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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 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent



Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" is a Latin word, meaning "rejoice." The Christian steward should be characterized by a spirit of rejoicing. Our First Reading, from Isaiah, expresses a fitting motto for us. "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." It is God Who is the source of our joy and contentment — not things or achievements or comfort, but our relationship with God.

This is why stewards can share so freely of their time, talents and material possessions — because ultimately, we are not attached to these things. We recognize them as good gifts from our loving Father, but we are attached to the Giver of the gifts, not the gifts themselves. This allows for great freedom in life and the capacity for great joy in the Lord. In fact, we can become like John the Baptist, in today's Gospel passage from the Book of John. We read this description of the prophet: "He came for testimony, to testify to the light... He was not the light but came to testify to the light." This is our calling too — to testify to the Light, our wonderful Savior — by the way we make use of the time, talent and treasure He has entrusted to our care.

When God Himself is the source of our joy, it cannot be taken away from us. There is still time, this Advent season, to clear away any "clutter" in our lives that may take our focus away from Him. Let us strive to detach from any of these things so that we can be free to truly rejoice in God on Christmas Day.

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Parish Calendar

Monday, December 18

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Rita Markle †
Elda Robson † | John Kassenaar Sr. †

Tuesday, December 19

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Michelina Memme †
Special Intention
7:00 p.m. - RCIA

Wednesday, December 20

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Denis Morris Advent Mass
Adelaide Fitzpatrick † | Joseph Kobe †
Joseph Callaghan †

Thursday, December 21 - No Mass

Friday, December 22

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Michael Morra †
Meaghan Scott † | Special Intention

Saturday, December 23

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Rita Markle †
Yvonne De Rozario †

Sunday, December 24

9:00 a.m. - Maria & Giuseppe Quaresimo †
Maria & Antonio Ierace † | Biaggio Procopio †
Serafina & Angelo Procopio †
Johnathon, Derrick & Melanie Nogueira †
11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People
Christmas Mass
5:00 pm, 10:00 pm with Carols starting at 9:30 pm

Are You Being Called?

"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me
because the Lord has anointed me."

God is empowering you for a specific purpose! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life?

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

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for behold, I bring unto you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'"

"That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown."
Linus Van Pelt

Christmas at St. Julia

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23 - 5 pm

Sunday, December 24 - 9 & 11 am

Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24

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

Monday, December 25

* 9 am & 11 am

The Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30 - 5 pm

Sunday, December 31 - 9 & 11 am

New Years Masses

Sunday, December 31

* 5 pm

Monday, January 1

10 am

CATHOLIC
and **LIVING IT!**

Catholic Women's League Corner: December 16 / 17



- ◆ **OUR ANNUAL BAKE SALE IS THIS WEEKEND**—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.
- ◆ We also invite you to join us in the Divinity Room after all Masses this weekend to purchase some delicious baked goods just in time for Christmas.
- ◆ We appreciate your support and wish you a Merry Christmas

2023 St. Julia Donations

Please note that all donations that you wish to include on your 2023 income tax receipt must be received before 9:00 am, December 27 to be credited to 2023. Donations received after this date will be listed for 2024.

Faith Formation & Catechesis

We welcome you to join our RCIA session
"The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick"
Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00 pm,
in our Divinity Room

"Matthew 25 Ministries"



- sleeping bags
- socks
- mittens and gloves
- jackets
- prepackaged cutlery

- Homelessness, and unfortunately the other problems that lead to this, is a major problem in our community.
- Last year we were asked how we could help and the support was overwhelming, so once again we will be collecting various items for our homeless outreach campaign.
- The listed items are needed for men and women for immediate distribution and can be brought to our church.
- Through this campaign we will provide assistance and outreach to the poor, quite literally right in our backyard.
- As **"a caring community"** this is our opportunity to yet again put our faith into action.

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

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- 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

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There is no password required for St. Julia to receive your donation*

The Traditional Envelope

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Thank you for your continued generosity.

God bless you and those that you love.