# ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH



Lord is good."

Psalm 34

#### **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 90	5-477-3288
St. Justin Martyr Catholic School 90	5-474-0284
St. Matthew Catholic School 90	5-475-0517
St. Monica Catholic School 90	5-887-1560
St. Augustine Catholic High School 90	5-887-6171

## **CONNECT WITH US!**

#### PASTOR **ASSOCIATE PASTOR** PARISH OPERATIONS MANAGER Karen Natione-Garcea PARISH SECRETARY **MUSIC DIRECTOR FIRST COMMUNION/RCIC YOUTH MINISTER**

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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 I	4:00 pm – 4:30pm
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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

MONDAY – FRIDAY

9:00 am - 4:00 pm 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

MONDAY, 28 MARCH 9:10 AM NALINI GERRARD CELIA MORTON-GITTENS JOAN BLAKE

**TUESDAY, 29 MARCH** 

9:10 AM +GRACE LEE TONY CHUCK JAIME MARANAN

#### WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH

9:10 AM +CATHERINE & LUKE VIGILANT THERESE CHEN

#### **THURSDAY, 31 MARCH**

9:10 AM +CARMELA GENOVESE +JESSICA ALFANE MARIE KHOURY

#### FRIDAY, 01 APRIL

9:10 AM +MARIA SEVILLA +DORIS & DONALD HOO FATT +SEAN EUSEBIO CARION 7:00 PM GEORJO TABUCAN

#### SATURDAY, 02 APRIL

9:10 AM +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY +FOR THE UNBORN +ROSA ABAD +FRANCIS DE XAVIER +BONIFACIO ABAYA 5:00 PM +AVITHA ROZARIO

+FILOMENA VISCONTI

#### SUNDAY, 03 APRIL

8:30 AM PARISHIONERS

10:30 AM +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY +ALEX AU PEREIRA FAMILY

12:30 PM RITA WADEY

7:00 PM Available

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 28 MAR- 03 APR IS FOR THE SOUL OF AVELINO MARANAN.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS Every Friday during Lent at 7 pm



During Lenten season, there will be mass on every Friday at 9:10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The evening mass will be followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m. All are invited to attend. Reservations are not required.

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS Approaching The Mercy of God



This Sunday we are invited to reflect on the beautiful parable of the prodigal son. This parable offers us an insight into the unfathomable depths of God's mercy. We

are also given an example of the prodigal son to imitate. He teaches us that whenever we fall, we too need to recognize our sin, get up and approach our merciful and loving Father.

However, we may at times find it difficult to accept just how generously God bestows His mercy on those who seek Him. We may have the notion that God is out to punish those who commit sin. However, there is one particularly beautiful line in the parable this Sunday that can help us ease those fears. It says that "while [the son] was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him."

The beauty in this passage is that the father saw the son "while he was still far off." This means that he must've spent time each day looking out at the horizon, eagerly and lovingly waiting for his son to return. Not only does he see him, he then runs and embraces his son even though he was dirty and smelled like pigs.

As stewards, we shouldn't fear approaching God for His mercy and forgiveness for He longs to grant it to us. Across the Archdiocese, every parish will host a Lenten Day of Reconciliation in which many priests will be available for the sacrament of Confession. Let us take advantage of this beautiful opportunity for healing and prepare ourselves for the Risen Lord at Easter.

#### LIVESTREAMING UPDATES Only Sunday 10:30 am Mass is Livestreamed



As we open up our Church doors with no capacity restrictions, we Welcome all

our Parishioners to come and celebrate with us. From Monday, March 28, 2022 onwards, we will be livestreaming only 10:30 am Mass on Sundays. Kindly note that all other Masses will only be inperson.

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



 Palm Sunday (April 9/10, 2022)

 Saturday: 5 pm

 Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, 7 pm

 (Only 10:30 am Mass is livestreamed)

**Holy Thursday** 

Mass of the Lord's Supper (April 14, 2022)

Thursday: 7 pm (No 9:10 am mass)

Good Friday Services (April 15, 2022) 9 am; 12 pm and 3 pm \*Stations of the Cross at 7 pm

Easter Vigil (April 16, 2022) Saturday at 8 pm (No 9:10 am or 5 pm Mass, No Confessions)

Easter Sunday (April 17, 2022) 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, 2:30 pm and 7 pm (Only 10:30 am Mass is livestreamed)

#### **LENTEN CONFESSIONS**

The Lenten Confessions (Reconciliation) at St. Justin's is scheduled for the following dates and time:



Wednesday, March 30 from 6-7 pm & 8-9 pm Wednesday, April 6 from 6-7 pm & 8-9 pm Monday, April 11 from 6-8 pm

All are welcome to join us as this will be your last opportunity to reconcile before the Holy Week. \*We will be continuing the regular confessions on Saturdays at 9:40 – 10 am and 4-4:45 pm, as usual until April 9.

#### **HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FOR UKRAINE**

Ukraine has been plunged into war after the Russian military invaded the country, resulting in widespread violence and a looming humanitarian crisis. In response to the request of parishioners, the Archdiocese of Toronto has launched a humanitarian relief effort to help the Ukrainian people at this time. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

• Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: <u>www.archtoronto.org</u>

• By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411

• Through the parish, making cheques payable to: St. Justin Martyr Parish "Ukrainian Relief or Humanitarian Relief"

For more details, visit <u>www.stjustin.ca</u> – Pray for Ukraine

#### SHARELIFE SUNDAY 2022 March 27, 2022 (All Masses)

SL ShareLife

**Character** "Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure

ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our Parish campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal can be met, but only if each do our part." – Cardinal Thomas Collins. St Justin Martyr Parish Goal for the year is \$160,000 Please deposit your envelope in the collection box at the foyer. You can also make your donation online via <u>www.stjustin.ca</u> or at <u>https://sharelife.org/donate/</u> Monthly giving is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution throughout the year. However you give, whatever you give, please give generously to ShareLife.

#### **MARCH IS BABY MONTH!**



The Knights of Columbus is organizing their annual collection of baby items for Mothers and Babies in need. During Baby Month, you can

drop off items such as baby food (with extended expiry dates), formula, disposable diapers, (newborns to pullups), new receiving blankets, baby wipes, baby oils, shampoo, sleepers & baby & toddler clothing (newborn to 24 months). Your gifts may be placed in the Church hallway (near the Tree of Life).

\*Please donate new items or items in excellent condition

#### OUT OF THE COLD CASSEROLE PROGRAM Saturday, April 16, 2022



We are continuing our casserole delivery program on April 16th, 2022. We remind you to freeze the casseroles,

place in a **plastic bag**, and **label**. Frozen casseroles can be brought to the the Church freezer by Thursday, April 14 OR can be delivered into the parked car of Joy Vaz-Jones in the Parish parking lot on April 16 between 10:30 and 11 am.

Please sign up to participate by clicking on this link: <u>https://forms.gle/jAomk9PbMBYPibJ88</u>

You can also call Joy Vaz-Jones at 905 470 8977 or email her at joyvazjones@gmail.com. Thank you in advance!

#### CWL EASTER FUNDRAISER



As part of Easter Fundraiser, the Catholic Women's League at St. Justin's is accepting orders for Easter plants and chocolates. Place your orders here:

https://forms.gle/bwkC9Ui7QxpGbMFT8

Got questions? Contact Rose Madeira at rosemadeira24@gmail.com.

All proceeds go to ShareLife. View poster on the next page.

#### **BOYS CLOTHES NEEDED**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul requests for winter and summer clothes for two boys. Size 12 and size 5/6. Please call Maria at 905-887-1254. Thank you in advance for your help.

#### **LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

If you would like to donate non-perishable food items to the poor and needy, kindly bring in your food donations through the Lenten season to the Church and leave it in the Foyer. We are in need of rice, cereal, canned fruits/vegetables and canned meat items. Thank you in advance.

#### SPIRITUALLY DIRECTED LENTEN RETREAT FOR STUDENTS



April 1 & 2, 2022 Join the Newman Centre Catholic Missions Spiritually Directed Lenten Retreat for Students.

Register at www.newmanlentstudents.eventbrite.ca View Poster: <u>https://bit.ly/PrayingintheDesert</u>

#### "Do It Anyway" A Lenten Prayer accredited to Mother Teresa

"People are often unreasonable, irrational, and selfcentered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish,

*If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfis ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.* 

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful

friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway. If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

*The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.* 

*Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.* 

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."

#### FORMED PICK



#### **Glimpses Along The Way of the Cross**

In these three beautiful talks, Monsignor James Shea guides us along the Stations of the Cross, teaching us how to open our hearts more to the suffering and loneliness of Jesus on His way to Calvary. Weaving together the insights of keen believers, these powerful meditations take us into the depths of Christ's agony, and back out again into the joy of what His sacrifice means for us.

#### Listen Now at FORMED.ORG

If you do not have an account yet,

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-Find our parish name: St. Justin Martyr at 3898

Highway 7, Unionville, ON

-Enter your email - and you're in!



Easter Fundraiser

## With Proceeds to ShareLife





## Please place your order by Sunday, April 3rd at:

https://forms.gle/bwkC9Ui7QxpGbMFT8

Or email sjmcwlfundraiser@gmail.com



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