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Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie D.D. Mass Schedule Diocesan Bishop Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. **Pastor** Fr. Greg Schmidt frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com Saturday 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word) Sunday **Deacons** Deacon George Newman

11:00 a.m. **Deacon Brian Jeynes** 

**Director of Music** Dr. David Holler 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment Saturday

Confessions

Maintenance Jim Salmon Office Hours Administration **Christine Buckley** 

Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cheryl Wood



## February 20, 2022 -Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic." It makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?" And He doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."



It seems so unfair! That is, unless we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money, and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive "doormats" to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." There is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward's love!

- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

## Parish Calendar

Monday, February 21 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Special Intention

Tuesday, February 22

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) -Margaret & John Doodeman † 7:00 p.m. - RCIA

### Wednesday, February 23

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Charlie Cassidy †
Special Intention

9:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Denis Morris High School Virtual Mass - John & Margaret Doodeman † 10:30 a.m. (Livestream) - St. Peter Elementary School Virtual Mass - John & Margaret Doodeman †

Thursday, February 24 - No Mass

Friday, February 25

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Josephine & Martin Kobe †

Saturday, February 26

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Shea Kenny  $\dagger$ 

Sunday, February 27

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People 11:00 a.m. - Majella Laliberte † | Sara Spagnola † Celia Burns †

### **Are You Being Called?**

"Love one another as I have loved you."

Are you discerning a call to follow the Lord?

Call Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

### **Faith Formation & Catechesis**

Interested in joining our RCIA session at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022 for



"The Commandments: 8-10"?

Please contact the parish office to join the Google Meet.

## 2021 Tax Receipts

This is the final weekend to pick up your 2021 tax receipts at our weekend Masses. Those not picked up will be mailed out on February 24th.

Thank you for your generous support.

## Our St Julia Catholic Women's League wants you to know:





With Facilator: Deedee Alexandre

CWL Diocesan Spiritual Development Chair

"Lent...A Time of Reflection and Action:

Praying—Love of God

Alms Giving—Love of Neighbour

Fasting—Detachment/Attachment"

Date: Friday, February 25, 2022 ZOOM
Time: 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Portal will open at 6:45 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81407858755?pwd=QWtLS">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81407858755?pwd=QWtLS</a> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81407858755?pwd=QWtLS">EVtckp50FpKYWRsRIR1NGh6UT09</a>

Meeting ID: 814 0785 8755

Passcode: 686574

# Preparation for the Retreat:

- Quiet, dimly lit room
- Have a candle and matches/lighter or battery-operated candle
- Pen and journal

This retreat is open to everyone, male and female.

# Ways to Give to St. Julia Parish

### Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)

- The easiest way to give, automatically debited from your bank account monthly
- Set it up once and never forget your offering
- · Sustained offering for the parish through regular and consistent giving
- The debit will take place on the 5th day of each month (or on the next business day)
- Can be altered or stopped at any time

Click Here to print the form. Don't have a printer? Simply email or call the office and we will be pleased to mail you a form. Once completed drop off at the parish office or mail to:

St. Julia Church 16 Adelene Crescent St. Catharines, ON L2T 3Y7

#### Interac e-Transfer

- Instant offering / transfer of funds from your bank account to St. Julia's account
  - 1. Log in to your online banking
  - 2. Click Interac e-Transfer
  - 3. Add contact name i.e. St. Julia
  - 4. Notify by *email*
  - 5. Contacts email address
    - Enter in our new stjuliaparishstcgiving@gmail.com email address
    - (you will only have to enter this in for the first time St. Julia will then be a saved contact)
  - 6. Make your donation via your newly set up Interac E-Transfer

**Note**: Please put your envelope number in the message line There is no password required for St. Julia to receive your donation

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God bless you and those that you love.