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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.

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	Msgr. Vid Vlasic
ASSOCIATE PASTOR	Rev. Ryan Nigli
PARISH OPERATIONS MANAGER	Karen Nazione-Garcea
PARISH SECRETARY	Binita Alfred
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Julia Iacono-Hauser
FIRST COMMUNION/RCIC	Rachel Martinez
YOUTH MINISTER	Hilton Chiu
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St. Justin Martyr

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, 08 SEPTEMBER

9:10 AM +DORIS & DONALD HOO FATT
ANITA & PAUL LEE FAMILY
LUCIANI SJARIFUDDIN

TUESDAY, 09 SEPTEMBER

9:10 AM HYACINTH YANG
RAYMOND LAU
JOANNE BOICEY

WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER

7:00 PM EDITH LAU
JORDAN & BIANCA MAYA

THURSDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER

9:10 AM +SHAU FEN LAI

FRIDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER

9:10 AM +VIVIAN QUINN
7:00 PM VICKI LEE
JACKI LEE

SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER

9:10 AM Available
5:00 PM +RALPH DE PALMA
MAY FONG CHOW
RYAN SOO SEE
RICHARD & TERI LEE FAMILY
LEGION OF MARY

SUNDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER

8:30 AM +ION MICHAEL LOWING
+EUGENIO MENENDEZ
10:30 AM PARISHIONERS
12:30 PM Available
7:00 PM +MEI LING KWONG

SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 08 SEPTEMBER – 14
SEPTEMBER IS AVAILABLE.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Calling All Youth from Ages 7-12



Young children from
ages 7-12 are welcome
to register for the
Children's Choir for
the opportunity to sing

on Sundays at 12:30 pm Mass.

Singing in the Choir is a great chance to actively participate in the Mass in a very positive and uplifting way. It is yet another way to forge wonderful friendship as well. Children's Choir will practice weekly in the Church on Tuesdays from 4:45– 6 pm. Click the link below or reach out to the Parish Office for more information.

To register your child, click the link below:
<https://forms.office.com/r/7VrJP3Nk64>

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

Giving the Gift of Ourselves



At first glance, Jesus' words in the Gospel this Sunday (Luke 14.25-33) seem like a cruel and impossible ideal for any Christian to live.

Surely he doesn't mean for us to hate our fathers and mothers and even life itself, right? However, these words all point to the most central mystery of today's gospel, that "whoever of you does not give up all their possessions cannot be my disciple."

Now the Lord doesn't mean to suggest that all of us should have no possessions, but rather to live with a lens that gratefully views all our possessions as gifts from God, that are meant to be used for His glory and the good of the Church. This lens is at the very core of what it means to live as a steward. Cardinal Collins, in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* states that good stewards are "meant to use God's gift fruitfully and creatively, so that with true gratitude for what we have received we may return God's gifts to Him with increase." These gifts do not involve simply financial goods, but the gifts of our time and talents as well.

As the new school year is beginning and many ministries in the parish are gearing up for a new year, we should ask ourselves, how can we lend our time and gifts to serve others? By taking today's Gospel message to heart, we can learn to be even more generous with the gift of our lives, as we boldly and joyfully proclaim our identity as Jesus' disciples.

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

September 01- October 04

"Peace with Creation"



The Season of Creation challenges the entire global Christian family to care for God's creation through prayer and action. The Season of Creation begins on September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4, the Feast of St.

Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. This year's theme is "Peace with Creation" and the symbol is "Garden of Peace", inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18. May God bless everyone that we may receive the grace to respect and care for His creation.

WELCOME FR. MARKO BUSIĆ!

Associate Pastor



We are glad to welcome our second Associate Pastor – Fr. Marko. He will be part of many of our ministries and celebrations. We extend our prayers and good wishes to Fr. Marko as he enters this new chapter in his ministry and service at St. Justin's.

WELCOME SEMINARIAN!

We are glad to welcome our Seminarian, Mr. Jonathan Harper. He will be joining us on selected weekends as part of pastoral experience. St. Justin Martyr Parish community wishes him blessings in this journey forward.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2025-2026 Registrations are Open

First Reconciliation & Holy Communion Sacramental Preparation Alert:

Parents of children entering Grade 2 and above this upcoming school year are requested to enroll their child(ren) for the First Reconciliation, First Communion Sacramental Preparation Program. The link to register is available at www.stjustin.ca.

If your child (age 7 and older) has not been Baptized in the Catholic faith, please contact Sacramental Preparation Coordinator- Rachel Martinez at the earliest at sjm.rcic@gmail.com.

Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Alert:

Parents of children entering Grade 7 and above this upcoming school year are requested to enroll their child(ren) for the Sacrament of Confirmation. For the registration link and details, visit www.stjustin.ca.

If your child is not Baptized or haven't had First Holy Communion, contact Rachel Martinez at the earliest at sjm.rcic@gmail.com.

SHARELIFE 2025

'If you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness.'

Living the Gospel means caring for those who are hungry and vulnerable every single day. Please help fight hunger through sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for your kind generosity!

CHRISTOPHER LEADERSHIP COURSE

Location: St. Justin Martyr Parish, Unionville

You're the one everyone relies on but still feel overlooked.

You know your work matters, but it's not being recognized.

You have ideas but struggle to speak up confidently.

Does this sound like you? Then the Christopher Leadership Course is for you. 10-weeks of classes begin on Monday, 29 September 2025 (3 hours each week). The course is open to everyone over 16 years of age, to help grow in confidence, communication, and leadership skills. Invest in yourself!

For details, contact 416 410 7776 or visit www.clctorontoeast.com for details.

BLESSED FREDERICK OZANAM PARISH PICKLEBALL FUNDRAISER

Saturday, 13 September 2025

Join Blessed Ozanam Parish for a fun-filled day of Pickleball in support of the new Church building fund, hosted by 1UP Pickleball Club. The games will take place at Battle Arena, 7281 Victoria Park Ave., Markham on Saturday, 13 September 2025. Come, play, and help build the Church.

To register or purchase a ticket, visit <https://oneuppbclub.com/>.

FREE ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, 27 September 2025 at 9 am

Learn:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, with 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

For more details and registrations, see the flyer below.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM

Sundays at 10:30 am



If you have a child or children from Senior Kindergarten to Grade 3, bring them to the 10:30 am Mass on Sundays. Our Children's Liturgy program runs parallel to the 10:30 am Mass on Sundays. The liturgy focuses on the day's readings in a format comprehensible by children, led by trained and experienced leaders.

VOLUNTEER DRIVER FOR OUT OF THE COLD PROGRAM

VOLUNTEER DRIVER

We are looking for volunteers with valid licenses to drive the prepared Out of the Cold Casseroles from the Church to 412 Queen Street East, Toronto. The casseroles are to be delivered once a month on specific Saturdays - Oct. 4, Nov. 15, Dec. 13, 2025 & Jan. 10, Feb. 21, Mar. 21, Apr. 18, May 16, & Jun 13, 2026. You may volunteer to drive for one or more dates, as possible. High School students who assist their parents with the casseroles will get 3 volunteer hours. For more information, please contact Joy Vaz-Jones at joyvazjones@gmail.com.

OUT OF THE COLD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

Next delivery: Saturday, 04 October 2025



Your kindness, generosity and support have helped us feed many over the last years. Out next Casserole delivery is scheduled for Saturday, 04 October 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 <http://bit.ly/3Vzwe7m>. For more information, email joyvazjones@gmail.com or call Parish Office at 905 479 2463. Thank you in advance!

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

Register at 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.

St. Justin Martyr Parish will begin the "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" study on Thursday, September 11. Participants will meet every Thursday or 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 or contact the parish office.

*There will be a material cost of \$40 per person.

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.

OUR LADY WANTS TO VISIT YOUR HOME

Make Your Requests



"The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life." – Pope Leo XIII. If you wish to host Our Lady of Grace (Pilgrim Virgin) in your home at the requested date and time of your choosing, contact Denise at MaryQMartyrs@hotmail.com. The Legion of Mary at St. Justin's will coordinate the visit with you upon your request. May the Holy Mother protect you and your home.

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.

LIFECCHAIN 2025

Sunday, 05 October 2025, from 2 to 3 pm



Be part of Campaign Life Coalition Life Chain, joining thousands across Canada standing up against abortion in a peaceful, prayerful demonstration on Sunday, 05 October 2025, from 2 to 3 pm at Highway 7 and McCowan intersection. For details, visit www.campaignlifecoalition.com/lifechain.

POST-SECONDARY CAMPUS MINISTRY AND CHAPLAINCY CONNECT

Attention! Students headed to university

Are you headed to university or college this fall? Campus Ministry is waiting for you! Connect with campus ministry to find a welcoming community of friends and faith. Visit www.chaplaincyconnect.ca to check out campus ministry on your campus!

Free Webinar Estate Planning

From a Catholic Perspective

**Saturday September 27, 2025
9:00 A.M.**

**The Archdiocese of Toronto
& Catholic Cemeteries Estate
Planning Team will discuss:**

- **How YOU can avoid problems**
 - ◇ in your Will
 - ◇ with the Powers of Attorney & through proper Estate Trustee selection

Potential dangers and the ways to protect your loved ones and yourself will be illustrated in a few real-life stories

- **How to create your personal Catholic legacy**
- **Our Catholic traditions around wills, cremation, burials and funerals**

3 Ways to Register:

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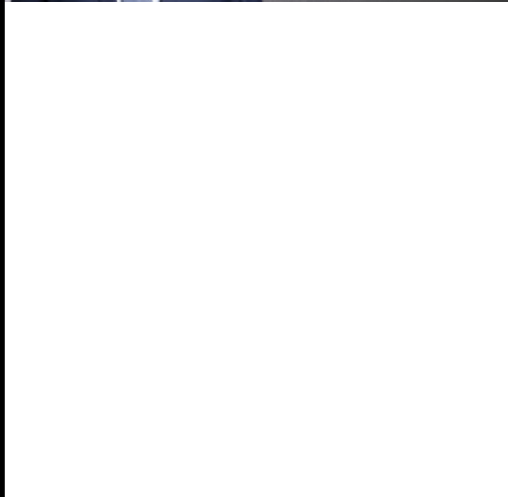


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