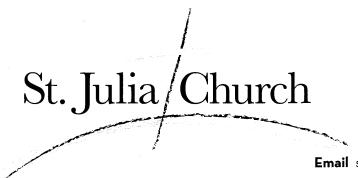
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MISSION STATEMENT =

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 Friday9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.							
Weekend Masses							
Saturday 5:00 p.m.							
Sunday9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word)							
Weekday Masses							
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday8:30 a.m.							
Confessions							
Saturday3:30 to 4:30 p.m.							
Any time by appointment with a priest							
Communal celebrations in Advent and Lent							
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Holy Hour							

......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 Eucharist. 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.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings call us to look inward to the state of our hearts, our thoughts and emotions.

Our first reading, from Sirach, addresses the complicated emotion of anger. "Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?" We have all been wounded by others at some point, some perhaps quite deeply. Our emotions are gifts from God. But we must steward them well, rather than allowing them to overcome us.



How do we do this? Sirach tells us. "Remember your last days, set enmity aside... Remember the Most High's covenant and overlook faults." We embrace the stewardship mindset — not brooding over hurts, but recalling all the gifts our good God has given us, all the love He continually pours out upon us, and we put our focus and trust in Him.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus reminds us of the true position we have before Him in light of all that He has done for us, comparing the kingdom of heaven to a "king who decided to settle accounts with his servants." In the parable, a debtor is brought before the king, owing such an overwhelming debt that it could not possibly be repaid. Yet, the king is filled with compassion for the servant, forgives the debt and lets him go free.

Doesn't that sound like each of us in relation to the King of Kings? The Father has given us life, and then sent His only Son to die for us to free us from our sin "debts" and make eternal life with Him possible for us. It is impossible for us to repay this debt. All we can do is thank God by giving Him our whole selves — inside and out.

What joy and freedom we find in the stewardship way of life!

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, September 14

8:30 a.m. - Stefani Vokal †
Lorne LeBlanc †

Tuesday, September 15

8:30 a.m. - Rosemary McNamee †

Wednesday, September 16

8:30 a.m. - Marg Doodeman † Joseph Cassidy †

Thursday, September 17 No Mass

Friday, September 18 8:30 a.m. - Dr. Fred Barton †

Saturday, September 19

5:00 p.m. - Deceased members of the MacIsaac & O'Neill Families † Mary Ellen Hann †

Sunday, September 20 9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

11:00 a.m. - Fran Cripps †
Paul Nohara †

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POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

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?

"None of us lives for oneself,..."

If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? Call Fr. Greg at 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

CWL COMMUNITY LIFE



The CWL Community Life Committee will celebrate their first annual National Day of Prayer for Christians in the Holy Land. With the current unrest in the Middle East and devastation that occurred in Beirut, Lebanon, prayers for peace are greatly needed. Mark September 21st on your calendar which coincides with the International Day of Peace. In the mean time, light a candle as we pray for peace in the Holy Land.



PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

As you light this lamp, join together with people around the world in praying for peace in the Holy Land.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9)

Lord, help us to be peacemakers in the Holy Land.

"Now the Lord of Peace Himself give you peace always by all means," (II Thessalonians 3:16)

Lord, give the Holy Land peace by Your means.

"For He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us. (Ephesians 2:14) Lord, be our peace and break down the walls of partition dividing the Holy Land.

> "I am the light of the world." (John 8:12) Lord, help us to be lights to the Holy Land.

"They will hammer their swords into ploughshares and the spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, no longer will they learn how to make war." (Isaiah 2:4)

Lord, fulfill this promise now in the Holy Land.

"But Esau ran to meet him (Jacob), took him in his arms, threw himself on his neck and wept as he kissed him." (Genesis 33:4)

Lord, help the people of the Holy Land follow the example of Jacob and

Esau and reconcile themselves to each other.

"Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light to my path."

(Psalm 119:105)

Lord, as we light this lamp, let your Spirit enter into the hearts of those in the Holy Land and be a lamp unto their feet and a light to their path.

"Peace I leave you with, My Peace I give to you: ..." (John 14:27)

Lord, we thank you for your peace and we accept it in the Holy Land.

WELCOME TO OUR DENIS MORRIS STUDENTS

As we start a new and different school year, we welcome our Denis Morris students to each of our weekday Masses beginning this week. Each day, 2 Denis Morris classes will attend the 8:30 a.m. morning Mass. This will replace the monthly school Masses while providing the opportunity for all students to join us for the celebration of the Eucharist on a monthly basis. We wish them God's abundant blessings.

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. Who should consider RCIA?

- 1. Those who have never been baptized and wish to become Catholic;
- 2. Baptized members of other Christian churches who wish to enter the Catholic Church;
- 3. Catholics out of high school who have never been confirmed and who wish to be fully initiated into the Church by receiving Confirmation.

We also invite interested parishioners to serve on the RCIA team. There are a number of dedicated people involved, but we can always use more. **How Can I help?**

- 1. As a CATECHIST who would give an instruction about the Catholic faith or lead a Scripture Sharing.
- 2. As a HOST who would prepare the room and refreshments for the RCIA gathering.

For those who volunteer for the RCIA team, the various duties would be shared to make it as easy as possible for all. The RCIA is a most rewarding experience for all involved. We encourage you to join the RCIA if you wish to be initiated into the Church or can give your talent as part of the team.

The RCIA meet evenings beginning in October. Questions? Please contact Fr. Greg by calling the parish office, via email at frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com or by completing this form and returning it to the parish office or in the offertory collection.

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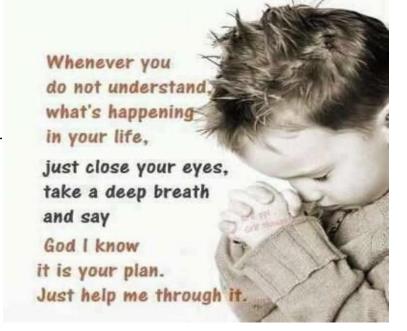
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