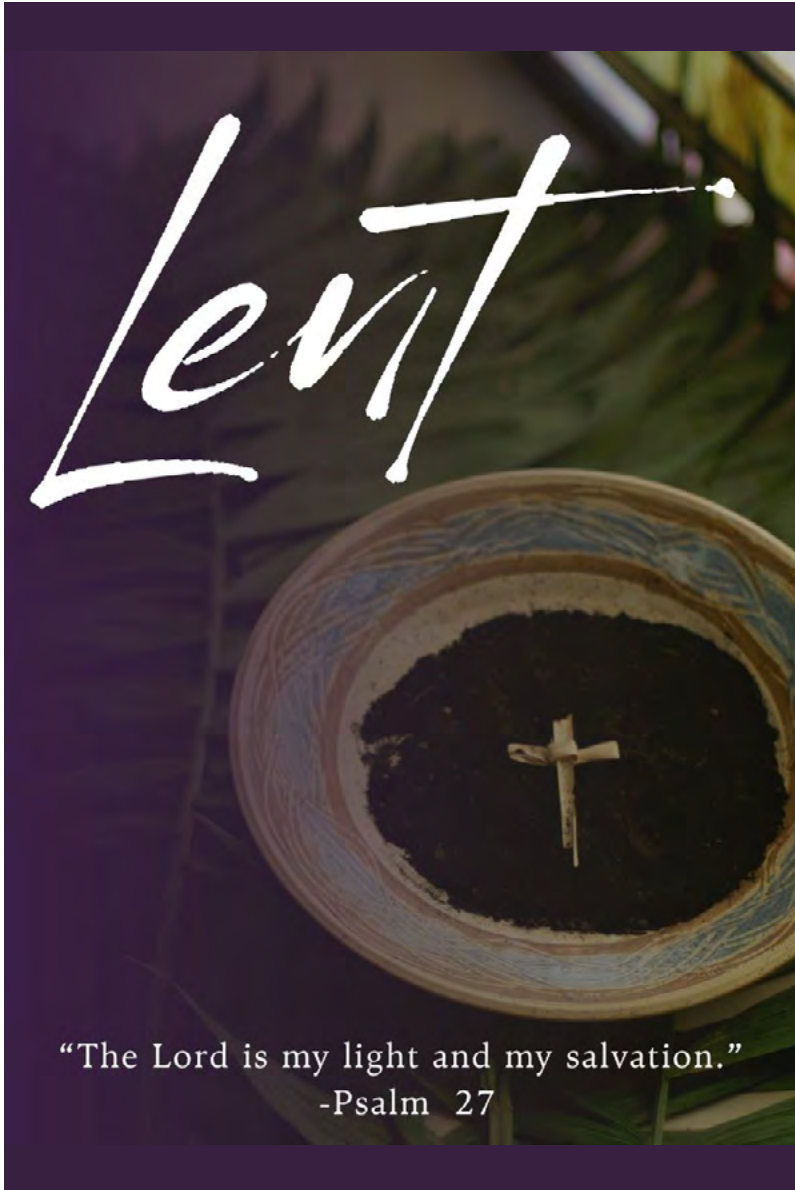




ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH



“The Lord is my light and my salvation.”
-Psalm 27

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
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St. Matthew Catholic School	905-475-0517
St. Monica Catholic School	905-887-1560
St. Augustine Catholic High School	905-887-6171

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PASTOR	Msgr. Vid Vlasic
ASSOCIATE PASTOR	Rev. Ryan Nigli
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Youth
Ministry



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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, 17 MARCH

9:10 AM +FRANCIS TONG
+AL JACOB
DENISE CHAN

TUESDAY, 18 MARCH

9:10 AM REV. MSGR. VID VLASIC

WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH

7:00 PM +CONCETTINA & PIETRO
CANNIZZARO
+JOSEF SALLABERGER
+PASQUALE PERTA
+JEAN WONG-HING
ZUI YU BI

THURSDAY, 20 MARCH

9:10 AM +ARNOLD IANNUZZI
+ALFREDO TORRES

FRIDAY, 21 MARCH

9:10 AM +JOHN EVANGELIST LING
+ROSALIE DE JESUS
ELISHA FRANCES B. GERARDO
7:00 PM AUGUSTINE CHAU

SATURDAY, 22 MARCH

9:10 AM +CHAN MOY YOUNG
+JAMES WONG
+MAXIME LIYING LUNG
JOEL & CARIDAD CANLAS
5:00 PM +ROCCO LOMBARDI
+PASQUALE PERTA
+JEAN WONG-HING

SUNDAY, 23 MARCH

8:30 AM +JOSE GATO
GERTRUDES GERARDO
VICTOR DE JESUS

10:30 AM PARISHIONERS

12:30 PM +CARMELA LISCIO
+JEAN WONG-HING
+BRIGIDO VALENTINO

7:00 PM +MICHAEL FELLIN

SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 17 MARCH – 23 MARCH IS FOR THE SOUL OF JEAN WONG-HING.

PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. RYAN NIGLI

Information Session: Sat., Mar. 29 at 6:15 pm



Join Fr. Ryan Nigli for a spiritual pilgrimage to France and Spain from November 3-14 (12 days). There will be a Pilgrimage Information Session held on

Saturday, March 29 at 6:15 pm in the Parish Hall. All who are interested are welcome to attend this session.

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

Ascending and Descending the Mountain



Every Second Sunday of Lent the Church invites us to reflect on the account of the Transfiguration of Christ.

This passage (Luke 9.28b-36) describes how Jesus went up a mountain with Peter, James and John, and was transfigured before them, revealing His divine glory. The apostles, although wanting to stay upon the mountain, are brought back down into the real world. These two movements, of ascent and descent, are critical in the lives of stewards.

Firstly, we too are invited to ascend the heights of mountain-top spiritual experiences. To ascend the mountain is to take some time away from the noise of the world to experience the glory and majesty of Christ. Sometimes this involves large mountains such as attending retreats or conferences. However, we can also ascend the mountain every time we turn to prayer and build up our relationship with God. All these moments are essential in keeping our faith alive and active.

However, this is where the second aspect of descent becomes so important. Unless we are called to live as a brother or sister in a contemplative religious order, we are not called to always remain tucked away in retreats or prayer. Instead, we are called to be strengthened through our mountain top experiences so that we will have the grace to go out into the world and spread the Gospel. This Lent, let us take some time to be nourished on the mountain so that we will be all the more ready to proclaim the Good News.

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.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WISHES AND PRAYERS



I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the entire parish community for celebrating my 75th Birthday. Thank you for your greetings, gifts, prayers, and best wishes. I am ever grateful for your love and kindness, not just this day, but every day.

Special thanks to Karen Nazione Garcea and Anita Lee for organizing the gatherings, helping me celebrate with parishioners and well-wishers. Thanks to Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League, Legion of Mary, Craft & Needlework group, all other ministries, and my staff for being there to celebrate with me. The best gift of all is this parish of amazing, loving, and kind parishioners. God bless you all!

In Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Vid Vlastic

Pastor: St. Justin Martyr Parish

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 <https://forms.gle/w6Vi4fWkSHSZRaZK9>. For more information, email joyvazjones@gmail.com or call Parish Office at 905 479 2463. Thank you in advance!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Mass on 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.

LENTEN MISSION 2025

Monday, March 24 & Tuesday, March 25 from 7-9 pm

Join us for two faith-filled evenings of praise and worship, Veneration of the Cross, Adoration, and healing prayers. Our Speaker, Fr. Hansoo Park, Pastor as St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough, will be leading the congregation on the topic "Jesus: The Healer for Pilgrims of Hope." All are welcome!

2025 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN March 29/30 is ShareLife Weekend



Through your support of ShareLife, you extend the hands of Christ to those in need: the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized in our community. You've been there for young parents as they worried about their next meal, isolated seniors yearning for companionship, teenagers seeking guidance in a confusing world, refugees longing to rebuild their lives, and people with special needs striving for dignity and acceptance. Thank you for living the Gospel through your compassion. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org/donate.

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 22/23 and 29/30. Visit www.stjustin.ca for details.

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.

What are you doing for Lent?

Pray: Be in constant prayer. Pray for your family and friends, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.

Do good works: Help those in need. Pray for them and be ready to serve them in their time of need.

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“With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope”

Pilgrimage to France & Spain

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Associate Pastor, St. Justin Martyr Parish in Unionville

November 3 -14, 2025 - 12 days - \$4,990.00 (Toronto Dep. incl. all taxes and tips)



Nov. 03 Late evening departure from Toronto to Paris.

Nov. 04 Late morning arrival in Paris. Upon arrival we are transferred to Lisieux, city of St. Thérèse, "The Little Flower" where we celebrate Mass in the Basilica dedicated to her. Continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Nov. 05 After breakfast we travel to Paris. Upon arrival we visit the Basilica of Sacré Coeur de Montmartre where we celebrate Mass. Some free time before transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight.



Nov. 06 Today our tour of the city includes views of Eiffel Tower, Place de La Concorde and Champs-Élysées. We visit Notre Dame Cathedral (if available) and Miraculous Medal chapel where we celebrate Mass. In the afternoon sightseeing river boat on river Seine. Transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight.

Nov. 07 This morning we depart to Nevers. Upon arrival we visit the chapel at St. Gildard church where St. Bernadette died in 1879 and was buried. We will have a chance to see and venerate her incorruptible body placed in a crystal coffin. Mass in the chapel. Then on to Paray-le-Monial to visit Basilica of Sacre Coeur and the Chapel of the Visitation. Continue to Macon for dinner and overnight



Nov. 08 After breakfast we depart to Ars. En route we visit the famous Benedictine Abbey of Cluny. Then stop in nearby Taize, a center of ecumenical movement. Upon arrival in Ars we visit the Shrine of St. John Vianney where we celebrate Mass. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Nov. 09 Today we travel to Avignon. On the way we stop in Lyon for a tour and a visit to the cathedral. Then continue through the peaceful landscape of Provence to Avignon, residence of Popes in the 14th century. We visit the ancient walled old town and the Cathedral of Avignon, where we have Mass before being transferred to our hotel for dinner and overnight.



Nov. 10 Morning departure to Lourdes, the birthplace of St. Bernadette to whom Our Lady appeared in 1858. En route we stop in Carcassonne, a mediaval town surrounded by ancient walls. Upon arrival in Lourdes Mass, dinner, rosary procession with candles and overnight.

Nov. 11 Full day in Lourdes. Time to visit the Grotto and the Basilicas. We have Mass and The Way of The Cross, time for individual prayer and bath, dinner and overnight.

Nov. 12 Today we travel to Segovia in Spain. En route we stop in Burgos and visit the magnificent Gothic Cathedral and celebrate Mass. Continue to Segovia for dinner and overnight.



Nov. 13 This morning we tour Segovia, a town rich in architectural legacy, including mediaval walls, Romanesque churches, a former royal palace and a Gothic cathedral. Continue to Avila, the city of St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross where we celebrate Mass at the St. Teresa convent. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Nov. 14 This morning, we are transferred to Madrid airport for a flight to Toronto. Evening arrival.

Travel arrangements by
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