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# St. Martin De Porres Parish

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## Parish Contacts

### **Pastor**

Rev. Anthony Gonsalves (ext 105)

## Parish Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 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 9:00 am to 4:00 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: (counselling for individuals and families)	416-921-1163	Catholic Cultural Services	416-757-7010
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages)	416-281-6007	New Beginnings	416-222-1101
		St. Vincent de Paul Society	416-284-6131





## SACRAMENTAL PREP NEWS



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- Registration's date has expired

### CONFIRMATION

- Registration is on April 07<sup>th</sup>  
At 6p.m.

### R.C.I.A

- Registration is closed



**St. Martin de Porres**  
Knights of Columbus Council 12909

### CHARITY FUNDRAISER Bus trip to



**Saturday, April 11th, 2026.**

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### Ticket Sales

**Saturday** March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, 2026.

Available during the mass at 5:00 pm

**Sunday** March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, 2026.

Available between masses at 10:30 am and 12:00  
pm.

To book a seat e-mail: [jason.shantz@gmail.com](mailto:jason.shantz@gmail.com)

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## UPCOMING EVENT

"World Day of Prayer at St. Joseph's Church  
on March 11 at 7 pm evening.  
All parishioners are welcome to attend."

## Refrain from Passing Judgment

***Even upon the servants and  
the handmaids, in those days,  
I will pour out my spirit (Joel 3:2).***

If put to the question, each of us would probably say that we are far from perfect. Even so, there is no doubt that we know people who are *more* imperfect than we are. Far too often, this awareness spills over into judgments: we decide that we are *better* than those others. When we do this, we judge others and place a barrier between ourselves and them.

Judging others is different from forming an opinion about them. It is impossible not to have an opinion about other people-especially about people we see very often. It is also perfectly natural to feel drawn toward certain people, places, and things and away from others. The problems arise when our opinions spill over into our judgments. Then those people, places and things that draw us to them are labeled "good," while others are labeled "bad." We are not really free when we set ourselves up as custodians of the moral order of the whole world.

God judges no one. In Scripture, there is no record of Jesus saying to anyone, "Sorry, but I can't love you because you're too bad!" When we withhold acceptance from other people, and even from our messy world, we are placing ourselves above God. Talk about conceit!

## Parish Weekly fact

The season of **Lent** began on **Ash Wednesday**, this year on February 18<sup>th</sup>. The date for Ash Wednesday falls 40 weekdays before Easter (Sundays are not considered part of Lent). The date for Easter has been set for thousands of years. It all has to do with the Passover full moon. In any year, Easter will fall between March 22 and April 25. In 2026 Easter occurs on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Lent, a season of penance, reflection, and fasting, prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. Lent also offers an opportunity for charitable giving. If you choose to include your parish as a recipient for Lenten almsgiving, you could use the Sunday Offertory or Building Fund envelopes or use the **Donate** option on the parish website to receive a 2026 Income tax receipt.



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

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