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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 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

As our Advent preparations draw to a close and Christmas fast approaches, it is fitting that today's readings demonstrate the intensity of the Father's perfect and passionate love for each of us, culminating in the gift of His own Son, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day. In response to such an overwhelming gift, what can we do except offer our lives as gift in return, embracing a stewardship way of life with all the love and strength we have to give?



In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we find an unparalleled example of one who embraced this way of life in St. Joseph, as he obeys God's call to him through the message of an angel.

We never hear St. Joseph speak, but the Scriptures tell us he was always listening, attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit for his family. It was Joseph who found the stable where the baby Jesus would be born. No doubt it was Joseph who cleaned it up and prepared it for Mary and Jesus since we know that Mary was about to give birth. Joseph protected the family, guarded them, and tended to their safety, their comfort, and their well-being at the expense of his own plans and preferences. Though we do not hear any words from St. Joseph his actions clearly show that he offered himself, his whole life, as a gift to his family through his strong guidance, protection, and service.

Let us imitate St. Joseph, then, as good stewards, giving our very lives to those around us in love and gratitude to God, who has given us everything we have, especially His own Son, Jesus Christ.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

Parish Calendar

Monday, December 19

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Patrick Mallen †
Special Intention

Tuesday, December 20

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Kerry Kirkpatrick †
Harry Edmondstone †
7:00 p.m. - RCIA

Wednesday, December 21

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Jamie Rochford †
John Devoe † | Margaret O'Neill †

Thursday, December 22 - No Mass

Friday, December 23

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Conor Dewane †
Giuseppe Virgulti †

Saturday, December 24

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - The Nativity of the Lord
8:00 p.m. - The Nativity of the Lord
9:30 p.m. (Livestream) - Carols with the St. Julia Choir
10:00 p.m. (Livestream) - The Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, December 25

9:00 a.m. (Livestream) - The Nativity of the Lord
11:00 a.m. - The Nativity of the Lord

Are You Being Called?

"When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him."

Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ?

Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life?

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

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and **LIVING IT!**



Catholic Women's League Corner: December 18th, 2022

- Thank-you to all who have supported our initiatives in 2022.

Reaffirmation of the Executive:

- January 4 at 1pm prior to the start of our General Membership Meeting

Reception of New Members:

- January 15 at the 11 am Mass

Christmas at St. Julia

Christmas Mass Times

Saturday, December 24th 5 pm, 8 pm & 10 pm with carols at 9:30 pm

Sunday, December 25th 9 am & 11 am



New Year's Mass Times

Saturday, December 31st 5pm

Sunday, January 1st 9 am & 11 am

THE *Peace* CANDLE

Also known as the Angels' Candle, this fourth candle of Advent signifies the peace of the Prince of Peace.

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

-Luke 2:14



Offerings for October

Envelopes	\$ 19,832.10
Monthly Preauthorized Giving	10,030.28
Canada Helps	186.85
Interac e-Transfer	2,225.00
Renovations & Repairs	2,165.00
Heating/Air Conditioning	0.00

Total \$ 34,439.23

Offerings for November

Envelopes	\$ 18,332.75
Monthly Preauthorized Giving	9,335.92
Canada Helps	798.32
Interac e-Transfer	4,190.00
Renovations & Repairs	1,972.00
Heating/Air Conditioning	120.00

Total \$ 34,748.99

Thank you for your generous and continued support

Faith Formation & Catechesis

We welcome you to join our RCIA session for
"The Sacrament of Confession (Reconciliation)"
at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, December 20th in Divinity Hall.



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