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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

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#### Deacons

#### Director of Music

#### Maintenance

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# December 11, 2022

## Third Sunday of Advent

Good news, Christian stewards — we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today's readings on this Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.



Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world at present. But by faith, we know this day is coming. Lest we grow weary as we await the glorious day of Christ's return, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord.. Make your hearts firm... Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged."

This is excellent advice for us Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life. In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude, "making our hearts firm" by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain.

We can choose to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, no matter the circumstances surrounding us.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

## Parish Calendar

### Monday, December 12

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Anointing of the Sick Mass  
Dolly Denault † | Rosarito Alzamora †  
Deceased members of Stasiak & McElheran Families †

### Tuesday, December 13

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Doris Carroll †  
Jessie & Patrick Divers †  
7:00 p.m. - RCIA

### Wednesday, December 14

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Denis Morris Advent Mass  
Regina Robles †  
6:30 p.m. (Livestream) - Advent Reconciliation Service

### Thursday, December 15 - No Mass

### Friday, December 16

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Martin & Josephine Kobe †  
Neil Smith † | Goldie Crowe †

### Saturday, December 17

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Lisa Ann Gowsell †  
Ted & Neen Nelson †

### Sunday, December 18

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People  
11:00 a.m. - Melanie, Jonathan & Dereck Nogueira †  
Domenic Alfieri Sr. & deceased members of Alfieri Family †  
Angie Napoli † | Aldo Riva †  
3:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Seekers of the Light Concert

## Are You Being Called?

"I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you."

Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

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

**CATHOLIC**  
and **LIVING IT!**



## Catholic Women's League Corner: December 11th, 2022

- \* Poinsettia pick-up after all Masses this weekend
- \* A sincere thank-you to all of you who supported this project and the others we have sponsored this fall.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of December

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.





# SEEKERS OF THE LIGHT

A Cantata for Christmas  
by  
Lloyd Larson and Mark Hayes

St. Julia Church Choir  
David Holler, conductor

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - 3:00 p.m.  
St. Julia Catholic Church  
251 Glenridge Avenue  
St. Catharines, ON

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

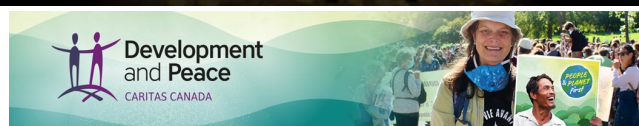
Reception to follow

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An Afternoon of Readings and Music to lead us  
to Christmas Day

The world was lost in darkness. Roman oppression weighed heavily and God's people were awaiting a Messiah. There were astrologers . . . literally following the light of the heavens and prophecies of the coming Messiah. But there were other "seekers of the Light": Mary and Joseph, simple shepherds in a field, and the prophets. Then, it happened. The Light of the World was born. Let's follow the respective journeys of these "seekers of the light" and learn what we can from their sojourns. May we likewise seek and find The Light for our journey . . . and transform our lives with a fresh touch of God's miraculous grace and gift of Love.



## Thank you for putting *People and the Planet First*

A major focus of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's *People and Planet First* campaign is advocating for a law that compels Canadian companies to respect human and environmental rights across their overseas operations.

Thousands of Canadians [signed the petition](#) in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who are protecting the Earth and asserting their rights.

We are also delighted to welcome [new members](#) who will help amplify the voice of our movement by acting for peace and justice.

On behalf of all those who struggle to preserve their lands, lifestyles, livelihoods and lives, Development and Peace thanks you for your commitment and mobilization. Together, we are building a world of justice.



To **sign our petition** and to continue supporting our campaign, visit [devp.org/act](https://devp.org/act).

To **become a member** and support our mission, visit [devp.org/joinus](https://devp.org/joinus).

## Faith Formation & Catechesis



We welcome you to join our RCIA session for  
**"Teaching Mass & places in the Church"**  
at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, December 13th in Divinity Hall.

## Christmas at St. Julia

### Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.  
10:00 p.m. with carols at 9:30 p.m.

### Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



# Ways to Give to St. Julia Parish

## Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)

- The easiest way to give, automatically debited from your bank account monthly
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- Sustained offering for the parish through regular and consistent giving
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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:

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16 Adelene Crescent  
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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
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  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

**Note:** Please put your envelope number in the message line  
There is no password required for St. Julia to receive your donation

## The Traditional Envelope

- Tried and true. Offered at the end of Mass or you can mail your envelope to:

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