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# ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH

## *Mission Statement*

*"We are a growing, compassionate community of Catholic Christians, sharing our gifts and talents in service of others according to the teachings of Jesus Christ."*

**R.C.I.A.** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): A program for adults interested in becoming a Catholic, contact Monsignor Vid Vlasic for an interview.

**R.C.I.C.** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children): A program for children over the age of 7 who are not baptized and/or have not received First Communion and/or Confession. Contact Rachel at [sjm.rcic@gmail.com](mailto:sjm.rcic@gmail.com)

**BAPTISM:** A registration form is available at the Parish Office. A baptism preparation session is required if it is the first baby. Baptisms are held twice per month.

**MARRIAGE:** The church requires one year's notice for planning a marriage. Also required is a marriage preparation course which can be arranged through the parish.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** If you are to be hospitalized for a serious operation, please come to the parish to be anointed by one of the priests.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

St. John XXIII Catholic School	905-477-3288
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LOVE

Heavenly Father, The whole meaning of Christmas can be explained as Love. All of your love, God, was robed in the delicate skin of a baby and wrapped in swaddling clothes. This final week of Advent, help us to reflect on the magnitude of love that was made manifest in Jesus. Amen.

## CONNECT WITH US!

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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

SATURDAY 9:30 am – 10:00 am | 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

## OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
SUNDAY 9:00 am – 2:00 pm



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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, 20 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +JENNIFER JACOB  
+JOHN TWADDLE  
+GEORGE FONG LIN KWAIPUN  
JOSEPH & AMELIA PAU

#### TUESDAY, 21 DECEMBER

9:10 AM Available

#### WEDNESDAY, 22 DECEMBER

7:00 PM MARIA NG  
TONY-ROSIE CHUCK & FAMILY  
GRACE-BARRY TENN & FAMILY  
VICKI LEE & FAMILY  
EDITH YIU & FAMILY

#### THURSDAY, 23 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +DULCIE & ALBERT CHUCK  
+LUCIA SIMON  
MONIQUE KNOURY & FAMILY

#### FRIDAY, 24 DECEMBER

Nativity of The Lord (Christmas Vigil) Mass  
3 pm, 5 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm and 11 pm

Online Reservations are required to attend in person  
Only 5 pm Mass is livestreamed.

#### SATURDAY, 25 DECEMBER

Nativity of The Lord (Christmas) Mass  
8:30 am, 10:30 am and 12:30 pm

Online Reservations are required to attend in person  
Only 10:30 am Mass is livestreamed.

#### SUNDAY, 26 DECEMBER

8:30 AM +ASTER TAM  
SAVANNAH SILVA  
CECILIA GAMBOA & FAMILY

10:30 AM +LAI KWAN SHIRLEY LING  
+WOON CHEUNG  
FIRST COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS  
ELLEN-KARL ECHTLER & FAMILY

12:30 PM AGATHA CHAN & FAMILY  
MSGR. VID VLASIC

7:00 PM PARISHIONERS

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 20 DEC-26 DEC IS  
FOR THE SOUL OF RAYMOND WONG.

### STEWARDSHIP ADVENT REFLECTIONS

#### Lessons From Our Mother



Mother Mary becomes the focal point of the Gospel on this fourth Sunday of Advent. Our Lady, shortly after discovering that she will conceive the Son of God, goes in haste to assist her cousin Elizabeth. After Jesus, Mary is the perfect model and example of how to live a life of deep stewardship. Let us take some time to reflect on this episode and glean insights on how we can better imitate her.

Firstly, we can learn a great lesson from how Mary “went with haste” to help Elizabeth. As stewards, we should not sit idle by and be half-hearted in our attempts to serve our neighbour. Whenever we see a need in our parish community, let us strive to utilize our gifts to readily offer our help and support. Secondly, we should try to imitate Mary in her role of bringing Jesus to others. It wasn’t so much Mary who brought help and comfort to Elizabeth, but rather, it was the presence of Jesus dwelling within her.

As stewards, we need to constantly remind ourselves that it is not our own merits that bring about good and conversion in our parish. Rather, we must realize that everything is a result of the grace of God that is working through us. Let us conclude with the beautiful words of St. Teresa of Calcutta who says, “I’m a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a love letter to the world.”

#### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS



The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas from Friday, December 24 until Tuesday, December 28, 2021.

#### NEW YEAR HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Office will be closed for New Year from Friday, December 31, 2021 until Monday, January 3, 2022. We look forward to serving you and your family over the season.

## NEW AT THE RELIGIOUS GIFT CUPBOARD



We have introduced new assortment of religious items for you to choose from our Gift Cupboard. This includes Nativity 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. If you wish to purchase any, do visit us.

## 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 as they are available during the Christmas season only, but you may use them throughout the year so stock up!

*'The beginning of the good news, about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as is written in Isaiah the Prophet; "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way, a voice in one calling in wilderness." Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him.'*

Mark 1:1-3

## OUT OF THE COLD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

Saturday, January 15, 2022



Thank you all for your ongoing support and generosity towards the Casserole Program.

Our Casserole delivery date is **January 15, 2022**. 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 January 15 between 10:30am and 11am.

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 [joyvazjones@gmail.com](mailto:joyvazjones@gmail.com). Thank you in advance!



**MOVING: PLEASE INFORM THE PARISH OFFICE!**

Parishioners are reminded to notify the parish office of any change of address.

This will help us keep the parish databases up to date and reduce future costs and administrative effort. Thank you for your cooperation.

## 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.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022

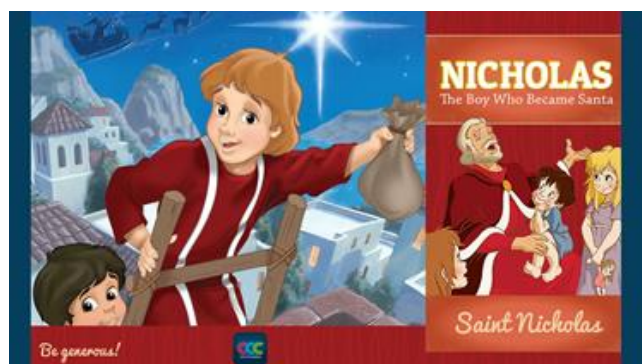
We invite parents of child(ren) who are in Grade 7 or above who are interested in preparing their children for the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Justin's to register online. For details, please visit [www.stjustin.ca](http://www.stjustin.ca) or

<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*



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**MAKE CHRISTMAS LESS COMMERCIAL**

This Christmas, being so different from what we used to have, challenge yourself to buy fewer gifts. Let's remember the "Christ" in Christmas.

Make efforts to spend quality time with family, make home-made goodies and help everyone around you experience the joy of focusing in others. And most important of all, be the reason to bring cheer to everyone around you.

**NATIVITY OF THE LORD****(CHRISTMAS) MASS SCHEDULE**

**Reservation Required**

**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**

**Reservation required**

**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.*

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