

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 25 JUNE

9:10 AM EMMA WONG

Requested by Pilgrim Brothers and Sisters

TUESDAY, 26 JUNE

9:10 AM FR. JOSEPH GRIMA

Requested by the Martinez Family

+PAUL FERNANDES

Requested by Philomena Fernandes & Family

ANGELA COUTINHO

Requested by Richard Coutinho

WEDNESDAY, 27 JUNE

7:00 PM +STELLA KASS

Requested by Percy Kass

THURSDAY, 28 JUNE

9:10 AM +FRANCIS FERNANDO

Requested by Maureen Fernando

FRIDAY, 29 JUNE

9:10 AM +DAVID CHOW

Requested by Alice Wong

SATURDAY, 30 JUNE

9:10 AM +ROISTON VIGNA XAVIER

Requested by Infanta Mariathasan

+HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

Requested by a Parishioner

ENRIQUETA GAGALANG

Requested by Dorothy Wong

SUNDAY, 1 JULY

10:30 AM +JEAN RUSTOM,

+MONA KASSAS,

+MIKAEL KASSAS

Requested by Jad and Therese Berberi



BECOMING A CATHOLIC: If you, or anyone you know who lives in our neighborhood and would like to become a Catholic, please call or email Msgr. Vid for an appointment. Our **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** 2018 program will begin in the fall.



RCIC

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC) 2018-2019

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 12 noon will begin in October and conclude next June. **Registration** forms are available in the parish office. **Teachers and high school students are encouraged to join this important ministry as class helpers.** For more info or enquiries, please email Rachel Martinez at sjm.rcic@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2018-2019

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 10:30AM Mass from September to June. High school or university students are welcome to volunteer as assistants. For more details, please call the parish office or email reception@stjustin.com.



BRINGING PARISHES TOGETHER 2018

Invites you to Light the Path for Jesus at Marylake Augustinian Monastery, 13760 Keele St., King City, ON, L7B 1A3. **Saturday July 7**, arrival 6:30pm, rosary procession 7:00pm promptly (meet at the Great Crucifix at the beginning of the Rosary Path). A night of prayer, music, hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Cost \$25/person, children under 10 is free. Contact Franca Bunnell 647-299-9049 or francabunnell@gmail.com for tickets. (Tickets also available at the door.) All proceeds will go to Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine Charity to assist with installation of lighting on the Rosary Path at Marylake.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG) -

As summer approaches we would like you to consider the pre-authorized giving plan for the parish. As you know, just as your expenses continue at home, so do the expenses continue at the church. You will find in your hymn racks the Pre-authorized Giving Form for your donation while you are on vacation. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Garcea at the parish office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE ALTAR SOCIETY:

The Altar Society is responsible to clean and maintain items used in relation to liturgies, e.g. altar linens, servers' albs, sacred vessels, holy water fonts, hymn racks in the pew, and even plants in the sanctuary. We need more helping hands. If you are able to spare a few hours a month, please contact Christine Abela at 905-887-7765.

A PRAYER TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



O God, you raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect people for Christ. Fill Your people with the joy of possessing His grace, and direct the minds of all faithful in the way of peace and salvation.

Grant that St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so we may energetically profess our Faith in You, and lead others to the Way, the Truth, and Eternal Life.

**A LETTER FROM THE CARDINAL
ON THE 2018 CANADA SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM**

June 2018

My dear friends,

I wish to draw your attention to a deeply troubling issue that has negatively impacted the charitable activities of thousands of groups across the country, including dozens in our archdiocese. In late 2017, the federal government revised its application requirements for the 2018 Canada Summer Jobs program, forcing all applicants to indicate support for a clause that promotes values that go against our faith, such as abortion, in order to be considered. We cannot comply with this unjust requirement.

Many groups formally protested the change by applying for the grants but refusing to check the box associated with the offending statement, knowing their applications would be rejected but ensuring their concerns were registered. Hundreds of other groups were so discouraged they did not even apply.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto alone, at least 150 summer jobs have been jeopardized by the new application requirements. A summer camp for deaf children, employment for developmentally challenged young people, students cutting grass or helping with gardening, people welcoming newcomers to our country – these important community services will be most impacted.

Faith communities across the country (and politicians from all parties) have condemned the new requirement, including the Canadian Council of Imams, the Rabbinical Council of America, the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada and the Canadian Council of Christian Charities. We should all take note when a government claims to value the contributions of faith communities but requires them to profess a set of values which is against their faith in order to be eligible for government funding.

The government must abide by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in its treatment of law-abiding individuals and groups. The fundamental freedoms of conscience and religion, thought, belief, opinion and expression, as guaranteed in the Charter, must be respected and affirmed in legislation, regulations and policy.

Many parishes in the archdiocese are holding collections to support the local groups denied funding this year. I encourage you to donate through your parish or online at: www.bit.ly/donatesummerjobs. More importantly, I invite everyone to visit www.savesummerjobs.ca so you can send a letter directly to your local MP, expressing your deep concern. Respectful communication regarding this unjust policy is very important. The process should take no more than three minutes.

As we continue to pray for all those elected to political office, be assured of my gratitude for all that you do to preserve and sustain the faith. St. Michael the Archangel, patron saint of the Archdiocese of Toronto, pray for us.

Sincerely in Christ,
Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE		
As of 17 June 2018		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Fund (Last week)	\$ 15,000	\$ 13,498
General Fund (Year-To-Date)	\$ 392,000	\$ 370,785
HOPE Fund (June)	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,782
HOPE Fund (Year-To-Date)	\$ 60,000	\$ 57,804
Debt Outstanding as of 25 March 2018		\$ 189,063



Many thanks to all parishioners who generously donated to ShareLife. We have collected thus far **\$134,153.07**. The campaign goal for our parish this year is **\$150,000**. 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.

WOULD YOU TELL US WHO YOU ARE?

If you are currently using our Sunday offertory envelope No. 1185 or No. 1279, please contact the parish office by email reception@stjustin.com or in person to provide us with your personal information so that we can keep proper record of your donation for the year-end tax receipt. We thank you for using the envelopes and for your donations.

**MUSIC MINISTRY
NEEDS YOU !!!**



We are looking to expand our membership in the Music Ministry at St. Justin Martyr Parish. The following choirs and ensembles are recruiting new members:

- Saturday 5:00pm Mass - Youth Ensemble**
- Sunday 8:30am Mass - Choir**
- Sunday 10:30am Mass - Choir**
- Sunday 12:30pm Mass - Children's Choir**

Please leave your name and contact information with the Parish Office to the attention of Julia Iacono-Hauser.

ALTAR SERVERS APPRECIATION DAY:

All Youth Altar Servers and families are invited to an Appreciation Day on **Saturday 7 July**, beginning at the morning Mass at 9:10am, followed by activities in the hall, and then BBQ lunch. Expects lots of fun and fellowship. Please RSVP with Fr. John at frjapak@gmail.com.

Not an altar server but wants to join us? No problem. We need more altar servers for all Masses. Please fill out a registration form in the sacristy or the parish office. You are also invited to our Altar Servers Appreciation Day on 7 July. New altar servers must have made his/her First Communion.