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Second Sunday of Advent

“In His days
may righteousness flourish,
and peace abound forever.”



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Hilton Chiu

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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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 08 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +DORIS & DONALD HOO FATT
MARIE & TOM MULLIGAN
REV. CHARLES ANANG

TUESDAY, 09 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +FRANCIS & VIOLETA MARTINEZ
+HON YEE LEUNG
CHRISTOPHER HOANG

WEDNESDAY, 10 DECEMBER

7:00 PM +LUIGI CASTALDI

THURSDAY, 11 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +REGINA HOLDEN
PURIFICACION FABROA

FRIDAY, 12 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +JOHN IVAN VLASIC
+FUNG SIN YUEN

SATURDAY, 13 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +ALBERT & MADELINE NASELLO
+CHARLES YOUNG
+DECEASED MEMBERS OF
SALEM-MATTHEW FAMILY
+DECEASED MEMBERS OF
MADURI-SPINZO FAMILY

5:00 PM +LUIS GALVAN
+EILEEN MENDES
+CONCETTA & DOMENICO
PAPASODARO
ANN MAN-SON-HING
LUCIA SHUM & FAMILY

SUNDAY, 14 DECEMBER

8:30 AM +ANDREW CRISTILLO
+MARIO LO BIANCO
JULINA AH-YAM

10:30 AM PARISHIONERS

12:30 PM +BRENDA CHAN
+DOMENICO FERRARO
+JOHN IVAN VLASIC

7:00 PM +DOMINIC MADURI
+FRANCESCO
SARAH WILKINSON

SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 08 DECEMBER – 14 DECEMBER
IS FOR THE SOUL OF JOHN IVAN VLASIC.

MOVING: PLEASE INFORM THE PARISH OFFICE! Parishioners are reminded to notify the parish office of any change of address. This will help us keep the Parish database up to date and reduce future costs and administrative effort. Thank you for cooperation.

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

A Stewardship Examination

As Christmas carols take over radio stations and shopping malls are filled to capacity, it is easy to lose track of the true purpose of Advent. Essentially, Advent is a time to prepare for the Lord's coming on Christmas Day as well as his final coming at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our own individual judgement day is coming too, where we will stand before the throne of God and give an account of how we have used all the gifts and blessings we have received.

Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship states that "A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master ... and must eventually give an account to the Master for the way in which [the gifts] have been cared for and made fruitful."

This Advent season reminds us to conduct a humble examination of how are we best using our God-given gifts for His glory and the good of the Church. Are we staying faithful to our practice of prayer? Are we using our time to serve and journey with others? Are we taking an active role in the life of the parish community? Are we serving the less fortunate in our community, remembering Christ's words to serve the poor? Are we living for the present world or for the world to come? Let us take this Advent to re-examine how we are being stewards of the gifts in our lives and recommit to fully living the Gospel.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION



Our parish's Annual Advent Reconciliation schedule is as follows:

Monday, December 15, 2025

10 a.m. to 12 noon

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Guest Priests available)

This will be your last major opportunity for Confessions before Christmas. Contact the Parish Office if you need assistance.

SSVP REQUIREMENT: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is requesting woman's winter boots, size 10, and man's winter boots, size 12. If you have new or gently used ones, Please call Maria at 905 887 1254. Thank you for your help.

46th ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY OF REV. MSGR. VID VLASIC (December 08, 2025)

Congratulations Msgr. Vid!



Dear Lord, we thank you for the gift of our priest, Msgr. Vid Vlasic. Today, as we celebrate his anniversary and his journey of priesthood, we ask for your protection over him and his mission. Keep him safe from the world's trials and tribulations, and provide him with courage and strength to face each day. May the blessing of the Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, come upon him and remain with him forever. Amen.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 14, 2025, at 3 pm



Ring in the season with the Choirs of Angels! St. Justin Martyr Parish Choirs welcome you to come and join us in this Season of celebrating our Lord, Jesus Christ with some heart-warming music. Our choirs will be playing their finest seasonal songs on Sunday, December 14, 2025, at 3 pm. All are welcome!

ANNUAL CARING & SHARING PROGRAM

Until December 07, 2025



Our Annual Caring & Sharing Program begins on the weekend of November 22/23. The families that we sponsor are experiencing financial pressures and really need our help. So please be as generous as you can.

We are asking for donations of PC, Loblaws or Walmart gift cards in the amount of either \$25 or \$50 which can be deposited in the offertory baskets passed during the weekend Masses OR dropped off at the Parish Office (weekdays 9 am to 3 pm) OR the secure mailbox outside the parish office. You can also participate with a donation cheque made out to "St. Justin Martyr Church - Caring & Sharing". We are accepting these donations from now until December 07, 2025.

Each sponsored family will be receiving these gift cards in time for them to purchase the Christmas gifts and food that they need for the holidays. This is the 30th year that our parish has undertaken to help families in need at Christmas. With your generosity we can make it happen again!

SHARELIFE GIFT MATCHING PROGRAM



Your gift will double in value! From November 3 until year end (December 31, 2025), your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

This incredible opportunity doubles the impact of each gift, offering much-needed support to our agencies as they meet the growing needs within our community. Donate at <https://sharelife.org/>.

BIBLE STUDY

Luke, The Story of Salvation Fulfilled

The Gospel of Luke takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' ascension into heaven.

Join us for Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled at St. Justin Martyr Parish in Unionville beginning January 22 from 7 pm to 9 pm, or January 24, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, and continuing every Thursday or Saturday for 8 weeks. For more information or to register for the study, contact the parish office or visit www.stjustin.ca. The study will be facilitated by our military chaplain intern, Reuben Thomas.

OUT OF THE COLD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

Saturday, December 13, 2025



Your kindness, generosity and support have helped us feed many over the last years. Our next Casserole delivery is scheduled for Saturday, December 13, 2025. Frozen, labelled casserole can be delivered at the Parish Office on weekdays from 9 am to 3 pm or weekends from 9 am to 1 pm.

For Casserole sign up and for the recipes, visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1b5F9buG3o2DgR-M0dfMEazH4t6ccy9IKXDz3NsKebzc/viewform?edit_requested=true. For more information, email joyvazjones@gmail.com or call Parish Office at 905 479 2463. Thank you in advance!

BAPTISMS AT ST. JUSTIN'S

From Infants upto children, 7 years of age

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A LETTER OF APPRECIATION FOR OUR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM



"My son is currently enrolled in the 2025-2026 St. Justin Martyr Parish First Communion, First Reconciliation Program and I wanted to let you know how well-run this program is. I appreciate all the effort that Rachel has put into this program. I really appreciate that she provide a well detailed schedule of all the important dates and email reminders so that we do not forget the important events. As well, the online classes are very engaging so that it helps the children to stay interested. I cannot thank Rachel enough for all her hard work and dedication to this program. The reason my son took part in this program because my nephew went through the same program and I heard really good feedback from my sister. I just wanted to let you know what a fantastic job Rachel is doing and our family really appreciates it."

From a parent of 2025-'26 First Communion student.

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Give A Gift of the Season!



'Tis Christmas Season of giving! When you make the gift list, make sure to check out our religious gift cupboard for an array of seasonal religious gifts we have in store for you. We

offer Rosaries, Crosses and more. Check with the Parish Office for assistance.

Beeswax Candles: Visit our Gift Cupboard before/after Mass to get pure beeswax candles as a special Christmas gift for your loved ones. Limited stock available.



NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) MASS SCHEDULE

Wed., Dec. 24, 2025

5 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm & 11 pm

Thu., Dec. 25, 2025

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

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S) MASS SCHEDULE

Wed., Dec. 31, 2025, at 5 pm

Thu., Jan. 01, 2026

9 am, 11 am & 7 pm

For more details, visit www.stjustin.ca

THE CHRISTMAS TREE



The history of the Christmas tree dates back to 11th century when religious plays were performed around Europe during the Advent. There would be a tree on the stage, decorated with red apples, to symbolize the Tree of Paradise. In the 15th century, the faithful began displaying paradise trees in their homes on December 24, the feast of Adam and Eve. Later in the 16th century, decorated standing trees became popular in Germany and France. Immigrants brought the tradition to America, but the custom was not popular until the 19th century. It was in the 18th century that the Christmas tree tradition started in Canada.

Decorating Christmas trees offer an opportunity for family prayer. The Christmas tree reminds us of the tree planted in the Garden of Eden and the tree of the Cross that Jesus was crucified on. This year, make a prayer with family after decorating your Christmas tree.

"God, we praise you for the beauty of this tree, may its evergreen branches remind us of Your unending care for all people; may its lights illumine the darkness of the winter nights; may its presence bring cheer and hope for all people. Amen."

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE, CROATIA, ITALY

RENEWED IN FAITH

MAY 11 -22, 2026

VISITING:

Medjugorje – Split – Rome * Vatican –
More sites and details will be shared soon



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