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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** Confessions **Director of Music** Dr. David Holler 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment Saturday Maintenance Jim Salmon Office Hours Administration Christine Buckley Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cheryl Wood



January 22, 2023 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do — rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ. Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our Baptism, we, who were once in the darkness of original sin, have been reborn into the great light that is God's grace in us. We are cherished members of God's family.

What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to actually live for God and to bring His Good News to all those we meet — at work, at school, in our community and right in our own home — in other words, to live as His good stewards.



And there is a certain urgency that comes with the call to a stewardship way of life as we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn towards God and live as His disciple now — don't wait! In this same passage, the very first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt "yes" when the Lord called to them. Our Lord invites them to "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They did not hesitate but "at once they left their nets and followed him." They put our Lord and His will first.

This is the essence of a stewardship way of life — to be always ready for the ways that our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do — it's who we are.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Parish Calendar

Monday, January 23

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

Tuesday, January 24

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Mary Yeomans†

Wednesday, January 25

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Basil Markle † Special Intention

Thursday, January 26 - No Mass

Friday, January 27

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Bill Ringrose † Saundra Patterson † | Stephen Preiss †

Saturday, January 28

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Horst Behlau † | Anne DeRose †

Sunday, January 29

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

11:00 a.m. - Lisa DiMaurizio † | Mary Dugo † | David Falzon †

Faith Formation & Catechesis

We welcome you to join our RCIA session for "The Sacrament of Holy Orders"

at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 24th in Divinity Hall.

Offerings for December

Envelopes	\$ 24,186.40
Monthly Preauthorized Giving	9,301.40
Canada Helps	1,929.85
Interac e-Transfer	4,693.50
Renovations & Repairs	360.00
Heating/Air Conditioning	2,055.00
New Years	105.00
Christmas	8,153.15

Total \$ 50,784.30

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Are You Being Called?

"Repent! The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Are you being called to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother?

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





Catholic Women's League Corner: January 21st & 22nd, 2023

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WEBINAR February 11, 2023

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is pleased to offer a webinar session on domestic violence.

WE can Do Better! Domestic Violence in Canada

Presented by: Pam Hadder

Community Coordinator, Willow Place



Pam is community coordinator and leadership team member for Willow Place Inc., Manitoba's largest and most utilized family violence shelter provider. The community coordinator facilitates partnerships and collaboration with a wide range of supports, including the sustainability of family violence prevention programming and improved awareness of issues.

Date: February 11, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m. CDT (Winnipeg)

Cost: \$5.00 per registrant, proceeds to Willow Place

Register online at:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/ 7033748934435605338

This presentation is open to everyone, family, friends, neighbours, co-workers. ALL ARE WELCOME.

- It costs lives: approximately every 2.5 days, a woman in Canada is killed by her intimate partner (<u>Amelia Armstrong and Brianna</u> <u>Jaffray</u>, <u>Statistics Canada</u>, 2022).
- The toll on those who are harmed is significant. It's hard on those around them, too. Children who witness violence in the home have twice the rate of psychiatric disorders as children from non-violent homes (Eve Bender, Psychiatric News, 2004).
- It costs billions of dollars: \$7.4 billion to deal with the aftermath
 of spousal violence alone (Department of Justice, 2009).



We are pleased to announce the wedding of Nelson Obimna Omenugha and Mary Chidera Onyekwelu

on April 15, 2023 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Awka, Anambra State, Nigeria.

Any known reason why this marriage should not happen should be reported to Fr. Greg Schmidt. We wish Nelson and Mary God's blessing as they unite as husband and wife!





Development & Peace – Caritas Canada: Share Lent Workshop 2023

<u>Development and Peace — Caritas Canada</u> is beginning a new campaign cycle this year. Encouraged by our <u>Orientation Assembly</u> in June 2022 and inspired by the October 2021 <u>address</u> of Pope Francis to the world meeting of popular movements, we have chosen the theme *Create Hope* to guide our actions over the next five years.

For the first year, we have chosen to create hope by working to *Stand for the Land* in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who are defending their homelands by protecting their land and water, the environment and human life.

All are welcome to join us at the upcoming St. Catharines Share Lent Workshop, Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 10:00am at St. Alfred's Parish.

Kindly **RSVP** by emailing your local D&P Animator, Emily: elukasik@devp.org

If you can't make that workshop, you're welcome to join the virtual one happening Thursday, February 9 at 7:00pm (<u>Click HERE to register</u>)

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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

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St. Julia Church 16 Adelene Crescent St. Catharines, ON L2T 3Y7

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Thank you for your configued generally.

God bless you and those that you love.