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is nothing I shall want.

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."

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): A program for adults interested in becoming a Catholic, contact Monsignor Vid Vlasic for an interview or email rcia.stjustin@gmail.com.

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. Justin Martyr

Youth
Ministry



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 11 MARCH

9:10 AM +PETER FRANCIS DE SOUZA
+ANTONIO & ROSA ABAD
REV. MSGR. VID VLASIC

TUESDAY, 12 MARCH

9:10 AM PRISCA LAM
PETER ALLUM
REV. MSGR. VID VLASIC

WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH

7:00 PM +MARIANNE MISTELBERGER

THURSDAY, 14 MARCH

9:10 AM +MATILDA GRECO
MICHELLE MUNOZ LI FAMILY
LAURA MADEIRA

FRIDAY, 15 MARCH

9:10 AM +DORIS & DONALD HOO FATT
LAURA MADEIRA

7:00 PM SUSAN LEE
ARNOLD LEE WAH

SATURDAY, 16 MARCH

9:10 AM Available
5:00 PM +SHAU FEN LAI
+CAROL SHUM
ROBERT & PEGGY LYEW FAMILY

SUNDAY, 17 MARCH

8:30 AM +JOSE GATO
LAURA MADEIRA
10:30 AM PARISHIONERS
12:30 PM +ALICE & ISAAC MENDES
+LUCIA SIMON
KEVIN WIDJAJA FAMILY
7:00 PM Available

SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 11 MAR – 17 MAR IS AVAILABLE.

MARCH IS BABY MONTH!



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

Carrying Our Crosses



Spreading the Gospel can be difficult in our increasingly secular society. As stewards who are called to receive our gifts from God and put them at the service of the Church, this challenge can sometimes seem daunting. We may be tempted to think that today's society is just too far gone to accept Jesus. We may even see this within our own circle of friends and family members. However, this resistance from society is nothing new and nothing to fear.

In the first reading for the weekend, from 2 Chronicles, we hear how God sent many people on His behalf to spread His word "but [the people] kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words, and scoffing at his prophets." Even in the Old Testament, those who sought to serve God faced hardships and retaliation. Therefore, as stewards, we should not expect everything in our ministry to be perfect or easy.

Jesus says in the Gospel of Matthew that whoever wants to follow Him must take up their cross and follow. To take up the cross is to take up suffering and hardships for the sake of serving Christ.

As stewards, let us not shy away from these crosses but accept them willingly. The cross will forever be the symbol of our hope and salvation. To take part in the cross of Christ by carrying our own crosses is a supreme dignity. Therefore, the next time we face a difficulty in our stewardship, let us simply pray "Lord, help me to carry this cross out of love for you."

Stations of the Cross: We will be praying Stations of the Cross after the 7 pm Mass on Friday, March 15, 2024. Join us for a Lenten season filled with prayer and penance.

CWL EASTER FUNDRAISER



The Catholic Women's League at St. Justin's is happy to offer the Easter Fundraiser. We have beautiful plant arrangements, hydrangeas, lilies and a selection of Aunt Sarah's chocolates. Place your order after Masses on the weekends of March 09/10 & March 16/17. See flyer for details.

Happy Birthday Msgr. Vid! March 12, 2024

*May this day and many more
to come be filled with blessings
for you, your health and
happiness. God Bless you!*



THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

This week onwards, we begin the second part of Lent. Each day's gospel will now be from the Gospel according to John. We can't avoid the feeling of being in a court room for a grand trial. There are "witnesses" and "testimony." It is a battle between the forces of Darkness and Light. The opposition to Jesus mounts. It is inevitable that he will be killed. But we know that the ultimate Judgment in the trial is against Sin and Death. We grow in gratitude and grace as we experience more deeply that this is all "for me."

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!

SHARELIFE

Inspired by God's Love



Today, as we contemplate God's boundless generosity, may we, too, be moved by this same spirit of generosity. May this inspire all of us to be kind, compassionate, and move us to share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through www.stjustin.ca or www.sharelife.org/donate.

Learn how your kindness manifested and changed the lives of many this past year. Visit <https://sharelife.org/impact/> to see the full report. Thank you for your generosity and kindness. May God bless you all.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday (March 23/24)

Saturday at 5 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm and 7 pm

THE GREAT TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday

Mass of our Lord's Supper (March 28)

Thursday at 7 pm

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8-10 pm

Good Friday Services (March 29)

Friday at 9 am, 12 noon and 3 pm

*Stations of the Cross at 7 pm

Easter Vigil (March 30)

Saturday at 8 pm

(No 9:10 am or 5 pm Mass, No Confessions)

Easter Sunday

Resurrection of our Lord (March 31)

8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm and 7 pm

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

The Lenten Reconciliation (Confession) at St. Justin's is scheduled for:

Monday, March 18, 2024

from 10 am to 12 noon

&

from 6:30 – 8:30 pm (Guest Priests are available)

All are welcome to join us as this is a major opportunity to reconcile before Holy Week.

HEALTHY COMMUNICATION, INTIMACY, RELATIONSHIP BUILDING



Give yourself the gift of a joyful marriage by learning the tools of healthy communication. Retrouvaille, a Catholic-origin program, welcomes couples of all faiths to help get their relationships back on track. Join us from April 5-7, 2024, in Mississauga. For more information, call 437 234 5610 or visit <https://www.torontoretrouvaille.com/> or <https://www.helpourmarriage.org/>.

Praying During Lent

Virtually all the saints spent lots of time in prayer. The reason? These wise men and women realized that prayer—that ongoing conversation or relationship with God—is essential to living the Christian life. Prayer powers the spiritual life. When we pray, we are better able to let God work through us instead of trying to “do it ourselves.”

Here are a few ways your children might pick up their prayer this Lent.

1. **Put out holy water** You can underline the connection between Lent and baptism by making holy water available for your kids to bless themselves...at the beginning of the day, at the end of the day, or when they go out.
2. **Do an examen every day.** The examen is one of the most powerful practices for spiritual growth. Popularized by St. Ignatius of Loyola, the examen involves setting aside fifteen or twenty minutes a day to prayerfully “examine” your day to see where God was present, and to discern how God is calling you to grow. See *A Daily Examen for Children and Teens* at the Peanut Butter & Grace website for more information about what to do.
3. **Say the rosary throughout the day** Teens and pre-teens can carry a rosary with them, using it to pray throughout the day. Any set of beads (such as a beaded necklace or bracelet) could be used to keep track of prayers.
4. **Get to know Jesus** Get to know Jesus by reading the Gospels this Lent. Have kids read one of the Gospels in an age-appropriate Bible, or read it together as a family, over the course of Lent. Supplement (but don’t replace) your reading of the Scriptures with any of the great movies or videos depicting the life of Christ. Max McLean’s Gospel of Mark is an excellent one-man dramatic retelling of the Gospel available on YouTube.

5. **Pray three times a day** Did you know that Christians are called to pray throughout the day? We call this prayer the Liturgy of the Hours. While your kids will not be able to pray the actual Divine Office throughout the day, they can pray a simple morning, noon, and evening prayer. Older kids and teens can set an alarm on their digital devices (or get a Catholic prayer app) to remind them.

7. **Go to confession** If your family hasn’t been to confession this year, calendar it for Lent. If you do celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation regularly, try to increase your frequency during Lent. Can you celebrate the sacrament once a week?

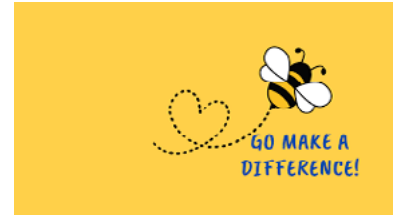
8. **Go to daily Mass** If you’re able, try taking your family to Mass every day during Lent...or pick a special day (perhaps a Friday) once a week to attend daily Mass. If daily Mass is impossible, read the daily Scripture readings with your kids instead.

9. **Pray the Stations of the Cross.** Retrace the steps of Jesus during his suffering and death with your kids by praying the Stations of the Cross, either at our parish or at home. If you cannot do it at home, join us on Fridays at 7 pm.

10. **Pray the Seven Penitential Psalms.** Check out the USCCB website for both audio and text versions of the Seven Penitential Psalms and the Songs of the Suffering Servant and incorporate these into your family prayer time. Scan the QR code to access The Seven Penitential Psalms and the Songs of the Suffering Servant



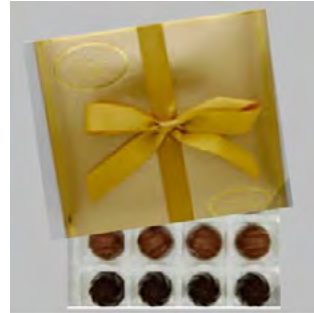
11. **Keep a Lent Journal.** Invite older kids and teens to keep a spiritual diary or journal during Lent. It’s a concrete way for them to keep track of their spiritual life, and an easy step toward doing a daily examen.



St. Justin Martyr Catholic Women's League

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