
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



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Second Sunday of Advent



1st Reading:
Isaiah 11.1-10

2nd Reading:
Romans 15.4-9

Gospel:
Matthew 3.1-12
The Proclamation of
John the Baptist

A Stewardship Examination

As Christmas carols take over radio stations and shopping malls are filled to capacity, it is easy to lose track of the true purpose of Advent. Essentially, Advent is a time to prepare for the Lord's coming on Christmas Day as well as his final coming at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our own individual judgement day is coming too, where we will stand before the throne of God and give an account of how we have used all the gifts and blessings we have received.

Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* states that "A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master ... and must eventually give an account to the Master for the way in which [the gifts] have been cared for and made fruitful." This Advent season reminds us to conduct a humble examination of how are we best using our God-given gifts for His glory and the good of the Church.

Are we staying faithful to our practice of prayer? Are we using our time to serve and journey with others? Are we taking an active role in the life of the parish community? Are we serving the less fortunate in our community, remembering Christ's words to serve the poor? Are we living for the present world or for the world to come? Let us take this Advent to re-examine how we are being stewards of the gifts in our lives and recommit to fully living the Gospel.

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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

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

Mass Intentions for the Week of Dec 6 / 7, 2025

Saturday Dec 6th

5:00 pm + Cynthia Lawson
 + Gu & Conception Arnault

Sunday Dec 7th

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 - Thanksgiving for Betty Boco
 + Sheila Colla

Monday Dec 8th

Tuesday Dec 9th

8:30 am

Wednesday Dec 10th

8:30 am + Glicerio Ledesma

Thursday Dec 11th

8:30 am + Celestino Cruz

Friday Dec 12th

8:30 am + Andrew Gillespie and all souls
 in Purgatory



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

December 24th - 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



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.



Christmas Carols

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!




The parish is asking for donations of Poinsettias to help decorate the Altar and the Church for Christmas. 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!

2025 DONATION RECEIPTS

In order to qualify for 2025 Income Tax Receipts, all donations must be received at the Parish Office before it closes at noon on December 31st. Thank you for your co-operation.



Monstrance of Saint Pope John Paul II Adoration


St. Martin de Porres Parish is honoured to welcome the travelling Vocations Monstrance — one of six blessed in November 2004 by Saint Pope John Paul II. This special monstrance, hosted by Serra Council for Canada, is carried from parish to parish to encourage Eucharistic Adoration and to deepen our prayer for vocations.


Come and experience the **LOVING PRESENCE** of JESUS in the Holy Hour of Adoration as we pray for labourers for His harvest and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Mass Celebration


Holy Hour of Adoration

Light Refreshments

 **SATURDAY**
December 20, 2025

 **STARTS AT**
8:30 am

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

 St. Martin de Porres, 4179 Lawrence Avenue East
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NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2026

Kindly pick up your **2026** Sunday Offertory envelopes from the Church Hall. Please look for your **last name** and not your envelope number, as many numbers have changed. If you do not see your name on a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

Please do not use the 2026 envelopes until January

Parish Weekly Facts

The Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary is on December 8. In 1708, it was declared a Holy Day of Obligation by Pope Clement X1, when Catholics were expected to attend mass as on Sundays. It remains a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States, but the bishops of Canada have transferred all Holy Days except Dec. 25 and January 1 to the nearest Sunday. By pontifical decree, it is the feast of the patron of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Italy, Korea, Nicaragua, Paraguay, the Philippines, Spain, the United States, and Uruguay. In many Catholic countries in Europe, Asia, and Central America December 8 is celebrated with Masses, parades, fireworks, processions, food and cultural festivities in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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