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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.

EUCCHARIST : 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.

ANOIDING 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.

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SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Though we can never fully grasp the infinite perfection of God and His ways, a basic knowledge of Scripture reveals that God's logic often differs from worldly logic.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, reminds us that God often thinks bigger than we do. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." As His followers we must strive as best we can to think as God does, using our time (and our talents and treasure, too) with eternity in mind.



In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus offers us a glimpse of the "Godly logic" of the Father through a parable of a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard. Some workers are called early in the day, others not until very late. Yet the landowner pays them all a full day's wage. This angered the laborers who had worked longest. But those laborers were relying on human logic and human calculations. They were not thinking as God does.

This can happen to us Christian stewards as well. We can grumble and complain (at least internally) when we compare ourselves to others and sense that not everyone is contributing as much as we are to the parish, the neighborhood, within our family and so on. At those moments, we need to think bigger!

We must remember that it is a great privilege to have been called by the Father to work in His vineyard. Living the stewardship way of life brings us meaning, depth and purpose.

Let's embrace this Godly thinking and thank Him for calling us to this way of life.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, September 21

8:30 a.m. - Clarence DeCoste †
Don & Catherine Brown †

Tuesday, September 22

8:30 a.m. - Bruno Anthony Mambella Jr †
William (Bill) Dion †
9:30 a.m. - St. Peter Virtual Opening
School Mass

Wednesday, September 23

8:30 a.m. - Joanne Hicks †
7:00 p.m. - Holy Hour with Brock
Catholic Community (everyone welcome)

Thursday, September 24 - No Mass

Friday, September 25

8:30 a.m. - Carla Pawlik †

Saturday, September 26

5:00 p.m. - Joseph Kukovica †
Rosemary McNamee † | Joe Huibers †

Sunday, September 27

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People
11:00 a.m. - Evelyn Marciniak †
Cheri Wilson †

PRAYER OF REPARATION

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.

RCIA OPEN HOUSE

An RCIA Open House will be held on Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Encourage someone to share faith with us and be part of our community. Anyone interested please join us for this opening night of exploration. Until then, should you have any questions please contact Fr. Greg.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

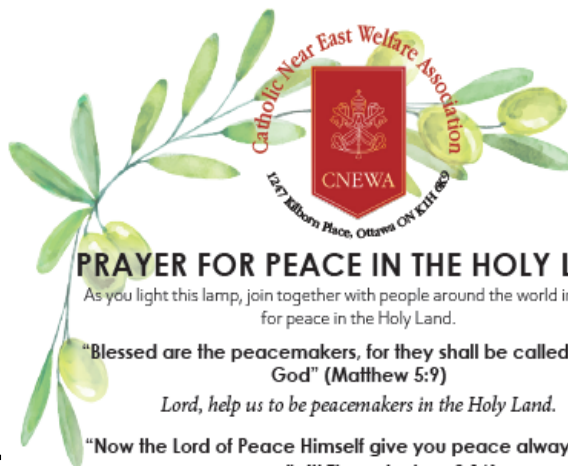
"Seek the Lord while He may be found..."

While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Could it be you are being called by Jesus to serve as a priest, religious sister or brother? If you think He may be offering you this grace, call Fr. Greg at 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.



Life Chain, the Annual Day of Public Witness for Children Killed by Abortion, is held simultaneously in more than 200 locations across Canada each year. This year's Life Chain will take place on Sunday, October 4th. In St. Catharines, join us at St. Denis Church, 230 Lake Street, from 2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Please arrive by 1:45 p.m. to register and pick up your signs. We will witness and pray for the sanctity of human life; that women will choose life for their unborn child; and that our country will protect all its citizens—born and unborn. Covid-19 protocols will be in place and participants are asked to wear masks. For further information, contact Rob or Jackie at 905-646-4926.

The Life Chain will also take place in Niagara Falls on Lundy's Lane between Highland Ave. and Dorchester Dr. and in Welland on Niagara St. between Woodlawn Rd. and Lancaster Dr. from 2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.



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.



Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels. For confidential information, or to register for the program, beginning with a weekend on October 23, 2020 at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, please call **905-664-5212** or email: Teamrecine@gmail.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.



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