
St. Martin De Porres Parish

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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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE LENT



1st Reading:
1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7,
10-13

2nd Reading:
Ephesians 5.8-14

Gospel:
John 9.1-41

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/>

Mass Intentions for the Week of Mar 14/ Mar 15, 2026

Saturday Mar 14th

5:00 pm David Sameresinghe
 Jeremy Him
 (Special Intention)

Sunday Mar 15th

9:00 am Rolando Resplandor
 (Birthday Blessing)

10:30 am - For All Parishioners of SMDP

12:00 pm † Kim A. Tan
 † Edfer Malijan

Monday Mar 16th

8:30 am Dennis **Declaro**
 (Thanksgiving & Blessing)

Tuesday Mar 17th

8:30 am Muliady Rudy
 (Birthday Blessing)

6:30 pm Philip Malolos Edmard

Wednesday Mar 18th

8:30 am †P.T.Thomas

Thursday Mar 19th

8:30 am Joseph & Nenita Cuenla
 (Thanksgiving and Blessing)

Friday Mar 20th

8:30 am Blessed Virgin Mary
 (G.C. Richter)

True Recovery of Sight

In today's Gospel we encounter Jesus healing a man who was born blind. In all of the Bible, this is the only healing of a man blind since birth, whereas other healings were of temporary blindness. The uniqueness of this great mystery offers us the ability to richly reflect on what it means to be good stewards of Christ.

Firstly, while the man was healed of his physical sight, the more remarkable miracle was his ability to grasp Jesus' true identity. When Jesus reveals to him that He is the Son of Man, the blind man boldly responds, "Lord, I believe." The blind man did not come to this realization on his own, but it was the Lord's working in his life that led him to this change of heart.

So too in all of us, it is the Lord and His grace that brings about our interior conversion. We must never fall into the temptation that our faith and charity is the result of our own strength or abilities. After the blind man's encounter, it says "he worshipped Him." As good stewards we should seek to imitate his example, falling down in thanksgiving and adoration for all of the grace and gifts the Lord has poured into our lives. Let us take a moment today to praise God most especially for the gifts of our Catholic faith and the Church.

Summary

In the Gospel Jesus performs a two-fold miracle of healing a man of his physical blindness and his spiritual blindness. So too in all of us, it is the Lord and His grace that brings about the miracle of our interior conversion. Let us imitate the cured blind man and fall at the feet of Jesus and thank Him for the gifts and graces He has poured into our lives.

Parish Weekly fact

Tuesday March 17th marks the Feast of St. Patrick, Catholic bishop, "Apostle of Ireland" and one of the most well-loved and celebrated saints of all time. The humble saint is known for his powerful expositions of the principles of the Catholic faith. He even used the ordinary three-leaf shamrock plant to teach people about the Trinity.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in "Confessions". After years of poverty, travelling, and enduring much suffering, he died on March 17, 461.

LENTEN CONFESSION



Lenten confessions will be held on Wednesday, Mar 25th at 6-8 p.m.

SACRAMENTAL PREP NEWS



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- Registration's date has expired

CONFIRMATION

- Registration is on April 07th At 6p.m.

R.C.I.A

- Registration is closed

50 + Group

Please join us for a luncheon on March 19th to honour and celebrate two venerable saints- St. Joseph and St.Patrick. Tickets will be on sale after all the masses this weekend. We Look forward to an afternoon of fun and fellowship.



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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 8 th, 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

Enjoy Yourself

Let them give thanks to the Lord for His kindness and His wondrous deeds to the children of men. Let them make thank offerings and declare His works with shouts of joy.
(Luke 12: 26)

There once was a mother who spent weeks preparing to throw a surprise party for her young son. She invited his friends over, decorated the house, and fixed his favorite dish. When the son appeared and everyone shouted "Surprise!" the mother watched his face for signs of gratitude and joy. She was crushed when she observed only irritation and later discovered that the party caused him to miss his favorite TV show.

I believe God is very much like that mother. God spent millions of years nurturing creation to the point where we humans could prosper and share responsibility with him in bringing creation along. Additional thousands of years in cultural evolution have brought us to a time in history when a multitude of possibilities for work and enjoyment surround us. God's greatest joy is that we enjoy our live and receive the many gifts showered upon us in gratitude and generosity. How disappointed he must be when we only complain about what we think we lack.

Jesus enjoyed life. Unlike many spiritual leaders of his day, he seemed, never to pass up on opportunity to have a good time. His first miracle was to keep a wedding reception going strong. Indeed, people called him a glutton and a drunkard! (See Matthew 11:19). How, then, did so many people ever get the idea that human fun negates spiritual growth? To the contrary, those who enjoy life are more likely to feel compassion for the unfortunate and disadvantaged.

Suggested Practices

1. In the name of Jesus, give yourself permission to enjoy life
2. Don't forget, however, that you are also called to exercise a responsible stewardship over his gifts



The Station of the Cross will be held Every Friday at 6.30 p.m.



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

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