

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 29 MAY

9:10 AM +GIOVANNI AND ANGELA ROSA
Requested by Anna Spadola

TUESDAY, 30 MAY

9:10 AM +FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY
Requested by Elfriede Klemmer

WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY

7:00 PM +STELLA KASS
Requested by Percy Kass
+BOSCO SILVA
Requested by Bonny Silva
+FLORENCE BURNS
Requested by Michelle Tidball
+ALICE DECOSTE
Requested by Adriana Rosolen

THURSDAY, 1 JUNE

9:10 AM +HOLLIS THOMAS
Requested by Peter Hospedales

FRIDAY, 2 JUNE

9:10 AM +DONALD HOO FATT
Requested by Doris Hoo Fatt

7:00: PM +EMILIA CANNIZZARO
Requested by the Spadola Family

SATURDAY, 3 JUNE

9:10 AM +THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY
Requested by Families of the RCIC
ANTONIO AND SOL ELEPANO
Requested by Antonio Elepano

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**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
IS OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS OF
ALVIRO AND VIRGINIA SINCOVICH**
for the week of 28 May 2017
as requested by Mark and Elia Vigna



Canadian Hearts and Hands A Mission Without Borders

Our children's item drive ends on this week. Please bring in your donate items into the church before Wednesday 31 May.

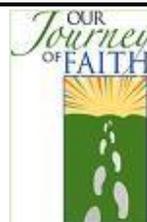
Again, as the weather warms up, we will be doing BBQ in the parking lot after all Masses on the next two weekends, **3/4 and 10/11 June**. All proceeds will be directed to our missionary project in Kenya.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL is looking for a clothes-dryer in good working condition for a needy family in the neighbourhood. If you have one to donate, please call 905-479-0103 ext. 52 to leave a message.



If you, or anyone you know who lives in our neighborhood and would like to become a Catholic, please call Fr. Joe for an appointment. Our **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** program will begin in mid-September 2017.

We are looking for **Sponsors** who are weekly practicing Catholics and agree fully with the Church's teachings, to mentor candidates in the **RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults)** 2017-2018 program which starts in September 2017. For those interested in becoming sponsors, please contact Cale Clarke in the office.



CATECHESIS OF GOOD SHEPHERD

2016/2017 Year-end celebration: For the families whose children are at the current Catechesis of Good Shepherd program, a year-end Mass with Fr. Derek is planned for **30 May at 6 PM** in the church, followed by potluck dinner in the hall. Bring a salad, vegetable or meat dish. The parish will provide dessert.

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For 2017/2018 Program Registration:

If you would like to enrich your child's relationship with God and His church, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd can help you do this.

- **Level I class for children age 3-6**
Tuesday 4:30pm to 6:00pm
Sunday 9:45am to 11:30am
- **Level II class for children age 6-9**
Tuesday 4:30pm to 6:00pm
Sunday 9:45am to 11:30am



All classes will begin late September/early October. Registration forms will be available at the parish office on **1 June 2017**. Cost is \$75 per child. Spaces are limited. For more information, please contact May Chow Leong at goodshepherdcs@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2017-2018

We are in need of adult volunteers 18 years of age or over to be teachers in the Children's Liturgy Ministry. This is a commitment of 6-8 sessions during the Sunday 10:30 am Mass from September to June. For more details, please call the parish office or email reception@stjustin.com.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The parish is looking for a part-time maintenance person to assist with tasks in the church. Previous experience is required. Interested persons please email your resume to karen@stjustin.com or call Karen at the parish office Ext. 27 for more information.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By Cale Clarke

There are many persons in the history of Israel who prefigure Jesus of Nazareth. How is Boaz a “type” of Christ?

In chapter three of the Old Testament book of Ruth, the Moabite widow (Ruth), boldly asks Boaz, a wealthy landowner and family relative, to marry her. It's a plan cooked up by Ruth's mother-in-law, Naomi (also a widow), who serves as matchmaker. Boaz agrees to wed Ruth, becoming her “kinsman-redeemer”. He will provide protection and a future for Ruth and her mother-in-law, Naomi (also a widow).

Ruth and Boaz eventually have a son, Obed, who himself has a son named Jesse. Jesse becomes the father of the great King David. Jesus, of course, is a descendant of David according to his human nature. David himself prefigures Jesus in many ways, and Jesus is called the “Son of David” in the New Testament.

It's amazing to think that the royal bloodline of Jesus hangs on a marriage proposal made in the fields of Bethlehem. Ten centuries later, shepherds in those very same fields marveled as angels lit up the night sky, singing the “Gloria”. The Messiah himself is born in that very town.

We can also see the drama of our own redemption in the lives of Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz:

Naomi: As a loving mother-in-law, she represents the parental concern of God for his children. Just as Naomi did, God sets in motion a plan to redeem his children after they have sinned.

Ruth: a “type” of you and I: we are powerless to save ourselves. We need a redeemer. Like Ruth, we desire to become the “bride” of our redeemer (the Church is known as the “Bride of Christ”). Just as Ruth took action and asked to be redeemed by Boaz, we must make a choice to ask Christ to “marry” us - to be our Saviour and Leader. Like Boaz, Christ respects our freedom and is waiting to be asked to enter our lives, as a gentleman lover.

Boaz: He was a) willing to redeem Ruth; b) had the power to do it, and c) was waiting to redeem Ruth. Boaz had longed for Ruth, but had not asked for her hand in marriage because he did not think she was interested. Likewise, Jesus waits patiently - for decades, in many cases - for people to ask him to save them from their sins. He longs to unite himself to us via the nuptial bath of baptism. The “consummation” of our union with Jesus happens in the Eucharist. The divine Bridegroom becomes “one flesh” with his Bride (the Church) in the Mass, the “wedding feast of the Lamb”.

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God our Father, make us joyful in the ascension of your Son Jesus Christ. May we follow Him into the new creation, for His ascension is our glory and our hope!

| PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE As of 21 May 2017 | | |
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| | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> |
|  Our Giving | | |
| General Fund (Last week) | \$ 15,000 | \$ 10,686 |
| General Fund (Year-To-Date) | \$ 340,000 | \$ 288,375 |
| HOPE Fund (May) | \$ 10,000 | \$ 7,235 |
| HOPE Fund (Year-To-Date) | \$ 50,000 | \$ 39,677 |
| Debt Outstanding as of 21 May 2017 | | \$ 327,738 |
| <i>(Loan Repayment of \$80,000 from HOPE Fund)</i> | | |

 Many thanks to all parishioners who generously donated to ShareLife. We have collected thus far **\$81,001.70**. The campaign goal for our parish this year is **\$155,300**. Our final ShareLife collection will be next weekend **3/4 June**. You may wish to give through the parish office or online at www.sharelife.org, or place your donation in any Sunday basket before the end of July, the closing of the ShareLife Appeal.

 **2017 SUMMER KIDS' CAMP**
Rome – Paul and the Underground Church
10-14 July
Monday to Friday
10am to 1pm
For children ages 5-9
Cost \$60 each

Registration has already begun. Forms are available in the parish office. Hurry! Spaces are limited.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CAMP: High school students or adults are needed as group leaders. Please leave your name and contact info in the parish office or email youth@stjustin.com. Parents of children attending the camp are welcome to help out also.

 **Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) 2017-2018**
 The RCIC program is for children at the age of 7 or up seeking the sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, or First Communion. Saturday morning classes from 10:30am to 12noon will begin in October. Registration forms are now available in the parish office. **Teachers and high school students are encouraged to join this important ministry as class helpers.** For more information, please email Rachel Martinez at sjm.rcic@gmail.com.

 **SAVE THE DATE: Friendship Tea**
Sunday 11 June 2017 2:00 PM
 St. Justin Martyr Parish
 Hosted by the
 Catholic Women's League
 Ticket Price: \$10.00
 Ticket Sales: 27/28 May & 3/4 June