



London South Catholic Family of Parishes

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Office Hours Tues. - Fri 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Emergency Priest Contact: (226) 234-8020

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

6:00 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Spa**
6:00 PM - St. Leopold Mandic **Cro**
6:30 PM - St. Justin

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

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
Esp

Friday

8:30 AM - St. Justin

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Tuesday - Friday

5:30 PM - St. Leopold Mandic
Tuesday - Wednesday - Friday
5:30 PM - St. Francis-St. Martin
Wednesday

6:00 PM - St. Justin

Thursday

5:00 PM During Adoration at
St. Francis-St. Martin

Saturday

11:00 AM - St. Justin

NEW PARISHIONER

New parishioners to the London South Catholic Family of Parishes are welcome – please take the time to register at either the Welcome desks or online or call one of the offices.



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PASTOR'S DESK

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 10, 2024

Dear sisters and brothers,

We have reached "Laetare" Sunday (Rejoice! Sunday) marked with rose-coloured vestments, (as similarly with the Third Sunday of Advent's Gaudete Sunday [Joy Sunday]). We are 21 days until Easter.

Exile, mourning and lamentation are the sentiments we get from our first reading of Chronicles today. The Israelites have been unfaithful and find themselves in exile, in captivity. "Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place." God reaches out to us continually, but we so often resist. "But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets..."

Our psalmist (Psalm 137) sings the lament of a people in captivity. "By the streams of Babylon, we sat and wept..." They remembered what they had in Jerusalem. So, we remember when we sin what we had when we were in the right relationship with God – and we yearn to return.

In Ephesians, Paul proclaims, "God, who is rich in mercy because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ." Despite our wanderings and sins, we have been reconciled to God through Christ Jesus. "God who is rich in Mercy."

In the Gospel today from St. John, we have the mysterious meetings between Nicodemus and Jesus which took place in the night. Nicodemus of course was a member of the Sanhedrin, the ruling council of the Jews, so he could not afford to be seen coming to Jesus – yet he was drawn to him and would in the end give everything for Jesus. Jesus used the image of the serpent being raised on a tree to cure the poisonous seraph bite because of the infidelity of the Israelites during their desert trek and showed how he would conquer the sting of sin and death by being raised up on a tree. He is the perfection of that Old Testament sign.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life." This is the motivation for the "mission" of the Son, the 2nd person of the Trinity, The Word Made Flesh – Love. "God the Father's love for us is so great that he gave His Son for our salvation."

Light and darkness are powerful images used in the Gospel of John. "The light came into the world (Jesus), but people preferred darkness to light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that His works may be clearly seen as done in God."

May the light of Christ shine in our hearts!

Fr. Christopher!

PS: I want to thank all our musicians for the fine music provided for our Day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Those who attended were most grateful. I want to thank Fr. Ivica and Fr. Paul for their fine meditations and Mary Catherine for all her help organizing the event. I was truly moved myself – I knew the Lord would shine on us.

MASS & NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

Join us from March 11th to March 18th as we embark on the Novena to St. Joseph, celebrating his grace and intercession.

Mass to St. Joseph – Monday, March 11 & March 18, 2024

St. Leopold's 10:00 AM

St. Francis-St. Martin's 10:00 AM

St. Justin's 10:00 AM

Consecration Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Mass.

TODAY'S READINGS

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

1st Reading 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

2nd Reading Eph 2:4-10

Gospel Jn 3:14-21

POPE'S PRAYER

INTENTION

**MARCH 2024 FOR
THE NEW MARTYRS**

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

For more Sacramental information, visit our website:

[londonsouthcatholic.ca/
liturgy-liturgia](http://londonsouthcatholic.ca/liturgy-liturgia).

SOUP & STATIONS

Every Wednesday of Lent
from Feb 21 - Mar 27

5:00 PM Soup | 6:00 PM

Stations | 6:30 PM Mass

**Join us as a part of your
Lenten journey.**



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St. Justin's Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, March 12 @ 6:30 PM

St. Gregory the Great, Doctor of the Church

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| (+) Michael Gonsalves | Michelle Gonsalves |
| (+) Walter Jackson | Susan Bratt |
| (+) Tony Laureano | Laureano Family |
| (INT) Kathy Leblanc | Carolyn Dykeman |

WEDNESDAY, March 13 @ 6:30 PM

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| (+) John Matos | Family |
| (+) Nick Delich | K. Mildred |
| (+) Jovitha DeMercy Fernando | Family |
| (INT) Jack Byrne | Debbie & Paul Walmsley |

THURSDAY, March 14 @ 08:00 AM

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| (+) Martin MacInnis | Debbie & Paul Walmsley |
| (INT) Katie Jo Righi | Jablonski Family |
| (INT) Family & Friends of Jacob Okoh | Faith Baya |

FRIDAY, March 15 @ 8:00 AM

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| (+) Theresa Hatcher | K. Mildred |
| (+) Don Jordan | Fr. Christopher |
| (+) Kelly Hartwick | Family |
| (+) Steve Sylvain | Connie Sylvain |
| (INT) Katie Jo Righi | Jablonski Family |

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

St. Justin's & St. Francis-St. Martin's Parishes will hold Reconciliation at both locations from **9:00 AM-12:00 PM, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM, and 7:00 PM-9:00 PM.**

NEXT FOOD SALE AT

ST. FRANCIS-ST. MARTIN'S PARISH

You're invited to a **Food Sale on March 10 from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM** to support the parish. Enjoy Latin cuisine and contribute to maintaining the parish. Join with family and community for a memorable experience.

We look forward to seeing you there!



GOOD FRIDAY - FISH FRY!

On Friday, March 29th, we will gather in Fred Merrill Hall for good food, sparkling conversation, and friends. Enjoy a complete dinner with haddock fish (or chicken fingers), fries or baked potato, coleslaw, a roll, a drink, and dessert. **Eat-in or take-out is available from 4:30 pm until 6:00 pm. See you there!**

Grief Support Group

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this 13-week group, you'll receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

Contact Us Today

Tuesdays 7-9 p.m. from April 2 to July 2, 2024, at St. Justin's Church LSCFOP. Register online and purchase a \$30 book at the Parish Office.

londonsouthcatholic.ca

EUCHRE TOURNEY & LUNCH

FRIDAY, March 22, 2024

St. Justin's Parish Hall

Cards & Lunch - \$15; Cards only - \$10

Lunch is from 11:30-12:30 PM,

Cards from 12:30-4:00 PM



Weekend Mar 2/3: \$10,447.20

Loonie-Toonie Challenge: \$573.75

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