

## ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH



#### PARISH MINISTRIES

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Karen Natione-Garcea

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Grace Tenn

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Joanne Boicey

OUT OF THE COLD:

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**REFUGEE COMMITTEE:** 

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MATURING ADULTS:

Karen Natione-Garcea

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USHERS & HOSPITALITY:

Arnold Lee Wah

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 20's-30's):

Hilton Chiu

YOUTH:

Hilton Chiu

• Edge: (for Grades 5-8 students)

• Lifeteen: (for Grades 9-12)

#### **PARISH SCHOOLS**

St. John XXIII Catholic School	905-477-3288
St. Justin Martyr Catholic School	905-474-0284
St. Matthew Catholic School	905-475-0517
St. Monica Catholic School	905-887-1560
St. Augustine Catholic High School	905-887-6171

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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



MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, 08 JANUARY** 

9:10 AM +RAWDA MANSOUR

MONIQUE KHOURY & FAMILY AIDA & PATRICK TONGO

**TUESDAY, 09 JANUARY** 

**9:10 AM** EMMA & KELVIN WONG FAMILY

VITINA & MARIO

LOBIANCO FAMILY EDITH YIU & FAMILY

**WEDNESDAY, 10 JANUARY** 

7:00 PM +PLUTARCH SALVANI SENIOR

REV. MSGR. VID VLASIC ANNETTE WALLACE

CECILIA GAMBOA & FAMILY

**AUDREY FERNANDES** 

**THURSDAY, 11 JANUARY** 

9:10 AM +SINTHUJA PETER

REV. JIBIN JOY ROBERTO & MARIA

HERNANDEZ FAMILY

**FRIDAY, 12 JANUARY** 

9:10 AM +CARMELO LOMBARDI

REV. MSGR. VID VLASIC

MONIQUE KHOURY

**SATURDAY, 13 JANUARY** 

9:10 AM +FR. THOMAS PALAKAL

FADIA MISHRIGI & FAMILY

EVELYN NGAN JACK CHOW SR. THOMAS LO

5:00 PM +SHERANTHI PERERA

VICKI LEE & FAMILY SUSAN LEE & FAMILY

MAY & WILLIAM LEONG FAMILY CGS CATECHISTS & FAMILIES

**SUNDAY, 14 JANUARY** 

8:30 AM +IMELDA SO

ISABELLE WONG & FAMILY

PATRICIA & TIM SOO SEE FAMILY

**10:30 AM** PARISHIONERS

12:30 PM +SAU CHUN WONG

+RALPH DI PALMA

CONNIE CHU & FAMILY

**ALFRED FAMILY** 

7:00 PM +MARIATHAS GNANAPIRAGASAM

SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 08 JAN – 14 JAN IS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SUSAN & WICKHAM LEE FAMILY.

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS Becoming A Star



This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. This feast day invites us to reflect on the revelation of Christ to humanity. One

principal episode that the Epiphany celebrates is the visit of the Magi. The Magi represents the Gentiles and all nations coming to know and worship Christ.

St. Leo the Great said that this revelation "came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ."

As stewards, we should strive to be like that great star that led the Magi to encounter Christ. The star, as spectacular as it was, did not draw the Magi to itself but instead pointed towards Christ. So too, when we perform acts of stewardship and charity, we should not take the glory or expect people to sing our praises. We should rather strive to remain humble and direct any praise to Christ who always sustains us in our good works. Moreover, the star stood out from the rest of the stars in the sky. As stewards, the joy of the Gospel should be our identifying characteristic. Therefore, let us strive to imitate that great star and joyfully point others to an encounter with Christ our Savior.

#### CONGRATULATIONS FR. JIBIN JOY! We



extend our wishes to Fr. Jibin Joy on his 14<sup>th</sup> year of Priesthood, celebrated on January 04, 2024. May God bless you and guide you to be one of His best shepherds for the flock.

**2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** You are welcome to pick up your Offertory envelopes for the year 2024 from the foyer leading to the Church.

If you are picking an unlabeled envelope, please ensure you print your full name, address and phone number during your first few donations.

Kindly discard any of the unused 2023 envelopes.

#### PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, in You we contemplate the splendor of true love; to You we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection, and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing,

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.

Pope Francis, Amoris Lectitia, 325

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM Sundays at 10:30 am



If you have a child or children from Senior Kindergarten to Grade 3, bring them to the 10:30 am Mass on Sundays. Our Children's Liturgy program runs

parallel to the Mass at the same time. The liturgy focuses on the day's readings in a format comprehensible by children, led by trained and experienced leaders.

#### SIGN UP FOR NEWS & BULLETINS Be in the Know!



All Parishioners are reminded to sign up for our weekly e-bulletins and other Parish and Diocesan news updates. Visit <a href="https://www.stjustin.ca">www.stjustin.ca</a> or contact the Parish Office for assistance via

email: <u>stjustinmartyrun@archtoronto.org</u> OR call 905 479 2463.

## **EMPTY BOTTLE PROGRAM Drop-In Bottles near the Church Garage**



The Knights at St. Justin Martyr are continuing the Empty Bottle Program. Please drop off empty bottles (beer, wine, liquor bottles and

cans, but not pop bottles please) in the bins placed near the Parish garage at the rear end of the Church. Thank you for your continued support.

#### MARRIAGE SUNDAY Sunday, February 11, 2024

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honor married couples, especially those celebrating milestones. The Mass will take place at 3 pm on Sunday, February 11, 2024, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). Registration is required to reserve seating. Visit www.stjustin.ca for details.

#### YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU

If you would like to share your time and talent for one of our volunteering ministries, please contact our office via email or phone. This is an ideal opportunity for you to utilize God-given gifts to help build the Kingdom of God within our Parish Community.

We are currently in need of Ushers / Hospitality Ministers and Audio-Visual team members. If you are interested, contact us at 905 479 2463 or email stjustinmartyrun@archtoronto.org

# PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE MOST REV. FRANCIS LEO "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things"



Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things". This significant reflection

from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: www.archtoronto.org.

#### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 4 pm St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral 455 Ferrier St., Markham

Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christmas leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. The event is sponsored by the Office of Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism & the GTA Council of Christian Churches. All are welcome.



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