

# 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 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 9:00 am - 1:00 pm 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Saturday Sunday



#### MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, 17 NOVEMBER** 

9:10 AM +FRANCIS TONG

+DORIS SIU

**+BARRY WATTS** 

TUESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER

9:10 AM +VERNON D'SYLVA

+GIUSEPPINA & MICHELE PUCCI

+RAFAEL ANTONIO GOROSPE

WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER

7:00 PM +MARY SILVEIRA

+ANGELO STAFFIERE

MYLA MENDINUETO MARTINEZ

& FAMILY

JULINA AH YAM

THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER

9:10 AM +ARNOLD IANNUZZI

+CELESTINO CRUZ

**MATTHEW VOYCE** 

FRIDAY, 21 NOVEMBER

9:10 AM +ALEX CHIU

JUDITH WONG & FAMILY

**SATURDAY, 22 NOVEMBER** 

9:10 AM +OPEL MONSOD

+MICHAEL KWOK

5:00 PM +CHAN CHI TUNG

+FREDDIE ABAD

+CECILIA & AGRIPINO MANALO

**SUNDAY, 23 NOVEMBER** 

8:30 AM +ANTONIO, ROSA, ENRICO ABAP

+JAMES CHOO MING TON

DAN DENVEK LIBUNAO

**10:30 AM** PARISHIONERS

**12:30 PM** +HENDERSON WILLIAMS

+TERESA LAU SAI CHUN SO

ALEX & ANGELA CHAN

THIO HOA ENG

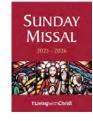
7:00 PM +MICHAEL FELLIN

SARAH WILKINSON

SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 17 NOVEMBER – 23 NOVEMBER IS FOR THE SOUL OF JACKIE WONG.

### SUNDAY MISSALS Available Now



Missals for the 2025-'26 Liturgical year are available now. Get your copy while you are in the Church from the Church foyer or contact the Parish Office (limited copies available). Donation is \$5 per missal.

# STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS Contemplating Life and Death



Benjamin Franklin has been quoted to say that there are only two things certain in life: death and taxes. While much can be said about the

latter, let us focus on the former, namely, death. Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship asserts that "the thought of death is spiritually fruitful, as it forces each of us to consider our priorities."

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Mass readings point toward Christ's Second Coming and the end of our earthly life (Malachi 4.1-2; 2 Thessalonians 3.7-12; Luke 21.5-19). Through the contemplation of our limited time on earth, we can ask ourselves if we are appropriately using our gifts to serve Christ in the poor and our neighbour. One great gift we can share is that of our time. Cardinal Collins says that "we can use our time in this life to be selfish, or to be generous to others. The blessed used their time here to care for those in need."

Two practical ways we can effectively and generously use our time is in prayer and active presence with our neighbour. It is primarily important to spend time in prayer, in order to begin to know, love and worship God and come to understand His love and mercy for us. Consequently, with the fire of God's love fostered through our time in prayer, our time spent with others will be more fruitful, as it will now be God's love within us reaching out to others. So, as we journey with our eyes fixed heavenward, let us generously give our time to God and our parish community.

### SHEPHERD'S TRUST COLLECTION November 15/16, 2025

November 15/16, we are collecting for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE November 21, 22 & 23, 2025



We invite you to St. Justin Martyr Parish Annual Christmas sale! Save the date for the big event, scheduled for November 21, 22 & 23, 2025. Come and feel the spirit of Christmas. We offer

handmade Christmas gifts, craft items, baked goods, and some Christmas cheer too. All are welcome!

**TWILIGHT EVENT**: We invite you to reserve your spot for the Twilight Event on Friday, November 21 at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. Enjoy early Christmas shopping, gift prizes, refreshments, and more. For reservations, email <a href="mailto:balfred@archtoronto.org">balfred@archtoronto.org</a>. Tickets are \$20 per person (cash/cheque, paid at the office).

#### VICTORIAN-THEMED TEA ROOM: All are



welcome to come and enjoy the Catholic Women's League Victorian-Themed Tearoom on **Saturday**, **November 22 from 10 am to 3 pm**. Enjoy sandwiches, tarts, and of course, tea. No reservations required.

### K of C CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKE SALE Place Your Orders



The Knights of Columbus at St. Justin's is taking orders for homemade, traditional Christmas Fruit Cakes over the weekends of November 08/09 and 15/16 at the Knights of Columbus table in the

foyer after every Mass. Place your order now for a delicious treat this Christmas season.

## CWL POINSETTIA SALE Reserve Your Poinsettias.



The Catholic Women's League at St. Justin's is pleased to offer premium poinsettias for sale this year. Orders will be taken after the Masses on 15/16 at the CWL table in the Church foyer. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, or e-

transfer at the time of ordering. Your orders can be picked up on the weekend of December 6/7 after all masses. All proceeds go to various local, national, and international charities. Thank you for your support!

#### 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 <a href="https://sharelife.org/">https://sharelife.org/</a>.

## WORLD DAY OF THE POOR November 16, 2025



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) in Canada is using November 16, 2025, which Pope Francis declared The World Day of the Poor, as a day in which we are encouraged to consider those less fortunate than ourselves and to give generously what

we can. The Society provide food and material help to the most needed in Canada. Please be generous.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> year that our parish has undertaken to help families in need at Christmas. With your generosity we can make it happen again!

## FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

### Saturday, November 29, 2025 at 9 am



Learn how to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection, how to create your own legacy, about our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials

and funerals etc. Three ways to register:

- 1. scan the OR code
- 2. follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebNov29
- 3. send an email to: <u>Development@ArchToronto.org</u> and write "webinar November 29" in the title line with your name(s) in the body of the message.

#### **REJOICE!**

## St. Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert at Massey Hall Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 7 pm

St. Michael's Choir School presents Rejoice! Jubilee Celebration - 60 Years at Massey Hall!

This year marks a sacred milestone in the life of St. Michael's Choir School and our wider community. As we celebrate six decades of music in this historic space, we embrace the spirit of the Jubliee Year - a time of hope, renewal, and joy in Christ's birth. Let this evening be a song of gratitude for the past, a proclamation of joy in the present, and a prayerful step into the future. Tickets are now available at <a href="https://www.masseyhall.com">www.masseyhall.com</a>. Please use Promo Code: "STARLIGHT." For ticket information, please call the Massey Hall Box Office at 416 872 4255.

## OUT OF THE COLD CASSEROLE PROGRAM Saturday, December 13, 2025



Your kindness, generosity and support have helped us feed many over the last years. Out 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 <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1b5F9buG3o2DgR-M0dfMEazH4t6ccy9IKXDz3NsKebzc/viewform?editrequested=true">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1b5F9buG3o2DgR-M0dfMEazH4t6ccy9IKXDz3NsKebzc/viewform?editrequested=true</a>. For more information, email <a href="mailtojoyvazjones@gmail.com">joyvazjones@gmail.com</a> or call Parish Office at 905 479 2463. Thank you in advance!

#### 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.

## 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!

# BAPTISMS AT ST. JUSTIN'S From Infants upto 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 <a href="www.stjustin.ca">www.stjustin.ca</a>, call 905-479-2463 or email <a href="stjustinmartyrun@archtoronto.org">stjustinmartyrun@archtoronto.org</a>.

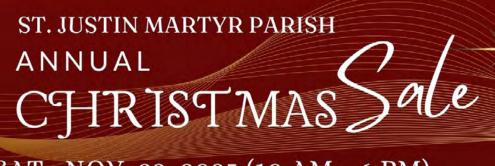
#### 2026 DONATION ENVELOPES: The Donation



Envelopes for the year 2026 will be available for pick up from the weekend of December 6 onwards. Please reach out to the Parish Office, if you need assistance.

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 databases up to date and reduce future costs and administrative effort. Thank you for your cooperation.

**SSVP REQUIREMENT**: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in need of a stove for one of our Neighbors in need. Perhaps you have a used one to give away. Please call Maria at 905 887 1254. Thank you for your kindness.



SAT., NOV. 22, 2025 (10 AM - 6 PM) SUN., NOV. 23, 2025 (9 AM - 2 PM)

## **FREE ADMISSION**

Join us at the Tea Room, Shop for Christmas gifts, Decors, Arrangements, Baked goods, Raffle, and more!

# TWILIGHT EVENT

FRI., NOV. 21, 2025 (6 PM - 8 PM)

## **LIMITED TICKETS: \$20 PER PERSON**

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