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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 Our readings offer us examples of how we should be living, and they present us with an opportunity to make a radical change in our lives.

In our first reading, Joshua tells the leaders of the Israelites to decide as to who they shall serve in this life. As he presents them with this choice, he boldly states, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Who or what does your household serve? Whether you are a household of one or twelve, now is the time to decide, 'will we serve the Lord?'



We are constantly bombarded with endless distractions around us. It can be very easy to serve other 'gods' in our lives. For instance, putting technology (phone, internet, TV), kids' extracurricular activities, our jobs, or our social lives before the Lord. We also might be putting these things above our loved ones, and if we are doing that, then we are putting them above our relationship with God.

With this in mind, we must strive each day to intentionally live as disciples of Christ. It starts with commitment — incorporating personal daily prayer and increasing that prayer week by week, incorporating prayer into our marriages and families, frequenting the sacraments, and serving others. Through this time with the Lord and service to those around us, He will reveal to us where to go next.

Reflect on how you may not be putting God first in your life and decide to respond like the Israelites, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods... Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Are you Being Call

Parish Calendar

Monday, August 23

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Joseph Galliera† Michael Elsie†

Tuesday, August 24 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Joan MacDonald †

Wednesday, August 25 8:30 a.m. ( Livestream ) - Celia Burns †

8:30 a.m. ( Livestream ) - Celia Burns † The Family of Johanna Miles

Thursday, August 26 - No Mass

Friday, August 27
8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Neal D'Souza

Saturday, August 28

**5:00 p.m. (Livestream) -** Rita DeCoste † Maria del Rosario Ita Fernandez de Alzamora

Sunday, August 29

9:00 a.m. - Robert DeCoste † | Tom Critelli † 11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People "Choose this day whom you will serve."

Consider as well how you are being called to serve the Lord! If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

Ushers Needed

The Usher Ministry is in need of volunteers for each of our weekend masses. Primary duties and responsibilities include the offertory collection and distribution of bulletins at the conclusion of Mass with a friendly goodbye. This is a great opportunity to serve with very little time commitment required. Feel called to this ministry? Perhaps a Mother and school aged son, or Grandfather and grandchild. So many possibilities of serving here at St. Julia - a caring Roman Catholic Community. Please see Fr. Greg.