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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
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Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages)	416-281-6007	New Beginnings	416-222-1101
		St. Vincent de Paul Society	416-284-6131



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:**  
**Acts 8.5-8,14-17**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**  
**1 Peter 3.15-18**

**Gospel:**  
**John 14.15-21**

**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**

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### ***Strengthening our Stewardship with the Holy Spirit***

As we approach the end of the Easter season our readings begin to focus on the Holy Spirit that awaits us on Pentecost. In today's first reading we hear the account of some believers receiving the Holy Spirit after Peter and John laid their hands on them. The Catechism says that "the imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church" (CCC 1288).

So, as we have read the biblical roots of the sacrament of Confirmation, let us reflect on its significance in our own lives 2000 years later. The Second Vatican Council says that through "the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed" (Lumen Gentium, 11).

Confirmation makes us obliged to spread the Gospel through "word and deed" because we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We all have a special share of these gifts, which consist of fortitude, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, fear of the Lord, piety and counsel. If for example, we have a greater outpouring of the gift of knowledge, we can use this to help with catechesis ministries in the parish that seek to teach the faith to others. Essentially, Confirmation strengthens our call to be stewards of Christ. Let us use our gifts to spread the Gospel in our parish communities as a way of living out our call of Confirmation and let us do so by turning to the Holy Spirit to guide us.

### ***Summary***

In today's first reading we hear the biblical roots of Confirmation as some believers receive the Holy Spirit after Peter and John lay their hands on them. The Second Vatican Council says that Confirmation, and the receiving of the Holy Spirit, makes us obliged to spread the Gospel through "word and deed." Let us strive to do this in our parish communities as a way of living out our call of Confirmation and let us do so by turning to the Holy Spirit to guide us.

### **Mass Intentions for the Week of May 9/ May 10, 2026**

#### **Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm      †Maria D'mello  
                 †Annie Gonsalves

#### **Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am      †Mae Choong  
                 †John Gonsalves

10:30 am      For All Parishioners of SMDP

12:00 pm      †George Alfred & Pavilupillai  
                 Kristian Sacco (God's Blessing)

#### **Tuesday May 12<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 am      Pauline Julien (Birthday Blessing)

#### **Wednesday May 13<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 am      †Fransiskus Rudy  
                 †Gliceria Ronguillo & Zeny Chan

#### **Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am      †All Souls in Purgatory

#### **Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am      Steve & Diane Borg  
                 (Healing Mass)



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#### **For more info & RSVP:**

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

**MAY 10TH, 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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**Parish Weekly** fact

**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.

**KNOW YOUR WORST ENEMY**

*Fear is useless. What is need is trust (Mark 5:36)*

Most of us would agree that selfishness is one human quality that should be eliminated from our lives. In order to do this, however, we would also have to eliminate fear, for fear is the fountainhead of all selfishness.

The story of the Fall of Adam and Eve is the story of the beginnings of fear. By using their freedom in contempt of God's will, our forebears lost that perfect sense of God's presence which they enjoyed as children of God. We have been afraid ever since.

What are we afraid of? Put simply, we afraid of life and death. As self-conscious beings, we know that one day we shall die, and this is frightening. We also fear sickness, suffering, destitution, rejection, failure, economic collapse, nuclear holocaust, and a whole lot more. If we do not experience these fears, it is either because we are very great saints or just plain out of touch with our feelings.

*The problem with fear is that it quickly leads to self-concern.* Self-concern then causes us to become self-willing and controlling always trying to manipulate life in behalf of our own fearful interests. Fear moves us to grasp and cling to people, places, and things which provide us with fleeting experiences of pleasure, security, esteem, and power. Because of fear we tend to express our individuality in terms of an autonomy or state of independence that has no roots in God's love. Fear, along with its rebellious children-self-concerns, self-will, and manipulative control-leads to separateness, which is the essence of sin. The surest sign of Original Sin in our lives is the presence of fear. *Saint John writes, "Love has no room for fear, rather, perfect love casts out fear. And since fear has to do with punishment, love is not yet perfect in one who is afraid" (1 John 4: 18)*

*To be rid of fear in our lives, we must become more rooted in God's love for us.*



The Legion of Mary will be Hosting the Procession and Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **May 23, 2026 right after the 5:00pm Mass.** Everyone is invited to come and join us in this celebration. Thank you and God Bless.

**KAPIT BAHAY**

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