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# St. Julia Church

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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.

**ANOIDTING 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.

# JULY 26, 2020

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. In our Gospel passage from Matthew today, Jesus employs three parables to describe this kingdom.



In the first of today's parables, our Lord reminds us that living for Him and for His kingdom will be costly. But the deep joy that comes in following Him makes the "price" entailed worth it. Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is "like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it."

In each of these stories, the kingdom of heaven is somewhat "hidden." We must intentionally search for it amidst the noise of the world that bombards us. Yet, our Lord reminds us that His Kingdom is meant for everyone and He wants us to find it! He says, "It is like a net thrown into the sea which collects fish of every kind."

But Jesus concludes His teaching with a rather ominous image, reminding us that every "fish" will also be judged as good or bad. "The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace." This is a description that is difficult to forget. Clearly Jesus wants to get our attention.

Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the kingdom of heaven in our midst and intensify our efforts to pursue it starting right now. There is no time to lose, and we will obtain the immeasurable joy that only comes when we live as disciples of Jesus.

— Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship

### PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, July 27**

**8:30 a.m.** - Elizabeth Hancock †  
Alzamora-Ivanor Family

**Tuesday, July 28**

**8:30 a.m.** - Saad Tessy †  
Rosemary McNamee †

**Wednesday, July 29**

**8:30 a.m.** - June Cummings †  
The Stasiak Family

**Thursday, July 30**  
No Mass

**Friday, July 31**

**8:30 a.m.** - Sherry Di Fruscia †  
Joe Ceci †

**Saturday, August 1**

**5:00 p.m.** - Joseph Kukovica †  
Bronica Orehek †

**Sunday, August 2**

**9:00 a.m.** - Andrew Keltos †  
Angela Napoli †

**11:00 a.m.** - Mass for the People

### 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.

### ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

*"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."*

Do you approach the Lord in prayer asking that He make known your unique vocation? If God may be inviting you to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, call Fr. Greg at 905 684 5603 or email [fgregoryschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:fgregoryschmidt@gmail.com).

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN OF OUR PARISH

*First  
Holy  
Communion*



*Lily G, Karley J, Jack K, Samuel L,  
Matteo M, Charlotte M, Caitlin R, Peyton W*

*We wish them God's blessings.*

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