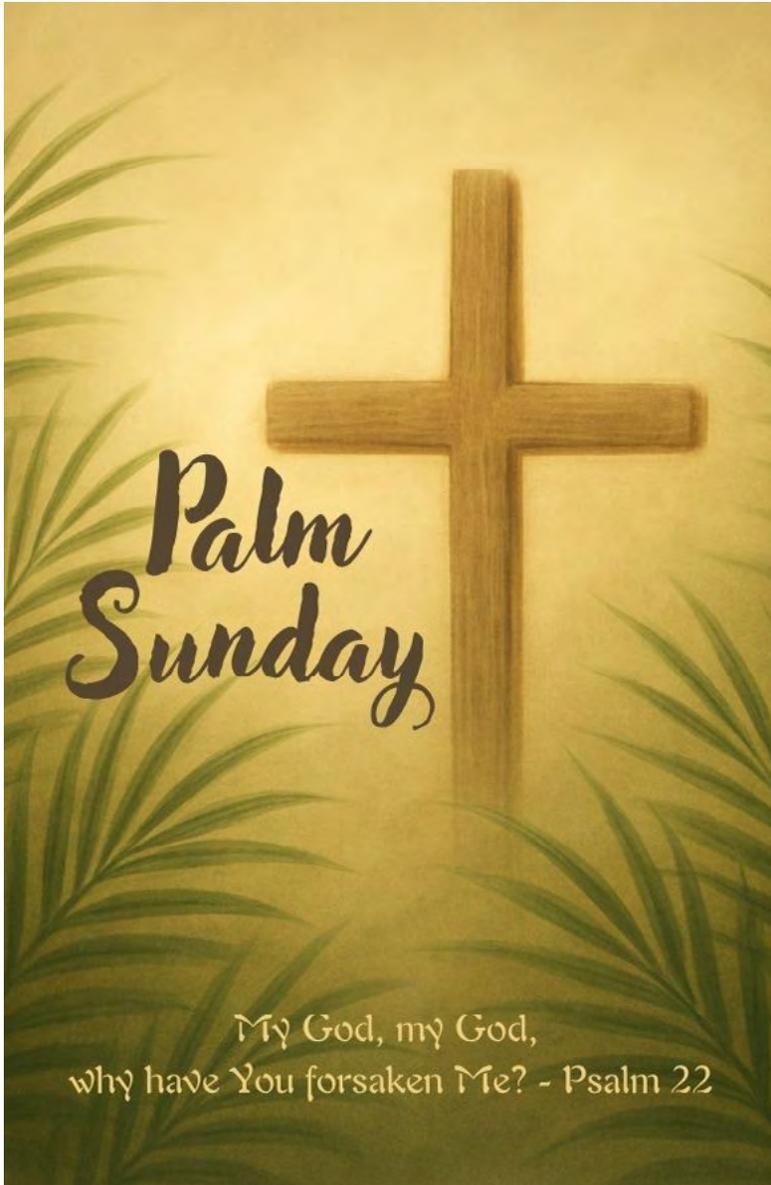


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Mission Statement

"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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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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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 30 MARCH

9:10 AM

+JOVITA CUARESMA
+FRANCA STARESINCIC
+JOHN IVAN VLASIC

TUESDAY, 31 MARCH

9:10 AM

+CARMELA GENOVESE
+FRANCIS CHARLIE SANCHEZ
+CHIK SZETO

WEDNESDAY, 01 APRIL

7:00 PM

+STELLA AZIZ
ANNA NG
HAYDEN NG
TONY CHUCK
NEIL ARCHER

THURSDAY, 02 APRIL

Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper)

Mass at 8 pm, followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 pm - 11 pm

FRIDAY, 03 APRIL

Good Friday (The Passion of the Lord)

Services at 9 am, 12 noon & 3 pm
Stations of the Cross at 7 pm

SATURDAY, 04 APRIL

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil at 8 pm

SUNDAY, 05 APRIL

Easter Sunday (The Resurrection of the Lord)

Masses at 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm & 7 pm

SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 30 MARCH – 05 APRIL IS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LABRADOR FAMILY.

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

Through the Eyes of a Donkey

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred week in the entire liturgical calendar of the church. It opens with the celebration of Palm (Passion) Sunday where Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem riding a donkey amidst the waving palm branches. We can glean a great insight into true stewardship when we reflect on this event through the lens of the donkey which is a metaphor for our lives.

From the donkey's perspective, he sees a great crowd ready to welcome him into Jerusalem. He hears the singing of praises and sees them laying their coats and branches on his path. It would be easy for the donkey to feel prideful as he walks along. However, we as onlookers can clearly see that the crowds are not praising the donkey, but the one sitting upon the donkey, Jesus Christ.

As stewards offering ourselves to our parish community, we can be tempted to think that all of the compliments, praises and thanks we receive is properly owed to us. However, from this image of the donkey, we should strive to humbly recognize that all of our good works should lead others to Christ, not ourselves. The donkey served Christ just as we, through our time and talents, should serve Him and His body, the Church. This Palm Sunday let us ask ourselves, do we fully direct all of the praise, glory and honour of our actions to Jesus?



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Chaplet & adoration at 3 pm

We welcome you all to join us on Divine Mercy Sunday Masses (8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm & 7 pm). We will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm, followed by Adoration (No Mass). All are welcome!

THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION!

A heartfelt thanks to all for celebrating our 40th Anniversary with us on Sunday, March 22 at the mass with Archbishop Frank Cardinal Leo. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the honour guards, our choirs, altar servers, lectors, and ushers. Special thanks to our ladies of the CWL who assisted with the reception. The reception was very well attended and it was wonderful to have His Eminence Cardinal Leo greeting everyone.

A PRAYER ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY

O God of truth, who drew St. Justin, the martyr from searching mind to faithful heart, and taught him the wisdom of the Cross. Through his intercession, steady us in what is true, clear away confusion and doubt. Make us brave in faith and gentle in witness as we mark forty years as a parish family, renew our love for Jesus Christ, and lead us forward in hope. Amen.

UPCOMING CLERGY CHANGES

We would like to officially inform you that Rev. Msgr. Vid Vlastic will be retiring on June 24, 2026. We thank him for his 9 years of dedicated and fruitful pastoral ministry at St. Justin's, and will miss him dearly.

Our new Pastor will be Rev. Edward (Ed) Murphy, coming to us from Blessed Trinity Parish in North York. We look forward to warmly welcoming Fr. Ed to our parish family.

We would also like to let you know that Rev. Marko Busic will be leaving us at the end of June, after a short time with us. We will miss him, but we are very pleased to know that he won't be too far away! He will remain in Markham, just down the road, as Associate Pastor at St. Patrick's Parish.

A farewell reception for Msgr. Vid and Fr. Marko will take place in June, with details to follow.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WASHING OF THE FEET ON HOLY THURSDAY

We are looking about 60 volunteers to come forward for the Feet Washing during the Holy Thursday Mass on April 2, 2026, at 8 pm. If you wish to participate, please contact the Parish Office at stjustinmartyrun@archtoronto.org or call 905 479 2463 or leave your name at the Parish office.

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 requested to purchase your tickets. We accept cash or cheque purchases. Come and join us on this special occasion, celebrating 40 years of Parish history.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



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. 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/>

OUT OF THE COLD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Your kindness, generosity and support have helped us feed many over the last years. Out 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!



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Help Not Harm

We invite the Catholic community to respectfully contact their local Member of Parliament (MP), requesting their support of a Private Members' Bill (**C-218, The Right to Recover Act – an act to amend the Criminal code – Medical Assistance in Dying**) currently before the Parliament of Canada.

What is Bill C-218? Bill C-218 amends the Criminal Code to make it illegal to provide Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) to individuals whose sole underlying condition is a mental illness. It recognizes the importance of Canadians to recover from mental illness and ensures help can be offered, not harm.

WHY IT MATTERS:

- **Every life is precious.** As Catholics, we believe in the sanctity of every human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.
- **A desire to die can be a symptom of illness.** Suicidal thoughts are frequently part of mental illness itself, raising serious concerns about whether consent can ever be truly free and informed.
- **Mental illness is often treatable.** Many mental health conditions improve over time with proper care, therapy, medication, and support. Recovery remains possible, even after long periods of suffering.
- **Gaps in mental health care remain unresolved.** Long wait times, limited access to psychiatrists, and uneven mental health services mean some may seek to end their life due to system failure, not medical necessity.
- **There is an increased risk to vulnerable Canadians.** Individuals navigating mental health challenges are more likely to experience poverty, trauma, isolation, disability, or lack of access to care—factors that may pressure individuals toward assisted suicide.

BACKGROUND ON BILL C-218

What is a Private Members' Bill?

A Private Members' Bill is a piece of legislation introduced in Parliament by a Member of Parliament (MP) or Senator who is not a Cabinet Minister, Parliamentary Secretary, or Speaker. These bills allow individual legislators to propose new laws, or amend existing ones, typically focusing on public policy issues. Bill C-218 has been introduced by the Conservative Party of Canada Member of Parliament for Cloverdale-Langley City, British Columbia, Tamara Jansen.

To pass, this legislation will require support from more than one political party. We believe that many MPs are uncomfortable with the rapid expansion of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in Canada and in particular, the possibility that MAiD will be offered for those whose primary underlying condition is mental illness. We are asking MPs to vote their conscience, regardless of party affiliation.

The difference in passing this Private Members' Bill could be just a few votes in the House of Commons. It is critical that constituents contact their Member of Parliament asking them to support Bill C-218. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

TAKE ACTION AT HelpNotHarmCanada.ca TODAY!

The Bill is scheduled for second reading in early April 2026 with a vote on the legislation expected by mid-April 2026. Please visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today where you can send an e-mail directly to your local Member of Parliament in less than 3 minutes. If the legislation does not pass, as of March 17, 2027, new laws will take effect to allow MAiD for those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness.

Chances are, you know someone suffering from mental illness. In any given year, 1 in 5 Canadians experience a mental illness. It may be a relative, friend or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we have a responsibility to offer care, hope and protection NOT death for those close to us and those most vulnerable who are suffering.

Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.



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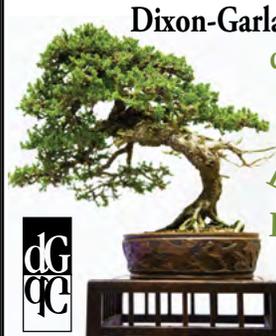
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