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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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February 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent



Today's readings remind us why we partake in this 40-day Lenten journey — to prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Christ on Easter. St. Peter reminds us in our Second Reading of the blessings we receive from Christ's passion, death, and resurrection — "Christ suffered for sins once... that he might lead you to God." And again, "[Baptism] is... an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

To receive the blessings more readily from Christ's passion, death, and resurrection, we too are called to endure 40 days "in the desert." In our Gospel, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert where He was tempted by Satan. Jesus was called to face trials and to confront evil. During this time, He committed to intense prayer and fasting. It was not necessary for Jesus to go into the desert so that He might be purified, but rather, to endure the temptations of man for our sake. He was fully man, and experienced temptations just like us, yet responded to them perfectly, never falling into sin.

We should strive to fully participate in this Lenten season by mirroring Jesus, the model steward by Whom we are called to imitate. Through our time in the desert, we will confront evil by weeding out the roots of sin in our lives through fasting. And we will be sustained and nourished in the desert by prayer.

Let us strive to purify our hearts so that we might be ready to receive the glorious gift of Christ and partake in the riches that pour forth from this Gift.

Catholic Stewardship Consultants
www.CatholicSteward.com

Parish Calendar

Monday, February 19

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Tom Urlocker †
Ross & Ada Smith † | Special Intention

Tuesday, February 20

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Richard See †
Todd McArthur †
6:30 p.m. - Robert Peabody †
7:00 p.m. - RCIA

Wednesday, February 21

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Special Intentions

Thursday, February 22 - No Mass

Friday, February 23

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) -
Charlie & Joseph Cassidy †
Intentions of the Neary Family
9:00 a.m. (Livestream) - Stations of the Cross
6:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 24

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Cliff Booker †

Sunday, February 25

9:00 a.m. - Theresa D'Apice †
Josephine & Martin Kobe †
11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

Are You Being Called?

"I establish My covenant with you."

If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, sister, or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

Faith Formation & Catechesis

We welcome you to join our RCIA session



"The Rosary"

Tuesday, February 20th at 7:00 pm, in our Divinity Room.

Income Tax Receipts—Final Weekend

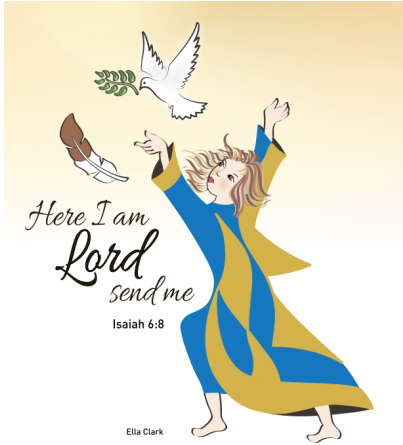
2023 Income tax receipts are available for pick up in the church lobby. Receipts not picked up will be mailed out on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



St. Julia
COUNCIL

Catholic Women's League Corner: February 17 / 18



- General Membership Meeting: Wed. March 7 at 1 pm in the Divinity Room.
- "Unmentionables" (women's, men's and children's underwear) for Start Me Up Niagara, SVDP and Southridge Church may be dropped off in the lobby.
- Join team St. Julia for our Plasma drive which will be open for the month of March. Lilet Raffinan, from Canadian Blood Services will speak at all Masses this weekend and be available in the lobby along with CWL representatives to answer your questions and provide instruction on how to register.
- Thank you for your support



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- We address the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. We champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change.
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Diocese of St. Catharines
Where Faith Lives

On Saturday, March 16, 2024, in every parish church across the diocese a priest will be available from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. to hear individual confessions. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing; or you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a time of **prayer** and **penance**, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of **dying to sin** and of **living for God**.

WHEN IS LENT?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues until the afternoon of Holy Thursday. It runs for about 40 days.

WHY 40 DAYS? The "40 days" (not including Sundays) of fasting, prayer, and penance before Easter reflect Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO DURING LENT?

1. Turn away from our sins and turn back to God. Detach from habits and tendencies that are contrary to God's will. Lent is a time of conversion.
2. Open our hearts to our Father, so that we may live with Christ for God. Jesus is calling us to be people of praise and prayer, and living signs of his love for all.

"This time of fasting opens the gates of heaven to us. Let us welcome it and pray that when Easter comes we may share the joy of the risen Lord."

LENTEN RESPONSORY

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 4. Notify by *email*
 5. Contacts email address
 - Enter in our new **stjuliaparishstcgiving@gmail.com** email address
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God bless you and those that you love.