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Vision

To be a home for those seeking Christ, united in diversity, for the service of God.

Mission

Empowering the faithful for the service of God by calling each person forth to know and share their gifts in mutual service.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:30 AM - St. Justin Martyr
9:00 AM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Eng**
11:00 AM - St. Justin Martyr
11:00 AM - St. Leopold Mandic **Cro**
11:30 AM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Spa**

Tuesday

6:30 PM - St. Justin Martyr
6:00 PM - St. Leopold Mandic **Cro**

Wednesday

6:00 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Spa**

Thursday

6:00 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Spa**

Friday

8:00 AM - St. Justin Martyr
6:00 PM - St. Leopold Mandic **Cro**

Saturday

4:30 PM - St. Justin Martyr
4:30 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Eng**
6:30 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Spa**

NEW PARISHIONER

Please take the time to register at either the Welcome Desk, online or call one of the offices.

FILIPINO COMMUNITY MASS

3rd Sunday of the month @ 3:30 PM
Contact: *Marina Simonetta*
(519)933-9157

ADORATION TIMES

Thursday

5:00 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Spa**

Friday

8:30 AM - St. Justin Martyr

RECONCILIATION TIMES

St. Leopold Mandic

Tuesday & Friday - 5:30 PM

St. Francis-St. Martin

Wednesday - 5:30 PM

St. Justin Martyr

Tuesday - 6:00 PM
Saturday - 11:00 AM

MARRIAGE

Congratulations! We ask for a minimum of 12 months before the date you wish to begin our journey with you. Please make an appointment with one of the priests. We invite couples to attend a Marriage Preparation course recognized by the Diocese before the celebration of the sacrament.



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**COMMENTARIES ON THE READINGS for
21st and 22nd SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 24 and AUGUST 31, 2025**

21st Sunday: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" – Luke 13:23

Isaiah and Jesus seem to be having an ideological fistfight this weekend! Isaiah says the way to salvation is wide and user-friendly. Jesus insists the gate of admission is narrow and "many" who expect to get in will find the door closed in their faces. We Christians suspect that in matters of doctrine, Jesus is a bigger authority than Isaiah. But the truth is, it makes us uneasy when the Bible appears to contradict itself.

Both authorities are making the same claim to different audiences. In the sixth century BC, Isaiah's community had just returned from exile in Babylon and was understandably down on non-Israelites. Not so fast, the prophet says: will you reject those whom God welcomes to share in divine blessings? Meanwhile, the crowd around Jesus was plenty sure they were God's darlings and everyone else was an abomination. So Jesus points out that the gate will close on the self-righteous, even as it opens for folks in all four directions. Isaiah and Jesus are, despite their different Testaments, on the same page.

What's required for entry into the Reign of God: amassing sacraments, keeping commandments, showing mercy, or —?

22nd Sunday: The theme of the readings is the virtue of humility.

So what is humility? We often confuse humility with modesty or timidity, which are similar. Modesty and timidity are more about concern with outward appearances or speech, whereas humility is a spiritual or internal virtue. Humility recognizes that all we are and all we have are gifts from God even though we might have worked hard to acquire them. He gave us time, talents or opportunity to acquire them. There is no such thing as a "self-made" man or woman. Further, our recognition of God's gifts should cause us to help those less fortunate. Let us see how this is illustrated in today's readings.

The First Reading is from the Book of Sirach. Sirach might be considered to be a book of "Good Counsel." The writer is giving sage advice when he encourages all mankind to be humble, for boasting and arrogance have no place in the kingdom of God. The message is straight-forward and needs little interpretation and yet, modern society seems to think that humility is only for the meek or weak. In reality, it takes a strong character and a strong sense of God in one's life to be truly humble.

The Second Reading is from the Letter to the Hebrews. The author is comparing the harshness of the Mosaic Law of the Old Testament with the Love and forgiveness that Jesus holds out to us in the new covenant. These are gifts that we don't deserve but are offered none the-less because of God's benevolence. The strange language about "a blazing fire, gloomy darkness, a trumpet blast and people begging to have no further messages" are in reference to many scenes of the Israelites in the desert during the time of Moses. While there, fear was used to get the people to obey God's commands. What we should fear is being left out of Heaven because we could do "it" all by ourselves without God's help or guidance.

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of Luke. All of Chapter 14 is a lesson in humility and probably the clearest statement from Jesus on the subject, "For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled and he who humbles himself shall be exalted," in the eyes of God. The last part of this reading, with reference to inviting the poor, the lame and the blind to dinner, is not so much a directive, but rather an exaggeration of the point of observing the virtue of humility to benefit those less fortunate. Again, we must try to understand the spiritual (or Biblical) meaning of humility. It does not mean to demean or belittle oneself, but instead to recognize who we are in the eyes of God and what God is in our life and then recognizing that all of our possessions, talents, and good qualities are God's gifts to us. What we do with them is our gift to God.

Something to think about during your prayer time this week!

TODAY'S READINGS

21st Sunday in Ord. Time
1st Reading
Isaiah 66.18-21
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 117
2nd Reading
Hebrews 12.5-7, 11-13
Gospel Luke 13.22-30

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

22nd Sunday in Ord. Time
1st Reading
Sirach 3.17-20, 28-29
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 68
2nd Reading
Hebrews 12.18-19, 22-24a
Gospel Luke 14.1, 7-14

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION - AUGUST

FOR MUTUAL COEXISTENCE

Let us pray "that societies avoid internal conflicts due to ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons" and encouraging us to "seek paths of dialogue" and "respond to conflict with gestures of fraternity."

SACRAMENTS

If you are interested in getting information for any sacrament, please get in touch with

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New Members Welcome

ST. JOSEPH DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS



Join us for communal prayer to St. Joseph on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM. **Please consider joining us on Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025.**

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Prayers occur in the Church on the first Friday of each month at 6:00 p.m. **Please consider joining us for prayer on Friday, September 5th, 2025.**



MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 @ 6:30 PM

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| (+) Fr. Pat Fuerth | Rev.Christopher Bourdeau |
| (+) Randy Dacudao | Rosemari Dacudao |
| (+) Bud McLeod | Pat McLeod |
| (+) Presentacion Andrino | Sedney Andrino |
| (+) Fr. Richard Tremblay | Carol & Phil East, and
Joanne Hughes |
| (INT) Increase in Vocations | St. Joseph Ministry |

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 @ 6:30 PM - NO MASS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 @ 8:00 AM - NO MASS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 @ 8:00 AM

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

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| (+) Michael Robert Gonsalves | Shelly Gonsalves |
| (+) Eric Rego | Adolfo Castaneda |
| (+) Patrick LaRocque | Stella LaRocque |
| (+) Dierdre McManus | Lynch Family |
| (+) Jack McManus | Lynch Family |
| (INT) Cora Kane | Lynch Family |



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 @ 6:30 PM

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| (+) Fr. Nick Arioli | Rev.Christopher Bourdeau |
| (+) Giuseppe Gentile | Carmen Gentile |
| (+) Tony Laureano | Family |
| (INT) Chris & Michelle Douglas | St. Joseph Ministry |
| (INT) Increase in Vocations | St. Joseph Ministry |
| (INT) John & Fr. Gonzalo Arboleda | St. Joseph Ministry |

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 @ 6:30 PM - NO MASS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 @ 8:00 AM - NO MASS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 @ 8:00 AM

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| (+) All souls in purgatory | Deacon Jose & Mercedes Viveiros |
| (+) Dec'd members of Plante Family | Muriel Plante |
| (+) Benjamin Osuji | Liz Akano |
| (INT) Kiley Family | Family |
| (INT) Bob & Jean Davis - 65 th Anniversary | Jean Davis |
| (INT) For all the lost and missing children | Sue Lefavre |

FAITHCATION 2025

Everyone 18 years of age and older is invited to FAITHCATION 2025 taking place at the Holy Family Retreat House in Oxley from Friday night, September 26 to Sunday, September 28. The theme of this year's retreat is **PILGRIMS OF HOPE - THE LEGACY OF POPE FRANCIS**. Come to relax, pray, and reflect on the gift of being faithful disciples in our world today. Retreat cost, \$300/person includes: 2 nights stay, all meals, snacks & materials. For more information, please contact Fr. John Jasica at jjasica@dol.ca OR www.revjj.ca.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR DIOCESAN MINISTERS



Please pray for the following Diocesan Ministers:

- Sunday, August 24 - Deacon Leonard Tetreault
- Monday, August 25 - Deacon Gerard Van Schyndel
- Tuesday, August 26 - Deacon Chris Masterson
- Wednesday, August 27 - Parish Secretaries in the Diocese of London
- Thursday, Aug. 28 - Rev. Timothy Scott, C.S.B.
- Friday, August 29 - Rev. Frank Murphy
- Saturday, August 30 - Rev. Thomas Donohue
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- Sunday, August 31 - Rev. Paul Rennick, C.S.B.
- Monday, September 1 - Rev. Adam Gabriel, C.S.M.A.
- Tuesday, September 2 - Deacon Arthur Bondy
- Wednesday, September 3 - Lay Auxiliary Ministers of the Eucharist
- Thursday, September 4 - Rev. Mohanathan Antony Kamalathanan, C.R.
- Friday, September 5 - Rev. Paul Okoth Auma, I.M.C.
- Saturday, September 6 - Rev. James Conlon

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory amounts for
 August 9 - 10, 2025 was \$7,607.65
 August 16 - 17, 2025 was \$6,433.95
 August 17, 2025 - Filipino Mass - \$729.30
THANK YOU for your generous donation!



ALPHA IS COMING TO ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH STARTING THURS., SEPT. 25, 2025

What is ALPHA?

It is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. We will meet at 6:00 PM for a meal. We will then view a film and discuss it. The evening will be done by 8:30 PM. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and families who have fallen away from practicing their faith and/or those who have no faith to join in open discussion of critical questions. We have a Spanish speaking table host who will lead discussions in Spanish and English. Please fill in an ALPHA registration form available on the Welcome Desk and drop it off at the Welcome Desk or the parish office. Questions? Please call St. Justin Martyr Parish at 519-685-2795 ext. 201 or register online at londonsouthcatholic.ca and we will get back to you quickly.



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