St. Martin De Porres Parish

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

All Saint Day

1st Reading
Rev 7.2-4, 9-14

2nd Reading
1 John 3.1-3

Gospel
Matthew 5.1-12a

Following Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Our time here on earth can be viewed through the image of a marathon. The great prize for running the race well is eternity in heaven where we will be eternally united with God. On this Solemnity of All Saints Day we contemplate those holy men and women who have run the race before us and reached their heavenly destination.

St. Bernard says that "calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself … In short, we long to be united in happiness with all the saints." It is spiritually fruitful to contemplate the saints because it helps us keep the end goal of our marathon constantly at the forefront of our minds.

Moreover, the saints provide us an example of how to run the race as well. The saints always utilized the gifts that God gave them to serve Christ and His Church. They each did this in their own unique way dependant on their particular gifts and vocation. We too as stewards should follow their example and use our particular gifts to help us run the race well. St. Bernard also says that "we must above all seek the prayers of the saints. Thus, what is beyond our own powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession." Therefore let us seek the intercession of the saints and look to follow their example in order to deepen our resolve of being good stewards of Christ.

Summary

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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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Mass Intentions for the Week of Oct 31/Nov 1, 2026

Saturday Oct 31st
5:00 pm † Guy & Concepcion Arnault
† Thomas Joseph

Sunday Nov 1st
9:00 am † Andrew D'Cruz
† Deceased Members of The Don Paul Family
10:30 am For All Parishioners of SMDP

12:00 pm † Maria Tambong & Nilda
† Regina Ciolo

Monday Nov 2nd
† Julie De Souza
† Angelica, Hilario, John Gonsalves
† Regina Ciolo

Tuesday Nov 3rd
8:30 am † All Souls in Purgatory
† Leoncio, Agapita & Eliza Torrona

Wednesday Nov 4th
8:30 am † Alverto Pereira
Denny Supriatna (Birthday Blessing)

Thursday Nov 5th
8.30 am Protection of mothers who plan to abort their child
Zeke Smith (Birthday Blessing)

Friday Nov 6th
8:30 am † Nicola & Maria Macri
† Fr. Augustin Cuenca

Sacramental Pre News

Classes for 1st Reconciliation

Wed, Nov 4th 1st Reconciliation 6:00pm

In Service to the Community

God's love offers an antidote to the loneliness that can be experienced in the twilight of life: "I will never forget you" is His promise to us all. He assures us that He has engraved our faces on the palms of His hands, and that His love is greater than a mother's love for her child.

Fr. Martin Pereira is a reminder of this enduring and joyful promise that God walks with us at all stages of life through his weekly visit to a retirement residence in Mississauga, Ont. At 82, his service to the community and pastoral care for the residents includes what he calls the privilege of celebrating Mass, hearing confessions and spending time together in fellowship. "That's the best part of priesthood, and I'm loving every minute of it."

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To learn more about Fr. Pereira, The Shepherds' Trust or to make a financial gift to support our retired priests, please visit www.shepherdstrust.org.

"After Mass, residents often thank me with such sincerity. Sometimes they hold my hand a little longer or tell me, 'Father, thank you for coming.' Those moments are priceless. They remind me that people are hungry not only for the Eucharist but also for companionship, encouragement and hope."
- Fr. Martin Pereira

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

Saint Francis of Assisi
October 4

O God, You enabled St. Francis to imitate Christ by his poverty and humility. Walking in St. Francis footsteps, may we follow Your Son and be bound to You by a joyful love.

As a young man Francis liked to have a good time. His father was rich. Once, when he was sick, Francis heard our Lord calling him to leave the world and follow Him. Francis began to visit the hospitals and to serve the sick. He used to say, "When one serves the poor, he serves Christ Himself".

Francis put on the clothes poor shepherd and began to preach to the people about peace with God, peace with one's neighbor, and peace with one' s self. He looked on all people He looked on all people and things as his brothers and sisters because they were all created by the same God.

Francis took twelve young men to Rome with him, and the Pope gave him permission to start a new religious order, the Franciscans. He also helped St. Clare to start the order known as the Poor Clares.

Francis had a vision in which he saw Jesus hanging on the Cross. The marks of the five wounds of Jesus were left in his hands, his side, and his feet, which remained with him all his life.

When Francis became very ill, he prayed, "O Lord, I thank you for the pains which I suffer". He died October 4, 1226.

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