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

1st Sunday of Advent

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1st Reading
Is 63.16b-17,64.1,3-8

2nd Reading
1 Cor 1.3-9

Gospel
Mk 13.33-37

Preparing Ourselves for Christ

This First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. The readings during this time of preparation focus on making us aware that it is time to rouse from our sleep and prepare for the Lord's coming. Jesus says in the Gospel to "keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come."

Advent and Christmas are also often times of lights. Whether it be lights on an advent wreathe, a Christmas tree or festive lights decorating the house. However, above all these lights is Jesus, the true light of the world. This Advent we should strive to let the light of Jesus into our hearts so that it may even illumine and cleanse the dark and sinful areas of our lives. Our stewardship should reflect that light of Christ to others, so let us first be filled with what we seek to share.

One great way to invite the light of Christ into our lives is to seek God's cleansing healing in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Across the Archdiocese every parish will be hosting an Advent Day of Confessions in which several priests will be available to hear confessions. This is a beautiful opportunity to ready ourselves for the coming of our Saviour on Christmas morning. Let us strive to be reconciled with God and as stewards, let us try to invite our family and friends to join us.

Summary

Advent is a time of preparation that invites us to rouse from our sleep and prepare for the Lord's coming. One great way to prepare for His coming is to seek God's cleansing healing in the sacrament of Confession. Let us strive to be reconciled with God and as stewards, let us try to invite our family and friends to join us.

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 Nov 28/Nov 29, 2026

Saturday Nov 28th
8:00 am † Gertrude & Michael Bastianpillai
5:00 pm † Luis, Olga Machado & Fly Family
† Maria D'mello

Sunday Nov 29th
9:00 am † Antonio Dela Cruz

10:30 am For All Parishioners of SMDP

12:00 pm † Raul Galan

Monday Nov 30th

Tuesday Dec 1st
8:30 am † Andrew Gillespie & All Soul in purgatory
† V.T. Andrews
Roberta (Birthday Blessing)

Wednesday Dec 2nd
8:30 am Sr. Clare (Healing)

Thursday Dec 3rd
8:30 am Protection of mothers who plan to Abort their child.
Dorin Couture (Birthday Blessing)
† Stanislaus Steven & Francis YnanaForasam

Friday Dec 4th
8:30 am † Maria Tambong & Nilda
† Barbara Desmond



Christmas Bazar

A million thanks to all our very generous Parishioners and their families for coming out to support our Christmas Bazaar, needless to say it was a huge success.

Just a friendly reminder, the Christmas Basket raffles are being continued to be sold after the 5pm mass today and after all masses tomorrow. The Raffle draw will be held tomorrow, Sunday, Nov 29 after the 12-noon mass.

You do not need to be present to collect your prize. We will be calling each winner to come and claim their prize from the office during Church office hours. Please make sure your name and phone number is clearly written on the portion of the ticket that is inserted in the box you would like to win.

Saint Cecilia

November 22

O Lord, hear our requests. Through the intercession of Cecilia, please grant what we ask.



Patroness of Musicians

Cecilia was a member of a noble family of Rome and a follower of Christ. Her parents forced her to marry a nobleman named Valerian. In the evening of her wedding day, with the music of the marriage feast ringing in her ears, Cecilia renewed the vow by which she had consecrated her virginity to God. "Pure be my heart and undefiled my body; for I have a spouse you do not know, an angel of my Lord. "This is why she is honored as a patron of music.

Cecilia converted her husband to the Faith of Christ. Because he helped Cecilia in her charity toward the poor, he was put to death. Cecilia refused to sacrifice to the gods. The judge condemned her to be smothered by steam, but God protected Cecilia. Then the judge ordered a soldier to kill her with the sword. He struck her three times but did not cut off her head. She fell down, badly wounded, and for three days she remained alive. She gave her property to the holy Bishop Urban for the use of the Church and received the sacrament of Holy Communion before she died. This happened in 117.

Cecilia was buried in the catacombs. Her gave was discovered in 817, and her body was placed in the church of St. Cecilia in Rome. In 1599, when her tomb was opened her body was incorrupt.

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