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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** 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 14, 2022 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant be a challenging way of life. In the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross." If we are tempted to complain about the sufferings we must endure in living as Christ's disciples, we are told, "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." In other words, "If you're not bleeding, what are you complaining about?" That is quite a high bar!

The Gospel reading from Luke continues this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." A couple of verses later Jesus adds, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Jesus's life on this earth and the message He brought were not meant to simply make us feel good. In fact, His words can make us downright uncomfortable at times. That's because His Good News (and it is indeed good news!) Is meant to change us, to make saints of us.

The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Two Week Parish Calendar

Monday, August 15

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

Tuesday, August 16

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Special Intentions (3)

Wednesday, August 17

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Michael Beckerman †

Thursday, August 18 - No Mass

Friday, August 19

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Chuck Masse †

Saturday, August 20

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - John & Margaret Doodeman †

Sunday, August 21

9:00 a.m. - Martin & Josephine Kobe † 11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

Monday, August 22

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) -John & Margaret Doodeman †

Tuesday, August 23

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Chuck Masse †

Wednesday, August 24

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Joan MacDonald †

Thursday, August 25 - No Mass

Friday, August 26

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Chuck Masse †

Saturday, August 27

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Joseph Cassidy † Anthoni & Emilia Gagola †

Sunday, August 28

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People 11:00 a.m. - Rita DeCoste †





August 21, 2022 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ's disciples in name only. To be a real disciple, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline.



Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God's constant provision for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be "trained" by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength.

Our Lord Himself speaks of the difficult path to the Kingdom of Heaven in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He is asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus responds, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." Showing up for Mass on Sunday while living as if Christ is an afterthought the rest of the week does not make us disciples. What's more, this approach to our faith is an unjust and unloving response to our good God who has given us all that we have and are.

Jesus does not want us to merely go through the motions of faith. He wants much more from us and for us. He wants to know us deeply and for us to get to know Him so that we become His holy disciples. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. But it does take discipline, the discipline of a stewardship way of life.

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CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!



Catholic Women's League Corner, August 2022

Our St. Julia Catholic Women's League, in partnership with Canadian Blood Services, is sponsoring a blood drive.

More information will be available after all Masses on Saturday, August 20 and Sunday August 21.

We thank you for your continued support.



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for the Month of August

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.



As a team, we can do more for patients in our community and across the country

Join our St. Julia Parish team today, donate blood and make a meaningful impact!

Summer Blood Drive

St. Catharines Donation Centre 395 Ontario Street, Henley Plaza Saturday, August 27, 2022 Appointments start at 9:25 am

To join the team:

- 1 Sign in or create an account at blood.ca or use the GiveBlood app
- 2 Select 'Partners' from the menu, then 'Join an existing team'
- 3 Search for: St. Julia Parish
- 4 For help booking or for more information, contact tammy,maroudas@blood.ca or call 289 929-5596



use the camera app on your phone and scan the QR code to book your appointment.



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- The easiest way to give, automatically debited from your bank account monthly
- Set it up once and never forget your offering
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- · 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

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 - 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

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