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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."

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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

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. John XXIII Catholic School	905-477-3288
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St. Justin Martyr

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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, 15 JANUARY

9:10 AM +AGRIPINO & CECILIA MANALO
MONIQUE KHOURY
SR. THOMAS LO

TUESDAY, 16 JANUARY

9:10 AM +WINSTON NUGAVA
+WAI HING WONG
GREGORY WONG-HING

WEDNESDAY, 17 JANUARY

7:00 PM +ALICE & ISAAC MENDES
+HONORATA SAN JUAN
+HORTENCIA BUZON
+HERMINIA MARCELINO
+MICHAEL KWOK

THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY

9:10 AM +ELEANOR VALERA
+ANNE LEE
MONIQUE KHOURY

FRIDAY, 19 JANUARY

9:10 AM +LUIZ, OLGA & JR. COLLACO
+BERNADETTE COLACO
PARBATTEE BOODHAI

SATURDAY, 20 JANUARY

9:10 AM +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY
+ESTHER GONZALES
+FREDERICK LEE
+LEONILA & RICARDO ORTEGA

5:00 PM +ARNOLD IANNUZZI
+VICTOR, TERRY &
MENA BARRETTO
+MARIATHAS GNANAPIRAGASAM
MICHELLE & KEITH LI FAMILY
ANN MAN-SON HING FAMILY

SUNDAY, 21 JANUARY

8:30 AM +GAETANO & ELENA IANNUZZI
+SOCORRO ALDEGUER
+CATERINA & FRANK FERLAINO

10:30 AM PARISHIONERS

12:30 PM +JESSICA PERERA
ANITA & PAUL LEE
ANGELA KIM

7:00 PM Available

SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 15 JAN – 21 JAN IS FOR THE
INTENTIONS OF PATRICIA & TIM SOO SEE
FAMILY.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Heeding The Call of Christ



“Come and see.” These are the words of invitation that Jesus says to His first disciples and that He still says to us 2000 years later. This is the call of the steward, to come and see the goodness of the Lord.

Let us reflect more deeply on the figure of St. Andrew in this episode and seek ways to imitate him.

Firstly, when Jesus invited him, it says that Andrew obeyed and “came and saw.” He readily and wholeheartedly heeded the call of Christ. After his encounter with Christ, his life was profoundly changed and he left everything to follow Him. Once we encounter the love and goodness of God we too can no longer hold onto our past lives. Let us strive to continue to journey with God, going ever more deeper into His love. If we have not yet personally encountered Christ, let us remember that Christ longs for us to be with Him so it is never too late to turn to Him.

Moreover, upon meeting Christ, Andrew did not keep his new found joy to himself but instead runs to tell his brother Simon. He brings Simon to Jesus which leads to Simon’s call to follow Christ and is where he receives the name Peter. True stewardship leads to evangelization. Once we’ve experienced the joy of the Gospel, we too should seek to bring others into this joy. Perhaps one act we can do this week is invite a friend to Mass or a parish event so that they too can begin to “come and see” the Lord.



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.

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.

OUT OF THE COLD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

Saturday, February 17, 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, February 17, 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/1jp63kqiLbtZzqoi6>. You can also email joyvazjones@gmail.com or call the parish office at 905 479 2463. Thank you in advance!

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.

JOB OPENING**Part Time Parish Custodian**

St. Justin Martyr Parish is seeking a part-time custodian who will be responsible for custodial services and basic repairs of the Church, hall, and rectory and its property to ensure a clean, safe, and attractive environment for all. Prior maintenance and custodial service experience are required. If you are available and interested, please submit your resume to karen@stjustin.ca or call the office 905 479 2463 for more information.

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. Find more details in the flyer below.

SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT

February 16-18, 2024

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

2325 Liverpool Road, Pickering, ON

Join the silent retreat for men and women from Friday, February 16 to Sunday, February 18, 2024, with Fr. Thomas Rosica. For more details, see our flyer below.

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.

IMAGE: LAWRENCE OP



“YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD... AND YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF.” LUKE 20:27

Annual GTA Prayer Service

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024

St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral

455 Ferrier St. (Steeles Ave. E. & Warden Ave.),
Markham, ON L3R 5Z2

Sunday, January 21, 2024

4:00 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Join Archbishop Francis Leo
and a wide representation of Christian leaders to
pray for the restoration of full visible unity
willed by Jesus Christ for the Church

Livestream available at:
<https://bit.ly/WPCU2024live>

Sponsored by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism,
and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches





Silent weekend retreat for MEN & WOMEN

February 16 - 18, 2024

Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB

The Final Days: Passion and Death of the Lord in Jerusalem.

Although the Passion Narratives of all four Gospels are similar in many ways, there are significant differences among them. While the three Synoptic Gospels agree with each other (since Matthew and Luke are almost certainly based on Mark), John's account is quite different. Though Matthew and Mark are nearly identical, Luke differs from them and is much closer to John's account. What does each of the four Evangelists stress the most in the Passion narrative?

Mark emphasizes the *suffering* of Jesus, how he was tragically rejected, unfairly condemned, viciously beaten, horribly insulted, and cruelly mistreated by multiple groups.

Matthew speaks about the *kingship* of Jesus, how the de-facto ruling powers conspired to get rid of someone they saw as a political threat.

Luke insists on the *innocence* of Jesus. John stresses the *exaltation* of Jesus, how he remains in control, completing the will of the Father, and being glorified as he is lifted up. What does Jesus' death mean for us? Where do we see ourselves along way of the Cross today?

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

2325 Liverpool Road, Pickering, ON L1X 1V4 905-839-2864



Suggested Offering: \$ 250.00 pp

This includes your two night's accommodation, meals, retreat program and spiritual direction.

Register online at: manresa-canada.ca



Ordained a priest in 1986, Fr. Rosica is a member of the Congregation of St. Basil (Basilian Fathers), a biblical scholar, lecturer, author and retreat preacher. He has studied theology and Sacred Scripture in Toronto, Rome and Jerusalem. He was Pastor and Executive Director of the Newman Centre Catholic Mission at the University of Toronto (1994-2000), Lecturer at the Faculty of Theology of the University of St. Michael's College, and St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario (1990 – 2018), National Director and CEO of World Youth Day 2002 in Canada and the founding CEO of the Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation in Canada 2003-2019. He has lectured and led retreats across Canada, the USA, Italy, Ireland, Jordan, Israel, Egypt and India. He has frequently directed retreats at the Manresa Jesuit Spirituality Centre in Pickering.



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Luke 2:10 and in



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