

# ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH



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

## 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 & 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, 16 DECEMBER

9:10 AM ANNIE LEUNG & SAM LAU  
ALICE WONG & FAMILY

#### TUESDAY, 17 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +ALICE & ISAAC MENDES  
BENJAMIN SHAO  
ANTONIETTA PUCCI

#### WEDNESDAY, 18 DECEMBER

7:00 PM +MARGARITA & SOON WONG  
+VITA DICARLO  
+MARCEL & DOROTHY EDMONDS  
LOLA RAMSARAN  
DANA & HENRIQUE DIAMANTINO

#### THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +BERNADETTE COLACO  
+VERNON D'SYLVA  
LYNETTE WONG-HING

#### FRIDAY, 20 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +ARNOLD IANNUZZI  
+JOHN TWADDLE  
REV. STEVEN KWON

#### SATURDAY, 21 DECEMBER

9:10 AM REV. JOSEPH SINGH

5:00 PM +SANDRA PLOWMAN  
DULCIE & ALBERT CHUCK  
ANN-MAN-SON-HING FAMILY

#### SUNDAY, 22 DECEMBER

8:30 AM +ERIC SILLIUS  
MARIA NG  
SAVANNAH SILVA

10:30 AM PARISHIONERS

12:30 PM +WINNIFRED JOYCE DEFREITAS

7:00 PM +GREGORIO CARDELLI  
TERESA NG

### SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 16 DECEMBER – 22 DECEMBER  
IS FOR THE INTENTION OF REV. MSGR. VID  
VLASIC

### 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.



### THANK YOU FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear all,



I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all, especially the members of our Music Ministry, the Catholic Women's League, and the Knights of Columbus for your kindness, prayers and generosity on the occasion of my 45<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary as a Priest. May Almighty God bless you all and your families and loves ones this season of blessings. Wish you all the most blessed Advent season!

In Christ,

*Rev. Msgr. Vid Vlasic*

*Pastor – St. Justin Martyr Parish, Unionville*

### STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS An Attitude of Gratitude



“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.” These are the beautiful words we hear from St. Paul on this Gaudete Sunday. This Third Sunday of Advent is a time for joy in the midst of the waiting and preparation for Christmas. It is a reminder for us that despite the crosses and difficulties of our lives, the joy of Jesus’ birth should always shine brightly.

One way in which we can cultivate a spirit of joy is through an intentional “attitude of gratitude.” Former U.S. president, Theodore Roosevelt, once said that “comparison is the thief of joy.” When we compare our lives, possessions, gifts and attributes with those of others, we inherently become ungrateful for the blessings God has placed in our lives. If we begin to thank God for all of the good things in our lives, we will quickly realize that there are far more things to be joyful about than upset over.

This Advent, as society is trying to make Christmas more and more materialistic, let us take some time to be grateful for all the things we already have. Perhaps one tangible way we can express our gratitude is to offer our time and talents to others this Christmas. For example, we could visit a nursing home or a soup kitchen or perhaps help with a toy drive for those who are less fortunate than us. As stewards, let us constantly strive to be grateful for our blessings and then seek to share them generously with others.

**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!

**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.



**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

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**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. Our special Thanks to our Parish schools, St. Philips on the Hill Anglican Church, Knights of Columbus and all the volunteers. 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!

**OUT OF THE COLD CASSEROLE PROGRAM**

**Saturday, January 11, 2025**

Your kindness, generosity and support have helped us feed many over the last years. Out next Casserole delivery is scheduled for Saturday, January 11, 2025. 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/6UobbFnjDDBFDS6L9>. For more information, email [joyvazjones@gmail.com](mailto:joyvazjones@gmail.com) or call Parish Office at 905 479 2463. Thank you in advance!

**JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT**

**Online Weekly Video Series**



This Advent season, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) 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 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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