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Mass Schedule Diocesan Bishop Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie D.D. 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 Deacon Deacon George Newman 11:00 a.m. Confessions **Director of Music** Dr. David Holler 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment Saturday Maintenance Jim Salmon Office Hours Administration Christine Buckley Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cheryl Wood



## August 27, 2023 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, leads us to take a serious look at whether our lives give God the glory He deserves. It comes in the form of a question that Jesus poses to the disciples. He leads up to it gently enough: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they offer varying responses. Then, Jesus gets personal with them. "But who do you say that I am?" Peter gets the answer right: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."



Jesus is getting personal with us today. He poses the same question to each one of us who call ourselves His stewards and modern-day disciples. Surely we would not hesitate to answer just as Peter did, that Jesus is the Christ, Son of the living God.

But do our lives truly reflect this answer? If we really believe that Christ is the Son of God, sent to save us from our sins and lead us to Heaven, then we must say so, not just with words but with our actions. Do my ambitions and priorities in life say that Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple? Does my budget, my family life, my entertainment say so?

The gifts and blessings that God has given us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — are meant to be used in a manner that says "Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple." The most eloquent praise we can offer Him is a life lived in grateful response to His unfathomable love. This is the beauty and power of a stewardship way of life.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

### Parish Calendar

#### Monday, August 28

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Rita DeCoste †
Special Intention

### Tuesday, August 29

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Robert DeCoste †
Special Intention

### Wednesday, August 30

**8:30 a.m. (Livestream ) -** Special Intentions Pierette & Georges Cote †

### Thursday, August 31 - No Mass

### Friday, September 1

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Fr. Lawrence Dugo †
Special Intention
9:00 a.m. (Livestream) - Holy Hour

### Saturday, September 2

**5:00 p.m. (Livestream) -** Harith Younan † Pierette & Georges Cote †

### Sunday, September 3

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People 11:00 a.m. - Vincent Dugo † Robert Gravelle † Elizabeth Smith †

# CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!

Catholic Women's League Corner

## St. Julia CWL Donation Recipients 2022/2023

- Catholic Missions in Canada
- Choose Life Niagara
- Development and Peace
- Hospice Niagara
- Hotel Dieu Shaver: Technology Department
- Gillian's Place
- Raft
- St. Julia Church
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Start Me Up Niagara

## **Are You Being Called?**

"Who has known the mind of the Lord?"

Through prayer our minds become better aligned with the mind of Christ and His will for us. If the Spirit is prompting you to know Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact

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



### St. Julia SVDP Update

The society of St. Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is:

"to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy".

The poor will always be with us. Our list of clients has greatly expanded. We currently supply support through food vouchers to 28 adult clients and with new families moving to our area there are 19 children who require assistance.

The need for food is growing each month. We work with Associated Services to support the less fortunate. A donation of \$3,000 has been made. Your generosity has allowed us to continue in our mission. For this we are most grateful.

Our task extends to Denis Morris and St. Peter Schools. SVDP will be in close contact and monitoring both schools in September to offer assistance to meet the challenges that some students face with food and school supplies.

Westview Centre 4 Women is a nondenominal shelter providing food, clothing and a space for women to share their experiences and work towards change in their lives. Their website is <a href="westviewcentre4women.com">westviewcentre4women.com</a>. A donation of \$1,000 has been made on your behalf designated for food for these women.

The St. Vincent Society is an example of living the teaching of Christ. Please continue your excellent support. Every bit is a great help. Envelopes are available for tax receipts.

Thank you and God Bless.

"As Vincentians we offer gifts of charity to those in need."

### MOUNT CARMEL HOME

Catholic Seniors Housing





- Independent Living
- Respite Stays
- Nursing On-Site
- ✓ 3 Meals/Day
- Weekly Housekeeping

78 Yates Street, St, Catharines mountcarmelretirement.com

### **Catholic Seniors Housing**

Mount Carmel Home has been offering faith-based seniors living in St. Catharines for the past 60 years. Located on beautiful Yates Street, across from Montebello Park, we offer Independent Living options for seniors looking for affordable care and living options.

We have always remained connected to the various Catholic Congregations in our community,

We offer tours of our residence Monday through Friday from 10:00am – 3:00pm by appointment and can also accommodate Saturdays as well if needed.

At any time should you have any questions, contact:

Lisa Ranger, Administrator T - 905-685-9155 C - 905-325-7123

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## 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

### The Traditional Envelope

• Tried and true. Offered at the end of Mass or you can mail your envelope to:

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

### CanadaHelps.org

• Instant donation using your credit card. Click Here to donate now.

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Thank you for your configued generally.

God bless you and those that you love.