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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**  
4:00 PM - St. Justin Martyr

### Tuesday

8:00 AM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Eng**  
6:30 PM - St. Justin Martyr  
6:00 PM - St. Leopold Mandic **Cro**

### Wednesday

6:00 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Spa**  
6:30 PM - St. Justin Martyr

### Thursday

12:00 noon - St. Justin Martyr  
6:00 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Spa**

### Friday

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

### Saturday

4:30 PM - St. Justin Martyr  
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

Third Sunday of the month  
@ 5:30 PM beginning Oct. 19, 2025  
Contact: Marina Simonetta  
(519)933-9157

## ADORATION TIMES

### Thursday

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

### Friday

8:30 AM - St. Justin Martyr

## CONFESSIONS

### St. Leopold Mandic

Tuesday - 5:30 PM  
Friday - 5:30 PM

### St. Francis-St. Martin

Wednesday - 5:30 PM  
Friday - 5:30 PM

### St. Justin Martyr

Wednesday - 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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**MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR, FATHER CHRISTOPHER  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - GAUDETE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025**

**Gaudete Sunday – Rejoice in the Lord Always!**

The joyful colour of pink represents the joyful anticipation of the coming of the saviour.

This Sunday, the Church celebrates Gaudete Sunday, a day of joyful anticipation as we draw closer to the celebration of Christ's birth. The word Gaudete means "Rejoice," taken from the entrance antiphon: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. The Lord is near." (Philippians 4:4-5) In the midst of Advent's penitential tone, Gaudete Sunday reminds us that our waiting is not empty—it is filled with hope and joy because the Lord is near. The rose-colored candle and vestments symbolize this shift: from solemn preparation to joyful expectation. Today's readings echo this theme:

Isaiah speaks of deserts blooming and the weak being strengthened. James urges patience, like a farmer awaiting the harvest. John the Baptist, even in prison, points us to Jesus — the One who brings healing and life.

As we prepare for Christmas, let us ask: Where do I need to rediscover joy in my life?  
How can I bring hope to someone who feels weary or discouraged?  
Am I ready to recognize Christ's presence in unexpected places?

This week, let your heart rejoice! The Lord is near — closer than we imagine.

**Prayer for Gaudete Sunday** Lord of Joy and Hope, You call us to rejoice because You are near. In the midst of waiting and preparing, fill our hearts with Your peace and gladness. Help us to see Your presence in our daily lives & share Your love with those who feel weary or alone. May our joy be a light that draws others to You, as we await the coming of Christ our Saviour. Amen.

On Tuesday, December 16 at 1:00pm at St. Justin Martyr Parish Hall – we are holding our annual seminar on "Grieving through the Holidays." The Advent-Christmas season can be demanding but when you are carrying the heavy burden of grief it can almost be unbearable. Learn some safe and health tips for navigating through this holiday season as one who is grieving. Come for fellowship and support as well! You are not alone!

Advent Blessings, Fr. Christopher

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**THIRD SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

**1st Reading**

Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 146

**2nd Reading**

James 5.7-10

**Gospel** Matthew 11.2-11

**POPE'S PRAYER  
INTENTION - DECEMBER**

**For Christians in  
areas of conflict**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

**SACRAMENTS**

If you are interested in getting information for any sacrament, please get in touch with **Mary Catherine, Pastoral Minister** at (519)685-2795 ext. 227 or via email at: [mcbishop@dol.ca](mailto:mcbishop@dol.ca) For more information visit our website: [londoncatholic.com](http://londoncatholic.com)



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**Advent Confessions**

**Wednesday, December 17, 2025** at  
St. Justin Martyr Parish 7:00-9:00 PM (ENG)

**Thursday, December 18, 2025** at  
St. Francis-St. Martin Parish 7:30-9:00 PM  
(ENG & SPA)



**Journey Through Advent - CCCB**

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents *Journey Through Advent* with the Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton.

Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2025. Visit [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca) for the reflection on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of Advent.

**BEST YEARS GROUP**

Get ready for the Best Years Group's Annual Christmas Dinner!

Please join us at Swiss Chalet for a Festive Feast on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00PM noon. We'll be celebrating together with great food and company. Anyone wishing to participate may bring a \$5.00 gift for our gift exchange.

Following dinner, if you wish to come to the church hall and play cards please bring your nickels.

For further information, please call:  
Julie 519-681-4571  
Fran 519-685-3498



*Third Sunday  
of Advent*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

10:30 AM - Meadow Park Nursing Home Mass

7:00 PM - Filipino Christmas Mass

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| (+) Carlos Benevides   | Maria Benevides & Family |
| (+) Nidia Martinez     | Juarez Family            |
| (+) Toum Nang          | de Padua Family          |
| (+) Maria Sousa        | Filomena                 |
| (+) Christopher Kaiser | Filomena Kaiser          |
| (INT) Maria Yu         | Jaesan Yu                |

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

9:30 AM - Sir Arthur Carty School Mass

7:00 PM - Advent Confessions

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| (+) Luong Thi Nhan          | Pham Family            |
| (+) Antonio Macedo          | Family                 |
| (+) Emelita Torrefranca     | Tony Torrefranca       |
| (+) Toum Nang               | de Padua Family        |
| (INT) Fr. Paul Okoth Auma   | John & Colleen Gruggen |
| (INT) Increase in Vocations | St. Justin's CWL       |

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025 @ 12:00 PM

7:00 PM - Filipino Christmas Mass

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| (+) Maria Caruana    | Maria Caruana          |
| (+) Reynaldo Fiallos | Fiallos Family         |
| (+) Antonio Goulart  | Filomena               |
| (+) Donna Gristy     | John & Colleen Gruggen |
| (+) Myrna Kearney    | John & Colleen Gruggen |
| (INT) Thanksgiving   | Anu Joseph             |

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025 @ 8:00 AM

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| (+) Christiana Osuji-Iwudike      | Liz Akano                 |
| (+) Tomas & Consuelo Lumpan       | Lumpan Family             |
| (+) Fr. Richard Masciangelo, CPPS | Rev. Christopher Bourdeau |
| (+) Charlie Bezzina               | Imelda Bezzina            |
| (INT) Gordon General              | Family                    |
| (INT) Sales Family                | Family                    |

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory amount for:  
December 6 - 7, 2025 was \$13,576.60

**THANK YOU so much for your generous donation!**



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Monday, December 15

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| 1:00 PM | New Day Support Group (Hall)                   |
| 7:00 PM | Advent Mission Night course (Hall)             |
| 7:30 PM | Co-ed Alcoholics Anonymous (Fred Merrill room) |

### Tuesday, December 16

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| 10:30 AM | Meadow Park Nursing Home Mass                                |
| 1:00 PM  | Sir Arthur Carty FDK Christmas Concert                       |
| 1:00 PM  | Grief Share - "Grieving Through the Holidays" Seminar (Hall) |
| 7:00 PM  | CWL Executive Meeting (Fred Merrill room)                    |
| 7:00 PM  | Filipino Christmas Mass                                      |

### Wednesday, December 17

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|---------|------------------------------|
| 9:30 AM | Sir Arthur Carty School Mass |
| 7:00 PM | Advent Confessions           |

### Thursday, December 18

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|----------|---|
| 12:00 PM | Best Years Group (Hall)                         |
| 6:00 PM  | St. Vincent de Paul meeting (Fred Merrill room) |
| 7:00 PM  | Filipino Christmas Mass                         |

### Friday, December 19

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| 7:00 PM | Youth Choir Rehearsal |
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## PRAYER REQUEST FOR DIOCESAN MINISTERS



### Please pray for the following Diocesan Ministers:

- Sunday, December 14 - Catholic Elementary School Teachers  
 Monday, December 15 - Rev. Christophe Mbunzu, O.F.M. Cap.  
 Tuesday, December 16 - Deacon Brian McDonald  
 Wednesday, December 17 - Deacon David Kraemer  
 Thursday, December 18 - Rev. Augustine Ogundele  
 Friday, December 19 - Deacon Daniel Lemire  
 Saturday, December 20 - Rev. Bernard Pinsonneault, CSB

## 2026 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2026 Sunday Offertory Envelopes for the new year are available for pick up at the back of the church. If you are unable to find yours or if you would like to receive a box, please contact our bookkeeper, Diana at 519-685-2795 ext. 226 or by email at [dsierra@dol.ca](mailto:dsierra@dol.ca). We also offer other ways to give, including: direct deposit, e-transfer to [stjustins@dol.ca](mailto:stjustins@dol.ca) (please specify the purpose in the message), and Plenty via the QR Code on our bulletin or website.

## 2025 - 2026 MISSALS

The 2025-2026 Sunday Missals are available at the Welcome Desk in the narthex for \$6.00 each. *Spanish Missals* are also available at the office during business hours (Tues.-Fri. 9am-4pm); \$20 each.

*Thank You*



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