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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 19th, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Our Blessed Mother takes center stage on this fourth Sunday of Advent, and fittingly so, as we draw near to the celebration of her Son's birth. After our Lord Himself, Mary is our model and guide to a stewardship way of life.



Today's Gospel passage from Luke describes Mary's actions immediately after her "yes" to the angel Gabriel's message. "Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah... and greeted Elizabeth." Mary immediately begins to think of others before herself, setting out quickly to be with her cousin, modeling two of the pillars of stewardship – Hospitality and Service.

What warmth and humility the Mother of our Savior shows, traveling to Elizabeth to spend time with her, rejoicing with Elizabeth over her own incredible pregnancy, and assisting her in a time of need. And what joy this hospitality and service brings to Elizabeth.

Our Blessed Mother's example of a stewardship way of life is one that we, her children, can follow in our own lives today. With all the gifts God gives us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — we, too, can offer ourselves to God by using these gifts to serve and glorify Him. In so doing, we will effectively spread the Good News of the Gospel to the world around us today.

We will be stewards after our Mother's own heart.

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

Parish Calendar

Monday, December 20

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - John & Margaret Doodeman †
7:00 p.m. - RCIA

Tuesday, December 21

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - George & Mary Descender †
Johanna Miles †

Wednesday, December 22

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Guiseppe Capacchione †

Thursday, December 23 - No Mass

Friday, December 24

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Patricia Corbett †
Special Intention for Gregory Corbett

Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - The Nativity of the Lord
8:00 p.m. - The Nativity of the Lord
10:00 p.m. (Livestream) - The Nativity of the Lord

Saturday, December 25 - Christmas Day

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

Sunday, December 26

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People
11:00 a.m. - Angela Napoli † | Stefani Vokal †
Richard McNelis † | Albert DeRose †
Special Intention - Del & Tina O'Sullivan

Are You Being Called?

God chose to become man to lead us in a path of righteousness.

Is God calling you to grow in holiness?
He may be inviting you to the priesthood,
diaconate or consecrated life.

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



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.

Faith Formation & Catechesis



We welcome you to join our
RCIA session for

**"The Sacrament of Confession
(Reconciliation)"**

at 7:00 pm, Monday, December 20th
in our Divinity Hall.

All participants must provide proof of vaccination.



Love

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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.

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. Please contact the parish office to arrange for tickets.

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.

There will be no 5:00 p.m. weekend Masses on Saturday, December 25th and Saturday, January 1st. Sunday Mass times remain the same at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on December 26th and January 2nd.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

St. Vincent De Paul News

A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to St. Peter School students and staff for the most generous donation of food for the St. Mary food bank. This year food banks have a great need as more people require a helping hand at Christmas. This donation will go a long way to fill food baskets.

Through your generosity your St. Vincent de Paul was enabled to donate \$5600 to St Mary food bank this year. Christmas gift cards were also donated to St. Mary church for a Christmas treat for children. Donations totaling \$5000 this year were also made to St. Patrick church for their food bank. We were able to gift the St. Catharines St. Vincent de Paul store with men's socks, underwear and gloves so much needed this winter. Ozanam center has received \$6250 to feed the hungry through your support.

Through your ongoing generosity our Mission to help those less fortunate continues. We are grateful for your prayers, concern and donations. "What you do unto others you do unto me".

Thank you and Merry Christmas.

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

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:

St. Julia Church
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Interac e-Transfer

- 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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- Instant donation using your credit card. Click Here to donate now.

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Thank you for your continued generosity.

God bless you and those that you love.