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MISSION STATEMENT

As a Parish community let us strive to be a welcoming community of Christian believers, challenged and nourished by the word of God, discerning together the way of Jesus, supporting and nurturing one another in love, compassionately committed to the poor and oppressed, harnessing the wealth of our gifts in joyful celebration and journey together in hope.

VISITORS

We sincerely welcome you to St. Julia Catholic Church. May your visit to family and friends, or to our lovely area, be filled with God's blessings.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word)
..... 11:00 a.m. (St. Julia Choir)

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Any time by appointment with a priest
Communal celebrations in Advent and Lent

Holy Hour

1st Friday 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM : Contact the parish office to meet with a priest or deacon. Baptism is celebrated by appointment on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 1 p.m.

CONFIRMATION : Students in grade eight are invited to prepare with their parents/guardians through St. Peter School or Denis Morris High School. Registration is required in September.

EUCHARIST : Children in grade two will be prepared for their First Eucharist with their parents through St. Peter School. Registration is required in September.

RECONCILIATION : Children in grade two will be prepared prior to First Confession. Parents will prepare their child and will bring them for their First Confession.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK : During a serious or prolonged illness or before surgery. Families will call for the priest to anoint the sick person.

MARRIAGE : An initial appointment with a priest or deacon six months prior to your desired wedding date - no date will be set before meeting with a priest/deacon.

VOCATIONS : Those being called to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life are invited to make an appointment to speak with Fr. Greg or one of the deacons for information and referral.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) will direct adults inquiring about becoming members of the Catholic Church through weekly prayer and instruction - Mondays @ 7:00 p.m. September through May. Contact a member of the pastoral team for information and registration.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (RCIA) will prepare children of catechetical age for baptism. One parent must be Catholic and the child is expected to be enrolled in our Catholic schools. Weekly participation in Children's Liturgy - Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. September through June. Contact a member of the pastoral team for information and registration.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Peter Catholic Elementary School 905-984-3040
Denis Morris Catholic High School 905-684-8731

MINISTRIES

- All members of the parish are encouraged to be involved with and take an active part in at least one ministry of the parish.
- All members of the parish are asked to register with our church. Please contact the church office to introduce yourselves and register.
- All members of the parish are encouraged to share in the ministry of stewardship by offering their time, talents and treasure. Monthly direct deposit forms are available through the parish office. When you are away for a weekend or on an extended holiday you continue to support the parish through your monthly direct deposit. Thank you!
- We ask that parishioners consider a remembrance for St. Julia Catholic Church in their will.

AUGUST 16, 2020

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Gospel today, from Matthew, reminds us to trust in Him even when it seems He is not answering our prayers.

God wants to lead us to the joy of heaven to spend eternity with Him. For that, we must be strong in faith and live our lives as an act of love and gratitude to Him. In other words, we must allow Him to transform us into saints. This is what the stewardship way of life is meant to do. Sometimes, that will feel painful to us. Often, it will be challenging.



Jesus certainly challenged the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel passage from Matthew. She called out to Him on behalf of her daughter, who was being tormented by a demon. What did Jesus do in reply to this mother's desperate plea? Nothing. He "did not say a word in answer to her." Undeterred, the woman continues to call out to Him, yet He still does not give her what she asks for. Instead, He continues to challenge her faith.

And she rises to the challenge to such an impressive degree that Jesus exclaims, "O woman [a term of deep respect in that day], great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Imagine hearing those words proclaimed over us by God. Truly there could be no higher honor than hearing our Lord say that to us.

So we must accept the difficulties that come with the stewardship way of life. Some days will be a true challenge to our trust in God. But those are the days when God is making saints of us.

Let's embrace the hard days during these difficult times. The deep joy that eventually comes, the eternal reward He promises, will be so worth it.

— Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, August 17

8:30 a.m. - Mary Elizabeth Hancock †
Thomas Longo †

Tuesday, August 18

8:30 a.m. - Marg Doodeman †
Souls in Purgatory †

Wednesday, August 19

8:30 a.m. - Anne Marie Brady †
Pietro Saudelli †

Thursday, August 20

No Mass

Friday, August 21

8:30 a.m. - Anointing of the Sick
Bernadette Lynch †

Saturday, August 22

5:00 p.m. - Mary Elizabeth Hancock †
Lydia Repa †

Sunday, August 23

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People
11:00 a.m. - Anne Marie Brady †

RCIA

(THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

The RCIA is the Church's way of bringing new members into the community of faith. We look forward to the fall when we will begin the process anew. Encourage someone to share faith with us and be part of our community. Anyone interested please contact the parish office at 905-684-5603 or email Fr. Greg at frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS

...to Mr. Thomas Dillon who is being ordained to the Permanent Diaconate this weekend on Saturday, August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. We keep Tom, his wife Denise and their family in our prayers.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."

Are you attracted to carry the word of God to his flock as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Greg at 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Do you know of someone in need of prayers for healing? Please contact the church office to add them to our weekly intentions.

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