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

32ndSunday of Ordinary Time

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1st Reading
Wis 6.12-16

2nd Reading
1 Thes 4.13-18

Gospel
Matthew 25.1-13

Living with a Holy Fear

In today's Gospel we hear the parable of the ten bridesmaids in which only the five wise ones who had prepared for the wedding banquet were allowed to enter into the celebration. Jesus ends this parable with the exhortation to "keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." It is true that none of us know the time of our own death or Christ's Final Judgement.

While this reality can lead many to fear and trembling, the Catechism instead calls us to cultivate a "holy fear" and a "blessed hope" (CCC 1041). We can cultivate those attitudes by intentionally calling to mind the finiteness of our lives and remembering that we are all ultimately made for Heaven. This reality is beautifully summarized in the words of St. Rose of Viterbo. "Live so as not to fear death. For those who live well in the world, death is not frightening but sweet and precious."

Let us also remember that during our judgment before God we will be standing before the same Lord that we have befriended through prayer and the sacraments. Let us not appear before the throne of God not having first known Him in this life. As stewards, we should live with our feet planted on earth but our eyes fixed heavenward. The Lord has ordained it in such a way that we are still called to serve and love Him in this life but let us never forget our true home. Let us prepare ourselves well.

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 Nov 7/Nov 8, 2026

Saturday Nov 7th
5:00 pm Edward 's Family (Thanksgiving)
† Ethel Alexander

Sunday Nov 8th
9:00 am † Mae Choong
† Archie Mathias
(1st Death Anniversary)
10:30 am For All Parishioners of SMDP

12:00 pm † Norie Chadit
† Trevor Smith

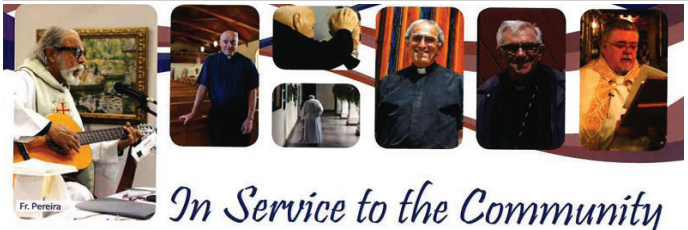
Monday Nov 9th

Tuesday Nov 10th
8:30 am † Edna Etherington
† Kunjumol Andrews

Wednesday Nov 11th
8:30 am † All soul at Purgotory
† Valsala Joshua

Thursday Nov 12th
8.30 am Xavier Fernandes (Birthday Blessing)
† Sarah Pinto

Friday Nov 13th
8:30 am † Maria D'Mello
† Maria Dominie & Alcantara Menezes



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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"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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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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Saturday, November 28, 2026
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

St. Martin de Porres Church
4179 Lawrence Ave East, Scarborough

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Artisan crafts • Silent auction • White elephant
Christmas baskets raffle

Come celebrate with our parish community and support our church ministries!



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

Saint Martin de Porres

November 3

O God, You led St. Martin by the way of humility to heavenly glory. Help us to follow the example of his holiness and so become worthy to be exalted with him in heaven.



Martin was born in Lima, Peru, in 1579, of a Spanish father and a black, or Indian, mother. He grew up in poverty and had a deep understanding and love for the poor.

When quite young, he went to work for a surgeon-barber where he learned about medicine and how to care for the sick and the wounded.

At the age of fifteen, Martin entered the Dominican convent in Lima as a helper. Later he became a lay brother. With joy and generosity, he performed lowly tasks in the kitchen, laundry, wardrobe, room, and infirmary. His charity knew no bounds as he helped those in need of food or a word of encouragement. He loved all God's creatures, even the lowly mice which did so much damage to the convent linens!

Blessed with the gift of healing, Martin once cured the ailing Archbishop of Mexico with a touch of the hand. Martin did of a fever 1639 and was beatified in 1873. On May 6, 1962, he was canonized by Pope John XXIII.

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