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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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# February 25, 2024 Second Sunday of Lent

Today's readings are a powerful testimony to God's profound love for each one of us. It is a reminder for us, as Christian stewards, to surrender all that we have to the Gracious Giver.

The First Reading from Genesis is the infamous story of God putting Abraham to the test. God commands Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, to the Lord as a sacrifice. Abraham obeys the Lord. Yet, a messenger of the Lord cries out at the last moment to stop him. Because of Abraham's faithfulness and surrender to the Lord, he is blessed abundantly.



We can only imagine how Abraham felt, offering the life of his son, not understanding why, but blindly obeying. Yet, Abraham's response of total surrender to God's plan is a testament to trust in God's deep love for us. As Christian stewards, we are called to surrender all to the Lord — our time, our talents, and even our material possessions. We should willingly give God our entire lives with the confidence that He will take care of us.

St. Paul echoes this message so beautifully in our Second Reading. He says, "He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" God loves us so much that He gave us His only Son who suffered, died, and rose for us. He has given us His very best. Can we not entrust our entire lives to Him knowing He will continue to pour out His love on us?

As we continue our journey through Lent, let us reflect on God's profound love for us.

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## Parish Calendar

### Monday, February 26

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Josie Murphy †  
Special Intention

### Tuesday, February 27

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Lina Memme †  
6:30 p.m. - John & Margaret Doodeman †  
7:00 p.m. - RCIA

### Wednesday, February 28

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Pierette & Georges Cote †

### Thursday, February 29 - No Mass

### Friday, March 1

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Souls in Purgatory †  
9:00 a.m. (Livestream) - Holy Hour with  
Stations of the Cross  
6:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 2

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Josie Murphy †  
Mona McIntyre † | Special Intention

### Sunday, March 3

9:00 a.m. - St. Peter Family Mass  
Mass for the People  
11:00 a.m. - Enrique Orbeta † | John Hipwell †  
Rita Camilleri † | Special Intention

## Offerings for December

Envelopes	\$ 31,835.67
Heating	1,275.00
Preauthorized Giving	9,955.90
Canada Helps	1,577.50
Interac e-Transfer	7,425.50
Renovations & Repairs	250.00
New Years	50.00
Christmas	15,708.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 67,078.12</b>

## Thank you for your generosity

### Faith Formation & Catechesis



We welcome you to join our RCIA session

### "The Sacrament of Reconciliation"

Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00 pm,  
in our Divinity Room.

## Are You Being Called?

"This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!"

Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest or in consecrated life? Listen to Him and talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.



St. Julia  
COUNCIL

## Catholic Women's League Corner: February 24 / 25



- Wed Feb 28: Executive Meeting at 1 pm in the Divinity Room.
- Wed. March 6: General Membership Meeting 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. **You can make all the difference.**
- Thank you for your support.



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.



### Last chance to sign the *Stand for the Land* Petition

- Today is the deadline for signing a letter to Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government to protect those who are fighting to defend forests and rivers in a Honduran national park against pollution from a mine. The letter is part of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's last fall campaign.
- Over 20,000 Canadians have signed it in solidarity with these struggling communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. Join the effort and add weight to our demands. Sign now at [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act).
- Thank you for your solidarity!



## Fasting During the Lenten Season

Let us pray that as we begin the season of lent we embrace the opportunity to:

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill our hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so we can listen.

We pray that  
our only desire  
and our one choice  
is to choose  
what better leads  
to the deepening  
of God's life in us.



# 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of each month (or on the next business day)
- Can be altered or stopped at any time

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  1. Log in to your online banking
  2. Click *Interac* e-Transfer
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  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

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## The Traditional Envelope

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

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