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"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."

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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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St. Justin Martyr

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SJM youthmin

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY

9:10 AM +MING-HSIEN CHANG
SR. THOMAS LO

TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY

9:10 AM ZACHARY YU

WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY

7:00 PM +DAPHNE FRUITTRELL

THURSDAY, 29 FEBRUARY

9:10 AM Available

FRIDAY, 01 MARCH

9:10 AM +NENA & ZOILO BIHIS SR.
+BENITO VERGEL DE DIOS

7:00 PM CONVERSION OF SINNERS

SATURDAY, 02 MARCH

9:10 AM +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY
+TERESA WU
PABLO ORELLANA

5:00 PM +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

SUNDAY, 03 MARCH

8:30 AM Available

10:30 AM PARISHIONERS

12:30 PM +EDDA SPINZO
+STEPHEN SNOXELL
ANGELINA PASCUZZO
RODRIGUEZ & FAMILY

7:00 PM CURTIS LAU & FAMILY

SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 26 FEB – 03 MAR IS AVAILABLE.

MARCH IS BABY MONTH!

From March 01, 2024 onwards



The Knights of Columbus is organizing their annual collection of baby items for Mothers and Babies in need. During Baby Month, you can drop off items such as baby food (with extended expiry

dates), formula, disposable diapers, (newborns to pullups), new receiving blankets, baby wipes, baby oils, shampoo, sleepers & baby & toddler clothing (newborn to 24 months). Your gifts may be placed in the Church hallway (near the Tree of Life).

**Please donate new items or items in excellent condition.*

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Conquering All Through the Love of Christ



Following Christ is hard. This is a simple reality that anyone who has sought to be a disciple has quickly learned. In a culture that is increasingly secular, living out the Gospel can lead to many trials. Even as stewards we can often face many difficulties and sufferings from striving to offer all of our gifts to God. These sufferings could come from setbacks or failures in ministry or mocking and persecutions from our peers.

All of these things can cause us to lose hope and tempt us to stop fighting for Christ. This is where St. Paul's beautiful letter to the Romans can help bring us tremendous consolation. St. Paul boldly proclaims, "If God is for us, who is against us?" He encourages us to place all our hope in God despite the challenges we face. He goes on to say "Who will separate us from the love of Christ?"

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." This is the lifeline that we must firmly hold onto if we wish to keep our head above water in the midst of an ocean of suffering. To know that we will always remain in the love of Christ is to know that Christ will bring us through any problem we face. When our life of stewardship becomes difficult, let us take a moment to simply pray: "I love you Jesus, help me to be more aware of your love for me."

Stations of the Cross: We will be praying Stations of the Cross after the 7 pm Mass on Friday, March 01, 2024. Join us for a Lenten season filled with prayer and penance.



MASS & ADORATION

Friday, March 01, 2024, at 9:10 am

All are invited for the Mass and Adoration on Friday, March 01, 2024 at 9:10 am (followed by Adoration). Come and join us in prayer with Jesus.

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!

LEGION OF MARY MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, March 9, 2024, after the 5 pm Mass



Join the Legion of Mary on Saturday, March 09 after the 5 pm Mass (around 6 pm) in the Parish Hall for a free movie night. We are playing "Pilgrim's Progress," a family-friendly movie about the impact on the faith of every person in a family. Sign up at the Legion of Mary table in the Church foyer after February 24/25 & March 02/03 weekend Masses.

CATHOLIC MOM'S GROUP



The Lenten Catholic Moms Group gatherings happen on Monday, February 26 after the 9:10 am Mass or Wednesday, February 28, after the 7 pm Mass. New members are always welcome. For details, contact

catholicmomsgroup.sjm@gmail.com.

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.



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Support Our Vulnerable Youth

Many young women who are unexpectedly pregnant don't know where to turn for help. Through your support for ShareLife, our agencies ensure they have the resources they need to keep their education on track, provide their babies with a healthy start, and create a bright future.

Through your kindness, over 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies can help marginalized members of our community. No one is turned away due to inability to pay. This is all possible through your support.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through www.stjustin.ca or www.sharelife.org/donate.

With your generosity, we were able to generate \$ In the year 2023. We extend our gratitude to all of you who have made it possible. Your continued support will help the many in need.

OUR LADY WANTS TO VISIT YOUR HOME

Make Your Requests



"The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life." – Pope Leo XIII.

If you wish to host Our Lady of Grace (Pilgrim Virgin) in your home at the requested date and time of your choosing, contact Denise at Signup4MaryQM@outlook.com. The Legion of Mary at St. Justin's will coordinate the visit with you upon your request. May the Holy Mother protect you and your home.

40 LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Through Lent as a Family



If you have a liking for crafts and hands on activities? We are in the Lenten season. Here, you will find 40 Faith-Building Lenten Activities. Click on the link below or use the QR code to find amazing activities to do during this special season: <https://catholicsprouts.com/40-faith-building-lenten-activities/>. Make this Lent a family-oriented, faith-filled experience..

THE FRIDAYS OF LENT

Each of the Fridays of Lent are days we abstain from meat together. This is intended to be a religious experience and so we need to explore it and prepare for it. Of course, many of us can't afford to eat meat every day, so avoiding meat is itself not a sacrifice. We may live in a region where livestock disease has caused a severe shortage or absence of meat. Some of us are vegetarians, and don't have meat in our diet at all. Others of us might really enjoy seafood or a fish fry on Fridays.

For all of us, not eating meat on Friday, for whatever reason, allows us to have some taste of a religious experience, that places us together with our sisters and brothers around the world. How meaningful and powerful the experience is, depends upon how reflective we are about it, and the kind of choices we make, to ensure that there is some sacrifice and some experience of solidarity in our Lenten Fridays.



Meat-less in Penance and Solidarity: Our desire is that Friday be a day of Penance and that we have in it some experience of solidarity with the truly hungry of the earth.

First of all, we want to remember that we are keeping these Fridays special because this is that day our Lord gave himself for us - selflessly and completely. This is the day that commemorates the Friday that approaches, which we call "Good." This commemoration is not intended to be sad or artificially gloomy. These Fridays are to be days that touch us deeply, because we remember that we are incredibly loved, and we have been redeemed from the victory sin and death might have had over our lives. These are days to look upon a crucifix and feel the gratitude in our hearts, but also to feel the freedom - freedom from our sin and death and freed to love and give of ourselves more generously. All of our experience tells us that we can't or won't be self-sacrificing without this experience of gratitude and without spiritual freedom. The Fridays of Lent are a spiritual exercise to offer us both of these graces.

Secondly, we desire to make our Lenten journey one that places us not only with Jesus, but with the poor of the world. What does gratitude do, if not help us to be mindful of and assist us in having affection for our sisters and brothers who have so much less than we do? One way we can intentionally place ourselves with the poor of the earth is to prepare our meals on these Fridays in ways that lets us share a communion with them. Then, our penance and solidarity come together - and that can be a very wonderful religious experience.



Cooking as Prayer: If prayer is "raising our minds and hearts to God," and being in a relationship with God, then anything can be prayer. And preparing a meal can certainly be a wonderful prayer. And, if our cooking is for our family or others with whom we live, then it can be a great act of love.

It starts, as always, with desire. While you are putting on my apron, or getting out my equipment, you could begin by naming your desire for this time.

"Dear Lord, as you nourish us with your love, let me prepare this nourishment with you at my side. Give me the joy of being creative and loving, self-sacrificing and generous. As part of my baptism, let me offer this meal as a religious experience for me and for my family. As I prepare, help me to contemplate the people around the world who are preparing meals today for their families - with great love, and with what they have. Thank you for your love. I now prepare to share it. Amen."



Find amazing meatless Lenten recipes at the link below or use the QR code <https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/photos/lent-recipes>.

May God bless you through this Lenten season.



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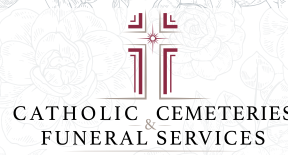
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