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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

#### Pastor

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#### Maintenance

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# December 12th, 2021 - Third Sunday of Advent

We have arrived at Gaudete Sunday (Gaudete is the Latin word for "rejoice") this Third Week of Advent, and the Scriptures take on a joyful tone as we continue our preparations for the feast of our Savior's birth. Our Second Reading gives us cause for joy as St Paul reminds us, "The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all..." Then he gives us a prescription for maintaining this peace: "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Paul's instructions for obtaining peace come as an early Christmas gift. They remind us that we can and should go to God with all our needs and present them to Him along with our thanks. This guidance calls to mind a vital aspect of a stewardship way of life: gratitude to God in response to His great love and countless gifts to us..

The Gospel passage, from Luke, shows us how to live out this sense of thankfulness, making our lives a "Christmas gift" to Christ in joyful response to His love for us. When the crowds hear John the Baptist's message that their Savior is coming, they ask him what they should do to prepare. He responds, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do the same." He tells tax collectors to stop collecting more than is prescribed and soldiers, to be satisfied with their wages. In other words, he tells them to be good and generous stewards of all God's gifts to them!



As the great feast of Christmas draws near, let us rejoice in Christ's extravagant love. Let's avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let's look carefully at our lives to make sure we are indeed making of them a gift fitting for Him.

— Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

## Parish Calendar

### Monday, December 13

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Derrie Doyla †  
George & Mary Descender †  
7:00 p.m. - RCIA

### Tuesday, December 14

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Nancy Riou †  
Johanna Miles †

### Wednesday, December 15

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Lucia Colucci †  
Martin & Josephine Kobe † | Connie Zwierschke †  
6:30 p.m. (Livestream) - Advent Reconciliation Service

### Thursday, December 16 - No Mass

### Friday, December 17

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Robert Pringle †

### Saturday, December 18

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Ted & Neen Nelson †  
John Devoe † Pawel Wrobel † | Agnieszka Lesniak †

### Sunday, December 19

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People  
11:00 a.m. - Aristide Tacinelli † | Joseph Gallagher †  
Vittoria Passero † | Johanna Miles †

## Faith Formation & Catechesis

We welcome you to join our RCIA session for



### "Teaching Mass & Places in the Church"

at 7:00 pm, Monday, December 13th  
in our Divinity Hall.

All participants must provide proof of vaccination.

## Are You Being Called?

Do you rejoice in the Lord?

Is He asking you to consider a vocation as a priest or deacon? Contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email [frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com).

## Offerings for November

Envelopes	\$ 23,984.25
Monthly Preauthorized Giving	9,520.75
Canada Helps	384.87
Interac e-Transfer	2,800.00
Renovations & Repairs	8,065.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$44,754.87</b>

## Christmas 2021 Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve** – Friday, December 24th

(Tickets required)

5 p.m. 8 p.m. 10 p.m.

**Christmas Day** – Saturday, December 25th

9 a.m. 11 a.m.

**New Year's Eve** – Friday, December 31st

5 p.m.

**New Year's Day** – Saturday, January 1st

10 a.m.

**Ticket System** (Tickets Required for Christmas Eve Masses Only)

In order to keep everyone safe, a limited number of tickets are still available for the 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Masses. We have reached capacity for the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Tickets must be secured / picked up in advance and must be presented upon entering the Mass. Tickets can be picked up at all weekend Masses and at the parish office Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. until capacity is reached.

Unable to get a ticket or concerned about the crowds? Consider joining us at another Mass during the Octave of Christmas. Weekday Mass is celebrated Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Friday at 8:30 a.m.



### CWL Membership Dues

Just a reminder that CWL membership payment is due on Jan 1, 2022. You may use the blue envelope in your Sunday offering box or any plain envelope. Please mark CWL on the envelope before putting it in the collection plate or drop it off at the office.



### St. Vincent De Paul Fundraiser Christmas Concert

Join us on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 7:00pm at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church (21 Queen St. South, Thorold ON) for a Fundraiser Christmas Concert directed by Debbie Tessier with singers Andrea Willis, Rosanne Mastracci, Brittany Wilson and more! Freewill Donations will be collected at the door. All proceeds will go to our Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist the less fortunate in the area.

## *Third Sunday of Advent*

**GAUDETE SUNDAY**

Joy-filled Giver of Life,  
let the anticipation of your birth fill us  
with overflowing joy.  
May our excitement and anticipation  
be a sign to the world  
that you are always near.

Amen

*Rejoice*



# 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of each month (or on the next business day)
- 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:

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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

**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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