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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.

Diocesan Bishop

Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie D.D.

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December 3, 2023 - First Sunday of Advent

Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year, it's no wonder Advent that does not always seem to get the attention it deserves. But if we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards. Why? Advent calls us not only to look back in grateful contemplation of Christ's first coming, but it also calls us to look forward in preparation for His Second Coming. Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but rather, out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed.

Whatever we feel God calling us to do this Advent — committing to a daily Gospel reflection, visiting a lonely neighbor, or donating money to those in dire need — there is no time to waste. Jesus makes this clear in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a man going off on a journey. Before he leaves, he "places his servants in charge, each with his own work." We, of course, are the servants in this parable, each with a mission to accomplish in building the Kingdom of God. Jesus warns us over and over in this passage to remain vigilant to the work He has given us to do because we do not know when we will be called to give an account for it.



Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful

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Parish Calendar

Monday, December 4

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

Tuesday, December 5

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

Wednesday, December 6

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - John Devoe †
Souls in Purgatory †

Thursday, December 7 - No Mass

Friday, December 8

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Pierette & Georges Cote †
Ingrid & Harry Edmondstone †

Saturday, December 9

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - CWL Gathering Mass
Ted Fursey † | Maurice Demers

Sunday, December 10

9:00 a.m. - St. Peter Family Mass & Coffee Social
Mass for the People †
11:00 a.m. - Michael Morra † | Betty Smith †
Barbara O'Mara-Wilkinson † | Theresa D'Apice †
Special Intention

Are You Being Called?

"Like a man away on a journey, he assigns each of us a task; be on the alert."

Being chosen to serve as a priest or in consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation.

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

Faith Formation & Catechesis

We welcome you to join our RCIA session



"The Sacrament of Confirmation"

Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00 pm,
in our Divinity Room



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

CATHOLIC
and **LIVING IT!**

Catholic Women's League:
December 2 / 3

- ◆ The pick up for our Poinsettia fundraiser is this weekend, December 2/3, in the Divinity Room after all Masses.
- ◆ The weekend of December 16/17 will feature our Christmas Bake Sale before and after all Masses. 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 your support.
- ◆ The next general membership meeting will be held, on Wednesday, December 6th at 1:30 p.m. in the Divinity Room. Please join us.

An Advent Prayer

Lord God, we adore you because
you have come to us in the past.

You have spoken to us
in the Law of Israel.

You have challenged us in the
words of the prophets.

You have shown us in Jesus
what you are really like.

Lord God, we adore you because
you still come to us now.

You come to us through
other people and their
love and concern for us.

You come to us through men
and women who need our help.

You come to us as we worship
you with your people.

Lord God, we adore you
because you will come
to us at the end.

You will be with us at
the hour of death.

You will still reign
supreme when all human
institutions fail.

You will still be God when
our history has run its course.

We welcome you,
the God who comes.

Come to us now
in the power of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Caryl Micklem,

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