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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 LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 19 FEBRUARY

9:10 AM +BERNADETTE COLACO
+NENA & ZOILO BIHIS SR.
SR. THOMAS LO

TUESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY

9:10 AM +ARNOLD IANNUZZI
AGATHA CHAN & FAMILY
ROMER & MARIVEL MENDIOLA

WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY

7:00 PM +MARIA DELGADO
+BENITO VERGEL DE DIAS
+JUANA & JOSE FARAON

THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY

9:10 AM +NAKHOUL NAKHOUL
+LING CHUN WAH
MARGARET NG

FRIDAY, 23 FEBRUARY

9:10 AM +HARRY D'SOUZA

7:00 PM *Eucharistic Adoration*

SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY

9:10 AM Available

5:00 PM +LUVIMIN ALICANTE
+TONY FERRI

SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY

8:30 AM +MARGARET DENC SHAZI
+ROSE BORTOLUSSI
+JOSE GATO

10:30 AM PARISHIONERS

12:30 PM +FRANCIS FERNANDO
ANDERSEN CHAN-KIM
RAYMOND FUNG

7:00 PM +HERBERT HUMPHREY LUE

SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 19 FEB – 25 FEB IS FOR THE
SOUL OF CARMELO LOMBARDI.

FROM OUR PASTOR

Have a Blessed Lent!



Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the sacred season of Lent, let us embrace this time of spiritual reflection and renewal with open hearts. Lent is an invitation to draw closer to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, a journey that holds profound significance for our faith.

In prayer, let us seek a deeper relationship with God, taking moments of silence to listen to His voice. Embrace daily conversations with Him, allowing His love to guide us in our decisions and actions. Through this intentional connection, we cultivate a profound awareness of His presence in our lives.

Fasting, beyond abstaining from certain foods, invites us to examine our attachments and dependencies. As we detach from worldly distractions, we make space for God to fill our hearts. Let us fast not only from indulgences but also from negative attitudes, selfishness, and judgment. This self-discipline fosters personal growth and a heightened sensitivity to the needs of others.

Almsgiving calls us to share our blessings with those less fortunate. In giving, we emulate Christ's boundless love and generosity. Reach out to those in need, whether through acts of kindness, volunteering, or contributing to charitable causes. By doing so, we live out the Gospel message and embody the love of Christ in tangible ways.

Lent is a journey towards the Cross, a path that leads to the joy of Easter. Let us walk this road together, supporting one another in our faith. As Catholics, may our Lenten observance be a transformative experience, deepening our relationship with God and inspiring us to be vibrant witnesses of His love in the world. With a small act of faith, we can transform our lives.

Have a blessed Lent!

Rev. Msgr. Vid Vlasic
Pastor – St. Justin Martyr Parish

NEED VOLUNTEERS

The Audio-Visual Team is looking for volunteers to run the slides during Masses on Saturdays at 5 pm, Sundays at 8:30 am and 10:30 am. If you could commit at least one

weekend per month, please contact the Parish Office at the earliest.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Fighting Temptations



During this First Sunday of Lent we hear the account of Jesus's temptation in the wilderness. Facing temptations is a part of life. St. Anthony the Great says to "Expect temptation to your last breath." Each time we face a temptation we have the choice of whether we follow Christ or turn away from Him. We should ask ourselves, how hard do we fight to resist temptations?

St. Josemaria Escriva says to fight temptations "Saint Francis of Assisi rolled in the snow, Saint Benedict threw himself into a thorn bush, Saint Bernard plunged into an icy pond ... what have you done?" When temptations come our way we must intentionally distance ourselves from the source of temptation and pray for strength. Perhaps one practice we can start is praying a Hail Mary as we physically walk away from any potential occasions of sin.

Let us also realize that every sin is tempting us with a twisted version of something good. So instead of just running away from evil, let us run towards what is true, good and beautiful. For example, we won't fall into the temptation to gossip if we form the habit of building people up with our words. We will be less likely to get angry if we practice kind acts towards our neighbour.

We won't fall into the sin of lust if we strive to sacrificially love others. This Lent, let us begin to run away from sinful temptations and fill ourselves with good things from God instead. This will allow us to become holier stewards, which will lead to the revitalization of our parishes as our holiness and charity will point others to the love of Christ.

Stations of the Cross: We will be praying Stations of the Cross after the 9:10 am Mass on Friday, February 23, 2024, and Eucharistic Adoration at 7 pm.. Join us for a Lenten season filled with prayer and penance.



OUT OF THE COLD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

Saturday, March 16, 2024; 10:30 to 11 am



With your support and generosity, Out of the Cold Casserole program had been successful in feeding those in need. Our next casserole delivery will be on Saturday, March 16, 2024. 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/U4vJh3FiFaV7wafp9>. You can also email joyvazjones@gmail.com or call the parish office at 905 479 2463. Thank you in advance!

2023 TAX RECEIPTS: The Tax Receipts for the year 2023 are mailed directly to the home addresses provided at the Parish. If you have not receive them by February 26, 2024, please contact our Parish Office.



PANCAKE SUNDAY:

THANK YOU



The Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who attended our Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast on 11 February 2024. We are grateful for the money that we raised during this event which supports our various charities. Our Gift basket winner from the raffle is Brian Lee. Congratulations Brian! May God bless you and your families this Lenten season.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 9 am to 4 pm

Early Bird Tickets on Sale



Join the Catholic Women's Conference, organized by Dynamic Women of Faith on Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 9 am to 4 pm. Registrations begin at 8 am. For details and early bird registrations, see the flyer below.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
 Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
 Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
 Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
 Fast from worries and have trust in God.
 Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
 Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
 Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
 Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
 Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

FORMED PICK

Our Sunday Obligation: The Catholic Parent Episode 1



The realities of bringing the whole family to Mass can strike fear into the hearts of many parents. How do you navigate crying, distractions, and looks from other parishioners? How do you teach that the Mass is the "source and summit" of the Christian life when it's sometimes confusing, even as an adult?

Find encouragement in this episode of The Catholic Parent as families share their testimonies and Fr. John Nepil describes what's truly happening at every Mass. You'll also discover the story of a saintly married couple—Blessed Charles and Servant of God Zita of Austria—and how they made the Mass the center of their family life.

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Join the webinar and learn:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
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YCDSB KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

The York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten for children born in 2020. York Catholic provides a Christ-centered, innovative Catholic Education in 102 schools across York Region. The YCDSB is consistently ranked as one of the top-performing school boards in the province. You can visit their website, www.ycdsb.ca, to register for classes starting in September.



Kathleen Beckman, flying in from California especially for this event!



Catholic Women's Conference

SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2024

LOCATION: The Old Mill (Old Mill Subway Station)

REGISTRATION: 8:00am **TIME:** 9:00am - 4:00pm

For more information call **(416) 907-1042**



Keynote Speaker:

KATHLEEN BECKMAN, L.H.S.

Evangelist, Retreat Director, Radio Host, Author



Special Guest Speaker, Tammy Peterson,
wife of Dr. Jordan Peterson

Opening Mass celebrated by His Eminence
Cardinal Collins



Kathleen Beckman, L.H.S. | A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare

Carissa Douglas | Becoming a Co-creator with God - Discover YOUR Mission

Anna Boyagoda | Creating a Space for Prayer

Dorothy Pilarski | Why minister to moms? - How to Start a Catholic Moms Group

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