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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
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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

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



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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER**

**9:10 AM** +FIORELLO SALTING AMPARADO  
+THERESA NG PANG  
BRADLEY SILVA  
EDWARD & JEANNETTE  
WONG CHEW ONN

**TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER**

**9:10 AM** +BERNADETTE COLACO  
+PANDORA HO  
+ARNOLD IANNUZZI

**WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER**

**7:00 PM** +ROGER SMITH  
+JOSEF MISTELBERGER  
+ANNA MARIE SAN LUIS  
SILVA FAMILY  
LISEBY CHAN

**THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER**

**9:10 AM** +HELENA CYBULSKA  
JENNIFER DEFREITAS-CONWAY  
ALICE WONG

**FRIDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER**

**9:10 AM** ROSANNE SILVINO  
CONNIE CHU

**SATURDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER**

**9:10 AM** +MARC CHAN  
+IGNACE AH YAM  
WILLIAM SHI  
**5:00 PM** AGNES NATASHA LAI-CHEONG

**SUNDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER**

**8:30 AM** +RAYMOND WONG CHEW ONN  
EDERLINDO DEMETILLO  
**10:30 AM** PARISHIONERS  
**12:30 PM** +FRANCIS FERNANDO  
+ANA SAMSON  
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**7:00 PM** Available

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

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

**SEPTEMBER FEST 2023**

Join the Knights of Columbus on **Saturday, September 23, 2023, at 6 pm at the Parish Hall** for a fun-filled evening. You are welcome for a sit-down dinner, fun games and more. **Tickets are \$25 each.** For details, see our flyer below.

**STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS**

**Forgiving and Being Forgiven**



The central mystery woven throughout the readings this Sunday is the need to forgive others. In today's Gospel we hear the

parable of the wicked servant who although he was greatly forgiven of his large debt could not forgive the small debt of his fellow servant. This parable can be summarized by the words found in the Our Father, "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

The Catechism teaches us that unless we forgive those in our lives, we cannot fully experience God's forgiveness. It says that "in refusing to forgive our brothers and sisters, our hearts are closed, and their hardness makes them impervious to the Father's merciful love; but in confessing our sins, our hearts are opened to his grace" (CCC 2840)

So as stewards we should strive to forgive those who have hurt us, but how do we do this? The essential answer is prayer. The Catechism plainly states that "it is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession" (CCC 2843). So, we don't need to conjure up warm or fuzzy feelings, but we must intentionally choose to pray for our debtor and for the grace to forgive them. This is a difficult process and is sure to not happen overnight. Let us take some time daily, starting today, to pray for those who've hurt us.

**WELCOME TO OUR SEMINARIAN**

**Seminarian Marco Busic**

**4<sup>th</sup> Theology for the Archdiocese of Toronto**



St. Justin Martyr Parish community extends a warm welcome to Seminarian Marco Busic. Marco Busic will be assisting with the celebration of some of our weekend Masses as well as other pastoral involvements.



## SSVP WINTER COAT DRIVE Sun, Sept 10, 2023 to Mon, Oct 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.

As you know, these are difficult times for those with a low income. For many families, the cost of warm winter clothing is just not in the budget! We hope that you can help us out by looking through your closets and donating any coats that are no longer needed by you or your family members. We need coats in good condition for men, women and children of all sizes! Please ask your families, friends and neighbours for their assistance too. Together we can continue to help our Neighbours in Need.

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

## DAY OF RECOLLECTION

**Sat, Sept 30, 2023, from 8:15 am to 12:15 pm**

The Legion of Mary at St. Justin Martyr welcomes everyone to a Day of Recollection on Saturday, September 30 from 8:15 am to 12:15 pm. The theme is "My Sacrifice and Yours: Understanding the Rituals of the Mass," led by Rev. Eric Rodrigues. Join us for the celebration of Eucharist, talks, prayer, rosary, confession, and benediction. Light refreshments will follow. Find our flyer below.

## SJM CHOIR MINISTRY Resumes after Summer Break New Members are Welcome!

**SJM Adult Choir:** The St. Justin Martyr Parish Adult Choir Ministry resumes its practice after the summer break. There will be regular practices on Tuesdays from 2-4 pm and Thursdays from 7:30-9 pm. If you wish to join the Adult Choir, please contact Julia Iacono-Hauser at [julia.iacono@sympatico.ca](mailto:julia.iacono@sympatico.ca).

**SJM Children's Choir:** The Children's Choir resume practicing after the summer break on Tuesdays from 4:45-6 pm. If you wish your child (ren) to join the Choir team, please register them at <https://forms.office.com/r/7VrJP3Nk64>. A \$50 annual registration fee is applicable to each child which can be remitted at the Parish Office.

## First Holy Communion Sacramental

**Preparation:** Parents of children entering Grade 2 and above in 2023-2024 school year are requested to enroll their child(ren) for the First Reconciliation, First Communion Sacramental Preparation Program. The link to register is available at [www.stjustin.ca](http://www.stjustin.ca).

If your child (age 7 and older) has not been Baptized in the Catholic faith, please contact Sacramental Preparation Coordinator- Rachel Martinez at the earliest at [sjm.rcic@gmail.com](mailto:sjm.rcic@gmail.com).

*Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism is a prerequisite for the reception of First Holy Communion.*

**Confirmation Sacramental Preparation:** You could register your child(ren) in Grade 7 this year or older children who missed the Sacrament of Confirmation earlier now. Parents may enroll their child(ren) to attend in-person classes on either Sundays from 4:30-6 pm or Mondays from 7-8:30 pm. Spots are available on a first come first served basis. For registrations and details, visit [www.stjustin.ca](http://www.stjustin.ca).

If your child is not Baptized or haven't had First Holy Communion, contact Rachel Martinez at the earliest at [sjm.rcic@gmail.com](mailto:sjm.rcic@gmail.com).

## CATHOLIC MOM'S GROUP

### Welcome All Mothers



The Catholic Mom's Group resumes meeting on Monday, September 25 and Wednesday, September 27, after the Mass. Our focus this year will be Bishop Barron's book, "This is My Body: A call to Eucharistic Revival" and Pope John Paul II's "Letter to Women." Copies of the book are available for purchase at \$5.50 by contacting [catholicmomsgroup.sjm@gmail.com](mailto:catholicmomsgroup.sjm@gmail.com). Join us monthly, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday morning or following Wednesday evening, for prayer, conversation, and meaningful friendships.

## SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2023

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**CELEBRATION OF THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. MICHAEL AND CONFERRAL OF THE PALLIUM  
Friday, September 29, 2023, at 5:30 pm**



The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our archdiocesan patron, St. Michael, on Friday, September 29, 2023. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 pm at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.). Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurković will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful. There will be an informal reception afterwards. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our archdiocese and archbishop!

**Novena to St. Michael the Archangel:** In prayerful consideration, Archbishop Leo encourage and invite all the faithful of our archdiocese – clergy, consecrated and laity, and all communities of faith, to join the entire Archdiocesan family in a Novena to Saint Michael the Archangel in preparation for the liturgical celebration. You will find the prayer in the attachment. We will begin this Novena from Wednesday, September 20 until Thursday, September 28, 2023. Please keep in mind and heart the Mass for the Conferral of the Pallium in your prayer intentions as well, that this event may prove to be a strong, spiritual, and joyful ecclesial encounter with the Lord, all united as members of his Body. *Find the Novena to St. Michael the Archangel below.* For more details, visit [www.stjustin.ca](http://www.stjustin.ca).

**LIFECCHAIN 2023**

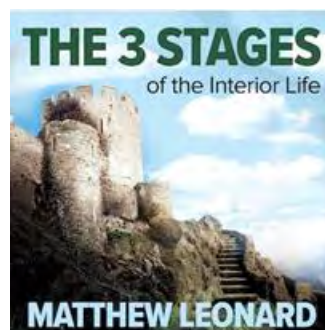
**Sunday, October 01, 2023, from 2 to 3 pm**



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/lifecchain](http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/lifecchain).

**FORMED PICK**

**The 3 Stages of the Interior Life  
by Matthew Leonard**



Join Matthew Leonard as he walks through the three stages of the spiritual life, helping you progress toward union with God and enter the interior castle written about by St. Teresa of Avila. With humor and concrete

examples, this presentation is sure to aid you in your journey to becoming a saint..

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**SEASON OF CREATION 2023**



The annual event of the Season of Creation begins on September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 (the Feast of St.

Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology). Each year a theme is chosen by an ecumenical steering committee and in 2023 inspiration is taken from Amos 5:24 that proclaims, "Let Justice and Peace Flow" and the symbol is "A Mighty River." Let us pray and work for responsible stewardship of the earth and sustainable living. To learn more, check out the Latest Events section at [www.stjustin.ca](http://www.stjustin.ca)

**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 47<sup>th</sup> 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>



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**The Knights of Columbus invite you to:**

# **Septemberfest**

**Saturday, Sept 23 at 6 PM**

**Sit-Down Dinner at St Justin's Hall**

**Ticket price includes:**

**Oktoberfest Sausage or Chicken Schnitzel on a bun or vegetarian lasagna, potato salad, corn on the cob, tossed salad, pretzels, drinks & desserts.**

**Games! Silent Auction! Music by DJ Mark!**

**Ticket: \$25**

**On sale after Mass Sept 9/10, Sept 16/17**

**Beer and Wine Available**

(not included in the ticket price)

**Proceeds from this event support the Knight's charities**





# DAY OF RECOLLECTION

## St. Justin, Martyr Parish



**Theme: “My Sacrifice and Yours”**  
*Understanding the Rituals of the Mass*

**Leader: Rev. Eric Rodrigues**

Director of Spiritual Formation and Liturgy, Lecturer in Systematic Theology  
at St. Augustine's Seminary & Spiritual Director of the Legion of Mary – North East Scarborough Curia



**Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**8:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

*Celebration of the Eucharist, 2 Talks, Legion prayers,  
Rosary, Confession, Light refreshments, & Benediction*

**Join us!**

*Hosted by the Legion of Mary*





## Novena to St. Michael the Archangel

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Heavenly and Almighty Father,  
God of mercy and compassion,  
we give you thanks and praise for all your kindness and blessings  
which you bestow upon us, your beloved children,  
and for the opportunities of spiritual renewal  
which you provide out of the abundance of your unfailing love and  
graciousness.

As we honour the glorious Archangel St. Michael,  
whose zeal for your almighty power obtains for us your own loving protection,  
in the name of Christ our Saviour and Brother and through your Holy Spirit,  
guide our steps along the path of holiness of life,  
and guard our thoughts

as we journey through this life to our heavenly homeland.

Confident of the powerful intercession of our patron saint St. Michael,  
we now ask for this grace (*say your intention*).

Inspire in us the same humility and thirst for justice and holiness  
which animated your great servant and angelic messenger.

May our lives give glory to you,  
our families bear witness to your love  
and our communities of faith be filled  
with the grace and joys of your Kingdom. Amen.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou,

O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts,

by the power of God,

thrust into hell Satan,

and all the evil spirits,

who prowl about the world

seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

St. Michael, filled with the wisdom of God, pray for us.

St. Michael, perfect adorer of the Incarnate Word, pray for us.

St. Michael, crowned with honour and glory, pray for us.

St. Michael, our help in all adversities, pray for us.

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



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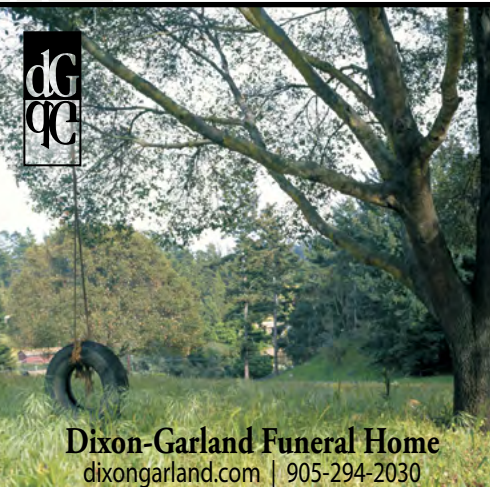


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