



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

CONNECT WITH US!

PASTOR	Msgr. Vid Vlasic
ASSOCIATE PASTOR	Rev. Ryan Nigli
ASSOCIATE PASTOR	Rev. Marko Busic
PARISH OPERATIONS MANAGER	Karen Natone-Garcea
PARISH SECRETARY	Binitha Alfred
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Julia Iacono-Hauser
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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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THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 18 MAY

9:10 AM +DORIS & DONALD HOO FATT
+VERNON D'SYLVA
WORLD PEACE

TUESDAY, 19 MAY

9:10 AM +FRANCIS NICHOLSON
JESSICA HOANG
PETER TON

WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY

7:00 PM +ARNOLD IANNUZZI
+HUBERT MISTELBERGER
RITA & NAZ PERTA
REBECCA & SIMON

THURSDAY, 21 MAY

9:10 AM +FILOMENO & EMITERIA
MANGUNE
+GIUSEPPINA PUCCI
MANFRED SALLABERGER

FRIDAY, 22 MAY

9:10 AM +SAU-CHUN FUNG
WOON JOUNG CHOI
RACHEL MARTINEZ
GENEVIEVE & DIANE WONG

SATURDAY, 23 MAY

9:10 AM +JACQUES LI KAM CHEUNG
+LUCY LEUNG
+MICHAEL KWOK
5:00 PM +DECEASED MEMBERS OF
LUIS & MARTHA MAYA FAMILY
+ESTEBAN ABE
JASON SUEN
MARTINEZ FAMILY

SUNDAY, 24 MAY

8:30 AM +PASQUALE CAGGIANIELLO
10:30 AM PARISHIONERS
12:30 PM JAKE BRYAN PERALTA
+ALEJANDRO CANSECO
+RICHARD BEATTY
7:00 PM +ANNA MILLAR
+PERCY & STELLA KASS

SANCTUARY LAMP

FOR THE WEEK OF 18 MAY – 23 MAY IS FOR THE SOUL OF LILIA BRUAL.

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

Being the Hands and Feet of Christ

This Sunday we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of the Lord which is ripe with spiritual importance and depth. Let us examine how the Lord's ascension affects us as stewards. Firstly, when the apostles watched the Lord ascend into heaven, two angels appeared and asked them "why do you stand looking up toward heaven?" The apostles were not meant to stay there constantly gazing heavenward. Instead, they, like us, are called to live firmly on this earth with our whole purpose set on reaching heaven and leading as many people with us as possible.

We see this at the end of St. Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 28.16-20) when Jesus gives the great commission to "make disciples of all nations." Jesus' ascension is a firm call to action. A call to be stewards and use our gifts to spread the Gospel within our parishes and the Church. We do this through the strength of Christ within us who says "remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

It is now up to us to cooperate with the Spirit and make disciples of the whole world. Let us end by pondering the beautiful saying of St. Teresa of Avila. "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His Body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

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.



ST. JUSTIN MARTYR FEAST DAY MASS**Monday, June 1, 2026, at 7 pm**

We invite you all to come and celebrate the Feast Day Mass of St. Justin, the Martyr on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 7 pm. Cardinal Thomas Collins, former Archbishop of Toronto will preside the Mass. We request your presence, prayers, and blessings on this special occasion.

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 beginning 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 goodshepherdccgs@gmail.com.

DAY OF REFLECTION**Monday, May 25, 2026, from 9 am-3 pm**

Join Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering, for a Day of Reflection on the topic "Receive the Holy Spirit." To register, visit <http://manresa-canada.ca> or contact by email registration@manresa.ca or phone 905 839 2864. A suggested offering of \$70 per person. Includes break, lunch and mass along with the program.

OUT OF THE COLD CASSEROLE PROGRAM**Saturday, June 13, 2026**

Your kindness, generosity and support have helped us feed many over the last years. Our next Casserole delivery is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, 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/Bb3czoQiFjK5xwQg6>. For more information, email joyvazjones@gmail.com or call Parish Office at 905 479 2463. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE!**Sunday, June 14, 2026****Msgr. Vid Vlastic's Retirement Luncheon**

Our Pastor Msgr. Vid Vlastic's retirement is soon approaching and we, as a community, are gathering for an appropriate celebration of his 47 year long service as a Priest. Everyone is welcome to purchase their tickets for the luncheon on Sunday, June 14, 2026 at Crystal Fountain Event Venue, 60 McDowell Gate, Markham at 2 pm.

Tickets are on sale now. There will be buffet-style lunch and the opportunity for everyone to appreciate Msgr. Vid and wish him the best for his post-retirement journey. Cost for Adults (18+) is \$50, Youth (6-18 years of age) is \$25 and Children (5 years of age and under) is free.

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.

5 DAY RETREAT FOR MEN & WOMEN**Monday, June 08 – Friday, June 12, 2026****Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre**

All men and women are welcome to register and attend the 5-day retreat at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, beginning on Monday afternoon with dinner and ending with

lunch on Friday. Fr. Scott Lewis, SJ will lead each day with conferences, Eucharistic Celebration, and an opportunity for individual spiritual direction with our retreat team.

The suggested offering is \$650 per person which includes four nights' accommodation, meals, spiritual direction and retreat program. The program is facilitated by: Fr. Scott Lewis, SJ.

Register via email at manresaregistration@outlook.com, online at <https://manresa-canada.ca> or call 905 839 2864.

UNIONVILLE DUCK RACE**Tickets on Sale Soon**

It's Duck Race Time! Knights of Columbus at St. Justin Martyr Parish are once again sponsoring the Duck Race at the Annual Unionville Festival on Saturday, June 6 & Sunday, June 7 at 3:30 pm at Main Street, Unionville. Tickets for purchasing the ducks are to be sold after Masses on May 23/24 and May 30/31 weekends in the Church foyer, and at the St. Justin Martyr Tent at the festival. We welcome you all to join us in this fun summer event.

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>

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.

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.



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SHARELIFE**Your Love can Help Others Thrive**

Mental health challenges can impact anyone, whether you're personally navigating them or supporting someone who is. These struggles transcend age and circumstance. Your compassion is instrumental in helping others see themselves as God sees them: loving, important, and enough. Thank you for living the Gospel by helping relieve the pain of those facing silent battles. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at www.sharelife.org/donate.

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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 at Christ the King Catholic Cemetery & Reception Centre, 7770 Steeles Ave. E, Markham (Entrance off Reesor Road).

Learn about:

- Funeral and burial options
- Planning in advance to ease burden on loved ones
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