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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.

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 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

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| 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 |

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

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| 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 |



Youth
Ministry



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 02 OCTOBER

9:10 AM +THERESA NG PANG
ALICE WONG & FAMILY
BRENDA CHAN

TUESDAY, 03 OCTOBER

9:10 AM +RAMON GUIVERNAU
+NINFA ACOSTA

WEDNESDAY, 04 OCTOBER

7:00 PM +GUNTHER SALLABERGER
+MERVYN AUGUSTINE
+ALBERTO DATU

THURSDAY, 05 OCTOBER

9:10 AM +CECILIA UHM
+MILA ROSA

FRIDAY, 06 OCTOBER

9:10 AM +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY
+VINCENT D'SOUZA

SATURDAY, 07 OCTOBER

9:10 AM +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY
+EFFIE GOMES
+WILLIAM LIAM CHUNG
5:00 PM +ANNE MARIE JEAN-PIERRE
REBECCA & MARK YU

SUNDAY, 08 OCTOBER

8:30 AM +DAPHNE FREITAS
GERMANA CHUA
10:30 AM PARISHIONERS
12:30 PM +MILAGROS CRUZ AURELIO
+EUGENIA VALENCIA
CGS FAMILIES, CATECHISTS
& ASSISTANTS
7:00 PM CARL, RACHEL PIERCE & FAMILY

SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 02 OCT – 08 OCT IS FOR
THE SOUL OF FR. JERRY ORSINO.

Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Collection:
Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of Sept 30 & Oct 01, 2023. The collection is a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. Funds will support culture and language revitalization, education, community building, healing and reconciliation for the Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth with a focus on Indigenous spirituality and culture.

For more information or to donate online, visit:
www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

Joining the Celestial Battle



All of us love a good story that involves a fierce battle between two opposing sides where goodness ultimately triumphs over evil. We get exactly this story in the first reading from the Book of Revelation, in which the war between St. Michael and the angels and the devil and his army is depicted.

Often in our lives as disciples, we too seek to take up arms and fight the good fight to overcome the evilness that pervades our society. This desire is inherently good, but how can we live this out practically. A good, albeit unexpected, way in which we can join the heavenly armies is by taking up the consistent, daily practice of prayer.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that prayer “always presupposes effort ...prayer is a battle. Against whom? Against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter who does all he can to turn man away from prayer, away from union with God” (CCC 2725).

The Church herself describes prayer inherently as a battle. We can thus channel our desire for a celestial combat into our taking up the arms of prayer. How often do we fight to make time for prayer each day? How often do we recognize how efficacious prayer is for the good of our soul and the Church as a whole? Perhaps one practice we can adopt as stewards is to offer God the first and last thoughts of our day. Let us strive to commit to praying daily, safeguarding this practice from all competing distractions for our time and in doing so, enrich our parish community with the foundation of prayer.

MASS & ADORATION
First Friday, October 06, 2023,
at 9:10 am & 7 pm



All are invited for the Masses and Adoration on Friday, October 06, 2023 at 9:10 am (followed by Adoration) and at 7 pm (followed by Adoration). Come and join us in prayer with Jesus.

LIFECCHAIN 2023**Sunday, October 01, 2023, from 2 to 3 pm**

Be part of Campaign Life Coalition Life Chain, joining thousands across Canada standing up against abortion in a peaceful, prayerful demonstration on Sunday, October 01, 2023, from 2 pm to 3 pm at Highway 7 and McCowan intersection. For details, contact Patrick Redmond at 905 294 9389 or visit www.campaignlifecoalition.com/lifechain.

OUT OF THE COLD CASSEROLE PROGRAM**Saturday, October 14, 2023; 10:30 to 11 am**

We are back after the summer break with the Out of the Cold Casserole program, to feed those in need. Our next casserole delivery will be on Saturday, October 14, 2023. Frozen casseroles can be delivered into the parked car of Joy Vaz-Jones in the parish parking lot between 10:30 and 11 am. Please sign up to participate by clicking on this link: <https://forms.gle/rWe6vEZucpuetFZ6>. You can also email joyvazjones@gmail.com or call the parish office at 905 479 2463. Thank you in advance!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE 2023**November 24, 25 & 26, 2023**

St. Justin Martyr Parish Annual Christmas sale is back again! Save the date for the big event, scheduled on November 24, 25 & 26, 2023. Come and feel the spirit of Christmas, surf through handmade Christmas gifts, craft items, baked goods, and some Christmas cheer too.

Calling All Bakers: We are looking for skilled and experienced bakers to join our Christmas Bake team. If you or a friend of yours would be available, please contact the Office at 905 479 2463 or email stjustinmartyrun@archtoronto.org.

SSVP WINTER COAT DRIVE**Until Monday, October 02, 2023**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, together with the Salvation Army are continuing the community project to keeping the needy warm this winter.

If you have coats in good condition for men, women and children of all sizes!

Drop off Location: St. Justin Martyr Parish, Unionville (close to the Tree of Life in the foyer).

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2023www.sharelife.org

Many of our brothers and sisters grapple with the daily challenge of putting food on the table. In response to their urgent need, ShareLife has launched the Food Security Grants – dedicating over half a million dollars to combat hunger. Your compassionate support of our parish's ShareLife Campaign will make possible this bold action. Please support our fight against hunger at www.sharelife.org/donate or by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry in our community and beyond.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We are happy to continue our tradition supporting the Good Shepherd Refuge during Thanksgiving time. This year we are collecting **canned tuna, canned meat, mayonnaise, peanut butter, jams, tea, coffee, granola bars, canned tomatoes, pasta sauces, canned corn and other canned vegetables, canned kidney beans and canned chickpeas**. Bring your donations to the Church foyer during office hours or during weekend Masses.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF- MOROCCO

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through our Catholic partners in Morocco to support relief efforts underway. 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, call 416 934 3411

-Through the parish, making cheques payable to: "St. Justin Martyr Parish – Morocco Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief."

For more details, visit www.stjustin.ca.

SSVP Requirement for a Firm Couch: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is requesting for a firm couch for someone who is in need. If you have a couch to donate, please reach out to SSVP at 905 479 0103 ext. 52 and leave a message with your name and contact information. One of the team members will be in touch with you shortly. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

ALL SOUL'S MASS
In Loving Memory of Our Loved ones
Thursday, November 02, 2023



St. Justin Martyr Parish is celebrating All Souls Day on Thursday, November 02, 2023, at 9:10 am and 7 pm.

If you have lost a member of your immediate family in the past year (November 02, 2022, to present), we invite you to attend the Mass at 7 pm on Thursday. If you would email (stjustinmartyrun@archtoronto.org) OR call 905 479 2463 OR visit the parish office and leave the name of your loved ones who passed away recently, their names will be mentioned at the Mass on November 02 at 7 pm.

All other deceased relatives and friends who passed away can be remembered by registering their names in the Book of the Dead to be found near the Altar through mid-October & November. All Masses in November will be celebrated for those mentioned in the book.

During the month of November, you will find the All Souls Envelopes in the hymn racks. Please write the names of deceased members in your family, along with your donation and deposit in the box beside the Altar. Prayer is offered to these souls through the month of November.

YOUTH MINISTRY
Registrations Are Open!

Students are welcome to register for our Youth programs: EDGE and LifeTeen

EDGE (Grade 5 to 8): EDGE is a Catholic middle-school youth ministry for students in Grades 5-8. Students are welcome to register for EDGE 2023-24 To register, visit <https://forms.gle/2ZMTxBLPz236BuzR6>. Register by October 01 and submit the signed waiver and registration fee at the parish office.

LifeTeen (Grade 9 to 12): To submit your request, visit <https://forms.gle/hSX32tVHberjTFHu8> Register by October 01 and submit the signed waiver and registration fee at the parish office.

SEPTEMBER FEST 2023

Thank You for Your Participation



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who attended our SeptemberFest on Sept 23. It was a successful fundraiser for the charities that we support. Thanks to all those who volunteered to help during the event as well. A job well done! We had lots of delicious food, music, games, dancing and socializing to make it a fun event. Congratulations to Rodney Kong who was the winner of the raffle for a beautiful gift basket. We wish you all a fun-filled Fall season!

BAPTISMS AT ST. JUSTIN'S

From Infants upto children, 7 years of age



Are you a new parent? Are you planning to get your child Baptized? If you are looking forward to Baptizing your child with us, visit www.stjustin.ca, call 905-479-2463 or email stjustinmartyrun@archtoronto.org.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL

Admissions for 2024



The Office of Admissions of St. Michael's College School is now considering applications for September 2024. St. Michael's College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grade 7 to 12. Open houses for prospective students and their families will be held on Thursday, October 19 and Tuesday, October 24, beginning at 7 pm. Register your spot at ApplySMCS.com.

**St. Michael's College School offers a generous financial assistance program that provides financial aid to qualifying students.*

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

Saturday, Oct 14, 2023, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
at 2201 Finch Avenue W. North York, ON

CWL Event, Registration required.

Join Mary, The Cause Of Our Joy, Toronto Chapter for our 47th Magnificat breakfast. Priests are available for women wishing to avail themselves of the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Registration Fee - \$38. For complete details, visit <https://www.stbenedicts.ca/magnificat-breakfast>.



Calling All Bakers!



**DO YOU HAVE A DAY OR TWO TO
LEND A HAND IN BAKING FOR THE
SJM CHRISTMAS SALE?**

**DO YOU HAVE A SPECIALTY?
*BISCOTTI? LOAVES? TARTS? SHORTBREAD?***



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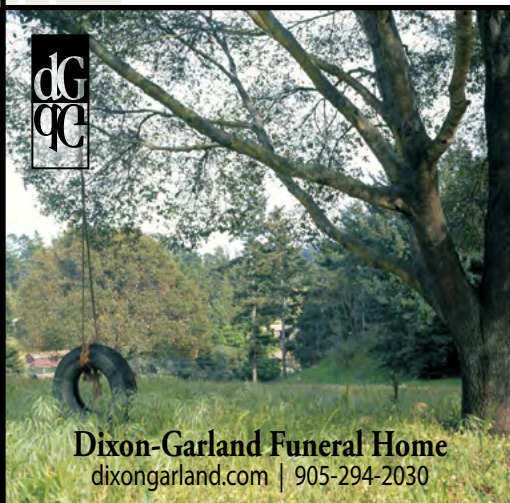


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