
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

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| 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 |
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THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



1st Reading:
Acts 1.1-11

2nd Reading
Ephesians 1.17-20

Gospel:
Matthew 28.16-20

Being the Hands and Feet of Christ

This Sunday we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of the Lord which is ripe with spiritual importance and depth. Let us examine how the Lord's ascension affects us as stewards. Firstly, when the apostles watched the Lord ascend into heaven, two angels appeared and asked them "why do you stand looking up toward heaven?" The apostles were not meant to stay there constantly gazing heavenward. Instead, they, like us, are called to live firmly on this earth with our whole purpose set on reaching heaven and leading as many people with us as possible.

We see this at the end of St. Matthew's Gospel when Jesus gives the great commission to "make disciples of all nations." Jesus' ascension is a firm call to action. A call to be stewards and use our gifts to spread the Gospel within our parishes and the Church. We do this through the strength of Christ within us who says "remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

It is now up to us to cooperate with the Spirit and make disciples of the whole world. Let us end by pondering the beautiful saying of St. Teresa of Avila. "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His Body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

Summary

Jesus' ascension is a firm call to action for at the end of St. Matthew's Gospel He gives us the great commission to "make disciples of all nations." This is a call to be stewards and use our gifts to spread the Gospel within our parishes and the Church. Let us strive to do this through the strength of Christ within us who says "remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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 May 16/ May 17, 2026

Saturday May 16th

5:00 pm †Mary Joseph
 †Aida Papa

Sunday May 17th

9:00 am †May Ong
 †Augustine Choong

10:30 am For All Parishioners of SMDP

12:00 pm †Ofelia Bonifacio
 Adrian and Chanel Grima
 (God's Blessing)

Tuesday May 19th

8:30 am †Lally Tambong
 †Virginia Bautista

Wednesday May 20th

8:30 am †Sofronio Juaneza

Thursday May 21st

8:30 am †Manuel Pereira
11.00 am †Lucy D'silva

Friday May 22nd



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:

May 22, and June 19.

Drop-off at 6:45 pm and Pick-up at 8:45 pm.

For more info & RSVP:

Theresa Vandenbroek, Youth Minister
smdpyouth24@gmail.com

Important Notice

DAILY MASS

Daily Mass on May 26,27,28,29 will be held at 9.30 a.m. instead of 8.30 a.m.



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.

50+ GROUP

Spring into Summer!

Hosted by the 50+ Group on
Thursday, May 28th at 12:30 p.m.
Please note the change in date.

TICKETS will be on sale before and after all weekend masses.

Members \$20.00
Non-members \$25.00
Annual Membership \$20.00

Come and join us



Everyone is invited to spend an hour in prayer with scripture and healing music on **Thursday, May 21**, here in the church. A **Catholic Charismatic Prayer Meeting** will be held starting at **7 pm**.

DO WHAT YOU ARE DOING

Their amazement went beyond all bounds: "He Has done everything well!" (Mark 7: 37)

There is a story told about a student of the spiritual life who visited a great master with the hope of learning how she was to spend her life. "Teacher, what is the most important thing in the world for me to do?" she asked expectantly. "What are doing right now?" replied the master. "I am waiting for your reply, Master." And what were you doing yesterday at this time?" "I was helping with the yardwork," stated the young woman, confused.

The master gazed at her expectantly for a few moments, awaiting comprehension. Nothing only bewilderment, he finally said: "The most important thing for you to do now is to pay attention to yourself and to listen to my words."

"The most important thing for you to have been doing yesterday at this time was to be paying attention to yourself and working in the yard."

"Throughout life, your most important task is to do what you are doing right now, and to do it well."

The student looked at the master in disbelief. Convinced that she had wasted her time making this journey, she left immediately.

Most of us are very much like this young student of the spiritual life. We tend to think that certain moments are more unimportant, and we concentrate only on the activities we consider most important. If we think this way, we shall find it difficult to live in the present.

Consider briefly the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus never forgot the importance of ordinary life lived well. He taught that those who do small things well can be entrusted with larger ones. But he also reminded us that those who do not do well what they are doing now are not yet ready for other things (see Luke 16:10). The Kingdom of God is now, and nothing we do is unimportant in the eyes of God. That is the meaning of the Incarnation.

Even those big moments of life- the conception and birth of a child, Baptism, wedding, funeral, etc.-are meaningless if we do not live well what has gone before them. In fact, celebrations are hollow and empty if they do not celebrate something that is already there. Big moments can help to affirm the dignity of small moments, but only if those small moments have been lived well.

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