

# ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH



Dear Jesus,  
help us focus on you  
during this busy season.  
May we stay aware of the joy  
you bring into our lives.  
We want to find you  
in the everyday moments  
and come with hearts of gratitude  
to your manger on Christmas. Amen

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### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:00 pm  
SUNDAY 8:30 am | 10:30 am | 12:30 pm | 7:00 pm

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY - 9:10 am  
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 pm (Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)  
FIRST FRIDAY - 9:10 am followed by  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By appointment only: please call the office

### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
SATURDAY 9:30 am – 12:00 pm  
SUNDAY 9:30 am – 1:30 pm



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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, 14 DECEMBER**

**9:10 AM** JAMES CHOO MING TON  
THE YU FAMILY  
JOHN SEAN

**TUESDAY, 15 DECEMBER**

**9:10 AM** ALESSANDRA MARINI  
MELINDA OFILAN  
ANNA TSUI

**WEDNESDAY, 16 DECEMBER**

**7:00 PM** +VINCENT D'SOUZA  
+ADIL KELLN

**THURSDAY, 17 DECEMBER**

**9:10 AM** CHOO MING TON  
BENJAMIN SHAO

**FRIDAY, 18 DECEMBER**

**9:10 AM** +MIJO & IVKA STARESINCIC  
THE TSANG FAMILY

**SATURDAY, 19 DECEMBER**

**9:10 AM** +BERNADETTE COLACO  
+MONICA SAMPSON  
JAMES CHOO MING TON  
MAY SHEN

**5:00 PM** +CESARE RIZZUTO

**SUNDAY, 20 DECEMBER**

**8:30 AM** PARISHIONERS

**10:30 AM** +ROMEO & ELISABETTA VIOLANTE  
+GUISEPPE & MARIA ARETUSI  
+DOMENIC & LINA FERRI  
+LAI KWAN SHIRLEY LING

**12:30 PM** +MOSTYN ANTHONY O'BRIEN  
+SARAH BEDFORD JAMES  
+JOSE FARAON

**7:00 PM** +VINCENT D'SOUZA

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

FOR THE WEEK OF 14 DEC-20 DEC IS  
FOR THE INTENTION OF EVERYONE  
STRUGGLING FOR BASIC NEEDS.



**FROM OUR PASTOR**

Last week Fr. John spoke about waiting, and our impatience with so many situations like waiting in lines, waiting for food, waiting for people etc.

This is also a time of expectations that can easily turn into disappointment. That usually can happen because of wrong expectations or rather, unrealistic expectations.

Often, we turn to self-reliance whenever we might be hurt or disappointed, we vow to ourselves, and rely only on ourselves. Self-reliance is a sort of selfish way of living by turning inward, towards self. In times like this, we must strive to experience Joy, despite the circumstances.

On this Gaudet Sunday, the readings talk about rejoicing, our second reading and Psalm as well. Mary says: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God."

St. Paul pleads with us "Rejoice always in all circumstances"

As we live in this pandemic, feel stuck and there does not seem to be end in sight, I would suggest to all of you this: For the next 10 days, reflect on 10 things that you are grateful for. Also list 10 things from the past that make your life special. And list 10 things that you would like to do in the next 6 months. Please don't forget to include something that is spiritual as well.

Next time you are in a tough moment remember the to be grateful for the good things the Lord is doing in your life.

*God Bless You All!*

*Msgr. Vid Vlastic*

*Pastor- St Justin Martyr Parish*



*Congratulations to Msgr. Vid on his 41<sup>st</sup> Year of Ordination as a Priest!!! We are grateful and blessed to have you as our Pastor!*

**THANK YOU FROM CARING & SHARING**



What an amazing response during such hard times!! Our compassionate and generous parishioners, with the help of our KOC, CWL, SSV, St. Justin

Martyr CES, St. Augustine CHS, St. John XXIII CES, St. Matthew CES and St. Philips-on-the Hill Anglican Church - you all stepped up and dug deep. We had no problem sponsoring all the families that we had come to us for assistance this year, even if it was in a different way. We all, as a parish, missed the fellowship of putting the family boxes together but we still managed to help make a brighter Christmas for many families and seniors. For this wonderful generosity - Thank You!!!

**CELEBRATION OF 500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN PHILIPPINES**

As Toronto's Celebration of 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Christianity in Philippines and the Christmas season, there will be an online 9-day "Simbang Gabi" (Night Mass) and novena from various participating parishes. The masses will be livestreamed on [www.ph500toronto.com](http://www.ph500toronto.com) and on the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/500yocTO](https://www.facebook.com/500yocTO). For more details, visit [www.ph500toronto.com/events.html](http://www.ph500toronto.com/events.html). Everyone is welcome to join virtually. Contact Fr. Sherwin Holandez at [ph500@archtoronto.org](mailto:ph500@archtoronto.org) or at 416 787 4547.



**CHRIST & CULTURE: THE FIRST CRECHE**

Join the virtual event by Faith Connections on December 19 at 2 p.m. There are over 100 different words to describe

the global tradition of recreating the nativity. History tells us it all got started in Greccio, Italy, where St. Francis of Assisi is credited with creating the first live nativity scene almost 800 years ago. Come with us as we tour the area where St. Francis walked. For details, contact [faithconnections@csj-to.ca](mailto:faithconnections@csj-to.ca) or call 416 886 8412. The Zoom link to join the event is <https://bit.ly/TheFirstCreche>.

**NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**



**Thursday, 24 December 2020**  
5:00 P.M. To be Livestreamed.

**Friday, 25 December 2020**  
10:30 A.M. To be Livestreamed.

**Mary, The Holy Mother Of God (New Year's) Mass Schedule**

**Thursday, 31 December 2020**  
5:00 P.M. To be Livestreamed.

**Friday, 1 January 2021**  
10:30 A.M. To be Livestreamed.

*\* Please visit [www.stjustin.ca](http://www.stjustin.ca) and click on "Watch our Mass" to watch all the streamed masses.*



**ADVENT RECONCILIATION**

As York region is moving to lockdown as of Monday, 14 December 2020, we have cancelled the confessions scheduled for December 19.

**ALL ROADS PASS THROUGH MARY A VIRTUAL EVENT**

The Association of Hebrew Catholics is hosting the virtual event on December 16 at 7 p.m. No Registration is required. Please contact AHC, Toronto for the Zoom link at [ahctoronto@gmail.com](mailto:ahctoronto@gmail.com).



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