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ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH

First Sunday of Advent

"Let us go rejoicing
to the house of the Lord."



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."

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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.

ANOIDTING 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.

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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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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 01 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +JOHN IVAN VLASIC
+ANNA RIGA
DESIREE MADEIRA

TUESDAY, 02 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +PAUL SUIESH EMILIANEO
+CELESTINE CRUZ

WEDNESDAY, 03 DECEMBER

7:00 PM +ALESSANDRO CUBELLIS
+PEDRO ROZARIO
+EILEEN MENDES
+HON FAN SHIU
GERALD WONG-HING

THURSDAY, 04 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +CELESTINO CRUZ
+JOSEPH NG
+DELIA GALVEZ CALORA

FRIDAY, 05 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +VINCENT D'SOUZA
+JOJO SAN LUIS PENA
+JOHN IVAN VLASIC

7:00 PM +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY
+MICHELE NARDELLA
+SOON & MARGARITA WONG
+MARCEL & DOROTHY EDMONDS

SATURDAY, 06 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY
+MERCEDITA OH
+RITA OH
LUKE LEUNG
LITA BUZON

5:00 PM +ROCCO CORNACCHIA
+GRAZIANO PAPSODARO
COLEEN & PETER ALLUM
ANNA NG & FAMILY

SUNDAY, 07 DECEMBER

8:30 AM +TERESA PEREIRA
+JOSE GATO
+PAO PUI HAR CHAN

10:30 AM PARISHIONERS

12:30 PM +VICTOR ROSA
+ASHLEY VASQUEZ
ARIELLE CHAN-KIM

7:00 PM +LIGIA PAPA
SARAH WILKINSON

SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 01 DECEMBER – 07 DECEMBER
IS FOR THE SOUL OF JOHN IVAN VLASIC.

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

Preparing Ourselves for Christ

This Sunday marks the beginning of the beautiful season of Advent, a time to deepen our relationship with Christ. In the Gospel (Matthew 24.37-44), Jesus exhorts us to “keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.” This exhortation doesn’t imply that we are expected to never sleep, or sin, again, but that we must consistently strive to move from a life of running towards sin, to a life of running away from sin.

One tremendous way we can do this is to receive God’s merciful love in the sacrament of reconciliation. It is important to remember that the Lord eagerly and lovingly awaits to forgive us. The whole purpose of the Incarnation was for this reason, as St. John says in his first letter, “in this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.”

Jesus became man for our salvation. In going to confession, we are enabling the Lord to fulfill His salvific mission in our lives which brings Him boundless joy.

This cleansing of our sins will greatly help us live out our lives as stewards by infusing all of our actions with the grace that flows from the sacrament. In order to receive the graces well, let us foster a sense of contrition for our sins, a firm purpose of amendment for our lives and a commitment to penance. All parishes in the Archdiocese will be hosting an Advent Day of Confessions to make it easier for us to avail ourselves to this sacrament. Let us take this season of preparation to become better stewards by properly preparing our own souls for the coming of Christ in our lives.

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.

EXCERPT FROM ARCHBISHOP LEO'S ADVENT MESSAGE



Dear friends, as we mark the beginning of the new liturgical year, we cannot help but reflect on the passage of time and indeed on the fullness of time

(cf. Gal 4:1-8). As we look forward to the fullness of God's promise, I invite you to take this sacred time to (i) rediscover the freshness of the Gospel by dedicating a few minutes each day in prayerfully reading a passage or two of the Word of God; (ii) let us be courageous and let go of any resentment we harbor towards others; (iii) let us be men and women of communion and forgiveness, always ready and active in bringing about unity among us, in our relationships, home and community. In doing so, we will note that our heart is opening more and more and making room for Christ to dwell therein. In this holy season of Advent, the Church waits not only for the birth of the Child Jesus in Bethlehem but for the rebirth of the human heart today - a true jubilee of grace, where hope becomes joy and waiting becomes mission. Wishing you all a blessed Advent season guided and accompanied by the powerful and maternal mediation of Our Lady of Advent.

Read full message at www.stjustin.ca.

CANDIDACY MASS FOR SEMINARIANS

Monday, December 01, 2025 at 7 pm

Seminarians Abraham Villegas Vazquez and Sebastian Novoa Rodrigues from the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary of the Archdiocese of Toronto, will be Admitted to Candidacy for Holy Orders. Through a special Rite, the Church will officially recognize them as suitable candidates for the reception of the diaconate and priesthood in the near future. This Rite will be celebrated within the Mass presided by His Excellency John Boissonneau, the Senior Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto, on Monday, December 1, 2026, at 7 pm with reception to follow. We invite you to join Abraham, our last year's seminarian intern, and Sebastian, in this important step in their journey towards priesthood.

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.

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!

MASS & ADORATION

Friday, December 05, 2025, at 9:10 am & 7 pm



All are invited for the Masses and Adoration on Friday, December 05, 2025 at 9:10 am (followed by Adoration) and at 7 pm (followed by Adoration). Come and join us in prayer with Jesus.

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!

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.

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. 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 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

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, call 905-479-2463 or email stjustinmartyrun@archtoronto.org.

2025 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE Congratulations Winners!



Twilight Event 2025 Door Prize Winners:

Congratulations to our Twilight Event Door Prize Winners – Jenn Iannuzzi, Nicki DePalma, and Virginia Liscio!!!

Craft Sale 2025 Raffle Prize Winners:

Panasonic tumbler blender	Margaret Wong
Baby Blanket	Agnes Lam
Two Decorative "Angels Among Us"	James Gylefield
Picture of St. Joseph with Jesus	Jose Cruz
Japanese Tea set	Andrea Tang
Quilt with Nativity Scene	Judy Chung
Double Dragon decorative Platter	Stephen Phang-Lyn
Jalapeno-style Cheese Board with cheese slicer	Kathleen Koyama
Village Grocer Gift basket	Patrick Therrien

Thank You All! – To all the crafters and bakers, thank you for your generous donations and for sharing your time and talents with us in making the Annual Christmas Sale a success. To everyone who came to support the sale, we are very thankful for your support.

Wishing everyone a blessed Advent season!

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 Jubilee 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 www.masseyhall.com. Please use Promo Code: "STARLIGHT." For ticket information, please call the Massey Hall Box Office at 416 872 4255.

ADVENT SYMBOLS & THEIR MEANING

Advent is a time of longing and waiting for the Lord to come. Premature decoration of the Church building and early use of Christmas songs at liturgy compromise the spirit of expectation.



The Advent Wreath: The evergreen circle and four candles of the Advent Wreath reflect the passage of the Advent season. It is often

blessed at the beginning of Mass on the First Sunday of Advent.



Violet Vestments: reflect the longing anticipation, not penance. Rose vestments may be used on the third (Gaudete) Sunday to signal the mid-point of the season.



Reconciliation: Although not a season of penance, Reconciliation finds a special place in Advent as we prepare for Christmas and seek to approach Jesus' coming with hearts free of sin and filled with praise.



Glory to God: Gloria is not sung and the organ and other musical instruments are used in moderation to allow us to anticipate the full joy of December 25th, when they are taken up again. Flowers may be used, but in moderation so as to leave a sense of abundance for the Nativity.

"If you have something dark in your soul, ask the Lord for forgiveness. Christmas is a great opportunity to cleanse the soul!" – Pope Francis

DONATING GIFT OF SECURITIES

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and an increased support of various archdiocesan charities such as your Parish, ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary and others.

For further information, contact the Development Office at development@archtoronto.org.



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



BLESSING OF CRECHE

**Wednesday, December 03, 2025, after
7 pm Mass**

All are welcome to attend the 7 pm Mass on Wednesday, December 03, and the blessing of Creche thereafter.

RELIGIOUS GIFT CUPBOARD

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.

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.



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