



# St. Justin's Parish

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*Office hours Monday to Friday 9 AM to 12 PM, 12:30 PM to 4 PM*

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

- ◆ Saturday at 5:00 PM
- ◆ Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
- ◆ Children's Liturgy Sunday at 11:00 AM (Sept. to June)
- ◆ Filipino Mass every third Sunday at 3:30 PM

## RECONCILIATION:

- ◆ Saturday 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM or by appointment

## BAPTISM:

- ◆ Baptisms are celebrated throughout the year. Forms are available in the narthex, parish office or on our website. Please return completed forms to the attention of Catherine Leach, Pastoral Minister. A minimum of eight weeks notice is required.

## MARRIAGE:

- ◆ Please make an appointment with the parish priest as soon as a decision is made to marry. A minimum of twelve months notice is required. Please make no other arrangements until a date is confirmed with the parish.
- ◆ Couples must attend a Marriage Preparation course recognized by the Diocese of London.

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND SHUT-INS:

- ◆ The Eucharist is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins of the Parish. Please contact the parish office if a family member is in the hospital or confined at home so they may receive the comfort of the Church's sacraments and prayer.
- ◆ The Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation are available upon request.

## NEW PARISHIONERS:

- ◆ Welcome to St. Justin's Parish. Please introduce yourself and complete a registration form which is available at the Welcome Desk in the church.

## *The Pastoral Team*

Fr. Christopher Bourdeau, *Parish Administrator*

Fr. Mario Cabal, *Parochial Vicar*

Deacon Paul James, Deacon Joe Manzara, *Deacons*

Catherine Leach, *Pastoral Minister*

Melanie Bertens, *Parish Secretary, Hall Manager*

Mary Mendonca, *Parish Secretary*

Donna DeKleyn, *Bookkeeper*

Peter James, Suzette James, *Custodian*

Gary Williams, *Project & Business Manager*

## PARISH BEQUEST:

- ◆ Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember your parish in your Will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

## FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:

- ◆ Please contact the office before making arrangements with the funeral home.



**Parish Pastoral Council:** Sean Cross, Chair **Finance Chair:** TBA

**Liturgy Committee:** Catherine Leach, Chair **Catholic Women's League:** Maureen Duncan, President

**Knights of Columbus:** Joseph Bartlett, Grand Knight **Director of Music:** Dan O'Brien **St. Vincent de Paul:** John Gruggen, President

Masses for the Week	
<b>TUESDAY, November 16 @ 7 PM</b>	
(+) Theresa Vanbussell	K. Mildred
(+) Fr. Dennis Wilhelm	
(Int) LaRocque & Hunchurick families	family
<b>WEDNESDAY, November 17 @ 7 PM</b>	
(+) Sophie Smith	Morris & Milda Smith
(+) Catherine Yanchula	Yanchula family
(Int) Ray & Edie Yaworski	Coffee Group
<b>THURSDAY, November 18 @ 8 AM</b>	
(+) Souls in Purgatory & St. Joseph	Maria
(+) Nicasia Opulencia & Eduardo Vivar	Maria Calpito
(+) Dec'd members of Briffa & Sacco families	
<b>FRIDAY, November 19 @ 8 AM</b>	
(+) Tony Laureano	mom & dad
(+) Maria Conciao & Manuel Laureano	family
(+) Maria dos Rosary Laureano & Tony Faria	

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading - Daniel 12.1-3

Psalms 80

2nd Reading - Hebrews 10.11-14, 18

Gospel - Mark 13.24-32

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### November Monthly Intention of the Holy Father

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life..

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Please pray for our 60+ Confirmation candidates as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They will be Confirmed on December 5, 2021. Thank you for your prayers.

#### CWL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER



Since we are unable to have our annual pot luck as usual in the hall, I have booked the Southside Grill, 794 Exeter Road, December 2 at 6 PM. We will be choosing from the menu and each pay for our individual meals. Please send me your name to confirm you will attend. I really hope many can come. My email is ejduggan@hotmail.com or call 519-681-4359.

#### CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH COURSE

In order to honour St. Joseph and to get to know him better, St. Justin's, St. Martin's/St. Francis and St. Leopold Mandic are offering a 33 day communal program in order to prepare for consecration to St. Joseph. Please register on the parish website at [www.stjustins@dol.ca](http://www.stjustins@dol.ca) or call the parish office. Books are available in Spanish or English for \$20. Audio-books are also available.

#### OVERCOMING SPIRITUAL DISCOURAGEMENT

Are you feeling sad, fearful, or lonely in your spiritual journey? You do not have to struggle alone! Consider joining a virtual parish group as we make our way through a free video series on "Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement". The videos and the parish sharing group will help you to find hope and peace as you overcome feelings of doubt, grief, anxiety, and inadequacy. Please visit the parish website to register. Group to meet virtually on Monday evenings from 7 PM to 8 PM. Workshop lead by Marie Claire Bilyk of St. Martin's. Intro week is Monday, November 22nd. Program runs from November 29th to December 20th then resumes January 3rd to February 7th.

#### ADVENT JOURNEY IN PRAYER WORKSHOP

Fr. Chris is offering an Advent Journey in Prayer Workshop, December 4th in the parish hall 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Space is limited so please contact the parish office to register.

#### REJOICE! FINDING YOUR PLACE IN THE ADVENT STORY

This Rejoice! Journey invites you to see the places, meet the people, and experience the events that shaped the first Advent. By immersing yourself in the environment that God's people were living in as they prepared for the Messiah, you will experience this season as you never have before. Please register online. Journals are available for \$20. The journal is a prayer resource with daily meditations that will enrich your celebration of Advent. For more info please contact Helen Lowe 519-709-8468.

### St. Martin-St. Francis Youth Group

- November 13 @8:15 PM - 9:45 PM
- November 20 @8:15 PM - 9:45 PM
- November 27 @8:15 PM - 9:45 PM
- December 4 @8:15 PM - 9:45 PM
- December 18 @TBD



RSVP to ensure a spot



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Sunday, November 7, 2021	Total Collected
Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$3,957.00
Loose Collection	\$241.25
St. Vincent de Paul Envelopes	\$876.00
Thanksgiving Envelopes	\$20.00
World Mission Envelopes	\$80.00
Interac Deposits - Regular Sunday	\$1,725.00
Interac Deposits - St. Vincent de Paul	\$95.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$6,994.25</b>

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Year B – World day of the Poor

Today we are asked by the Church to focus our attention on Christ “in the distressing disguise of the poor” as St. Theresa of Calcutta would say, to our brothers and sisters who are poor in body, mind or spirit. Our Holy Father Pope Francis has asked us on this 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – This World Day of the Poor – to regard Christ – to seek his face amongst the poor and to see Him in our own poverty.

Now on first glance one would think that our readings from sacred scripture have little to do with the poor but rather focus on the Last Things, the second coming of Jesus. And in some ways, you would be correct.

In our 1<sup>st</sup> reading from the Prophet Daniel, we are given a glimpse of the Second Coming of the Son of Man – Jesus.

Nations shall be in distress; the dead shall rise for judgement ....the wise shall shine like the stars. Our Gospel reading from St Mark continues the theme from the Prophet Daniel and makes clear allusion to it, “and then they will see, “the Son of man coming in the clouds”.

The second coming of the Son of Man we profess every time we pray the creed together. There will be a universal judgement – a righting of imbalances, a justification of those who suffer because of their faith in Christ – every injustice, every sin against the poor – every cry for help that went unheeded will be remedied. «This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him» as the psalmist proclaims.

To be sure the poor are those who go without the necessities of life, proper clothing, food, housing, shelter, work, a sense of security etc.

But poverty comes in many forms. Loneliness is probably one of the greatest forms of poverty that can be experienced here right in our own town and in our own families. The elderly and the young are both groups that today in our society – when asked what is their greatest challenge in life – loneliness – a lack of connection – is a great concern.

So, who and what are the poor ? Literally any one could be considered impoverished if we look deeply enough. We have all been impoverished by the experience of personal sin in our lives, we have made ourselves less than what the Father intends us to be – so he offers us mercy and grace, time and time again. Now in knowing this what have we done to lift others out of this poverty. Have we been agents of mercy and forgiveness for others ?

We are asked this Sunday to contemplate poverty in all of its forms and be willing to take action. Listen to a portion of a letter the Holy Father wrote for the a past World Day of prayer for the Poor.

“The words of the Psalmist become our own when we are called to meet the different conditions of suffering and marginalization lived out by very many of our brothers and sisters whom we are accustomed to label generically as “the poor”. The Psalmist is not extraneous to suffering; quite the contrary. He has direct experience of poverty and yet transforms it into a song of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. This Psalm is an opportunity for us today, immersed as we are in the many different forms of poverty, to understand who are the true poor on whom we are called to look upon in order to hear their cry and recognize their needs. We are told, first of all, that the Lord listens to the poor who cry to Him and is good to those who seek refuge in him, their hearts broken by sadness, loneliness and exclusion. The Lord listens to those who are downtrodden in their dignity and yet have the strength to look up in order to receive light and comfort. He listens to those who are persecuted in the name of a false justice, oppressed by policies unworthy of the name and intimidated by violence. And yet they know that they have their Savior in God. What emerges from this prayer is above all the sense of abandonment to, and trust in, a Father who listens and is welcoming....Such is this unique experience, in many ways undeserved and impossible to express in full, that we nevertheless feel the desire to communicate it others, first of all to those who, like the Psalmist, are poor, rejected and marginalized. In fact, no-one can feel excluded from the Father’s love, especially in a world which often elevates riches as the primary objective and leads us to isolation.”

So, we see that :

1. The Lord listens to the cry of the poor.
2. In recognizing our poverty, our neediness, we can be open to the gift of a sense of abandonment to, and trust in, the Father .
3. We have a responsibility to act, to communicate this message, “ Whatsoever you do to the least of these my brothers and sisters, you do unto me.”

A great “Thank you” to all who participated in our All-Soul’s Day Memorial Mass for parishioners who have died in the past 2 years. To Tina, Teresa and Wanmary for the wonderful sacred art (decorations), to Dan, Janeth Arita and all of the musicians, and cantors from St. Francis-St. Martin, and St. Justin’s as well as the Lectors and ushers. We are daily building bonds between our two communities and reaching out to St. Leopold’s.

This weekend, thanks to Bishop Fabbro’s permission on the weekend of November 13th and 14th St. Francis-St. Martin’s will celebrate its co-patron St. Martin of Tours at all of the Masses. Happy Feast Day to all!

On Saturday, November 20th at the 5 PM Mass at St. Justin’s—our former Pastoral Minister Suzanne Walton will be returning to receive a gift and our formal thanks for her dedicated ministry among us

On Saturday, December 4th at both St. Francis-St. Martin and St. Justin’s an **Advent Day of Prayer** will be offered starting at 9:30 AM at both parishes. Please see on line and the bulletin for further information. Have a great week! *Fr. Christopher*

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