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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 26, 2023

## First Sunday of Lent

As we begin the beautiful and challenging season of Lent, our readings this week remind us why we need these 40 days so much. They also suggest a particular strategy we Christian stewards might take as we make the journey toward Easter.

Our first reading takes us all the way back to Genesis, reminding us of our Creator and the loving care and lavish gifts He gave to our ancestors, Adam and Eve. He created them out of pure love and provided abundantly for them. Life was good in the Garden! Until the first couple allowed just a sliver of doubt in the goodness of God to enter their minds. Swayed by the words of the serpent, they became ungrateful and distrustful despite God's great love for them and all the gifts of creation He had provided. Sound familiar? These are the same temptations that threaten to pull us away from God today.



Our Gospel passage from Matthew shows us by the example of Jesus Himself one way that we can attain spiritual strength and grow to become more effective disciples and stewards. In this passage, we find our Lord in the desert, fasting for 40 days and 40 nights. Like Adam and Eve, He is confronted by the evil one. But unlike our fallen parents, our Lord triumphs definitively over the devil's lies and sends him slithering away. How did He do it? By knowing the Scriptures and by proclaiming them confidently. And by His perfect trust in the Father.

This Lent, let us embrace this 40-day spiritual reset. Let us prioritize our use of time by committing to prayerful study of the Scriptures and trusting more deeply in the Father's love. We will surely be better stewards by Easter.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

## Parish Calendar

### Monday, February 27

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Therese Andrysiak †  
Eugene Muratori †

### Tuesday, February 28

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Jane O'Brien †  
Albert DeRose †

### Wednesday, March 1

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Martin Ryan †

### Thursday, March 2

8:30 a.m. - No Mass

### Friday, March 3

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Rita Markle †  
9:00 a.m. (Livestream) - Holy Hour with  
Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 4

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) -  
John & Margaret Doodeman †

### Sunday, March 5

9:00 a.m. - John & Margaret Doodeman †  
Special Intention  
11:00 a.m. - CWL Gathering Mass  
Mass for the People



## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of March

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering, those most in need.

## Faith Formation & Catechesis

We welcome you to join our RCIA session for

### "The Commandments 8-10"



at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 28th  
in Divinity Hall.

## Are You Being Called?

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you?

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



**KNIT.**

**CROCHET.**

**PRAY.**

Knitters and crocheters interested in joining the St. Julia Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry organized by our CWL are invited to gather the last Wednesday of each month at 2pm in Divinity Hall. Our first meeting will be Wednesday March 29th. All are welcome.

If you are unable to participate, but have yarn or wish to make a financial donation to purchase yarn/supplies to this charity (cheques made payable to CWL, St. Julia Parish re: Prayer Shawl Group) please put this in the designated bin in the Narthex. Also feel free to enter the name/ address/age of a person who may wish to receive a shawl or baby blanket and in a few words please explain why.

For more information, contact Ineke at 905-684-5312.



## *Development and Peace: a movement of solidarity*

- ♦ Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.
- ♦ We partner with organizations in the Global South that promote alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures and support women in their quest for equality and justice.
- ♦ With the help of our 11,000+ volunteer members, we inform Canadians about the root causes of impoverishment and mobilize them to act for change. Our Lenten campaign, Stand for the Land focuses on people's defence of their territories in Colombia and Honduras.
- ♦ To learn more about our movement and to join us, visit [devp.org](http://devp.org).

## **Take Out Pasta Night Returns**

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

Includes: Penne Pasta & Sauce,  
Meatballs,  
Caesar Salad, Roll & Butter

**Cost: \$15.00**

**Advance Ticket Sales only starts this weekend until noon, Monday, March 6th.**

**Pick up times:**

(must be selected at time of sale):

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | 6:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.



*"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder  
by which we may go to heaven."*



St. Rose of Lima

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## 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
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- The debit will take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of each month (or on the next business day)
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16 Adelene Crescent  
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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
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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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