

# 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

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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 – 4:30pm

## OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
SATURDAY 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
SUNDAY 9:00 am – 2:00 pm



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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, 29 NOVEMBER

9:10 AM +PERCINAL RAMSARAN

#### TUESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER

9:10 AM +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY  
+MAGGIE D'SYLVA

#### WEDNESDAY, 01 DECEMBER

7:00 PM +PRIMO PAYAD  
+FRANCISCA SECCO  
+SZE-FUNG MAK  
+MARCEL & GABRIELLE BONNET  
VIVIAN VALENZUELA

#### THURSDAY, 02 DECEMBER

9:10 AM FUNG FAMILY

#### FRIDAY, 03 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +PEDRO ROZARIO  
+ALESSANDRO CUBELLIS

#### SATURDAY, 04 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY  
LITA BUZON

5:00 PM +REYMUNDO CASTRO  
+DOMENICO PAPASODARO  
+BRAZELINE FERNANDES

#### SUNDAY, 05 DECEMBER

8:30 AM LUKE LEUNG

10:30 AM +DANNY GOMES  
+JOSE ANGEL LAM  
BENJAMIN LU

12:30 PM AGNES & RICHARD LAI-CHEONG  
ANGELYN & CHRISTINE AH-CHONG

7:00 PM PARISHIONERS

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 29 NOV-05 DEC IS  
FOR THE SOUL OF JELAN CHAN.

### 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.

### 2022 MISSALS ARE AVAILABLE



We have the Missals in for the year 2022 Liturgical year. Get your copy while you are in the Church or contact the office to arrange pick up. Donation is \$5 per missal.

### REFLECTION BY FR. RAYMOND SO

#### It's Worth the Wait for Christmas!



There is a house close to the rectory whose owner loves to decorate his lawn for the holidays. For Halloween the centerpiece was an inflatable spooky castle, which I am sure kids and parents alike got a kick out of while trick-or-treating. As November came around, that was taken down to be immediately replaced by two jovial inflatables. My favourite is the helicopter flown by penguins, complete with spinning rotors.

For many of us, such as this neighbour of ours, Christmas cannot arrive quickly enough. After almost two years of lockdowns and restrictions, we are heading to a better place with new opportunities to gather and celebrate with families and friends. Yet the Church challenges us by asking us to enter into the season of Advent first, whose central theme is to wait.

Yes, Christmas will come on December 25, but first we have to pass through four weeks of rather subdued tones, when even the Glory to God is dropped from our liturgical celebrations.

What does waiting teach us? We learn that in our relationship with God, we are not the ones to dictate the terms or the time. We do not tell God how he should answer our prayers. Like Mary and Joseph, we head into the unknown, whether it be about the worldwide pandemic, our local communities, or our own personal lives.

We all have plans and aspirations, but all it takes is a census or a pandemic to derail everything. Yet the true joy of Christmas is not about having the perfect party or getting the best presents. It is about the coming of our Lord Jesus into our midst, often at the most unexpected moments and places, as he did two thousand years ago in a manger at Bethlehem. He is always worth waiting for.

**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 some Christmas cards and real beeswax Christmas themed candles. Do visit us

for a meaningful Christmas gift. If you need more, place your orders and we can source it for you.

**ADORATION**

**Monday, December 06, 2021 at 7 pm**



Suppose you were told that Jesus wanted to meet with you personally for an hour at your parish. Who would say no to such an invitation? An hour passes very quickly. The Charismatic Prayer Group, Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus invite you to come adore, praise

and give Thanks to our Lord on Monday December 06 at 7pm. Reservations are required to attend in-person.

**THE ICON OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

**At St. Justin Martyr from December 4 to 12**



The Icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting St. Justin Martyr Parish from Saturday, December 4 through to the feast day Sunday, December 12, 2021.

The Knights of Columbus and Legion of Mary invite you to join in praying the novena during that time. Starting December 4, 2021 the novena will be recited daily, followed by the rosary in the parish following the morning

Masses on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays & before the 7pm Masses on Wednesday and Sundays. All are welcome!

**CHRISTMAS CARING AND SHARING**



The Annual Christmas Caring & Sharing Program is up and running again. The families that we sponsor are more in need of our support than ever, so please be as generous as you can.

Because of the pandemic protocols, we are asking for donations of PC/Loblaws/Walmart gift cards in the amount of either \$25 or \$50 which can be deposited in the offertory box in the foyer or the secure mailbox outside the parish office or the Parish Office (weekdays from 9 am to 4 pm) from now until December 5<sup>th</sup>. We also welcome donation cheques made out to "St. Justin Martyr Caring & Sharing."

Each sponsored family will be receiving these gift cards to purchase the Christmas gifts and food they need for the holidays. This is the 26<sup>th</sup> year that our parish has run this Christmas outreach program. We can still make it happen with your help!! If you have any questions email Kathy Crupi at [crupifamily@rogers.com](mailto:crupifamily@rogers.com)



**ADVENT RECONCILIATION**

Our parish's Annual 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**

This will be your last major opportunity before Christmas. Kindly make your reservations online through [www.stjustin.ca](http://www.stjustin.ca) or through this link.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/advent-confession-appointments-tickets-214683272447>

Contact the Office for assistance, if needed.

**PREMIUM POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS**

**Pickup on Weekends, December 4-5, 2021**



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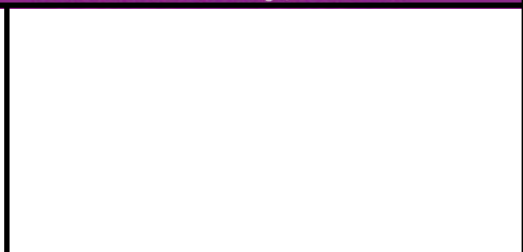

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