
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 Family Services: 416-921-1163

(counselling for individuals and families)

Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages) 416-281-6007

Catholic Cemeteries 416-733-8544

Catholic Cultural Services 416-757-7010

New Beginnings 416-222-1101

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading:
Acts 6.1-7

5th Sunday **2nd Reading**
1 Peter 2.4-9

Gospel:
John 14.1-12

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://smartindeporressc.archtoronto.org/eg/>

Exercising our Priestly Call

“Beloved: let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood.” These are the words of St. Peter that we find in the second reading today. St. Peter exhorts us to see ourselves as priests. The Catechism says “the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king” (CCC 1546).

What is the primary and essential act that priests perform? The answer is simply that priests offer sacrifices. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship says that “In exercising this office, [disciples] most fully realize the meaning of [their] Christian stewardship.*

To be an authentic steward is to offer our God-given gifts back to God for the good of the Church and our parishes. Essentially, it is to sacrifice our lives for Christ, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation. That is why He is the true, high priest that we strive to emulate. The USCCB goes on to say that “part of what is involved here for Catholics is a stewardship of time, which should include setting aside periods for family prayer, for the reading of Scripture, for visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and for attendance at Mass during the week whenever this is possible.” Let us conclude this reflection by asking ourselves, how well are we living up to the call of being part of the royal priesthood of Christ?

Summary

The Catechism says that “the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king.” The primary and essential act that priests perform is to offer sacrifices. Let us strive to be an authentic steward by sacrificing our time and gifts for Christ, especially in the little things, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation.

Mass Intentions for the Week of May 2/ May 3, 2026

Saturday May 2nd

5:00 pm †Phylis Lake
Edward's Family
(Thanksgiving)

Sunday May 3rd

9:00 am †Deceased Members of the Don
Paul's Family
†Andrew D'cruz

10:30 am For All Parishioners of SMDP

12:00 pm †Ofelia Bonifacio
†Meppurathu &
Chinnamma Chacko

Monday May 4th

Tuesday May 5th

8:30 am †Archimedis Senior

Wednesday May 6th

8:30 am †Julie Desouza
†Irene Fernandes

Thursday May 7th

8:30 am †Douglas Taylor

Friday May 8th

8:30 am †Bridget & Dominic Pinto



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

MAY 3RD, 2026



St. Martin de Porres

Knights of Columbus Council 12909

CHARITY FUNDRAISER

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Saturday, June 13th, 2026.

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Saturday May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, 2026.

Available during the mass at 5:00 pm

Sunday May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st, 2026.

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

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To book a seat e-mail:

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Parish Weekly



Why is May considered the month of Mary?

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular ideas related to the earth springing into bloom and the planting of gardens. This devotion became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome and soon it spread to the whole Church.

May 13, the Feast of **Our Lady of Fatima**, marks the of the first apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. The Virgin Mary appeared six times to Lucia, 9, and her cousins Francisco, 8, and his sister Jacinta, 6, between May 13, 1917, and October 13, 1917.

CHALLENGE YOUR SELF - WILL

If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps. Whoever would preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will preserve it (Mark 8:34-35)

Anyone struggling to live a life of love and service must eventually challenge (oppose) his or her own self-will. It is one thing to ask, "How can I be helpful?" but quite another to follow through. Many times, we know how we can be helpful, but we just don't feel like doing what is required. That is where the cross helps us to make sense of the spiritual life.

In The Scripture passage quoted above, Jesus says that we must each carry our own cross. This means that we must persevere in the struggle to love even when (especially when) we don't feel like it. If we love only when we feel like it, what merit is that? Even the pagans do as much (see Matthew 5:47)

Blessed are those moments in our live when we are aware of a civil war within us-when we know the right thing to do, but we just don't feel like doing it. It is only during those times that we truly have an opportunity to exercise our faith in making a decision to love as Christ loved. *If we decide to persevere in loving, then our old egocentric self will give ground to our new, emerging, Christ-self.* We will write more deeply into the law of our will the ways of love. In time, we may even find our will responding more habitually to the needs of love, although we will always retain enough self-will to lead us again and again to the cross.



EDGE Youth Ministry

(Open Invitation to Grades 5-8)

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Upcoming EDGE nights:

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For more info & RSVP:

Theresa Vandenbroek, Youth Minister

smdpyouth24@gmail.com

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