

ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH

Lent

With the Lord there is steadfast love
and great power to redeem. - Psalm 130



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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 9:45 am – 10:15 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, 23 MARCH

9:10 AM +JOE RODRICKS
+GERTRUDES GERARDO
WORLD PEACE

TUESDAY, 24 MARCH

9:10 AM +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY
LUCIANI SJARIFUDDIN
MARIA SALLABERGER

WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH

7:00 PM +EILEEN MENDES
+FAUSTIN ADRIAN D’COSTA
LEGION OF MARY
EMILY HO & FAMILY
ROSE LAROSA & FAMILY

THURSDAY, 26 MARCH

9:10 AM +YUEN MAH WAN
+VINCENT & FLORENCE FERNANDO
MARIA SALLABERGER

FRIDAY, 27 MARCH

9:10 AM +CARMEN & ANGELO DEL ZOTTO
+GREGORIO FELIPE JR.
+ROY DIAZ
7:00 PM +MICHELLE HENRIQUES
+ANNA MILLAR

SATURDAY, 28 MARCH

9:10 AM +HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY
SUSAN LEE
5:00 PM +JAMES WONG
+CHAN MOY YUNG
+MAXIME LI YING LUNG
COLEEN & PETER ALLUM
TONY CHUCK & FAMILY

SUNDAY, 29 MARCH

8:30 AM +FRANK DENC SHAZI SR.
+ANTONIO & ESTERINA VOLPE
JAKE O’BRIEN
10:30 AM PARISHIONERS
12:30 PM +EVELYN GODOY
+MICHAEL KWOK
TONY CHUCK
7:00 PM +ANNA MILLAR
+JUSTINA JESURAJAN
+YUEN MAH WAN

SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 23 MARCH – 29 MARCH IS AVAILABLE.

CATHOLIC MOM’S GROUP

All Moms are Welcome!

Catholic Moms Group invites all women to join us as we examine the Sacrament of Confession, based on the current teachings from Pope Leo XIV. We meet on Monday, March 23, from 9:45 am to 11 am, or Wednesday, March 25, from 7:45 pm to 9 pm. Come to either gather to prepare for the greatest weekend of the year! For further details, email catholicmomsgroup.sjm@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

Raising from Death to Life



In the Gospel (John 11.1-45) we encounter the great mystery of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. This apparent death of Lazarus was not in vain; for Jesus says it occurred so “that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” After raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus instructs the crowd to “unbind him, and let him go” This “unbinding” signifies that Jesus doesn’t just raise him from the dead but also sets him free.

So too, through God’s great gift of forgiveness, He raises us from the death of sin and leads us to interior freedom. This Lent, let us seek God’s forgiveness by availing ourselves to the sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. The Catechism says that “the sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true “spiritual resurrection,” restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God” (CCC 1468).

Moreover, after Lazarus was freed it says that many people believed in Jesus. Likewise, after we receive God’s forgiveness and live in freedom and friendship with God, we should be true stewards of God’s gifts and evangelize those around us. Through the grace of the sacrament we will have the necessary strength to offer our time and talents to our parish community. So this Lent let us not remain in the death of sin but turn to Jesus and receive the life and freedom of forgiveness.

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.

Time Change for Morning Mass on Tuesday, March 31, 2026: Parishioners are requested to note that the morning Mass for Tuesday, March 31, 2026, is moved to 8:30 am.

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 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 March 28/29 weekend, before/after Masses or at the Parish Office (weekdays from 9 am to 3 pm). 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.

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, April 18, 2026



Your kindness, generosity and support have helped us feed many over the last years. Our next Casserole delivery is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 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/WneqE1N2t1xWUC817>. For more information, email joyvazjones@gmail.com or call Parish Office at 905 479 2463. Thank you in advance!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday (March 28/29)

Saturday at 5 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm and 7 pm

THE GREAT TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday

Mass of our Lord's Supper (April 02)

Thursday at 8 pm

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9-11 pm

(No morning Mass at 9:10 am)

Good Friday Services (April 03)

Friday at 9 am, 12 noon and 3 pm

*Stations of the Cross at 7 pm

Easter Vigil (April 04)

Saturday at 8 pm

(No 9:10 am or 5 pm Mass, No Confessions)

Easter Sunday

Resurrection of our Lord (April 05)

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm and 7 pm

HOLY LAND PONTIFICAL COLLECTION

Good Friday, April 03, 2026



The Annual Good Friday Collection is the one and only annual request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the

Holy Land. The monies collected support pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy places so important for the faith of Christians around the world.

This day's collection is a Pontifical request for the Holy Land in support of Christian communities, the works of the Holy Land and the upkeep of Holy Sites. Let us give generously to respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus. Please use the envelopes or donate at <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-needs-of-the-holy-land/>

MESSAGE FROM REV. MSGR. VID VLASIC

Our parish was founded on March 15, 1986, and we now celebrate 40 amazing years!



Image Courtesy: Edward Abela

The establishment of a parish is far more than the creation of an administrative unit within the Church. It is the founding of a spiritual home where faith is lived, nourished, and shared. A parish becomes both a place of worship and a spiritual center that gathers people into a living community rooted in faith, prayer, and service.

First, a parish is fundamentally a place of worship. From the earliest centuries of Christianity, believers gathered regularly to celebrate the Eucharist, to hear the Word of God, and to pray together. In the Catholic tradition, the parish church becomes the sacred space where the faithful encounter God through the liturgy. The altar stands at the center of this life, reminding the community that the Eucharist is the “source and summit” of Christian existence, as expressed in the teaching of the Catholic Church and articulated during the Second Vatican Council. Within the parish church, generations celebrate baptisms, marriages, and funerals.

Second, a parish functions as a spiritual center for the community. Faith is not lived in isolation but in communion with others. Here our parish provides a stable place where people can grow spiritually through prayer, sacraments, and pastoral guidance. Through homilies, catechesis, and programs for children, youth, and adults, the parish becomes a school of faith. It teaches the Gospel not only through words but also through example—through charity, hospitality, and mutual care.

Our parish has become a community of belonging. People often come from different cultures, languages, and life experiences, yet the parish unites them as brothers and sisters. In a world that can feel fragmented or anonymous, the parish offers a place where individuals are known by name and where their joys and sorrows are shared. Parishioners pray for one another, support families in times of difficulty, and celebrate together in times of blessing.

Inspired by the Gospel, our parish community engages in works of charity, outreach to the poor, and service to those who are lonely or marginalized. In doing so, the parish becomes a visible sign of Christ’s compassion in the neighborhood.

Our parish has become part of the spiritual memory of the Markham-Unionville community—a place where countless prayers have been offered and where generations continue to seek God’s presence together.

Congratulations on our 40th Anniversary.

In Christ,
Rev. Msgr. Vid Vlastic
Pastor- St. Justin Martyr Parish

**St. Justin Martyr Parish
40th Anniversary**



Dinner & Dance Gala

Friday, April 17 at 6 pm

**Crystal Fountain Event Venue
60 McDowell Gate
Markham, ON**

\$100 per person

Tickets on Sale in March



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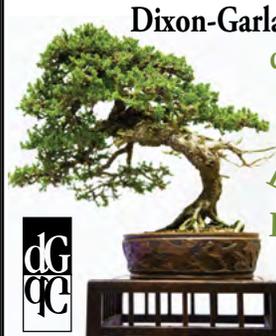
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