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

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

SATURDAY	9:30 am – 10:00 am	l 4:00 pm – 4:30pm
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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 am – 4:00 pm SUNDAY

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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SATURDAY 5:00 pm

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 13 DECEMBER 9:10 AM +VICTORIA BATTIKHA JULINA AH-YAM

TUESDAY, 14 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +CATHERINE ANN YOUNG +CASIMIR LEUNG CHRISTOPHER HOANG

WEDNESDAY, 15 DECEMBER

7:00 PM +CESARE RIZZUTO CLAUDINE MAK KIMBERLEY CHEN-UMALI STEVEN CHONG-AH-YAN ANNETTE WALLACE & FAMILY

THURSDAY, 16 DECEMBER

9:10 AM NOEL CHARLES CHEN

FRIDAY, 17 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +ARTURO G. VALENCIA BENJAMIN SHAO

SATURDAY, 18 DECEMBER

- 9:10 AM +JUANA FARAON VICKY TON & FAMILY ROSIE-TONY CHUCK & FAMILY
- 5:00 PM +LUIS GALVAN

SUNDAY, 19 DECEMBER

- 8:30 AM +BERNADETTE COLACO +LEO CHONG
- 10:30 AM +DOMENIC & LINA FERRI +ROMEO & ELISABETTA VIOLANTE +GIUSEPPE & MARIA ARETUSI +LUDY PINTO
- 12:30 PM +YIP NOON & YIP LI SHUK HAN +MOSTYN ANTHONY O'BRIEN +SARAH BEDFORD JAMES CGS FAMILIES & CATECHISTS
- 7:00 PM PARISHIONERS

SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 13 DEC-19 DEC IS FOR THE SOUL OF WOON CHEUNG.

STEWARDSHIP ADVENT REFLECTIONS An Attitude Of Gratitude

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,



Rejoice." These are the beautiful words we hear from St. Paul on this Gaudete Sunday. This Third Sunday of Advent is a time for joy in the midst of the waiting and

preparation for Christmas. It is a reminder for us that despite the crosses and difficulties of our lives, the joy of Jesus' birth should always shine brightly.

One way in which we can cultivate a spirit of joy is through an intentional "attitude of gratitude." Former U.S. president, Theodore Roosevelt, once said that "comparison is the thief of joy." When we compare our lives, possessions, gifts and attributes with those of others, we inherently become ungrateful for the blessings God has placed in our lives. If we begin to thank God for all of the good things in our lives, we will quickly realize that there are far more things to be joyful about than upset over.

This Advent, as society is trying to make Christmas more and more materialistic, let us take some time to be grateful for all the things we already have. Perhaps one tangible way we can express our gratitude is to offer our time and talents to others this Christmas. For example, we could visit a nursing home or a soup kitchen or perhaps help with a toy drive for those who are less fortunate than us. As stewards, let us constantly strive to be grateful for our blessings and then seek to share them generously with others.

DONATION OF SECURITIES

A donation of securities is one of the easiest and smartest ways to donate in Canada. When you donate securities to the Archdiocese of Toronto, know that you are creating greatest impact on the church and those we serve.

Instant donation receipt is generated for the fair market value of the security. There will be no capital gains tax applied to any benefit received from the sale of these securities. Listed securities include stocks, bonds and mutual funds. To donate, you can obtain our form, the letter of direction by visiting https://bit.ly/GiftofSecurities.



NEW AT THE RELIGIOUS GIFT CUPBOARD

We have introduced new assortment of religious items for you to choose from our Gift Cupboard. This includes Sleeping Joseph's statues, the high-in-demand Miraculous medals and more. Also, this year, we have a limited

number of religious cards for Christmas and handmade, beeswax candles. Visit our Gift Cupboard in front of the Church.



A Meaningful Christmas Gift: We have replenished our Gift Cupboard with new statues of Guardian Angel, Nativity, plaques and more. We do have few more Christmas themed candles. If you wish to purchase any, do visit us.

OUT OF THE COLD CASSEROLE PROGRAM Saturday, December 18, 2021 Saturday, January 15, 2022



Thank you all for yourongoingsupportandgenerositytowardstheCasserole Program.

Our Casserole Delivery **date for December is on 18**th between 10:30am and 11am. We request you to deliver the frozen casseroles in a labeled plastic bag to the parked car of Joy Vaz-Jones in the Parish parking lot on December 18 between 10:30am and 11am.

Please sign up to participate for December 2021 by clicking on this link:

https://forms.gle/zrj8iANtZM4SKFx36

Our Casserole delivery **date for January is on 15^{th.}** Please be kind enough to donate for this good cause. Sign up to participate for January 2022 by clicking on this link:

https://forms.gle/NqiT1y5gSZJpSafh9

For details, call Joy Vaz-Jones at 905 470 8977 or email her at <u>joyvazjones@gmail.com</u>. Thank you in advance!



ADVENT RECONCILIATION Our parish's Annual Advent Reconciliation

Advent Reconciliation schedule is as follows:

December 13 from 9:30-10:30 am December 14 from 7-8 pm December 15 from 9:30-10:30 am December 16 from 7-8 pm

If you made your reservation, please come to the Church on the scheduled time. Contact the Parish Office for assistance, if needed.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022

We invite parents of child(ren) who are in Grade 7 or above who are interested in preparing their children for the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Justin's to register online. For details, please visit <u>www.stjustin.ca</u> or https://stjustinmartyrun.archtoronto.org/en/parish-

life/calendar-of-events/event-

listing/parish/confirmation-2021-2022/

*Last date to register is Friday, January 21, 2022

2022 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



You are welcome to pick up your Offertory envelopes for the year 2022 from the foyer leading to the Church. *If you have an envelope number above* 800, please choose one of the unlabeled

envelopes and print your name and address on the envelopes while making donations. For further assistance, contact the Parish Office.

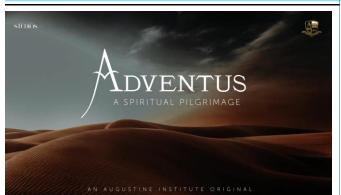
CHRISTMAS CARING AND SHARING Thank You Everyone!



The parishioners of St. Justin Martyr were very generous and caring in sponsoring so many families and lonely seniors this year at Christmas. A very special thank you to all those who have donated money and gift cards. We

are grateful for your support and contributions. The spirit of caring and sharing lives within us at St. Justin Martyr. *Thank You*!!

FORMED PICK



Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

On behalf of the Augustine Institute, we are offering Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage to everyone this Advent and Christmas Season. In light of the separation we face as communities, this special documentary allows Catholics all around the world to unite and make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land to see the places associated with Christ's Birth.

Watch all the Videos Now at FORMED.ORG If you do not have an account yet, -Visit FORMED.org -Click Sign Up -Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization: -Find our parish name: St. Justin Martyr at 3898 Highway 7, Unionville, ON -Enter your email – and you're in!

CHRISTMAS POSTAGE STAMPS



The tradition of religious Christmas Postage Stamps is no accident. This was the result of a resolution presented and accepted by The Catholic Women's League of Canada in its 85th annual National Convention, who urged Canada Post to include a Nativity-

related theme in future Christmas stamps. As Catholics we are very privileged to have these annual religious stamps produced by Canada Post, however, this tradition must be supported by us for it to continue.

The 2021 stamp honors the angels that played a central role in the Nativity story according to the Gospel of Luke. Ask for these special stamps by name at your nearest Canada Post as they are available during the Christmas season only, but you may use them throughout the year so stock up!

<u>NATIVITY OF THE LORD</u> (CHRISTMAS) MASS SCHEDULE



Friday, December 24, 2021

3 pm, 5 pm*, 7 pm, 9 pm, 11 pm

Saturday, December 25, 2021

8:30 am, 10:30 am*, 12:30 pm

*Only 5 pm and 10:30 am Masses are livestreamed. Online reservation is required to attend in-person Masses.

There will not be 9:10 am Mass on Friday, December 24, 2021.

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S) MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 31, 2021

5 pm*, 7 pm

Saturday, January 01, 2022

10 am*, 12 noon

*Only 5 pm and 10 am Masses are livestreamed. Online reservation is required to attend in-person Masses.

There will not be 9:10 am Mass on Friday, December 31, 2021.

Reservations are open. Visit www.stjustin.ca



