

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

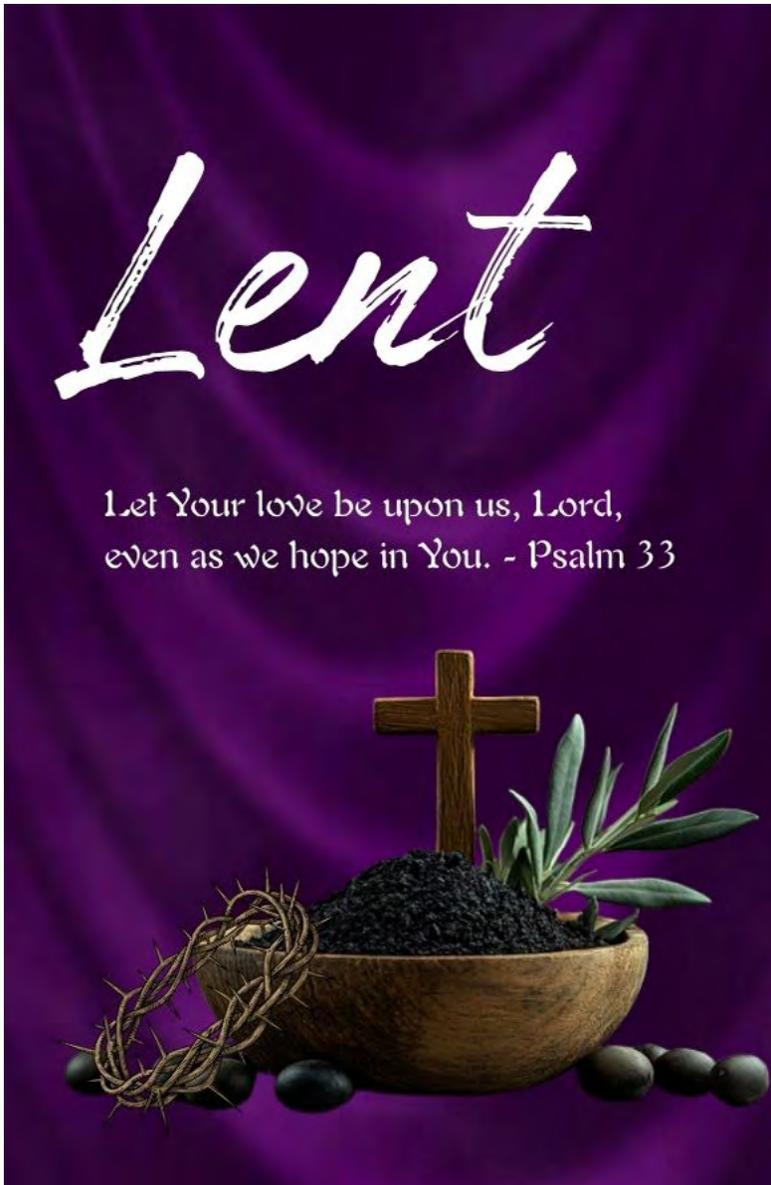
BAPTISM: A registration form is available at the Parish website. A baptism preparation session is required. Contact the office for details and schedules.

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.

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St. John XXIII Catholic School	905-477-3288
St. Justin Martyr Catholic School	905-474-0284
St. Matthew Catholic School	905-475-0517
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St. Augustine Catholic High School	905-887-6171



Let Your love be upon us, Lord,
even as we hope in You. - Psalm 33

CONNECT WITH US!

PASTOR	Msgr. Vid Vlasic
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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, 02 MARCH

9:10 AM +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

TUESDAY, 03 MARCH

9:10 AM +ANDREW CRISTILLO
+EVELYN GODOY

WEDNESDAY, 04 MARCH

7:00 PM +STELLA AZIZ
+ELIZABETH & MANUEL
CHATHANAT

THURSDAY, 05 MARCH

9:10 AM AVAILABLE

FRIDAY, 06 MARCH

9:10 AM ANNIE LEUNG
AIDA & PAT TONGCO

7:00 PM +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY
TONI & YUKI LAW FAMILY
MICHAEL TAM FAMILY

SATURDAY, 07 MARCH

9:10 AM +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY
+CARMELO SPADOLA
+MICHAEL TSE
+CHARLES TSE

5:00 PM +CESARE RIZZUTO
+FRANCIS DIAS
+MARY ROSALINE THAVAM
+CHIN YAO GAN
JONATHAN CHANG

SUNDAY, 08 MARCH

8:30 AM +CHRISTOPHER CHAN
+BETTY LIMA
+ANTONINO & GIOVANNA
SINISCALCO

10:30 AM PARISHIONERS

12:30 PM +TEO GOMES
+MARIO LO BIANCO
+GREGORIA SANTOS

7:00 PM +TEODORO MONTANO
+CECILIA & AGRIPINO MANALO

SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 02 MARCH – 08 MARCH IS FOR
THE SOUL OF JOHN BENEDICT CLEMENTE.

2025 TAX RECEIPTS

The Tax Receipts for the year 2025 are mailed directly to the home addresses provided at the Parish. Donors are expected to receive the receive the mails before the second week of March. If you have made donations and did not receive your receipt by March 10, please contact Parish Office at stjustinmartyrun@archtoronto.org.

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

Becoming Like God



In the Gospel this Sunday (Matthew 17.1-9), we are invited to reflect on the account of the Transfiguration.

In this mystery, Jesus goes up the mountain with Peter, James and John, and is transfigured before them and briefly “discloses His divine glory” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, CCC 555). Moreover, “the Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when He will change our lowly body to be like His glorious body” (CCC 556).

The mystery of the Transfiguration alludes to the teaching of the Church called divinization, in which we believe that we humans will be made like God. Not only does Jesus raise us from sin, death and hell, but He even raises us up to divine life. He desires us to be made sharers in His own divine nature and participate in the life of the Trinity. St. Athanasius boldly proclaims that "He was made man that we might be made God."

We can share in the Trinitarian life by cooperating in the work of God. The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship states that “God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense.” To be a steward is to be deified and take part in the life of the Trinity. How often do we appreciate this rich reality of being a steward for Christ? Let us take some time to reflect on our raised identities in Christ and strive to be greater stewards in our parishes.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION

Friday, March 06, 2026, at 9:10 am



All are invited for the Mass and Adoration on Friday, March 06, 2026, at 9:10 am (Mass, followed by Adoration). Come and join us in prayer with Jesus.

LENTEN 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.

40TH ANNIVERSARY MASS OF ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH

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



St. Justin Martyr Parish is celebrating its 40th 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.

40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Friday, April 17, 2026, at 6 pm

Tickets On Sale!

The tickets to the St. Justin Martyr Parish 40th Anniversary Dinner and Dance Gala Night on Friday, April 17, 2026, at 6 pm in Crystal Fountain Event Venue, Markham are available for purchase at the Parish foyer over the upcoming (except March 21/22) weekends, before/after Masses. You are invited to purchase your tickets. We accept cash or cheque purchases. Come and join us on this special occasion, celebrating 40 years of Parish history.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION



The Lenten Reconciliation (Confession) at St. Justin's is scheduled for:

**Monday, March 23, 2026
from 10 am to 12 noon
&**

from 6:30 to 8:30 pm (*Guest Priests are available*)

All are welcome to join us as this is a major opportunity to reconcile before the Holy Week.

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.*

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 or call Parish Office at 905 479 2463. Thank you in advance!

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9 am to 5:30 pm



Lift Jesus Higher Rally (LJHR) is an annual event for Youth and Adults that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and Eucharistic Adoration. The 2026 rally is on Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9 am to 5:30 pm at 255 Front Street West, Toronto M5V 2W6. For more details about tickets and transportation, visit <https://ljhr.ca/>.

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 is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and how is it associated with Lent?

Easter is both the historical and proper time for the celebration of the sacraments of initiation. On the first Sunday of Lent, the catechumens (unbaptized people seeking admission in the Catholic Church) celebrate the Rite of Election and enter into the final period of preparation for the sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. Adults are baptized (or brought into full communion for baptized non-Catholics), confirmed, and receive first Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.



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