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Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie D.D. Mass Schedule Diocesan Bishop Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. **Pastor** Fr. Greg Schmidt frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com Saturday 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word) Sunday **Deacons** Deacon George Newman

11:00 a.m. **Deacon Brian Jeynes** 

**Director of Music** Dr. David Holler 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment Saturday

Confessions

Maintenance Jim Salmon Office Hours Administration **Christine Buckley** 

Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cheryl Wood



# December 5th, 2021 - Second Sunday of Advent

The readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge as we reflect and prepare for the two "comings" of Christ — His coming as a baby on the great feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time.

Our First Reading, from Baruch, is a wonderful reminder that God has triumphed over sin and death and that we — His faithful disciples — will live in the light of His glory one day. Until He comes again, we must remain faithful to Him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts He has given us. While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for eternal life by the way that we use our time, our talents, and our treasure now.



The Gospel reading from Luke shows us how personal and detailed is God's love for humanity as He prepared the way for Christ's coming among us. We are told the precise time, place, and person, John the Baptist, He appointed to announce the arrival of our Savior. John tells us how to celebrate to the fullest this first "coming" on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming — through repentance.

This Advent let's turn away from any bad habits or sin that may have crept into our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ. This is what the stewardship way of life is all about — moving closer ever closer in relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him.

# Parish Calendar

# Monday, December 6

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

## Tuesday, December 7

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - John & Joyce McGrath †
Kevin McGrath † | Paul McGrath † | Robert Walker †
Eugene & Gladys Walker †

9:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Denis Morris Virtual Advent Mass 7:00 p.m. - St. Peter First Reconciliation

# Wednesday, December 8

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Louise Minniti † | Margo Van De Laar †

Thursday, December 9 - No Mass

## Friday, December 10

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Anointing of the Sick
Paulina Tarka † | Marlene DeRose † | Special Intention

## Saturday, December 11

**5:00 p.m. (Livestream) -** Ted Fursey † | Pawel Wrobel † Remigius Silveira † | Mary Claire McInally † | Special Intentions

# Sunday, December 12

9:00 a.m. - Wilfred & Anne LaBelle † | Joe Habib †
John & Margaret Doodeman † | Maria Del Rosario Alzamora †

11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People
7:00 p.m. - "Lessons & Carols"



# Faith Formation & Catechesis

We welcome you to join our RCIA session for

"The Most Holy Eucharist"

at 7:00 pm, Monday, December 6th in our Divinity Hall.

All participants must provide proof of vaccination.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for the Month of December

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit

# Are You Being Called?

Is the Holy Spirit asking you to be "a shepherd he feeds his flock" in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life?

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





# St. Julia Catholic Women's League Raffle Fund-Raising

The St Julia CWL will be raffling a twin bedspread quilt with a matching pillow sham hand-made by our CWL member, Joyce DeCoste. Tickets will be sold after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses this Sunday with the draw taking place right after. The cost is \$5.00 for 1 ticket or \$10.00 for 3 tickets.

Thank you in advance for your kind support.

#### **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.



# "Lessons & Carols" -Christmas at St. Julia

Join our Director of Music David Holler and soloists from the St. Julia Choir as they present a program of "Lessons & Carols" on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us as we gather together at St. Julia for this wonderful evening of music. A goodwill offering will be collected at the doors to support the music program here at St. Julia.

Please print your name and telephone number on a piece of paper, similar to weekend mass, to expedite contact tracing upon arrival

The presentation will also be Live Streamed on our St. Julia YouTube Channel, for playback anytime.

# Christmas 2021 Mass Schedule

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

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24th Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25th 11 a.m. 9 a.m.

New Year's Eve - Friday, December 31st 5 p.m.

New Year's Day - Saturday, January 1st 10 a.m.

#### **Ticket System**

In order to keep everyone safe, a limited number of tickets are available for each Christmas Eve 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.

# 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:

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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

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