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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 or email [rcia.stjustin@gmail.com](mailto:rcia.stjustin@gmail.com).

**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 website. A baptism preparation session is required. Contact the office for details and schedules.

**MARRIAGE:** The church requires one year's notice for planning a marriage. Also required is a marriage preparation course certificate from a recognized church or course provider.

**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



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

## CONNECT WITH US!

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St. Justin Martyr

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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 & 7pm 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	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am – 7:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am – 2:00 pm

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, 18 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +RAYMOND GELAT  
ANNIE & SAM LAU  
NATHAN KHOURY

#### TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +BERNADETTE COLACO  
+GEORGES FONG LIN KWAI-PUN  
+TERESA PANG

#### WEDNESDAY, 20 DECEMBER

7:00 PM +JOHN MANISCALCO  
+ARNOLD IANNUZZI  
+JULIA PAY  
+JOHN TWADDLE  
FR. STEVEN KWON  
SAVANNAH SILVA

#### THURSDAY, 21 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +JUANA & JOSE FARAON  
+PETER MOK  
LYNETTE WONG\_HING

#### FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +SONIA & JOSE CARRILLO  
MARIA NG  
JONATHON MISHRIGI

#### SATURDAY, 23 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +LUCIA SIMON  
+PIETRO PELLEGRINO  
+LINA VITELLO  
GEOFFREY WONG-HING  
5:00 PM +IGNACIO TI  
+ENID & SIFTIN BAKSH  
VICKY TON & FAMILY  
VIRGINIA ZAN & FAMILY

#### SUNDAY, 24 DECEMBER

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve

Masses at 5 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm & 11 pm

(Regular Sunday Masses at 8:30 am & 10:30 am)

### SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 18 DEC – 24 DEC IS  
AVAILABLE.

### STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

#### Choosing Joy

“Rejoice always!” These are the words that St. Paul writes in the second reading this Gaudete Sunday. He exhorts all of us to always rejoice. It is important to note that he doesn’t say to always be happy, but to rejoice always. Happiness, by definition, is utterly circumstantial. We are happy when we are experiencing something good, like eating ice cream on a hot day. However, when the ice cream melts, or it begins to rain, our happiness quickly ceases because that good thing we were experiencing is fleeting.

Joy on the other hand is radically different. To experience joy is to remain happy despite the circumstances. This everlasting joy springs solely from recognizing that we are beloved children of God and being aware that we are living in the smiling gaze of Christ. But how do we live in joy? St. James in his letter says, “My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy,” To experience joy is to intentionally call to mind God’s love in the midst of our trials.

As stewards, let us not keep this practice of joy to ourselves. One way we can help people rejoice in suffering is by not partaking in complaining about our difficult situations. The next time we are in a tough moment and people around us begin to complain, let us strive to steer the conversation into one of gratitude for the good things the Lord is doing in our lives. This slow adjustment of choosing joy in our trials will begin to revitalize our parishes and communities, and the entire world.

### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas-New Year Holidays on the following dates:

December 24, 2023	9 am to 12 noon
December 25, 2023	Closed
December 26, 2023	Closed
December 27, 2023	9 am to 12 noon
December 28, 2023	9 am to 12 noon
December 29, 2023	9 am to 12 noon
December 30, 2023	9 am to 12 noon
December 31, 2023	9 am to 12 noon
January 01, 2024	Closed

We will be open at regular hours to serve you from Tuesday, January 02, 2024. The Parish Administration Team wishes you all a wonderful Christmas – New Year season!

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION



Our parish’s Annual Advent Reconciliation schedule is as follows:

**Monday, December 18, 2023**

**9:30 am– 11 am**

**6:30 pm – 8:30 pm** (Guest Priests available)

This will be your last major opportunity for Confessions before Christmas. Contact the Parish Office for assistance, if needed.

## ANNUAL CARING & SHARING PROGRAM

### Thank You Very Much!



We were blessed abundantly with the generosity and kindness of many parishioners in our community towards the Annual Caring & Sharing Program. Your donations will make a big difference in the lives of many needy this season of hope. Thank you to one and all for your continued support towards this cause. May God bless your homes abundantly this Christmas!

**THANK YOU FROM MSGR. VID VLASIC!** I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who wished me on my 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination. Thank you for your prayers, your wishes and immense love that you showered during my special day. I pray for you all and may God bless you.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM

**Sundays at 10:30 am**

If you have a child or children from Senior Kindergarten to Grade 3, bring them to the 10:30 am Mass on Sundays. Our Children's Liturgy program resumes from Sunday, December 3 onwards and runs parallel to the Mass at the same time. The liturgy focuses on the day's readings in a format comprehensible by children, led by trained and experienced leaders.

## 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.

## 2024 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



### Available at the Church foyer

You are welcome to pick up Offertory envelopes for the year 2024 from the foyer leading to the Church.

*If you are picking an unlabeled envelope, please ensure you print your full name, address, and phone number during your donations. This is to ensure you receive a tax receipt by the year after.*

If you need assistance, contact the Parish Office.

## NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

5 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm & 11 pm

*Regular Sunday Masses at 8:30 am & 10:30 am*

**Monday, December 25, 2023**

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

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

**Sunday, December 31, 2023, at 7 pm**

*Regular Sunday Masses at 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm*

**Monday, January 01, 2024**

9 am, 11 am & 7 pm

For more details, visit [www.stjustin.ca](http://www.stjustin.ca)

## SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2023

### Donation Matching Program Until December 31

*Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until December 31, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched up to \$500,000. Please direct your donations through using an envelope. Thank you for your generosity. [www.sharelife.org/donate](http://www.sharelife.org/donate) or by giving at the parish*

## CARDINAL CARTER ACADEMY PRESENTS

### A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

An evening filled with music to make way for Christ this Christmas season. Enjoy the performances on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 7:30 pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 78 Clifton Road, Toronto. General Admission Fee: \$20 per person.

## INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND

### Update on the Donations

On December 12, 2023 the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the IRF. Recipients include Aboriginal Legal Services located in Toronto, Ontario, that will receive \$538,000 to help fund their Indigenous family dispute resolution program called Giiwedin Anang. Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. To learn more, visit [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation).





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## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Masses 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM  
Sunday, December 24, 2023 9:00 PM, 11:00 PM  
Regular Sunday Masses at 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Christmas Masses 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM  
Monday, December 25, 2023 12:30 PM



New Year's Eve Mass  
Sunday, December 31, 2023  
Regular Sunday Masses at 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 12:30 pm



7:00 PM

New Year's Mass 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM  
Monday, January 1, 2024 7:00 PM

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