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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

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**  
**26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**

"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."

These words are put on the lips of Abraham by Jesus in this parable, in response to the Rich Man trying to warn his brothers to escape the torments he is justly suffering for his sins of injustice. We are presented by Jesus with the moving story of Lazarus and the Rich Man. Now Lazarus is not the Lazarus who is the brother of Martha and Mary, this is another Lazarus, poor Lazarus. This Lazarus represents all of the poor, the marginalized, the sinner, the outcast, the socially unacceptable – all those who sit at the gates and fringes of life and society who beg and are ignored.

The Rich Man represents those who believe they have everything, in their minds they are self-sufficient, needing neither God nor Man. The Rich Man ignores the needs of Lazarus, not a crust of bread or cup of cold water does he offer. Our world is full of Lazaruses – those who are ignored by others but seen by God and loved. The aborted child, the starving child, the abused elderly, those lost in their minds, all are seen and heard as they cry out from the gates and doors of those who ignore them. Do we see them?

Even the guard dogs of the rich man have pity for Lazarus and lick his wounds. "In this parable the master refuses to help the poor sick man outside his gate – but his wild guard dogs will do what they can. They will lick his wounds. Their master will not help Lazarus. They will. Lazarus' quiet gentle spirit breaks through their (the dogs) violent hostility to humans and they care for him knowing that he cares for them."

Lazarus dies and is carried by the angels to the bosom of Abraham – the Rich Man dies and is buried. From Sheol, or the place of shadows the Rich Man cries out for Lazarus to be allowed to cool his tongue with water from the flames. This would be unjust of God to do; how did the Rich Man treat Lazarus on earth in his torment – he was ignored. Do we see others pain? The Rich Man pleads, then at least send someone to warn my brothers that they need to amend their ways – that there is justice in the afterlife – and if the poor, the sick, the marginalized are mistreated or neglected, they shall have justice in paradise.

Abraham responds, which is really Jesus speaking to the Pharisees of his day in this story, "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." Jesus knew that even his own resurrection would be denied by some, that his own post passion and resurrection ministry would be denied by some.

Last Sunday we spoke about the dangers of having a divided heart, about the love of money, power or prestige. This Saturday we celebrated the Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul, the great apostle to the poor. We are called to see others, not just walk over them.

Have a wonderful weekend, enjoy the new season of Fall! – Fr. Christopher (please see the attached INSERT for *Part 2 of the Message from Fr. Christopher* re: Liturgical Postures)

**ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH  
CHILDREN'S CHOIR -  
THE ANGELS OF SONG**

We welcome any new members to join us from Grades 3 - 8. We sing at one 11:00 am Mass each month *plus* Christmas Eve and Good Friday. Our rehearsals are scheduled at 10 am on the Saturday before Sunday's Mass. This is a great opportunity for children to find their singing voice and sing with other children.  
Contact Lydia at 519-614-8522 by text or email: [ninoandlydiad@gmail.com](mailto:ninoandlydiad@gmail.com)

**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.

**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 **Sat., Nov. 15, 2025.**

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

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

Proceeds go to support these 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!**

**TODAY'S  
READINGS**

**26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME**

World Day of  
Migrants and Refugees

**1st Reading**

Amos 6.1a, 4-7

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 146

**2nd Reading**

1 Timothy 6.11-16

**Gospel** Luke 16.19-31

**POPE'S PRAYER  
INTENTION - OCTOBER**

**For collaboration  
between different  
religious traditions**

Let us pray that believers  
in different religious  
traditions might work  
together to defend and  
promote peace, justice,  
and human fraternity.

**SACRAMENTS**

If you are interested in  
getting information for any  
sacrament, please get in  
touch with

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New members welcome



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New Members Welcome

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 @ 6:30 PM**

9:30 AM - ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL MASS

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| (+) Jacob Parsons                 | Martina Parsons     |
| (+) Helen Duffy                   | Lemieux Family      |
| (INT) Mike Parry                  | Pablo Calcaterra    |
| (INT) Increase in Vocations       | St. Joseph Ministry |
| (INT) Chris & Michelle Douglas    | St. Joseph Ministry |
| (INT) John & Fr. Gonzalo Arboleda | St. Joseph Ministry |

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 @ 6:30 PM**

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| (+) Tony Laureano  | Family                 |
| (+) Rita Pabelico  | Lee Family             |
| (+) Esam Zecharia  | St. Justin Martyr Team |
| (INT) Amanda Byrd  | Amanda                 |
| (INT) Thanksgiving | Lee Family             |

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2 @ 12:00 PM**

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| (+) Michael Boffo    | Boffo Family              |
| (+) Maria Caruana    | Maria Caruana             |
| (+) Margie Brady     | Pat & Mary Garry & family |
| (+) Everett Monk     | Lynch Family              |
| (INT) Essam & Gandhi | Shaza Zecharia            |
| (INT) Yosef Zacharia | Basima Thompson           |

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3 @ 8:00 AM**

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| (+) Margaret Osuji-Ali             | Liz Akano                     |
| (+) All Souls in purgatory         | Deacon Jose & Mercés Viveiros |
| (+) Dec'd members of Plante Family | Muriel Plante                 |
| (+) Jozef Casar                    | Jolanka Casar                 |
| (+) Michael Boffo                  | Connie & Agostino Vescio      |
| (INT) Kiley Family                 | Family                        |

**ST. JOE'S CAFE  
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

St. Joseph's Hospitality Center (formerly St. Joe's Soup Kitchen) serves over 2,500 meals per week and is funded and run by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

The need to feed our vulnerable brothers and sisters in London is greater than ever. In response to this continuing crisis, St. Justin Martyr Parish will be holding our annual Thanksgiving weekend collection. This year they have asked us for:

**peanut butter, jam, sugar, powdered milk, and oatmeal.**

Our collection will take place during the weekends of October 4/5 and 11/12. Bins will be in the narthex to receive your items. Grocery cards are also welcome and can be placed in the SSVF lock boxes located in the narthex. Thank you, in advance for your generosity.

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

- Tues., September 30** - St. Anthony School Mass (9:30 am)
- Wednesday, October 1** - CWL General Meeting
- Thursday, October 2** - St. Joseph Devotional Prayers
- Friday, October 3** - Confirmation Parent Meeting in Church (7-8 pm)
- Friday, October 3** - Divine Mercy Prayers

**PRAYER REQUEST FOR  
DIOCESAN MINISTERS**

**Please pray for the following Diocesan Ministers:**

- Sunday, September 28 - Rev. Vince Gulkiers
- Monday, September 29 - Rev. Christopher Pietraszko
- Tuesday, September 30 - Rev. Richard Charrette
- Wednesday, October 1 - Deacon John White
- Thursday, October 2 - Deacon Cap Van Au
- Friday, October 3 - Deacon Andrew Labrosse
- Saturday, October 4 - Rev. Stephen Marsh



**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Sunday Offertory amount for September 20 - 21, 2025 was \$6,451.65  
**THANK YOU so much for your generous donation!**



**ST. JOSEPH DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS**

Join us for communal prayer to St. Joseph on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. **Please consider joining us on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**



**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

Prayers occur in the Church on the first Friday of each month at 6:00 p.m. **Please consider joining us for prayer on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.**



**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION NEWS**

**CONFIRMATION**

Registration for youth in grade 7 or older, is now open online at [www.londonsouthcatholic.com](http://www.londonsouthcatholic.com). There will be a parent meeting on Wed., Oct. 2 from 7:00-8:00 pm at St. Justin Martyr Parish in the church. This year we are offering Confirmation preparation in English only.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION**

Registration for youth in grade 2 or older will open online on October 15 for both English and Spanish preparation. Classes will begin in January.

**SACRAMENTAL CATCH-UP**

As a result of Covid many youth were unable to celebrate their sacraments. If you have a child who is older and still needs to make their First Communion or Confirmation, please reach out to our Pastoral Minister, Mary Catherine Bishop at [mcbishop@dol.ca](mailto:mcbishop@dol.ca).

**CWL BAZAAR**

**Religious Artifacts / Articles Collection**

On Sat., Nov. 15, 2025, our annual CWL bazaar will take place. In preparation for this event, we are asking for contributions of religious artifacts/articles. Items should be in good condition and can include rosaries, books, statues, medals, and crucifixes. These will be offered for donations at the bazaar so others may enjoy them for many years. There is a box in the narthex to collect these items up to the time of the bazaar.



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