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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:<br>(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 |
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:**  
Acts 2.14, 22b-28

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**  
**3rd Sunday** 1 Peter 1.17-21

**Gospel:**  
Luke 24.13-35

### ***Sharing our Burning Hearts***

In today's Gospel we reflect on the Road to Emmaus. As the two disciples walk along, Jesus appears and breaks open the scriptures and breaks bread with them. This same structure is what we experience at Mass with the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Reflecting on their walk with Christ, the disciples were profoundly touched, exclaiming "were not our hearts burning within us?" So too, when we partake in Mass our hearts should burn within us from the glory and love of God. But what should we do with this burning?

The disciples rushed back to the others in Jerusalem "that same hour" and proclaimed that the Lord is risen. They learned more about their faith and went in haste to share the good news and support the other believers. Likewise, after growing in our faith and being strengthened at Mass we should support the believers in our parish community by giving of our time and talent. As stewards of Christ we should not delay in sharing our gifts from God with others but seek to help immediately.

This Easter season, let us decide to renew our commitment to our parish by joining various ministries to help the good news of the resurrection be proclaimed. The Church needs us to be sharers of God's gifts. St Peter in his first letter says "as each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). Let us end by asking ourselves, how well do we cultivate our gifts and aid the spread of the Gospel?

### ***Summary***

Just like the disciples from the Gospel, our hearts should burn within us from the presence and love of God that we experience in Mass. The disciples rushed back to the others in Jerusalem "that same hour" and proclaimed that the Lord is risen. Likewise, after being strengthened at Mass we should support the believers in our parish community by giving of our time and talent.

### **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 Apr 18/ Apr 19, 2026**

#### **Saturday Apr 18<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm                    †Hyacinth & Theodore Alles  
                                 †P.C. Thomas

#### **Sunday Apr 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am                    †May Ong  
                                 †Mascarenhas  
                                 Justin & Kate Grima  
                                 (God's Blessing)

10:30 am                    - For All Parishioners of SMDP

12:00 pm                    †Celene Cuenca

#### **Monday Apr 20<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Tuesday Apr 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 am                    †Donald Marshall  
                                 Kshama Saravanamuthu  
                                 (Birthday Blessing)

#### **Wednesday Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 am                    †Lucija Kudina & Ervins Pakulis

#### **Thursday Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 am                    Julian Sacco (God's Blessing)  
                                 †Bridget & Dominic Pinto

#### **Friday Apr 24<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am                    †Fidelis Rebelo  
                                 †Desmond Almeida

### **50+ GROUP - MOVIE AFTERNOON**

Please join us **on April 23rd at 12.30 pm** for a Movie Afternoon

***Bring your own lunch.*** Popcorn and snacks will be provided. You get to choose which movie you would like to watch from a shortlist of family friendly movies.

***All are welcome.***  
**We look forward to seeing you.**



**EDGE Youth Ministry**  
**(Open Invitation to Grades 5-8)**

Grow in Faith and Closer Relationship with Jesus... Meet New Friends... and Have Fun... That is EDGE! We invite our Catholic youth in **Grades 5-8** to join us in the Parish Hall for an EDGE night.

**Upcoming EDGE nights:**

**April 24, May 22, and June 19.**  
Drop-off at 6:45 pm and Pick-up at 8:45 pm.

**For more info & RSVP:**

Theresa Vandebroek, Youth Minister  
[smdpyouth24@gmail.com](mailto:smdpyouth24@gmail.com)

**Parish Weekly**



The Feast Day of **Saint Kateri Tekakwitha**, the first indigenous North American to be canonized, occurred on April 17. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656, in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon (currently in New York State).

Kateri Tekakwitha contracted smallpox as a four-year-old child and her entire family died during the outbreak. She was raised by her uncle, chief of a Mohawk clan. At age 19, Kateri Tekakwitha converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity. To avoid persecution, she travelled to a Christian native community south of Montreal. According to legend, Kateri was very devout and often prayed for the conversion of her fellow Mohawks. Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away at age 24, on April 17, 1680.

Her name, Kateri, is the Mohawk form of Catherine, which she took from St. Catherine of Siena. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, of people in exile and Native Americans.



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

**ACCEPT THE CERTAINTY OF YOUR OWN DEATH**

**Do not fear those who deprive the body of life but cannot destroy the soul. Rather, fear him who can destroy both body and soul in Gehenna (Matthew 10:28))**

Most of us probably think that the worst thing that can happen to us is death. Isn't that, after all, the reason why we fear accidents or sickness or getting old? But one of the main certainties in life is that we shall all die.

What a shame that we waste so much energy trying to deny this truth.

In the above Scripture quotation, Jesus tells us that there are two kinds of death. The first results in the death of the body, after which the soul passes on to live with God in eternity, awaiting the general resurrection. Furthermore, Jesus' Resurrection is a promise that we who live in Christ shall one day receive a glorified body. We know little about life in this wondrous state save that it shall surpass all our deepest yearnings (see 1 Corinthians 2:9,15).

The second death results in the loss of both body *and* soul. It is life without God in eternity, a possibility that should sober all of us. Those who die the second death share fellowship with Satan and all those who have chosen to reject God with their lives. Spending eternity with these wicked beings has rightly been called Hell.

The author of Hebrews (in 9:27) wrote that it is appointed for all to die once, and then to be judged by God. If we live a life of love, death and judgment shall be for us a beautiful birthing into the fullness of life with God.

Is this really the worst thing that can ever happen to us?

**Suggest Practices**

1. Are you afraid of death? Will you admit to yourself the truth that you, too, shall one day die?
2. Pray for the grace to want to live with Christ in eternity

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