



# St. Justin Martyr Parish

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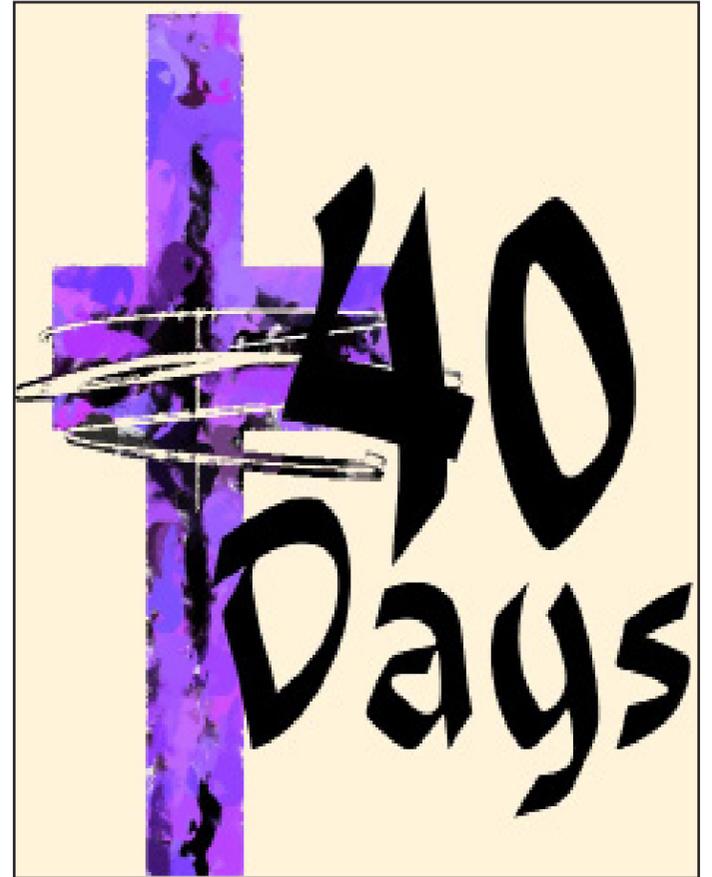
March 2018 School Newsletter

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## A Lenten Reflection

It sounds like a sad time, but the Church gives us many things to pray about during Lent and to grow personally by learning from Jesus' example. The Church challenges us to focus on three main things during Lent: Fasting, Almsgiving and Prayer. Most of us probably have given or tried to give something up for Lent. It is one of those traditions that has been passed down over the years but we don't really know why we do it. How does not eating chocolate for forty days help us to grow closer to God? It helps us because it's a sacrifice. Ask yourself this Lent – what will you sacrifice and how will you grow in your faith life?

Whatever you choose, no doubt, it will help make your Lenten experience one that will help you grow closer to God and strive for holiness in your life. Good luck!



## Sacramental Prep

Our Sacramental programs at St. Justin's are ongoing! For those students in Grade 2, we hope you've been keeping up with your home-based study materials! We are getting closer to receiving you at the table of the Lord in both April and May. For those in Grade 7, our program continues right through the second week of April. See below for some very important notes. Please also refer to your calendar of dates for more information on this year's programs.

### ***Confirmation Family Interviews***

Saturday, April 14 - 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Parish Hall. Bring your study materials!

### ***First Communions***

April 22 and April 29 - 4:00pm

### ***Confirmations***

May 5 - 2:00pm and May 6 - 3:00pm

\* Should there be a question or concern, call Karen Garcea or Andrew Santos

## Activities at a Glance

### All Fridays in March

### **Mass (PM) & Stations**

*Mass will be celebrated at the parish at 7:00pm, followed by praying the Stations of the Cross.*

### March 10-11/17-18

### **Easter Plant Sale**

*Our Catholic Women's League will be selling various Easter lilies and plants after all weekend Masses in our foyer. Proceeds support Sharelife.*

### March 17

### **Pilgrimage Orientation**

*Msgr. Vid Vlasic will lead a meeting for all those parishioners, students and teachers interested in travelling to Spain and France this August and the Holy Land in October. 10:30am in the hall.*

### **2018 Holy Week Liturgies**

Holy Thursday (Mar. 29) - 8:00pm

Good Friday (Mar. 30) - 12:00pm, 3:00pm

Holy Saturday (Mar. 31) - 8:00pm Vigil

Easter Sunday (Apr. 1) - 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm and 7:00pm