Each time we share our time in visiting people in need; in using our musical talents in the choir or our leadership skills on a parish committee, we are spreading the Kingdom. How often do we really view our actions as service to the Kingdom and not just volunteerism? Let us ask ourselves how we can better share our gifts to build up our parish communities and the Kingdom of God.

#### **Summary**

We often pray asking that the Kingdom of God may be built up here on earth when we say, "thy Kingdom come, thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven." In addition to our practice of praying, we as good stewards can help build up the Kingdom through our deeds. Let us ask ourselves how we can better share our gifts to build up our parish communities and the Kingdom of God.

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

#### 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

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#### Mass Intentions for the Week of Nov 22 / 23, 2025

#### Saturday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>

5:00 pm + Mary Dominica & Alcantara Menezes

+ Manuel Pereira

Sunday Nov 23rd

9:00 am + May Ong

+ John Gonzales

10:30 am - For All Parishioners of SMDP

12:00 pm + Cristita Pagal + Nirmala Gomes

Monday Nov 24th

Tuesday Nov 25th

8:30 am - S. I & Blessings for Derek John Taylor

Wednesday Nov 26th

8:30 am + Isaura & Peter Gomes

Thursday Nov 27th

8:30 am + Archie Mathias

Friday Nov 28th

8:30 am + Gliceria Ronquillo

+ Antonio Dela-Cruz

(Death Anniversary)



#### 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. 23<sup>rd</sup> in the parish hall.

We thank you for your generosity!



#### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve** 

December 24<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm

**Christmas Day** 

December 25th - 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

New Year's Eve

December 31st - 5:00 pm

**New Year Masses** 

January 1st - 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon





Join us for a joyful evening of Christmas Carol Singing right after the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, December 13, 2025! Let's fill the church with festive music and the spirit of the season.

After the singing, stay for **hot chocolate and cookies** in the parish hall — a warm treat for all ages!



Come celebrate the joy of Christmas with your parish family — everyone is welcome!

#### 50 + Group



Movie Afternoon on Nov 27<sup>th</sup> from 12.30 - 3 pm If you plan on attending, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Thank you.

#### St Martin De Porres Thursday Prayer Group

Heyyy there, are you one of those folks who secretly sing in the shower? Time to come out and join other singer-wannabes!

St Martin de Porres parishioners are going CAROLING at a nearby long-term care home, and we're looking for volunteers with big smiles and good cheer. Young or old, you're welcome. Even if you think you're not really a "singer," don't worry! We'll have a practice session this coming Thursday, Nov 27, 7:00 pm here in the church. Caroling day is Sunday, Nov.30 in the afternoon.

Share the joy of Christmas and help make the season beautiful for residents in long-term care.

Questions? Email: tessm@rogers.com



#### ADVENT CONFESSION NIGHT

St Martin De Porres will have its annual
Advent Confession Night on
Wednesday, Dec 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.

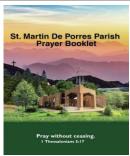


Your Society of St. Vincent de Paul is appealing to you for help in making this Christmas a little brighter for your Neighbours in Need. Please consider donating gift cards for either No Frills, Food Basics or Walmart. Denominations of \$25, \$50 or \$100 would be ideal. Please put the gift cards into 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.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul extends their deepest gratitude to the parishioners of St. Martin De Porres who have generously donated towards Bundle Sunday. Your donations will make a meaningful impact in the lives of countless individuals and families in need. May God Bless you all.



Our first-ever parish prayer booklet is now available! Our prayer booklet is beautifully curated filled with prayers to the one Triune God (Father God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit), our Blessed Mother, and beloved saints. It's an all-in-one prayer guide for devotion and spiritual encouragement.

Get Your Copy for \$25. If you've already pre-ordered, please pick them up on **November 29 and 30**, after the weekend Masses. Please pay by cash. Thank you!

#### **Parish Weekly Facts**

During November, schools in St. Martin de Porres Parish will receive a number of new Winter Coats through the Knights of Columbus <u>Coats for Kids Program</u>. But there is still a great need. If you have children's winter apparel, including boots, toques or warm hats, and mittens at home in **good condition**, please contact one of the parish schools (the phone numbers are in the Bulletin).

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