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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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**Director of Music**

Dr. David Holler

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# December 4, 2022

## Second Sunday of Advent

On this Second Sunday of Advent, our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans encourages us to focus our Advent preparations in this way: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." And how does Christ welcome us? With unconditional love. This is the essence of Christian hospitality, a vital aspect of stewardship living. Fully embraced, it has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those who experience it through us.



The practice of Christian hospitality is also a way for us stewards to answer the call of John the Baptist, in our Gospel passage from Matthew. His words apply just as much to us today as they did to the people awaiting the Savior's arrival. John says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" And he recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." There is a definite connection between repentance and effective hospitality.

So how can we make repentance a regular part of our everyday lives? We can make an "examination of conscience" a daily part of our prayers, thanking God for the times we said "yes" to Him, and asking forgiveness for the times we chose our own will. We can (and should!) go to Confession this Advent. We can reach out to a family member or friend where there is distance or discord and make peace.

As we "straighten the paths" of our own hearts and minds, we become more hospitable people, better stewards of God's grace and mercy, and far more open and ready to invite others into our lives, homes, and parish. This is preparation fitting for our merciful Savior.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

### Parish Calendar

#### Monday, December 5

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Scott Northwood †  
Deceased members of McElheran & Stasiak Families †

#### Tuesday, December 6

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Bruno Mambella †  
Special Intention  
10:30 a.m. - (Livestream) - St. Peter School Advent Mass  
7:00 p.m. - RCIA

#### Wednesday, December 7

8:30 a.m. - Harry & Ingrid Edmondstone †  
10:30 a.m. - Advent Reconciliation at St. Peter School  
7:00 p.m. - St. Peter School First Reconciliation

#### Thursday, December 8

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Mass for Immaculate Conception

#### Friday, December 9

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Souls in Purgatory †  
Fr. Rheel LeBlanc † | Fr. James Mulligan †

#### Saturday, December 10

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Ted Fursey †  
Special Intentions

#### Sunday, December 11

9:00 a.m. - Wilfred & Anne LaBelle †  
Harry Edmondstone †  
11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

### Faith Formation & Catechesis



We welcome you to join our RCIA session for  
"The Sacrament of Confirmation"  
at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, December 6th in Divinity Hall.



### St. Julia SVDP Update

A donation of \$3000.00 was recently made to our friends at St. Patrick Church to replenish their depleted food bank. This was made possible due to your generous ongoing donations to S.V.D.P. We regularly help St. Mary and St. Patrick Churches in their service to the needy in their parishes. Thank for your help in our mission to serve the poor.

"What you do unto others you do unto me"

### Are You Being Called?

Are you called to be "A herald's voice in the desert" preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people?

If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email [frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com).

We welcome the following children into our Catholic family and wish them God's abundant blessings:

- \* Nolan S.
- \* Nolan S.
- \* Zina C.
- \* Vienna K.
- \* Aubrey T.
- \* Alexander Z.
- \* Bianca T.

THE SACRAMENT OF  
*Baptism*  
*Baptismal Prayer*

- Everly D.
- Jannik S.
- Lorena C.
- Grace K.
- Alessio M.
- Saxtin W.
- Charlotte D.

Lord surround these children with goodness, lead them in Your light each day;  
Help them walk the path You've chosen, guide their steps along the way.  
Teach them, Lord, to trust Your wisdom, with a faith forever new;  
Keep them from all harm, and bless them with your grace and gladness too.



## Let's heed the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor and act!

Pope Francis calls us to hear "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" (Laudato Si', 49). But all too often, these cries are silenced by powerful companies that violate our brothers' and sisters' rights by plundering resources on their land without their consent. Let's ensure that Canadian companies cannot do this with impunity.



Take action now! Sign our petition calling on Canada to adopt a due diligence law that would require its companies to respect human and environmental rights across their overseas operations ([devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act)).

Become a member of Development and Peace to live out your faith ([devp.org/joinus](http://devp.org/joinus)). Act in solidarity with the communities whose struggles for a more just world we support.



## Advent

### A Prayer Preparing for the Birth of Christ

Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment  
At which the Son of God was born  
Of a most pure Virgin  
At a stable at midnight in Bethlehem  
In the piercing cold  
At that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee,  
To hear my prayers and grant my desires  
*(mention request here).*

Through Jesus Christ and His most Blessed Mother.  
Amen

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



**Catholic Women's League Corner:**  
**December 4th, 2022**

- General Membership Meeting: Wednesday, December 7 at 1pm in Divinity Hall
- This is the last weekend for poinsettia orders. Pick up will be before and after all Masses next weekend (December 10/11). Remember to bring your receipt.

**We thank you for your continued support.**

# Ways to Give to St. Julia Parish

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- Set it up once and never forget your offering
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  1. Log in to your online banking
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    - 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

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

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*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

**God bless you and those that you love.**