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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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 18 MARCH

9:10 AM +VERNON D'SYLVA
+ROY DIAZ
TALISA & LAUREN MAK

TUESDAY, 19 MARCH

9:10 AM +CONCETTINA & PIETRO
CONNIZZARO
+BERNADETTE COLACO
JOHN CHEUNG FAMILY

WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH

7:00 PM +ARNOLD IANNUZZI
+GEORGE C.Y. CHIU
JOSEPH CHOW

THURSDAY, 21 MARCH

9:10 AM +SALLY DE JESUS
+ROSALIE DE JESUS
ELISHA FRANCES GERARDO

FRIDAY, 22 MARCH

9:10 AM AUGUSTINE CHOW
7:00 PM +MARY SINGH

SATURDAY, 23 MARCH

9:10 AM +MICHAEL KWOK
JACK & MARIA CHOW
5:00 PM +GERTRUDES GERARDO
TONY CHUCK
COLEEN & PETER ALLUM

SUNDAY, 24 MARCH

8:30 AM +FRANK DENC SHAZI SENIOR
RUZICA DA PONTI
10:30 AM PARISHIONERS
12:30 PM +JOSEPH & JEAN KHOURY
+FRANCIS FERNANDO
NATHAN NAGALLO FAMILY
7:00 PM SHAKIRA BUREN FAMILY

SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 18 MAR – 24 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

Heart Speaks to Heart



As we approach Holy Week, the readings begin to point towards Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. His sacrifice was a sacrifice of love done to reconcile us with God. It is through His sacrifice that we now live in the new covenant between God and humanity. In the first reading, God tells the prophet Jeremiah, "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Through Jesus, a new covenant is formed. One that is not ruled by strict adherence to laws and regulations, but rather one that is based on living in the love of God. The Lord says that He will write the covenant on our hearts. For the Lord to insist on writing it on our hearts, He implies that this covenant will be extremely personal and intimate.

As stewards, we are called into a deep relationship and friendship with God. St. John Henry Newman's motto was "Cor ad cor loquitur", or "Heart speaks unto heart." He fully understood the depths and importance of what it means to be in an intimate relationship with God. Do we likewise try to foster a personal relationship with Christ? Jesus' life, death and resurrection forever changed the way we go to God in prayer. Let us strive to go to Him and bear our heart to Him, that we may be able to grow deeper in relationship with Christ.

Stations of the Cross: We will be praying Stations of the Cross after the 7 pm Mass on Friday, March 22, 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 16/17. See flyer for details.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

The Lenten Confessions (Reconciliation) at St. Justin's is scheduled for the following dates and time:

Monday, March 18
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.

**We will be continuing the regular confessions on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at 9:40 – 10 am and 4-4:45 pm.*

SHARELIFE**This is ShareLife Weekend!**

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. Every day, young people in our community need a helping hand due to homelessness, trafficking, or violence. We thank you for your kindness and generosity. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through www.stjustin.ca or www.sharelife.org/donate.

HOLY LAND PONTIFICAL COLLECTION**Good Friday, March 29, 2024**

The Annual Good Friday Collection is the one and only annual request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy places so important for the faith of Christians around the world. Please give generously this Good Friday, March 29, 2024, using Good Friday/Holy Land Offering envelope or any envelope marked "Holy Land." If you are unable to attend the service, please consider contributing by e-transfer to terresainte@bellnet.ca online at Commissariat.ca. Tax receipts will be issued. Thank you for your generosity and support.

SSVP Requirement: St. Vincent de Paul Society needs boys' winter and summer clothes for triplets, size 8; winter and summer clothes for girl (5T/6T) and for 4-year-old girl (4T/6T). If you can help, please call Maria at 905 887 1254. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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

See our flyer below.

MATURING ADULT'S MINISTRY**Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 10:30 am**

Are you above 55 years? Would you like to meet and chat with people of your age group? Join our Maturing Adult Ministry. Email karen@stjustin.ca to sign up and receive news and updates about the ministry.

If you would like to join our next gathering at the Parish Hall on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 10:30 am, reach out to the Parish Office.

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/>.

SYMBOLS IN OUR HOMES

We need to choose to let our homes be a place full of the holy things that help raise our minds and hearts to God. Our world is full of so many images that lure our minds and hearts elsewhere. Here are some symbols that will carry the ongoing meaning we give them, for us and for our families and loved ones.

A Crucifix

We probably all have a crucifix in our home. If not, Lent might be a wonderful time to buy one and place it in a central place. Even a child's drawing of Jesus' death for us can be a powerful, stirring reminder of God's love.

Water

A simple bowl of water, in a central place, can be transformed into an ongoing reminder of our journey to the font of baptism for the renewal of commitment and life in Christ. Perhaps we can pray over it. "Lord, may this water remind us of our baptism and be a blessing for our home, where our dying and rising in you is lived each day. Bless us, as we sign ourselves with it each day."

Sand

Perhaps a bowl of sand can help us remember our journey. God led the people in their journey in the desert. Jesus himself reenacted that journey to face his own temptations. The desert can be a place of retreat, where there is a freedom from distractions. It can be a good place to be led and to face our temptations.

A Candle

Imagine having a candle in a central place in our home. Imagine praying over it together. "Lord thank you for the gift of your Light in the midst of all darkness. Let this candle be a symbol of our faith in your presence among us." And imagine if we light this candle whenever

we feel tempted away from the Light of Jesus, when we are experiencing tensions in our home, whenever we need special graces. Imagine how powerful experiencing the lighting of the New Fire will be at the Easter Vigil.

Perhaps we have Baptismal candles that were given to us or our children at Baptism. It might be very meaningful to bring them out and lay them near our central candle. We can remember the words that were spoken when we received this candle: "Receive the Light of Christ. ... Keep this flame burning brightly."

Perhaps we have the white baptismal garments that have been used in our family for baptism. These could be taken out. We can remember

the words, "See in the white garments you wear, the outward sign of your Christian dignity. Bring this garment unstained to the joys of everlasting life." It is a symbol of the priesthood in Jesus that we all share.

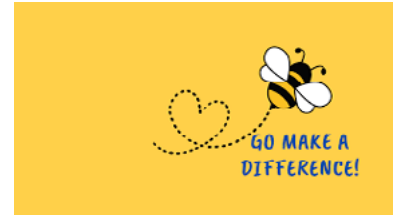
A Bible

The Word is so important for us during Lent. Perhaps the prominent presence of a Bible in our home can represent for us our desire for God's Word in our lives. Imagine the experience that could be ours if - when we feel a new inspiration or a softening of our heart, or just a sense of God's love - we pick up that Bible and simply, reverently kiss it.

A Symbol for Almsgiving

Many of us grew up with a simple box for contributions to the poor around the world on our kitchen table. *Operation Rice Bowl*, a Lenten practice from Catholic Relief Services, has offered a simple tool to make this way of making almsgiving at home very concrete and focused on solidarity with those who have so much less than we do. The key is to give a focus to our sacrifices as a family - eating or living more simply during Lent - in a way which directly connects those sacrifices with the needs of others.

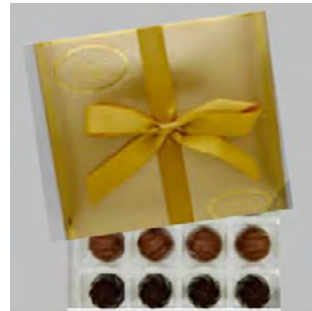




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