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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 today call us to pause for a moment and consider how we respond to God's love for us each day.



Our Gospel recounts a dialogue between the Pharisees and Jesus. The Pharisees questioned why Jesus' disciples did not practice the ritual washing before eating a meal. Jesus' response reminds us to ask ourselves 'why.' Why do we remain faithful to God's commands? Why do we pray or go to Mass? Why do we participate in the sacraments? Why do we love others? Often, we are living our faith a certain way out of obligation, fear, or duty. But Jesus reminds us that the greatest way to live out our faith is through love. Our faith has obligations to provide us opportunities to love, honor, and praise the Lord. They are meant to aid us on our personal journey with Jesus Christ.

St. James reminds us that every moment of each day is an opportunity to respond to God's infinite love for us with love and gratitude in return. If we approach our relationship with Jesus with this in mind, then we begin to realize that the gift of the Mass is an opportunity to worship God, the sacraments are ways to draw us closer to Him and His commandments are opportunities to love Him more faithfully. And if we approach our day-to-day moments with this in mind, then we begin to see just how many blessings God has given us. Looking at life through the lens of gratitude helps us to see each moment as a gift with endless opportunities to respond in love.

This is how we ought to live our lives as Christian stewards — by recognizing our lives as a gift and an opportunity to love God in response to how He has loved us. ."

- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Parish Calendar

Monday, August 30 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Aristide Tacinelli †

Tuesday, August 31 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Michael Stasiak† May Higgins†

Wednesday, September 1 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Susanne Laughrey †

Thursday, September 2 - No Mass

Friday, September 3
8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Margaret Doodeman †
Holy Hour

Saturday, September 4 5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Special Intention May Cassidy † | Celia Burns †

Sunday, September 5 9:00 a.m. - Tom Critelli † 11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is the way adults come to learn about and experience the Christian life, specifically our Roman Catholic tradition, and become initiated into the life of our Church through the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

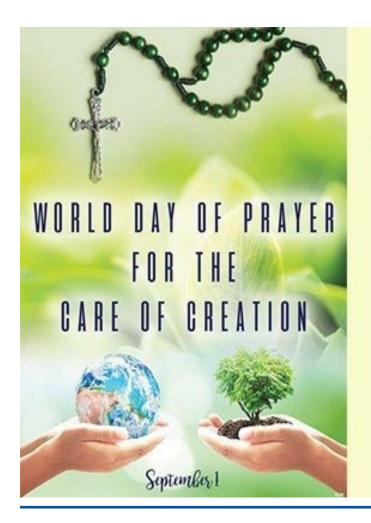
An RCIA Open House will be held in early fall. Encourage someone to share faith with us and be part of our community. Anyone interested is welcome to join us for this opening night of exploration. Further details to come. Until then, should you have any questions please contact Fr. Greq.

"Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves."

Are you Being Call

Jesus is the Word who calls you to serve Him in truth. Is He inviting you to priesthood or the consecrated life?

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



"Let us become agents of God's mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make peace and justice flourish."

[Pope Francis]

St. Vincent de Paul News



St. Vincent de Paul, St Julia Conference, is most grateful to our parish patrons for your generous donations. We are able to continue our gifts of food vouchers to our regular clients as well as supporting Community Care. We also continue to provide Ozanam, North of 60, and Start Me Up Niagara with our help. Our friends and neighbours at St. Mary and St. Patrick Churches always need supplies for their food banks. With your ongoing support, we are able to regularly reach out to other organizations that help the poor.

We have found your generosity to be overwhelming. Your loose change and envelopes encourage us to work on your behalf to help those less fortunate. Envelopes are available for a tax receipt if you wish. The poor will always be with us; but with your concern, prayers and donations we are able to lend a hand to those in need at this difficult time.

Being a member of St. Vincent de Paul has proven to be very rewarding for me personally, and we ask you to consider coming to a short meeting to see if it is right for you. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, September 8 at 10:00 A.M. in the meeting room.

Thank you and God bless you.

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