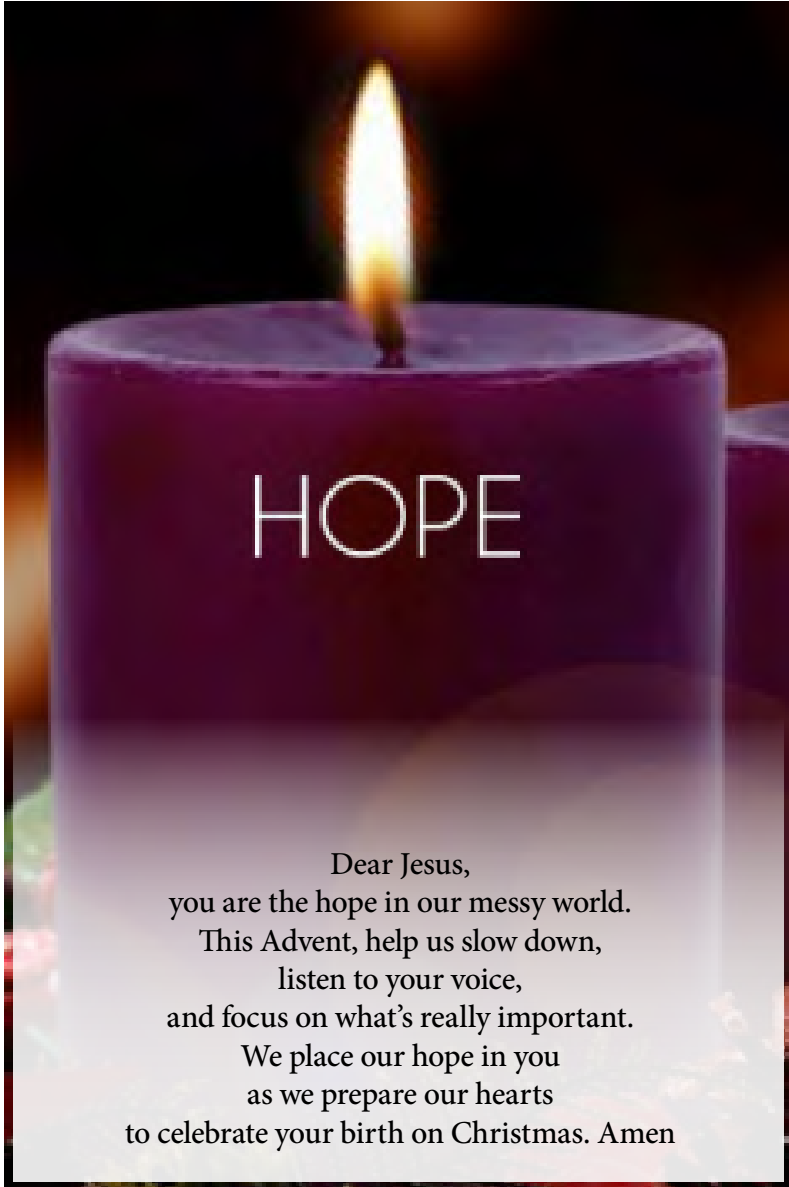


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Dear Jesus,  
you are the hope in our messy world.  
This Advent, help us slow down,  
listen to your voice,  
and focus on what's really important.  
We place our hope in you  
as we prepare our hearts  
to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen

## 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.

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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



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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, 02 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +ODILION DIZON  
+ALESSANDRO CUBELLIS  
+MANOLO ABAD

#### TUESDAY, 03 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +PEDRO ROZARIO  
+OSWIN MATHIAS  
LITA BUZON & FAMILY

#### WEDNESDAY, 04 DECEMBER

7:00 PM +REYMUNDO S.L. CASTRO  
GERALD WONG-HING

#### THURSDAY, 05 DECEMBER

9:10 AM Available

#### FRIDAY, 06 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +VINCENT D'SOUZA  
LUKE LEUNG  
ANTONIETTA PUCCI

#### SATURDAY, 07 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY  
+LITO SANCHEZ

5:00 PM +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY  
+THOMAS & MARIE REGO  
+ASHLEY VASQUEZ  
+ANTHONY DAVID

#### SUNDAY, 08 DECEMBER

8:30 AM +TERESA PEREIRA  
+BILLY ASARO  
REV. MSGR. VID VLASIC

10:30 AM PARISHIONERS

12:30 PM +DORIS & DONALD HOO FATT  
+BRENDA CHAN  
+MARIA CARMEN DELGADO

7:00 PM +RON BOTELL  
+ZOILO & NENA BIHIS SR.

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 02 DECEMBER – 08 DECEMBER  
IS FOR THE INTENTION OF REV. MSGR. VID VLASIC

### CHRISTMAS CARDS SALE

**By Msgr. Joe Shields on Sunday, December 8**

Visit us and shop for Christmas Cards, sold by Rev. Msgr. Joe Shields after the 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 12:30 pm Masses on Sunday, December 8 in the Parish Foyer.

### STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

#### Enthroning the King

We have arrived at the beautiful and powerful season of Advent. It is a season to prepare in awe and wonder for the coming of Christ at Christmas, His coming as a tiny babe wrapped in swaddling clothes. It is also a period to prepare for the final coming of Christ as well as our own individual day of judgement at the end of our lives. We will all be called to give an account of how we used the gifts God gave us to better serve Him and the Church.

Essentially, Advent is a season of stewardship. The readings this weekend (Jeremiah 33.14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3.12 – 4.2; Luke 21.25-28, 34-36) quickly call our attention to the need to be aware of our judgement. The Gospel boldly warns, “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life.” It is so easy for us to lose focus of our heavenly destination by excessive preoccupation with the pleasures and worries of this life. To avoid this pitfall Jesus says to “be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength.”

During Advent, we stewards must ask ourselves some difficult reflective questions. Are we staying faithful to our prayer life? Are we using all of our energy to offer our time and talents to our parish community? Are we seeking reconciliation and forgiveness in the sacrament of Confession for the times we've failed? Are we living for the present moment or for our heavenly home? Let us get ready for the Lord's coming and prepare with awe and wonder.

#### 45<sup>th</sup> ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY OF REV. MSGR. VID VLASIC

**Sunday, December 08, 2024, at 12:30 pm**

We invite all Parishioners and well-wishers to join us on Sunday, December 08, 2024, at 12:30 pm for the Mass, celebrating our Pastor – Rev. Msgr. Vid Vlasic's 45<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to extend their wishes and blessings on this special occasion!



**ANNUAL CARING & SHARING PROGRAM  
Until December 08, 2024**



Our Annual Caring & Sharing Program begins on the weekend of November 16/17. The families that we sponsor are experiencing financial pressures and really need our help. So please be as generous as you can.

We are asking for donations of PC, Loblaws or Walmart gift cards in the amount of either \$25 or \$50 which can be deposited in the offertory baskets passed during the weekend Masses OR dropped off at the Parish Office (weekdays 9 am to 3 pm) OR the secure mailbox outside the parish office. You can also participate with a donation cheque made out to “St. Justin Martyr Church - Caring & Sharing”. We are accepting these donations from now until December 08, 2024.

Each sponsored family will be receiving these gift cards in time for them to purchase the Christmas gifts and food that they need for the holidays. This is the 29<sup>th</sup> year that our parish has undertaken to help families in need at Christmas. With your generosity we can make it happen again!

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION**



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

**Monday, December 16, 2024  
10 a.m. to 12 noon**

**6 p.m. – 8 p.m. (Guest Priests available)**

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

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Sunday, December 15, 2024, at 3 pm**



Ring in the season with the Choirs of Angels! St. Justin Martyr Parish Choirs welcome you to come and join us in this Season of celebrating our Lord,

Jesus Christ with some heart-warming music. Our choirs will be playing their finest seasonal songs on Sunday, December 15, 2024, at 3 pm. All are welcome!

**2024 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE  
Congratulations Winners!**



**Twilight Event 2024 Door Prize Winners:**

Christmas arrangement	Victoria Hernandez
Gift Basket	Angela Gradini
Angel Mug Basket	Christine Abela
Juicer	Celene Rozario

**Craft Sale 2024 Raffle Prize Winners:**

Hand-Knitted & Beaded Blanket	Larry Bianco
Hardwood Chopping Block	Carm Guastelluccia
Advent Calendar	Barbara Chang
Hand-Painted Water Jug & Glass set	Aramita Fernandes
4-piece Coring Ware “French White”	Alison Cheung
“The Blessings of Ireland” Stained Glass Cross	Wendy Bocti
Clair de Lune “Autumn Angels”	Monique Li
Christmas Basket	Consuello Tabone

**Thank You All!** – To all the crafters and bakers, thank you for your donations and for sharing your time and talents with us in making the Annual Christmas Sale a success. To everyone who came by to support the sale, we are very thankful. Wishing everyone a blessed Advent season!

**OUT OF THE COLD CASSEROLE PROGRAM  
Saturday, December 14, 2024**



Your kindness, generosity and support have helped us feed many over the last years. Our next Casserole delivery is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, 2024. Frozen,

labelled casserole can be delivered at the Parish Office on weekdays from 9 am to 3 pm or weekends from 9 am to 1 pm.

For Casserole sign up and for the recipes, visit <https://forms.gle/JV4u2uh5YscXUnGW6>. For more information, email [joyvazjones@gmail.com](mailto:joyvazjones@gmail.com) or call Parish Office at 905 479 2463. Thank you in advance!

**WHAT IS ADVENT?****A Time fo Preparation For Our Lord**

brothers and sisters,  
world."

"Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of - Pope Francis, Angelus, 2018

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest wears violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose may be worn. Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. Let's prepare ourselves spiritually for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

*Courtesy: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*



**NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
**(CHRISTMAS) MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tue., Dec. 24, 2024**

5 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm & 11 pm

*No Daily Mass at 9:10 am*

**Wed., Dec. 25, 2024**

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

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

**Tue., Dec. 31, 2024, at 5 pm**

*Daily Mass at 9:10 am*

**Wed., Jan. 01, 2025**

9 am, 11 am & 7 pm

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

**2025 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

**Available at the Church foyer**

You are welcome to pick up Offertory envelopes for the year 2025 from the foyer leading to the Church.

*If you are picking an unlabeled box of envelopes, please ensure you print your full name, address, and phone number during your donations. This is to ensure you receive a tax receipt.*

If you need assistance, contact the Parish Office.

**BLESSING OF CRECHE**

**Wednesday, December 04, 2024, after 7 pm Mass**

All are welcome to attend the 7 pm Mass on Wednesday, December 04, and the blessing of Creche thereafter.

**JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT**

**Online Weekly Video Series**



This Advent season, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) presents an online weekly video series titled "Journey through Advent."

This year's English reflections will be led by the Most Rev. Francis Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto. The reflections in French will be offered by the Most Rev. René Guay, Bishop of Chicoutimi. The series is intended to help the faithful prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord by offering meaningful reflections on the Gospel readings during each of the four Sundays of Advent. Watch each reflection at [www.stjustin.ca](http://www.stjustin.ca) or visit <https://www.cccb.ca/>.



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And you will have Joy and gladness,  
And many will Rejoice at his birth.  
*(Luke 1:14)*




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