

# 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.

**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.

#### PARISH SCHOOLS

St. John XXIII Catholic School	905-477-3288
St. Justin Martyr Catholic School	905-474-0284
St. Matthew Catholic School	905-475-0517
St. Monica Catholic School	905-887-1560
St. Augustine Catholic High School	905-887-6171

## **CONNECT WITH US!**

**PASTOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR** PARISH OPERATIONS MANAGER Karen Natione-Garcea **PARISH SECRETARY** MUSIC DIRECTOR FIRST COMMUNION/RCIC **YOUTH MINISTER CGS COORDINATOR** 

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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**

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, 03 MARCH** 

9:10 AM +PASQUALE PERTA

TSE-SHIH YANG ZHANG RUI-AUE

**TUESDAY, 04 MARCH** 

9:10 AM +JOCELYN SEVILLA

+JEAN WONG-HING

YVETTE YOW

WEDNESDAY, 05 MARCH

Ash Wednesday

Masses at 9 am, 12 noon & 7 pm

THURSDAY, 06 MARCH

9:10 AM +JUANA & JOSE FARAON

RACHEL MARTINEZ

ANNIE LEUNG

FRIDAY, 07 MARCH

9:10 AM +CARMELO SPADOLA

VICTOR & PATRICIA HERNANDEZ

PAUL CHENG

7:00 PM +CESARE RIZZUTO

+KIMYEE CLAIR CHOO MICHAEL TAM & FAMILY

**SATURDAY, 08 MARCH** 

9:10 AM +TEOTONIO GOMES

+MICHAEL TSE

+CHARLES TSE

5:00 PM +CECILIA & AGRIPINO MANALO

**SUNDAY, 09 MARCH** 

**8:30 AM** +EDITHA PACLIBAR

ERIC HAUSER

**10:30 AM** PARISHIONERS

12:30 PM +MODESTINO BUONAIUTO

+FLORENCE HO

**RACHEL MARTINEZ & FAMILY** 

7:00 PM +GREGORIO CARDELLI

+ROMY & JULITA SACRISTA GORDON LAWSON & FAMILY

**SANCTUARY LAMP** 

FOR THE WEEK OF 03 MARCH – 09 MARCH IS FOR THE SOUL OF JEAN WONG-HING.

#### **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 BULLETIN REFLECTIONS Unlocking the Secret of Happiness



"Lord, it is good to give thanks to you." These are the words from the refrain of this weekend's responsorial psalm. Thanksgiving is at the core of what it means to be a

steward. We cannot offer our gifts to our parish communities if we don't first acknowledge and give thanks to God for giving us these gifts in the first place.

Cardinal Thomas Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship\* says that, "deep stewardship begins with gratitude and ends with accountability ... We recognize gratefully that everything in life is a gift of God."

Not only does gratitude unlock a spirituality of stewardship, but it is also the first step in living a life of greater joy. The opposite of gratitude is indifference. Often times we are indifferent and unaware of all the great gifts in our lives. By adopting an intentional lens of gratitude we can begin to realize how blessed we truly are.

St. Gianna Molla beautifully tells us that "the secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness." Wherever we are reading this reflection, let us take a moment to thank God for three things around us. We can express our gratitude for having a roof over our heads, food in our stomachs, or the joy of family and friends. Above all, we can always be thankful for the gift of God's love in our lives. As stewards, let us begin to adopt a spirituality of thanksgiving and begin living more joyful lives.

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES Wednesday, March 05 at 9 am, 12 noon & 7 pm



Ash Wednesday Masses are celebrated on Wednesday, March 05, 2025 at 9 am, 12 noon & 7 pm.

We remind all parishioners that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (only one full meal) for Catholics (ages 18 to 59 years) and abstinence from meat (ages 14 and up).

#### PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

"O merciful and loving God, fountain of all grace and source of eternal healing, be with our Holy Father as he faces this battle with illness. Surround him, O Lord, with boundless compassion and strengthen his spirit so that he may regain the health needed to continue to lead your flock with a father's heart. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."



## FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION

Friday, March 07, 2025, at 9:10 am

All are invited for the Mass and Adoration on Friday, March 07, 2025 at 9:10 am (followed by Adoration). Come and join us in prayer with Jesus.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS From March 7 onwards, Fridays at 7 pm



We will be praying Stations of the Cross, following the 7 pm Mass on Fridays, following Ash Wednesday until Easter. Join us for a Lenten season filled with prayer and penance.

### OUT OF THE COLD CASSEROLE PROGRAM Saturday, March 22, 2025



Your kindness, generosity and support have helped us feed many over the last years. Out next Casserole delivery is scheduled for

Saturday, March 22, 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 <a href="https://forms.gle/w6Vi4fWkSHSZRaZK9">https://forms.gle/w6Vi4fWkSHSZRaZK9</a>. For more information, email <a href="mailto:joyvazjones@gmail.com">joyvazjones@gmail.com</a> or call Parish Office at 905 479 2463. Thank you in advance!

#### **ANCHORED SUMMER CAMP 2025**

Week 1: July 14 - July 18 Week 2: July 21 - July 25



The registration for Anchored Summer Camp is open now. Camp registrations are open for children from Grade 1 to 5 in September 2025. The camp runs for two weeks from 9 am to 2:30 pm. Each child could

attend one week of camp. To register, visit <a href="www.stjustin.ca">www.stjustin.ca</a>. Limited spots available.

#### **2025 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN**



As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 30, it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal, addressing the growing needs in our communities. By reaching this goal, our agencies

will continue to:

- •offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues
- •help victims of domestic violence
- •ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten
- •distribute food to families in our community
- •form priests and deacons who will minister in our parishes

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at <a href="https://www.sharelife.org/donate">www.sharelife.org/donate</a>.

## **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.

### LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 9 am to 6 pm



Lift Jesus Higher Rally (LJHR) is an annual event for Youth and Adults that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and Eucharistic Adoration. The 2025 rally is on Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 9 am to 6 pm at 255 Front Street West, Toronto M5V 2W6.

For more details about tickets and transportation, visit https://www.ljhr.ca/rally\_tickets/.

**Scent-Free Environment:** Considering those with sensitive lungs or allergies, the Church environment needs to be maintained scent-free. Kindly refrain from using scents of any kind before coming for Mass or gatherings. We appreciate your cooperation.



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