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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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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, 22 JANUARY**

**9:10 AM** +THOMAS D'SOUZA  
+RAFFAELA & VITO LISCIO  
+MARTEL MANALO  
SR. THOMAS LO

**TUESDAY, 23 JANUARY**

**9:10 AM** MONIQUE KHOURY & FAMILY

**WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY**

**7:00 PM** +OSCAR OSSANDON ESTAY  
+PAUL OSCAR TENN  
+HILDE HELLEBART  
REV. JIBIN JOY  
MAYA FAMILY

**THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY**

**9:10 AM** PRISCA WONG-HING

**FRIDAY, 26 JANUARY**

**9:10 AM** Available

**SATURDAY, 27 JANUARY**

**9:10 AM** +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY  
+MONICA LEUNG  
+JOSEPH WU  
+JOHN CHRYSOSTOM WONG

**5:00 PM** VIRGINIA ZAN & FAMILY  
JIM HOUGHAN

**SUNDAY, 28 JANUARY**

**8:30 AM** +JOSE GATO

**10:30 AM** PARISHIONERS

**12:30 PM** +FRANCIS FERNANDO  
+ROSA & SEBASTIANO  
GUASTELLUCCIA

**7:00 PM** MISRI FAMILY

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

FOR THE WEEK OF 22 JAN – 28 JAN IS FOR THE  
INTENTIONS OF MONIQUE KHOURY & FAMILY.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

**Fishing for Christ**



"Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people." Just as Jesus called his first disciples 2000 years ago, he continues to call us to follow him. As we reflect on this beautiful Gospel account, let us focus on one particular aspect, the fact that Jesus uses the image of being a "fisher."

It is most interesting to note that as he is calling actual fishermen, he uses their own language. There is a deep spiritual insight that can be gleaned from this, namely, that Christ uses what we bring to the table to serve Him and the Church. While fishing may seem unrelated to being an apostle, Jesus does not downplay their past experience. He invites them to bring all of the gifts and talents that they've received from God, but instead of using it for their own gain, to use it to gain souls for Christ.

So too as stewards, we can sometimes think that God can only use us if we're already perfect disciples, or have degrees in theology or extensive training in ministry. However, the Lord wants us to bring all of our experiences, even our personal and professional backgrounds to serve Him.

If we have backgrounds in finance or accounting, we can use that to help assist various parish ministries. Likewise, if we have experience as a teacher, we can utilize those gifts through various catechist or RCIA groups. This is the heart of stewardship. To recognize that we all bring our own particular gifts that can be used to serve Christ. Let us reflect on our own gifts and graciously heed the call to become "fishers of people," each in our own way.

**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](http://www.stjustin.ca) for details.



**CWL VALENTINE'S DAY RAFFLE****Tickets on Sale; Draw Date: February 6**

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Women's League is back with the Valentine's Day Raffle. Purchase your tickets and win amazing gifts for your valentine. Tickets are on sale during January 20/21, 27/28, and February 3/4 weekends at the CWL table in the Church foyer. For more details, see our flyer below.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST DAY****Sunday, February 11, 2024; 9 am to 1 pm**

In preparation towards Lent this year, join us for the Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League on Sunday, February 11, 2024 from 9 am to 1 pm in the Parish Hall. The menu will have buttermilk pancakes, breakfast sausage, fresh fruit, coffee, tea and fruit drinks. Tickets are on sale before/after the weekend Masses on January 27/28 & February 3/4 weekends. Please get your tickets and bring them on the day of the event. See our flyer below for details.

**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](mailto:joyvazjones@gmail.com) or call the parish office at 905 479 2463. Thank you in advance!

**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](mailto: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](http://www.archtoronto.org).

**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.

**2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** You are

welcome to pick up your Offertory envelopes for the year 2024 from the foyer leading to the Church.

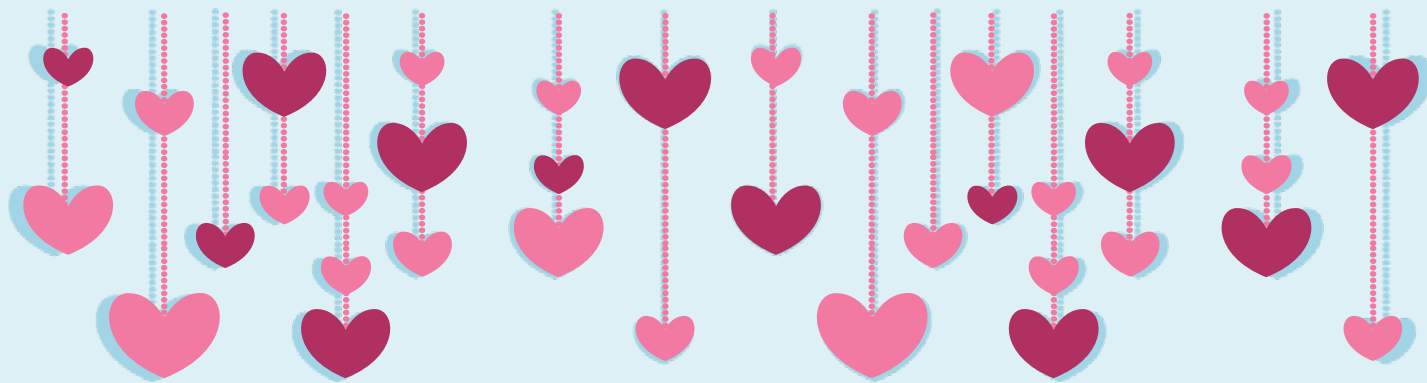
*If you are picking an unlabeled envelope, please ensure you print your full name, address and phone number during your first few donations.*

***Kindly discard any of the unused 2023 envelopes.***

**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](http://www.ycdsb.ca), to register for classes starting in September.





St. Justin Martyr Catholic Women's League

# Valentine's Day Raffle

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize  | <b>Valentine's Day Delight</b> | A dozen premium red roses and a box of chocolates<br>Courtesy of Labelle Flowers and Gifts   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize  | <b>Refresh</b>                 | 'Fire and Ice' facial courtesy of Jeunesse Premier Cosmetic Clinic   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize  | <b>Enhance</b>                 | 'Hydra' facial courtesy of Jeunesse Premier Cosmetic Clinic  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Prize  | <b>Glow</b>                    | 'Phorma RF' facial courtesy of Jeunesse Premier Cosmetic Clinic  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Prize  | <b>Rejuvenate</b>              | Swedish massage & Radiane facial mask courtesy of Caesar Spa   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Prize  | <b>Charcuterie Party</b>       | Handcrafted charcuterie board courtesy of Bill & Linda Moynagh<br>plus a bottle of prosecco courtesy of CWL and a box of chocolates courtesy of<br>Virginia Liscio |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Prize  | <b>A Night on the Town</b>     | \$50 dinner gift card courtesy of Novita Italian Cuisine plus<br>Cineplex movie vouchers for 2 courtesy of Belinda Cua Sia   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Prize  | <b>A Night to Relax</b>        | \$30 Indigo Gift Card, a bottle of Cabernet and a box of chocolates<br>Courtesy of Kathy Crupi   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Prize  | <b>Cheers for Two</b>          | 2 bottles of Chianti with long stemmed wine glasses courtesy of CWL<br>plus a box of chocolates courtesy of Cathy McElroy  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Prize | <b>A Sweet Bouquet</b>         | A cookie bouquet from Felix & Norton Cookies plus a box of<br>Aunt Sarah's classic chocolates  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Prize | <b>Here's to You</b>           | Gibson's Finest whisky and Flor de Cana rum courtesy of Maria Alexov   |

TICKETS \$5 OR 3 FOR \$12

DRAW DATE FEBRUARY 6

PURCHASERS 19 OR OLDER

**The Catholic Women's League  
and The Knights of Columbus host:**



# **Pancake Sunday**

**Sit Down Breakfast at St Justin's Hall  
Sunday, Feb 11, 9 AM to 1 PM**

**Ticket price includes:  
Pancakes, sausages,  
real maple syrup, fresh  
fruit, coffee, tea, fruit  
drinks and raffle ticket.**

**Silent Auction!**

**Adults \$10  
Kids \$5**



**Tickets for sale after Mass:  
Jan 27/28 & Feb 3/4**





# 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](http://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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