

Jesus is born

For unto you is born... a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord,

Luke 2:11

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 23 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +BARRETTO

TUESDAY, 24 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE

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

No Daily Mass

WEDNESDAY, 25 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS

Masses at 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm

THURSDAY, 26 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +YNOCENCIO MARIA DELGADO

+LINDA BERCENO

IGOR & NAOMI PATTERSON

FRIDAY, 27 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +FRANK TERRILL

+ANDREW CHEUNG

SATURDAY, 28 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +ROMULO BUZON SR.

+HONORATA SAN JUAN

+ADELAIDA APAYA

+SR. ROSEY PALAKAL

+JOSEPH HE

5:00 PM +KURIAN JOSEPH PALACKAL

SOO SEE FAMILY

RACHEL MARTINEZ & FAMILY

SUNDAY, 29 DECEMBER

8:30 AM +MR. & MRS. UBALDO FERNANDES

+JOSE GATO

BIHIS & GERARDO FAMILY

10:30 AM PARISHIONERS

12:30 PM ALEX CHAN

ANNABELLE CHAN-KIM

HILTON CHIU

7:00 PM +FLORA & DAVID CALINGASAN

PASQUALE MANTINI

HENRY LIU & JANICE WU

SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 23 DECEMBER – 29 DECEMBER IS FOR ALL SOULS IN THE PURGATORY & FOR THE UNBORN.

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.



MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Parishioners,

As we gather to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, I am filled with joy and gratitude for each of you.

Christmas reminds us of God's profound love, a love so great that He became one of us to bring hope, peace, and salvation to the world. May the light of Christ, born in a humble manger, illuminate your hearts and homes this season.

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering faith and dedication to our parish community. Your prayers, generosity, and service have been a testament to God's grace in action. From the volunteers who beautify our church, to those who serve the poor and the lonely, your efforts reflect Christ's love in tangible ways. I particularly want to thank all our ministries and groups, ministries and staff and invoke God's blessings upon all.

This year has been a journey of many blessings, and I am deeply grateful for the unity and strength we share as a family in Christ. As we celebrate the wonder of Emmanuel – "God with us," let us carry His love into the New Year, striving to be instruments of His peace and joy.

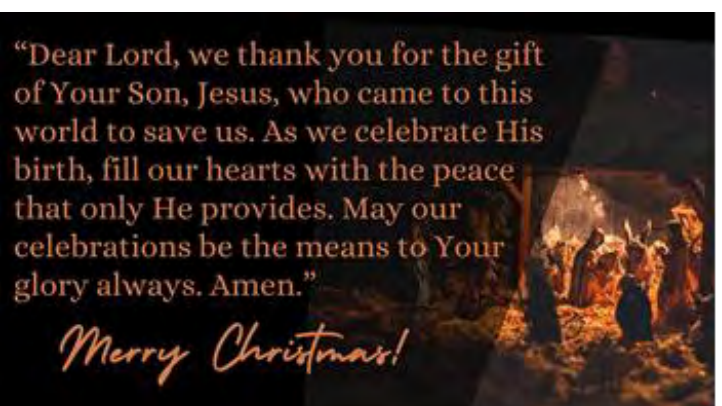
May the blessings of Christmas fill your lives with hope and may God's grace sustain you always. On behalf of Fr. Ryan and staff, we wish you all a Merry Christmas!

In Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Vid Vlastic

Pastor- St. Justin Martyr Parish, Unionville

For full message from Rev. Msgr. Vid Vlastic, visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHdpq4il_Go



STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

Lessons From Our Mother



Mother Mary becomes the focal point of the Gospel (Luke 1.39-45) on this fourth Sunday of Advent. Our Lady, shortly after discovering that she will conceive the Son of God, goes in haste to assist her cousin Elizabeth. After Jesus, Mary is the perfect model and example of how to live a life of deep stewardship. Let us take some time to reflect on this episode and glean insights on how we can better imitate her.

Firstly, we can learn a great lesson from how Mary “went with haste” to help Elizabeth. As stewards, we should not sit idle by and be half-hearted in our attempts to serve our neighbour. Whenever we see a need in our parish community, let us strive to utilize our gifts to readily offer our help and support.

Secondly, we should try to imitate Mary in her role of bringing Jesus to others. It wasn’t so much Mary who brought help and comfort to Elizabeth, but rather, it was the presence of Jesus dwelling within her. As stewards, we need to constantly remind ourselves that it is not our own merits that bring about good and conversion in our parish. Rather, we must realize that everything is a result of the grace of God that is working through us. Let us conclude with the beautiful words of St. Teresa of Calcutta who says, “I’m a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a love letter to the world.”

SHARELIFE GIFT MATCHING PROGRAM

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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

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office Holiday schedule is as follows:

Tue., Dec. 24, 2024	Closed
Wed., Dec. 25, 2024	Closed
Thu., Dec. 26, 2024	Closed
Fri., Dec. 27, 2024	9 am to 12 noon
Sat., Dec 28, 2024	9 am to 12 noon
Sun., Dec 29, 2024	9 am to 2 pm
Mon., Dec. 30, 2024	9 am to 12 noon
Tue., Dec 31, 2024	Closed
Wed., Jan. 01, 2025	Closed

We will be open on a regular schedule to serve you from Thursday, January 02, 2025. The Parish Administration team wishes you all a wonderful Christmas – New Year season!

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE & ADVENT REFLECTIONS

By Archbishop Francis Cardinal Leo

Please visit www.stjustin.ca to read the Christmas message from our Archbishop Francis Cardinal Leo.



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

The 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 or visit <https://www.cccb.ca/>.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS Blessings in 2025

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




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