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Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word)
11:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Office Hours

Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent



We serve a merciful and patient God. In His kindness, He warns us that we will be called to make an account one day for the way in which we made use of the gifts He has given us. The most precious gift He has given us is His own Son, Whose birth we are preparing to celebrate.

St. Peter describes the loving kindness of the Father in our Second Reading today, saying God "is patient with you, not wishing that anyone should perish but that all should come to repentance." Yet, in the same passage we receive this warning: "The Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar... and the earth and everything on it will be found out." How are we to assimilate these two truths — the merciful love of God and the responsibility that comes with the privilege of living as His disciple? St. Peter tells us we should conduct ourselves "in holiness and devotion." Indeed, this is the goal of our Advent "reset" — to return to living lives focused on Christ, in gratitude for all He has done for us.

In our Gospel passage from Mark, John the Baptist instructs us to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." We must make good use of the gift of time we have been given this Advent season. Let's be sure to get to Confession, prioritize a daily reading of the Scriptures, and reach out to someone in need with a word of comfort or an act of service. In this way, we will honor both the mercy and justice of our God, and we will be prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ and give account for all His gifts to us.

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Parish Calendar

Monday, December 11

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Basil Markle †
Elizabeth Longo † | Special Intention

10:00 a.m. (Livestream) - St. Peter Advent Mass

Tuesday, December 12

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Anointing of the Sick
Deceased Members of Stasiak & McElheran Families †
Rosario Alzamora † | Special Intention
7:00 p.m. - RCIA

Wednesday, December 13

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Lina Memme † | Meaghan Scott †
7:00 p.m. - Reconciliation

Thursday, December 14 - No Mass

Friday, December 15

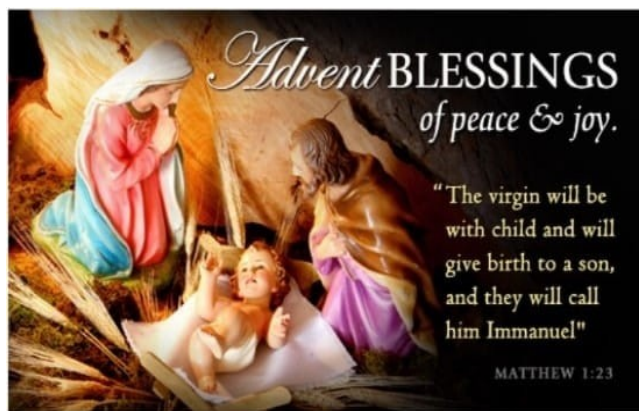
8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Pierette & Georges Cote †
Bill McLean † | Martin & Josephine Kobe †
Connie & Norm Zwierschke † | Special Intention

Saturday, December 16

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Basil Markle † | Teresa Martin †
Ted & Neen Nelson † | Special Intention

Sunday, December 17

9:00 a.m. - Pierette & Georges Cote † | Meaghan Scott †
Wilfred & Anne La Belle † | Ted & Neen Nelson †
11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People



Faith Formation & Catechesis

We welcome you to join our RCIA session



**"The Sacrament of Confession
(Reconciliation)"**

Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 pm,
in our Divinity Room

Are You Being Called?

"A voice is calling."

Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious?

Talk to your priest or reach out to
Fr. Greg at the church office,
905 684 5603 or email
frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.



- ♦ Sincere thanks to all who supported our Council of the Catholic Women's League by purchasing poinsettias these past few weeks. We appreciate you.
- ♦ The Prayer Shawl/Rosary-making group will meet on Wednesday, December 13 from 2-3:30 pm in the Divinity Room. All are welcome.



St. Julia
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE



DATE: Saturday December 16th & Sunday December 17th

TIME: Before and after all Masses

DONATION OF BAKED GOODS WELCOMED: We invite you to drop off baked goods, wrapped and ready for sale, after 4pm on Saturday the 16th or before Masses on Sunday the 17th

**THANK-YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE
ST. JULIA CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

SEEKERS OF THE LIGHT

A Cantata for Christmas
by
Lloyd Larson and Mark Hayes

St. Julia Church Choir
David Holler, conductor

Sunday, December 17th, 2023 - 3:00 p.m.
St. Julia Catholic Church
251 Glenridge Avenue
St. Catharines, ON

**Admission: Free will offering
for the St. Julia Music Program**

Reception to follow

Christmas at St. Julia

Christmas Mass Times

Sunday, December 24

- * 5 pm
- * 10 pm with carols at 9:30 pm

Monday, December 25

- * 9 am
- * 11 am

New Year's Mass Times

Sunday, December 31

- * 5 pm

Monday, January 1

- * 10 am



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