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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
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

8:00 AM - St. Francis-St. Martin **Eng**
7:00 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**

NEW PARISHIONER

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

ADORATION TIMES

Thursday

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

Friday

8:30 AM - St. Justin

RECONCILIATION TIMES

St. Leopold Mandic

Tuesday - 6:30 PM

Wednesday - Friday - 5:30 PM

St. Francis-St. Martin

Wednesday & Friday - 5:30 PM

St. Justin

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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FILIPINO COMMUNITY MASS

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

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PASTOR'S PEN

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

Greetings brothers and sisters,

I am quite sure that our Holy Father Pope Francis has been on all of our minds. Please pray for our Holy Father that the Lord may give to him all that he needs on this part of his journey, his pilgrimage. I have especially asked our Blessed Mother, who the Holy Father has such a filial love for, to wrap him in the mantle of her loving protection.

As we celebrate this 8th Sunday of ordinary time, a quick look down the calendar and we will see that Lent 2025 begins this Wednesday, March 5th with Ash Wednesday. Last weekend the Lenten and Easter schedule was provided for your information. There is one mistake that has been shown to me. The Solemnity of St. Joseph falls on Wednesday, March 19th. In the schedule it says Monday - this is incorrect. The Mass also is NOT at 10am but 6:30pm as usual. On Monday, March 10th at 10am we start our Novena to St. Joseph, please come out if you can. There will also be a Novena Mass on Monday, March 17th at 10am.

The Filipino community has raised funds for the purchase of a new statue of St. Therese (the little flower). This statue will replace the rather large picture of St. Therese and will match in size and design the statues of Our Lady and St. Joseph. The two statues (St. Joseph and Our Lady) will be put together at the large shrine where the picture currently is. What are the reasons for this? St. Therese was all about humility - I believe she would want to give the "spotlight" to Our Lady and St. Joseph. So, in the two small shrines that currently hold St. Joseph, and Our Lady, St. Therese and St. Justin will occupy. It will take approximately eight months for the new statue of St. Therese to come from Italy, but I have been able to get a statue from Brescia Chapel that was closed to be on temporary display until the new statue arrives. The new statue is a gift from the Filipino community at St. Justin's and I am most grateful for their generosity.

Remember June 1st Bishop Fabbro comes to enshrine the relic of our patron at St. Justin's at the 11am Mass and our annual Family of Parishes lunch to follow at the Marconi Club. Tickets will be \$40.00. Come out and have lunch with our Bishop! (Thank you to all who donated funds for the receptacle and reliquary - the names of your deceased relatives will be on a plaque in the Church by the statue of St. Justin Martyr).

Our first reading from the book of Sirach (a book of wisdom literature) gives us some earthly examples of how, when things are difficult, when we are put to the test, our true "metal" shows. Challenges can be opportunities for growth with the grace of God. The shaking of the sieve reveals the refuse, the fire of the kiln tests the strength of the potter's vessel, the fruit tells of the health of the tree - a person's speech discloses their mind. So how we act, what we say is "telling" - it conveys to others our inner life and beliefs.

If we are to embrace what our Holy Father Pope Francis envisages as a "Church that goes out, one living out a missionary option" we have to examine how we are perceived by the world, how we deliver or proclaim what we call the "Good News."

Paul urges the Corinthians to persevere in their efforts, their good works. "Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain."

In our Holy Father's apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel) he presents to us a vision for the Church in our times - mission oriented, that goes out and proclaims the Good News in word and in deed as St. Paul urges the Corinthiansexcelling in the work of the Lord. Also having the knowledge and comfort that we are not alone in this effort, our labour is not in vain - for we do it in Christ.

The Gospel reminds us that to be of service to one another we need to "remove the speck" from our own eyes before we attempt in charity to help another. Good trees bear good fruit. As we approach the discipline of Lent, may the Lord help us to see more clearly our own sin and weakness, ask Him to forgive and remedy our faults, then in love help us to walk with our brothers and sisters. Have a wonderful week.

Fr. Christopher
Pastor

TODAY'S READINGS

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading

Sirach 27:4-7

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 92:1-2, 12-13, 14-15

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION - MARCH

FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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: mcbishop@dol.ca For more information visit our website: londonsouthcatholic.ca

LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNERS

Want to know this month's winners? Visit our website for the latest results! londonsouthcatholic.ca/



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New Members Welcome

St. Justin's Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 4 @ 6:30 PM

- (+) Guiseppe Gentile Carmen Gentile
- (+) Martha Macrina & Clement Moris The Family
- (+) Elizabeth Weir Ibbitson Family
- (+) Judy Clinton S. LaRocque

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 @ 8:00 AM

ASH WEDNESDAY

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- (+) Michael Robert Gonzalves Shelly Gonsalves
- (INT) John & Fr. Gonzalo Arboleda St. Joseph Ministry
- (INT) Chris & Michelle Douglas St. Joseph Ministry
- (INT) Deacon Joe & Lori Manzara C. F. Leach
- (INT) Increase in Vocations St. Joseph Ministry

THURSDAY, MARCH 6 @ 8:00 AM

- (+) Fe Torrefranca Tony Torrefranca
- (+) Margaret Costea Jim Yanchula & Margo Morand

FRIDAY, MARCH 7 @ 8:00 AM

- (+) Dec'd Members of Plante Family Muriel Plante
- (+) All souls in purgatory Dcn. Jose & Mercedes Viveiros
- (+) Michael Hartman Yvonne Hartman
- (INT) Kiley Family Family
- (INT) Ann Creighen Christina Dougherty
- (INT) Carmel Turner Christina Dougherty

NEW HEARING AID ASSISTANCE

For those who suffer from poor hearing, a portable device will be available for you to use while at Mass. You will have to sign for it at the Welcome Desk in the vestibule of the Church (and return it after Mass).

ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 5, 2025

Join us as we begin the Lenten season with the distribution of ashes and the Holy Mass at:



- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Confessions
- 6:30 p.m. Mass

Let this season of repentance and renewal bring you closer to Christ.

USED ROSARIES WANTED



Do you have rosaries sitting around? Our RCIA program could use them as we teach our new Catholics how to use this powerful prayer tool. Please deposit them in the container on the welcome desk. **Thank you.**

**DIVINE MERCY
CHAPLET**

Please consider joining us for prayer on **Friday, March 7th at 6 PM**

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR
DIOCESAN MINISTERS**



Please pray for the following Diocesan Ministers:

- Sunday, March 2 - Deacon Larry Lamphier
- Monday, March 3 - Rev. John Pirt
- Tuesday, March 4 - Deacon Paul James
- Wednesday, March 5 - ASH WEDNESDAY
- Thursday, March 6 - Rev. Phil Guimaraes
- Friday, March 7 - Rev. Chris Gillespie
- Saturday, March 8 - Rev. Frederick Howard-Smith

LAST CALL FOR 2025 LOTTERY CALENDARS!

Last year we sold just over 1100 calendar tickets with a profit of \$26,627 shared between our three parishes. To date we have sold just over 800 tickets and we only have one month left to sell. We are asking everyone in the family of parishes to consider asking a friend to buy a calendar or perhaps you have a birthday of someone coming up that you could gift them one. There are still over \$12,000 in cash and prizes to be won and one \$25.00 ticket still has over 300 chances to win. So, get creative and help us surpass our sales from last year. All proceeds go to our capital fund which will be used to repair and upgrade areas of our churches. You can get your ticket at St. Justin's parish office during the week or after masses on the weekends. We now accept debit and credit on the weekends. Thank you as always for your support.



FISH FRY



On Friday, February 14, we will gather in Fred Merrill Hall for good food, sparkling conversation, and friends. Enjoy a complete dinner with haddock fish or chicken strips, fries or baked potato, coleslaw, a roll, a drink, and dessert. Eat-in or take-out is available from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

The cost is \$20 for adults and \$5 for children. See you there!

**ST. JOSEPH
DEVOTIONAL
PRAYERS**

Please consider joining us on **Wednesday, March 5th at 6 PM**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory amounts for:
Sunday, February 22/23, 2025 was
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