



St. Justin, Martyr Parish

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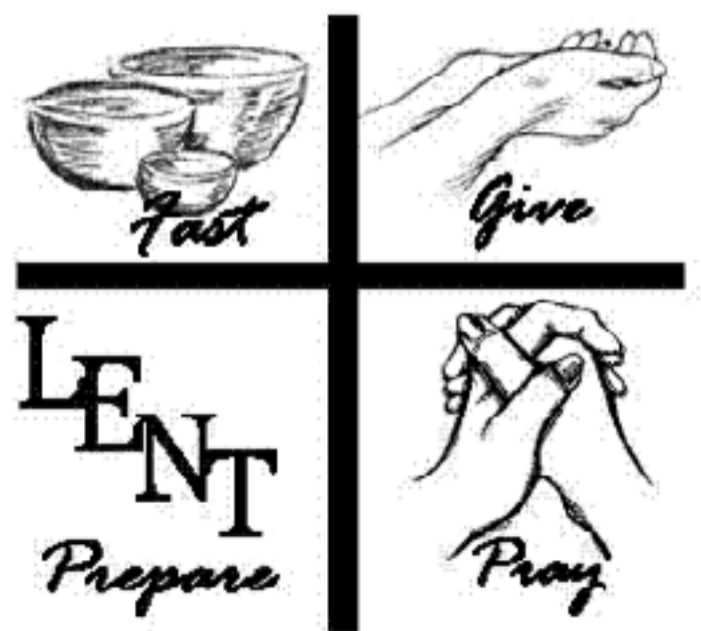
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Making the most of the Lenten season

Oh no, the season of Lent is upon us! Now we are obliged to fast, pray and offer money to charity, or feel guilty if we don't. Lent can definitely be a burden, a drab list of "shoulds" if this is our experience of it. How sad, because Lent is exactly the opposite of this.

Lent is a gift from the Church, an invitation to explore ways we can grow closer to our God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We all know that the more we share our lives with others, the closer we become. It often takes effort to develop a good relationship, but it is always worth it.

Moreover, Lent is a precious gift that encourages us to choose what we will do for forty days to grow closer to God, to grow in holiness. The more meaningful Lent is, the more meaningful Easter will be.



Activities at a Glance

March 7 Faith Explained Series

Cale Clarke continues his FX Series at 7:30 PM in the church, with a closer look at the sacrament of Reconciliation. Be sure to come!

March 9 Ash Wednesday

Mass will be celebrated and distribution of Ashes will happen in the parish at 9:10 AM and 7 PM.

March 19 St. Joseph's Table/Breakfast

To celebrate the feast of St Joseph, we will have our traditional St Joseph's Table, following the 9:10 AM Mass. Anyone who wishes to contribute baked goods is asked to bring them downstairs to the parish hall before the Mass. The Knights of Columbus will provide a cooked breakfast and free-trade coffee for this occasion. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, contact Susan Zanzonico at the parish office.

March 20 Coffee Sunday

Hosted by our Knights of Columbus after the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. Join us downstairs in the hall. Why rush to leave? Stay a while.

Project Thanksgiving

In celebration of St Justin, Martyr's 25 years existence, we will collaborate with Canadian Hearts and Hands, Fr Ho Lung's Missionaries of the Poor, and Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children by collecting food, toiletries and other staple items. Each month of the year will feature a specific item to be collected. During the month of March, we will join the Knights of Columbus' Baby Month. Proceeds will be distributed to local charities like Rose of Sharon, by the Knights of Columbus, and overseas through the above charities. Donations may be brought to the church.

Truck Needed

If any parishioner has an idea how we might acquire the use of a truck to collect donated items from the schools and parish, contact Rita Perta or Anthony Hadeed at ext. 51.