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Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 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 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**
6:30 PM - St. Justin Martyr

Thursday

12:00 PM - St. Justin Martyr
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
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
@ 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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**MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR, FATHER CHRISTOPHER
EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

Today we celebrate the great feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. This feast concentrates on the victory that Christ won on the cross – “the Power of God,” as Paul states.

We are called to put on the mind of Christ, to embrace the pattern of Christ's life, death, and resurrection – The Paschal mystery. In Baptism we have been configured, our lives have been patterned into a sharing in this mystery, and we now live out that pattern of dying and rising in our flesh. We need the Holy Spirit to conform our minds ever more fully to the mind of Christ, to see the Father's will and have the grace to do it. Often, only later with the grace of the Spirit can we see God's will being unfolded in our lives. “Among the items in the Mark Twain Memorial in Hartford, Connecticut, are these neatly framed words: “Always do right. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest. Truly yours, Mark Twain, New York, Feb. 16, 1901.” True enough. Challenging enough. But Christ challenges us even further. By the grace of Baptism and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit we are to emulate in ourselves a life poured out in loving service. The Gospel today tells us, “for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son...” This Son then, “emptied himself, taking the form of a slave.... he humbled himself and became obedient...” Through this, Jesus is exalted.

During this Jubilee Year, our Bishop has asked us to look deeply at our celebration of the Mass – our primary and central act of worship, “Source and Summit” of the Christian life. This weekend we are looking at what “silence” is and its role in the Mass. Silence isn't easy for any of us in our time. The supercomputer-cell phones we carry seem to demand constant attention. The Church gives us silence in liturgy to train our hearts and minds in silent prayer. But attentive, active, “positive silence” takes work. Often, we may find it difficult to focus. The Church encourages us to ask the Lord to help us to experience his presence. As we cultivate silence, we will begin, more frequently, to hear the voice of the Lord. In silence, without distraction, we see what is real—what is truly before us. We are given the time to better comprehend the true meaning of things.

This is the reason the Church calls for silence, and a great deal of silence, during the liturgy of Mass. Silence amplifies the reality of what we experience. Silence is a proper response to a reality which words cannot express, in the case of the Mass, to the reality of God's presence.

We are invited to silence several times during the Mass.

- before Mass – in the church, and in preparation areas (GIRM 45);
- within the Penitential Act (45, 51);
- after “Let us pray” of the opening collect (45, 54);
- before the Liturgy of Word (56);
- after the first two readings (45, 56, 128, 130);
- after the homily (45, 56, 66, 136);
- after communion (43, 45, 164);
- after “Let us pray” of the post-communion prayer (165).”

Please refresh your memory in regard to the weekday Mass schedules – we are back to our normal schedule in our parishes (except St. Leopolds after consultation they will remain with the summer schedule).

Capital campaign coming at St Justin Martyr – more info to come!

Saturday, September 27th at St. Andrew's parish the diocese is holding a workshop for those who are part of our Finance Committee's and Parish Pastoral Councils – more info to come next week.

In October, the Rosary will be celebrated before Mass in our parishes. Volunteers to lead will be needed – please contact Mary Catherine Bishop.

Have a wonderful week, Fr. Christopher

**JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE
UPDATE**

Bishop Fabbro has asked that we revisit liturgical practices around the Diocese. Next weekend, September 20-21 we will look at:

- The common posture in the Family of Parishes and across the Diocese.

**ROSARY RALLY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025**

Join in the Rosary Rally on Sat., Oct. 11, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. noon in the St. Justin Martyr Parish parking lot. This Public Rosary Rally, sponsored by Canada Needs Our Lady, will be one of more than a thousand rallies that will take place across Canada on that day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of Canada. Hope you're able to join with other Catholics on that very important day.

TODAY'S READINGS
Exaltation of the Holy Cross
1st Reading
Numbers 21.4-9
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 78
2nd Reading
Philippians 2.6-11
Gospel John 3.13-17

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION - SEPT. FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF CREATION
Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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



**Catholic Women's League of Canada
St. Justin's Council**
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New Members Welcome

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 @ 6:30 PM

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| (+) Paul Walmsley | Walmsley Family |
| (+) Teresa Byrne | Walmsley Family |
| (+) Maria Petrona Jarquin | Martha Castaneda |
| (+) Julia Delcarmen Jimenez | Martha Castaneda |
| (+) Jose Jimenez Robleto | Martha Castaneda |
| (+) M. Rebeca Granillo | Maria Elena G. Araujo |

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 @ 6:30 PM

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| (+) Antony | Anonymous |
| (+) Paul | Anonymous |
| (+) Tom & Yvonne Denomme | Marc Labelle |
| (+) Anthony Manzara | Deacon Joe & Lori Manzara |
| (+) Eden Madamba | Family |
| (INT) Increase in Vocations | St. Justin's CWL |

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 @ 12:00 PM

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| (+) O. Maurais | H. Haaparanta |
| (+) Maria Caruana | Maria Caruana |
| (+) Joe McManus | Pauline & Mary Ann Regan |
| (INT) Essam & Gandhi | Shaza Zecharia |

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 @ 8:00 AM

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| (+) Jozef Casar | Jolanka Casar |
| (+) Lynda Corriveau | Isiloa Cabral |
| (INT) Colleen Gruggen | Lori Finch |
| (INT) Pamela Trainor Brooks | Lori Finch |
| (INT) In Thanksgiving | Anonymous |
| (INT) Ken & Elisabeth Duggan | Carol & Phil East, and
Joanne Hughes |

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory amount for
September 6 - 7, 2025 was \$8,668.95
**THANK YOU so much for
your generous donation!**



WANT TO WIN SOME CASH?

Get your tickets for the St. Justin Martyr Catholic Women's League (CWL) Christmas Market Bazaar Cash Raffle from our members or at masses during September and October. Our bazaar is being held on **Saturday, November 15, 2025.**

Mark your calendar to attend this fun event. Buy your raffle tickets before November 5 to be eligible for the Early Bird Draw - \$150.
1st prize - \$700, 2nd prize - \$300, 3rd prize - \$250
- draw November 15, 2025.

Tickets are \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00, or a book for \$10.

All proceeds go to support the following charities:

- ARK AID MISSION
- ST. JOE'S CAFÉ (SOUP KITCHEN)
- SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD
- INDWELL (Christian based supportive housing in London)
- LONDON COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY
- ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH

Please support the hard working ladies of your CWL!



**PRAYER REQUEST FOR
DIOCESAN MINISTERS**

Please pray for the following Diocesan Ministers:

- Sunday, September 14 - Rev. Robert Remark
- Monday, September 15 - Ms. Lisa Mullins, Pastoral Worker
- Tuesday, September 16 - Rev. Daniel Vere
- Wednesday, September 17 - Rev. Michael Michon
- Thursday, Sept.18 - Rev. Mr. David F. S. Basil, CSB
- Friday, Sept. 19 - Rev. Waclaw Chudy, C.S.M.A.
- Saturday, September 20 - Rev. Anthony Bae



BEST YEARS GROUP

The Best Years Group will be returning for the Fall/Winter season beginning on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Our first meeting will be on Thurs., Sept. 18 at 12 noon in the church hall for a potluck lunch. Please bring along a wrapped Dollar Store item for a grab bag game. Any interested in our popular Newfie Card Game, please bring your nickels. For someone interested in joining us, please call: Julie 519-681-4571 or Fran 519-685-3498. Look forward to seeing you!



**ALPHA STARTS
THURSDAY
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.

Revival Ensemble Choir is looking for members!

Our Choir sings primarily at the 4:30 pm Sat. or 8:30 am Sun. Masses, and occasionally at 11:00 am as well! We are always looking for vocalists to round out the harmonies! We are also looking for a guitarist! We currently have one guitarist, bassist, and pianist, and would love another guitar to help contribute to our sound. Please call or text Tanja van Dam at 519-614-6057 or email wontanja@gmail.com.

Youth Choir is also looking for members!

The St. Justin Martyr Youth Choir will be resuming rehearsals on Sat., Sept. 13th at 10:30 am in the Church. If you are in 8th Grade, High School, and even College and University, please consider joining us! We sing once a month at 11 am Mass, rehearsing most Saturday mornings. If you are interested, Please call or text Tanja van Dam, contact details above.



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