



# ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH

# Lent

Have mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned.

- Psalm 51



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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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, 23 FEBRUARY

9:10 AM +PHILIP MALOLOS  
+FELIZA VALASQUEZ  
MICHAEL CAHYADI

#### TUESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY

9:10 AM +CORAZON SANTOS RIVERA  
+RICHARD TAVARES  
LUCIANI SJARIFUDDIN

#### WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY

7:00 PM +EILEEN MENDES  
+WALTER LOIZENBAUER  
+YUEN MAH WAN  
+JENNY CHUNG  
+CHRISTOPHER CHAN

#### THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY

9:10 AM ROBERT HERNANDEZ

#### FRIDAY, 27 FEBRUARY

9:10 AM +JEON WONG-HING  
+BRIGIDA FERNANDES  
7:00 PM +MARJORIE LYN  
+CHRISTOPHER CHAN

#### SATURDAY, 28 FEBRUARY

9:10 AM +DAPHNE FRUITTRELL  
+LEONILA & PERCIVAL CRUZ  
+BAYANI ACASCIO QUE  
+MICHAEL KWOK  
RAQUEL & RICA AREVALO  
5:00 PM +ESTELA WHITING  
+ROBERT NAGTALON  
+STEPHEN SNOXELL  
+MARLENE SEARS  
SELDIA DIAS

#### SUNDAY, 01 MARCH

8:30 AM +MARGARET DENCSHAZI  
+JOSE GATO  
TONY PINTO  
10:30 AM PARISHIONERS  
+GREGORIA SANTOS  
+NENA & ZOILO BIHIS SR.  
+ANABELA DITTA  
MICHAEL & MARY EMMA GRIFFIN  
7:00 PM +YUEN MAH WAN  
+MARCELINA BERNARDO

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 23 FEBRUARY – 01 MARCH IS  
FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SARAH WILKINSON.

#### CATHOLIC MOM'S GROUP

Catholic Mom's Group invites all women to our upcoming gatherings. Join us on Monday, February 23, after the morning Mass or Wednesday, February 25, after the evening Mass for prayer, conversation, and tea as we launch into Lent. All women are invited to attend.

### STEWARSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

#### Fasting and Feasting



As we begin this great season of Lent it is important to take some time to reflect on how we plan to best spend this time to grow as stewards of Christ.

We often associate Lent with fasting and penances, which are undoubtedly good. However, it is important that if we are going to give something up, we should strive to replace it with something good as well, for Aristotle famously said that “nature abhors a vacuum.”

This leads us to the practice of “fasting and feasting” in Lent. Through this practice we are able to cultivate strong stewardship through fasting from things that are unvirtuous and feasting on charitable and wholesome acts. Let us take some time to prayerfully reflect on how we can implement the following list this Lenten season.

Fast from judging others; Feast on the Christ dwelling in them. Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of life. Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify. Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude. Fast from anger; Feast on patience. Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation. Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives. Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others. Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that strengthens. In essence, let us fast from anything that prevents us from being good stewards and feast on those practices that strengthens us.

#### LENTE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will be praying Stations of the Cross after the 7 pm Mass on Fridays during the Lenten season, until Good Friday. Join us for a Lenten season filled with prayer and penance.

#### EMBRACING MOTHERHOOD

Saturday, February 28, 2026, 9:10 am to 11:45 am

The Catholic Mom's Group is inviting all expectant moms, moms who recently Baptized their child or moms with young children; to a short, interactive workshop – Embrace Motherhood. Please find the flyer below for more information.



## 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MASS OF ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH

**Sunday, March 22, 2026, at 12:30 pm**



St. Justin Martyr Parish is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto on Sunday, March 22, 2026, at 12:30 pm. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Everyone in our Parish community is invited to come and celebrate with us on this special occasion.

## 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA

**Friday, April 17, 2026, at 6 pm**

**Tickets Coming Soon!**

Stay tuned for the tickets to the St. Justin Martyr Parish 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and Dance Gala Night on Friday, April 17, 2026, at 6 pm in Crystal Fountain Event Venue, Markham. You are invited to purchase your tickets over selected weekends in March, before/after Masses. We accept cash or cheque purchases. Come and join us on this special occasion, celebrating 40 years of Parish history.

## 2025 TAX RECEIPTS



The Tax Receipts for the year 2025 will be mailed directly to the home addresses provided at the Parish. The receipts are expected to be delivered by February 15, 2026. If you have made donations and did not receive your receipt by March 10, please contact Parish Office at [stjustinmartyrun@archtoronto.org](mailto:stjustinmartyrun@archtoronto.org).

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY

**Thank You Everyone!**



The Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who attended our Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast on 15 February 2026. We appreciate the many volunteers who worked hard and played a crucial role in making this event possible. The monies raised support various charities. May God bless you and your families this Lenten season.

The winner of Canadiana Gift Basket is Charmaine Lee Wah. Congratulations!

## 2026 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

**Living the Gospel During Lent**



Lent is a time to open our hearts, to see Christ in those who suffer and to respond with love. When someone in our parish community is struggling—grieving, alone, unsure of where to turn—your gift can transform their life. By supporting ShareLife, you can reach more people, lift more burdens, and remind our brothers and sisters that they are not alone.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [www.sharelife.org/donate](http://www.sharelife.org/donate).

## OUT OF THE COLD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

**Saturday, March 21, 2026**



Your kindness, generosity and support have helped us feed many over the last years. Our next Casserole delivery is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2026. 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/FPoyPZMYeo4oUXU99>. For more information, email [joyvazjones@gmail.com](mailto:joyvazjones@gmail.com) or call Parish Office at 905 479 2463. Thank you in advance!

## 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.

## Why No Meat on Fridays?

On Fridays, we refrain from eating meat since Jesus sacrificed His flesh for us on Good Friday. Traditionally, meat was more expensive and eaten only during times of feasting and rejoicing. Fish does not belong to the "flesh meats." The Latin word for meat "caro" from which we get words like carnivorous applies to flesh meat only and does not include fish.

**ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH**

40th Anniversary

# *Holy Mass*



with His Eminence  
Frank Cardinal Leo,  
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**

**at 12:30 pm**

followed by reception in the Parish Hall

*All are Welcome!*

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# Embrace MOTHERHOOD

FOR EXPECTANT MOMS  
MOMS WHO RECENTLY BAPTIZED THEIR CHILD  
OR MOMS WHO HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN



**DATE: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2026** (babies in arms only)

**LOCATION: ST. JUSTIN, MARTYR, UNIONVILLE**

3898 Highway No. 7 East, Unionville, ON L3R 1L3

**TIME: 9:10AM - 11:45AM**

9:10am Opening Mass 9:40am Continental Breakfast 10:00am Workshop

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$25** (includes breakfast & 65 page colour beautiful  
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*I love my*  
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## WORKSHOP FACILITATOR: KAYLEIGH MENESES GARCIA

Kayleigh is a wife and mother of five! She is a high school teacher and runs the Catholic Moms Group at Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish in Bradford.

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By the breath of God the ice is formed,  
and the watery expanses are frozen.

*Job 37:10*



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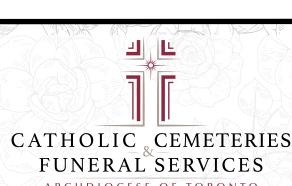
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