# ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH



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# **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

**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
St. Justin Martyr Catholic School	905-474-0284
St. Matthew Catholic School	905-475-0517
St. Monica Catholic School	905-887-1560
St. Augustine Catholic High School	905-887-6171

#### 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

#### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 17 MAY 9:10 AM +CIPRIANO PENULIAR AMELIA WILLIAM CLAUDETTE WAN

TUESDAY, 18 MAY 9:10 AM COURTNEY BARTHOLOMEW WEDNESDAY, 19 MAY

7:00 PM +BERNADETTE COLACO

## THURSDAY, 20 MAY

9:10 AM +JENNIFER JACOB +ORFEO FERRARI

# FRIDAY, 21 MAY

9:10 AM Available

- **SATURDAY, 22 MAY**
- 9:10 AM +SAU-CHUN FUNG +ROSA LACONTE +ARNOLD MOSS
- 5:00 PM +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY +MALAKA & KIROLOS WISSA +MATHILDA BATTIKHA VICTORIA & VINCENT CHAN

## SUNDAY, 23 MAY

10:30 AM +ROMEO & ELISABETTA VIOLANTE +DOMENIC & LINA FERRI +GIUSEPPE & MARIA ARETUSI THE VIRGILIO FAMILY + JENNIFER CHUNG

## SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 17 MAY-23 MAY IS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE CHEW FAMILY.

# HELP INDIA-COVID RELIEF FUND

India is reeling from a devastating COVID-19 outbreak. The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations through Development and Peace to Caritas Internationalis, an international confederation of Catholic humanitarian organizations that is already in India helping those who are suffering during this COVID-19 outbreak. Since the pandemic began, India's Catholic Church, has been supporting some of the most disadvantaged groups.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:\*Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org

\*By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411

\*Through the parish, making cheques payable to: "St. Justin Martyr Parish– India's Covid 19 Outbreak Disaster Relief"

Please continue to pray for the people of India and all those who are suffering from COVID-19 worldwide. Thank you for your continued assistance.

# ASCENSION OF THE LORD



St. Luke tells us, during the Ascension Jesus made the priestly gesture of blessing, and the disciples certainly expressed their faith with prostration, they knelt with bowed heads. Jesus is the one eternal High Priest who with

his Passion passed through death and the tomb and ascended into heaven. He is with God the Father where he intercedes forever in our favour (cf. Hebrews 9:24).

As St. John says in his First Letter, he is our Advocate: How beautiful it is to hear this! When someone is summoned by the judge or is involved in legal proceedings, the first thing he does is to seek a lawyer to defend him.

We have One who always defends us, who defends us from the snares of devil, who defends us from ourselves and from our sins! We have this Advocate; let us not be afraid to turn to him to ask forgiveness, to ask for a blessing, to ask for mercy!

He always pardons us; he is our Advocate: He always defends us! Don't forget this!

The Ascension of Jesus into heaven acquaints us with this deeply consoling reality on our journey: In Christ, true God and true man, our humanity was taken to God.

Christ opened the path to us. He is like a roped guide climbing a mountain who, on reaching the summit, pulls us up to him and leads us to God.

If we entrust our life to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain to be in safe hands, in the hands of our Savior, of our Advocate.

We too should be clear in our Christian life that entering the glory of God demands daily fidelity to his will, even when it demands sacrifice and sometimes requires us to change our plans.

The Ascension of Jesus actually happened on the Mount of Olives, close to the place where he had withdrawn to pray before the Passion in order to remain in deep union with the Father: Once again we see that prayer gives us the grace to be faithful to God's plan.

> God Bless you all, Rev. John Pak Associate Pastor- St. Justin Martyr Parish \*This article originally appeared May 8, 2013, at the Register.

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# ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY LAY FORMATION PROGRAM Where Holiness is Found: Ordinary People Called to Extraordinary Lives Virtual Event on June 5 at 9:30 am

Join us as we consider what Pope Francis calls the "feminine styles of holiness" and reflect on how the example of holy women can inspire us today. Presented by Dr. Anne Jamieson. To register, visit <u>https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/lay-formation-online-womens-retreat-tickets-124265697045</u> or email <u>lay.formation@staugustines.on.ca</u>. Registration- \$25.

# 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Virtual Event on May 15 at 9 am



The Catholic Women's League of the Archdiocese of Toronto is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, May 15. The first convention was held in 1921. Due to the pandemic, their Convention

will be held virtually on May 15 with a live-streamed mass at 9 am. All are welcome to join virtually. View the mass on <u>http://bit.ly/CWL100th</u>.

# SSVP URGENT REQUIREMENT



Ladies' clothes- Medium size Girls' clothes- 9 years old, size 12-14 Boys/toddler clothes- One year old Call 905- 479-0103 ext. 52 and leave a

message. Our volunteers will call you at the earliest.

# **CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES**

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is now offering online quick access single sessions. Single-session counselling is a quick and effective way for individuals, couples or families to address a mental health or relationship concern. To arrange for a session, please contact: info@cfstoronto.com or 416-921-1163 or 416- 222-0048. Leave us a message with your name, email and phone number, and a staff person will contact you. Clients who are interested in pursuing other or additional services in the agency have the option to access our ongoing counselling, wellness or group programs. Counselling fees are charged according to a client's income level. No one is denied service because of their inability to pay fee.

# SHARELIFE: Share Your Blessings SLShareLife One of the messages Jesus le

is to "love one another as I have loved you." Our generosity toward ShareLife agencies is one of the ways we can help transform the lives of the marginalized in our society.

Thank you to those who have contributed to our annual appeal. If you have not yet done so, you are invited to reflect on your ability to help those in need and make a sacrificial gift to help those who turn to our agencies for help.

Monthly Pre-Authorized Giving is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution throughout the year. However, you give, whatever you give, please give generously to ShareLife.

Make your donations through <u>https://sharelife.org/</u> or drop off your envelopes in the Parish mailbox.



# JOIN US ONLINE FOR MASSES All in-person masses and events are cancelled until further notice.

Please note:

\*We livestream Daily Masses, Adoration, Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 10:30 am masses.

\*Office Hours through the stay-at-home period would be Monday to Friday from 9 am to 12 noon. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact our office at 905 479 2463 or email us: reception@stjustin.ca.

# EDGE CAMP IS BACK!!! August 29 to September 2

We are excited to welcome all youth from Grade 5 to 8 for a fun and faith-filled EDGE camp from August 29 to September 2. Registration required. Reserve your spot at <u>edgecamp.campbrainregistration.com</u>. Hurry! Spots are filling up fast. If you have any questions or concerns, contact <u>edge@stjustin.ca</u>.

# JOIN OUR LIFETEEN MINISTRY Online Meeting on Saturdays at 7 pm

Calling out all High school students who wish to join our LifeTeen Ministry. We have online sessions Coordinated by Hilton Chiu. If you want to become a part of this young and vibrant team, send us an email to <u>lifeteen@stjustin.ca</u>. We will send you the meeting link and other resources.



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