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# ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH



## *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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

St. John XXIII Catholic School	905-477-3288
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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, 28 JULY**

**9:10 AM** +LORETTA D'SYLVA  
VICKY TON & FAMILY  
SAM LAU

**TUESDAY, 29 JULY**

**9:10 AM** +GRACE DE SOUZA  
+IDA SHEIKH  
GILLIAN PATTERSON

**WEDNESDAY, 30 JULY**

**7:00 PM** +LIDIA ALESSIO  
+FATIMA SOARES  
+DUILIO DEL DO & ALDA PASCOLI  
DEL DO  
VICKY TON  
BARRY TENN

**THURSDAY, 31 JULY**

**9:10 AM** +MICHELINA SGANDURRA  
DAMIAN & TOBIAS CHAU  
MAY SJARIFUDDIN

**FRIDAY, 01 AUGUST**

**9:10 AM** +VINCENT D'SOUZA  
RACHEL MARTINEZ  
BONNY SILVA

**7:00 PM** +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

**SATURDAY, 02 AUGUST**

**9:10 AM** +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY  
MILLIE SUM  
LITA & TONY BUZON FAMILY

**5:00 PM** MARIA FAN  
JEFFREY YIU

**SUNDAY, 03 AUGUST**

**8:30 AM** +DAPHNE ELOISE NATIVIDAD

**10:30 AM** PARISHIONERS

**12:30 PM** +JEAN WONG-HING  
+PAUL NG

**7:00 PM** Available

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

FOR THE WEEK OF 28 JULY – 03 AUGUST IS FOR  
THE INTENTIONS OF VICKY TON.

**YCDSB KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS**



The York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten. 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/admissions/](http://www.ycdsb.ca/admissions/), to register for classes starting in September.

**FAREWELL MESSAGE  
FROM OUR SEMINARIAN**



There is so much I would like to say and many people I would like to thank, but I will keep it to just a few words of heartfelt gratitude.

First and foremost, thank you all for being a part of my journey to the priesthood. Your constant support and prayers have been an incredible blessing in my life. I feel truly blessed to have been part of this wonderful parish family here at St. Justin Martyr.

I am especially grateful to our Pastor - Msgr. Vid Vlasic for his guidance and care throughout this year. His mentorship has been a true gift, and I will always carry his wisdom with me.

To the entire parish staff, thank you for your support and for always finding ways to keep me engaged and involved. Your kindness and encouragement have made a lasting impact.

I also want to thank all the Parish Ministries. Your warmth and fellowship have left me with many cherished memories.

As I return to the seminary to continue my studies, I leave knowing that I have a family here at St. Justin Martyr. Please continue to keep me in your prayers, and know that I will be praying for you as well. May God bless you always.

In Christ,  
Abraham Villegas Vazquez – Seminarian Intern

**WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY  
Sunday, July 27, 2025**



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (WDGE) 2025 will be celebrated on Sunday, July 27, 2025, close to the Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, grandparents of Jesus (July 26). The theme is “Blessed are those

who have not lost hope.” (cf. Sirach 14:2). Let us take this opportunity to uplift grandparents and the elderly, cherishing them as blessings in our faith community! For creative tips and resources to help highlight the Day, visit [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca).



## STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

### Prayer

The readings this week remind us of the importance of perseverance in prayer. The first reading tells us about how Abraham prayed to God for the sake of Sodom and Gomorrah because God was going to destroy the cities for their sins. Abraham bargained with God, asking him to spare the cities if God would find even just ten holy people there. Abraham was able to speak to God in an intimate and sincere fashion because he had a relationship with God. Abraham was aware of the awesome power that God had, but like friends speaking to each other, Abraham was able to ask the Lord for mercy on the people.

The Lord wants us to persevere in prayer. Jesus teaches us this lesson again through the story he presents in the Gospel (Luke 11.1-13). When the first friend in the story approaches the second in the middle of the night for food, the second listens because of the relationship that they have and because of the persistence of the first. When Jesus teaches the disciples the "Our Father," he shows us that God is not a distant God. Rather, he is close to us and cares for us with a Father's love. Like any good father, God will give to his children what they ask for, just as long as it is for the well-being and salvation of themselves and others.

Do we see God as our Father? Do we go to him with all our problems and needs? Are we persistent in prayer like Abraham was? When we see ourselves as beloved children of God and learn to rely on God for our every need, our lives become transformed. This is the core of stewardship, to love and give to others out of gratitude for the love and gifts that God has given us. If we struggle with our identity as beloved children of God, let us take some time this week to reflect on this identity, and how as children of God, we are called to serve the Church out of love for God and neighbour.

### FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION

**Friday, August 01, 2025,  
at 9:10 am & 7 pm**

All are invited for the Mass and Adoration on Friday, August 01, 2025, at 9:10 am & 7 pm (Mass, followed by Adoration). Come and join us in prayer with Jesus.



## SSVP BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

### Gift Card Donations from July 26 – August 17



There are families in our community that have difficulty making ends meet every month. These

families have a challenge affording the school supplies their children need to return to school. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is asking for your help to provide assistance to these families. We will be collecting **\$25 or \$50 Walmart gift cards** that we can distribute to the families to purchase the supplies they need.

Please place \$25 or \$50 Walmart gift cards in an envelope marked 'St. Vincent de Paul – Back to School Program' and bring it to the Parish Office or leave it at the secure mailbox outside the Office between July 26 to August 17. Your generosity is much appreciated.

### 33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY

#### Six-Day Retreat, starting August 02, 2025



When we consecrate ourselves to Mary, we give her our entire lives as well as the merits of all our prayers. We give Mary all our works to belong more fully to

Jesus. We also do this so that Mary can do far greater things with our small offerings. We give Mary everything so she can present it all to Jesus.

The Legion of Mary, under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Ryan Nigli, invites you all to join our upcoming seven-day retreat - 33 Days of Morning Glory, starting Saturday, August 02, 2025, from 10:30 am to noon. For details and registrations, please email [MaryQMartyrs@hotmail.com](mailto:Martyrs@hotmail.com).

### KINDLY CHECK FOR EXPIRY DATES



We request everyone who donates to the Food Cupboard to check the items' Expiry Date before donating them. We are grateful for

all your food donations. It is unfortunate that we receive many food items past their expiry date, which are of no use to anyone. By regulations, we are not allowed to pass on food items past their expiry date. If you wish to support us to help the poor, kindly donate items with extended expiry to make it useful to people who are in need. Your support is much appreciated.

## UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

Beginning on Saturday, September 13 at 10:30 am  
Register at [www.bit.ly/4ICNCDA](http://www.bit.ly/4ICNCDA)



Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get stuck by the long stretches that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Old Testament names and

places. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, an eight-week Bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it’s all about.

Aided by a unique color-coded Bible Timeline Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events of the Bible in chronological order, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God’s plan.

St. Justin Martyr Parish will begin the "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" study on Saturday, September 13, at 10:30 a.m. Participants will meet every Saturday for eight weeks, to view an engaging video presentation, followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. To register for the study or for more information, please visit [www.stjustin.ca](http://www.stjustin.ca) or contact the parish office. There will be a material cost of \$40 per person.

## 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.

## BAPTISMS AT ST. JUSTIN’S

### From Infants up to children, 7 years of age



Are you a new parent? Are you planning to get your child Baptized? If you are looking forward to Baptizing your child with us, visit [www.stjustin.ca](http://www.stjustin.ca), call 905-479-2463 or email [stjustinmartyrun@archtoronto.org](mailto:stjustinmartyrun@archtoronto.org).

## SHARELIFE 2025

### Ensure that the Elderly Feels Valued



On World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, your kindness improves the well-being of those who have given us so much. Through

your loving support, ShareLife agencies like Society of Sharing ensure that seniors are embraced by social connection and continue to feel valued in our community.

“Through your compassion and generosity, you have rekindled the hope of some of the most vulnerable seniors in the city. On behalf of all of the staff, volunteers and clients of Society of Sharing, thank you for continuing to give to ShareLife.” – Mariza Garcia, Executive Director, Society of Sharing.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [www.sharelife.org/donate](http://www.sharelife.org/donate).

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday, August 15, 2025, at 9:10 am & 7 pm



“At your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.” – Psalm 45

All are welcome to the Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday, August 15, 2025, at 9:10 am and/or 7 pm.

## ANNUAL MASS FOR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 7 pm



The 2025 Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 7 pm. Masses throughout the Greater Toronto Area and

Barrie will take place for the souls of the deceased buried at our Catholic Cemeteries.

For more location information, visit [www.stjustin.ca](http://www.stjustin.ca).

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# ANNUAL MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025 • 7:00 P.M.



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## Dates – Times – Location

10:30 to 12:00 pm in the parish hall:

September 13

September 20

September 27

October 11

October 18

October 25

November 01

November 08

## Cost – Registration

\$40.00 for the cost of the workbook

## For More Information

Please visit the parish website, or  
contact the parish office

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