



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

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PASTOR Msgr. Vid Vlasic
ASSOCIATE PASTOR Rev. Ryan Nigli
ASSOCIATE PASTOR Rev. Marko Busic
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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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Youth Ministry



[SJMYouthmin](https://www.instagram.com/SJMYouthmin)

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 04 MAY

9:10 AM +ANGELES GOVEN GARAMILLA
WORLD PEACE
ALFRED FAMILY

TUESDAY, 05 MAY

9:10 AM +IMELDA SO
JULIANNA KAM LUNG YEUNG
EVELYN & ALAN ALFRED

WEDNESDAY, 06 MAY

7:00 PM +LUIGINA & AQUILINO FLORIO
+FRIEDA LOIZENBAUER
+JEREMY CHAN

THURSDAY, 07 MAY

9:10 AM +PHILOMENA JOSEPH JAMES
GLEN MICHAEL GERARDO
EUGENE TAM

FRIDAY, 08 MAY

9:10 AM +JOYCE CLAUDETTE JANGER
REV. RYAN NIGLI
REV. MARKO BUSIC

SATURDAY, 09 MAY

9:10 AM +GERTRUDES GERARDO
+ALEYKUTTY VARGHESE
FREDDIE MANUCDOC

5:00 PM +CARMELO SPADOLA
PATRICK CHEUNG
LISA REYES & FAMILY

SUNDAY, 10 MAY

8:30 AM +CLARE VALERIE KAVANAGH
D'SOUZA FAMILY
GORDON & SUSAN LAWSON
PARISHIONERS

12:30 PM +VINCENT & MARY LEE
+ANGELA CORDI
LUIS ALBEIRO MODENO

7:00 PM +ERNESTO F. ANDRADA
+GIUSEPPINA PUCCI

SANCTUARY LAMP

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AVAILABLE.

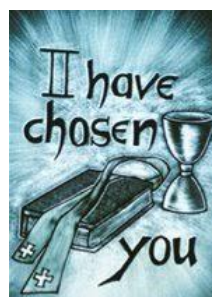
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Food Cupboard Donations

We request everyone who donates to the Food Cupboard to check the items' Expiry Date before donating them. Kindly donate items with extended expiry to make it useful to people who are in need. Your support is much appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

Exercising Our Priestly Call



“Beloved: let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood.” These are the words of St. Peter that we find in the second reading today (1 Peter 2.4-9). St. Peter exhorts us to see ourselves as priests. The Catechism says “the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king” (CCC 1546).

What is the primary and essential act that priests perform? The answer is simply that priests offer sacrifices. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship says that “In exercising this office, [disciples] most fully realize the meaning of [their] Christian stewardship.

To be an authentic steward is to offer our God-given gifts back to God for the good of the Church and our parishes. Essentially, it is to sacrifice our lives for Christ, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation. That is why He is the true, high priest that we strive to emulate. The USCCB goes on to say that “part of what is involved here for Catholics is a stewardship of time, which should include setting aside periods for family prayer, for the reading of Scripture, for visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and for attendance at Mass during the week whenever this is possible.” Let us conclude this reflection by asking ourselves, how well are we living up to the call of being part of the royal priesthood of Christ?

BUNDLE UP WEEKEND

Weekend of May 16/17



If you are considering cleaning up, please make your donations towards our Bundle Up Weekend on Saturday, 16 May & Sunday, 17 May 2026. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up container will be parked at the Church parking lot and volunteers will be available to help with loading before/after the weekend Masses. We accept all types of clothing, bedding, drapes, boots, shoes, coats, towels and new toys.

Kindly note that we do not accept baby items, appliances, dishes, books, furniture of any kind, mattresses, construction material, video tapes etc.

CONGRATULATIONS**FIRST COMMUNICANTS & CONFIRMANDI!**

Congratulations to all the children who had their Sacrament of First Holy Communion & those who had their Sacrament of Confirmation in the past weekend. Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who helped the children prepare for this very special day. Special thanks to our amazing Sacramental Prep Coordinator, Rachel Martinez.

**Please keep Rachel in your prayers.*

CWL FRIENDSHIP TEA

Sunday, May 24, 2026, at 2 pm



St. Justin Martyr Parish Catholic Women's League welcomes everyone to the 2026 CWL Friendship Tea at the Parish Hall on Sunday, May 24, 2026, at 2 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the CWL table in the Church foyer over the weekend of May 2/3 or May 9/10 or by sending an email to sjmcwl2023@gmail.com. The price per person is \$25. Join us for a fun and friendly afternoon with our guest speaker Sr. Francis Bisland, a Missionary Sister of the Precious Blood and many other CWL sisters.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**Program Registrations starting on June 03, 2026**

If you would like to enrich your child's relationship with God and His Church, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd can help you do this. Registrations are to begin on June 03, 2026.

Level I Classes for children ages 3 – 6

Tuesday 4:30 pm – 6 pm

Sunday 9:45 am – 11:30 am

Level II Classes for children ages 6 – 9

Tuesday 4:30 pm – 6 pm

Sunday 9:45 am – 11:30 am

The cost is \$125 per child and each sibling \$100 thereafter. Classes begins in fall 2025. We accept Online Registrations only. If you wish to receive the registration link and more information about CGS Program, contact May Chow Leong at goodshepherdcdgs@gmail.com.

POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS COLLECTION

The weekend of May 16/17, we will have a second collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine, and natural disasters. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Please give generously.

MATURING ADULT MINISTRY GATHERING

Tuesday, May 05, 2026, at 10:30 am

Calling all adults 55 years and older to join us for our Maturing Adult "Spring Bingo" gathering on Tuesday, May 05, 2026, at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall. Let's celebrate Spring! Wear your brightest spring outfits, make it even merrier with accessories. Spring bonnets and hats are most welcome! Contact Karen Garcea at karen@stjustin.ca for more details or for RSVP.

CROWNING OF MARY

Wednesday, May 06, 2026, starting at 6:30 pm



Please join Fr. Ryan Nigli, the Legion of Mary, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League, SJM Choir, Charismatic Prayer Group and others for the Crowning of Our Lady on Wednesday, May 6, 2026. Holy Rosary begins at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, June 14, 2026

Msgr. Vid Vlasic's Retirement Mass & Luncheon
Our Pastor Msgr. Vid Vlasic's retirement is soon approaching and we, as a community, is gathering for an appropriate celebration of his 47 year long service as a Priest. Everyone is welcome to come and attend the 12:30 pm Mass on Sunday, June 14 at the Church, followed by a luncheon at Crystal Fountain Event Venue, Markham at 2 pm. Ticket details for the luncheon is coming soon. Stay tuned.

MEMORY BOOK FOR SALE!

The Parish's 40th Anniversary Memory book, holding hand-picked pictures and memories from the past 40 years, is now on sale at the Parish Office. Those interested could pay \$20 in cash or cheque to obtain your limited-edition copies.

A DAY WITH MARY

Saturday, May 30, 2026

You are invited to a "Day With Mary" taking place on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for adults and children's catechesis for the little ones. There will be music, fellowship and more. There is no fee to register – this is a free event open to all. Register online today at <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>. Visit <https://archtoronto.org/Mary> for details.

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST**Speaker: Rachel Martinez****Sacramental Preparation Coordinator**

Join our Mary, Cause of our Joy, Toronto Chapter for our 52nd Magnificat breakfast. Treat your mother, sister, colleague or friend to an inspirational morning that includes a hot breakfast, praise and worship led by our spirit-filled music ministry, a personal testimony of the transforming love of Christ in the life of Rachel. Priests are available for the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Date: Saturday May 30, 2026

Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Location: St. Benedict Parish Hall,
2194 Kipling Ave. Etobicoke, ON

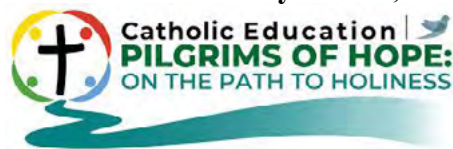
Registration fee: \$35

Register Online at:

<https://www.stbenedicts.ca/magnificat-breakfast>**OUT OF THE COLD CASSEROLE PROGRAM****Saturday, May 16, 2026**

Your kindness, generosity and support have helped us feed many over the last years. Our next Casserole delivery is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 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/BPgbrWs94EP9mPuA6>. For more information, email joyvazjones@gmail.com or call Parish Office at 905 479 2463. Thank you.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK**May 03 - 08, 2026**

During Catholic Education Week we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded

Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God's love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Let us journey with our parishes, educators and families to sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to embrace lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: www.togetherinfaith.ca.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR****Saturday, May 20, 2026, at 9 am**

Planning ahead is one of the most thoughtful and compassionate decisions you can make for your family. Join us for an informative seminar designed to help you understand your options and make

confident, faith-informed decisions.

Learn about: Funeral and burial options, planning in advance to ease burden on loved ones, Catholic teachings on cremation, flexible payment options (including 0% financing options)

Location: Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery & Funeral Home, 211 Langstaff Rd E, Thornhill

You must RSVP to attend at 905 889 7467 ext. 1 or by email at holycrossinquiry@cc-fs.ca.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE**Thursday, May 14, 2026**

March for Life is the largest annual demonstration on Parliament Hill, and a sign that ending abortion is the civil rights movement of our day. A highway coach with 56 passengers' capacity has been organized, the cost per person is \$35. For further detailed information and to sign up please contact Dan Di Rocco at 905 294 4219 or email dirocco401@yahoo.ca. The fee can be e-transferred to the email address mentioned. Please note the bus will leave from the back parking lot of St. Patrick's Church, 5633 Hwy 7 at 6:45 am. Join us on this trip for peaceful witnessing.

HELP NOT HARM**TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT BILL C-218**

You're invited to visit <https://www.helpnotharmcanada.ca/> where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act), which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. We are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit <https://www.helpnotharmcanada.ca/> today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.



St. Justin Martyr Catholic Women's League
Friendship Tea

Sunday, May 24th, 2026 at 2 pm

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