

MARCH 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. As we read about the climax of Christ's mission here on earth, we are reminded that He is the Perfect Steward, a model for us all on our stewardship journey.

Our First Reading, from the prophet Isaiah, portrays a suffering servant. The suffering servant, in many ways, foreshadows what Jesus endured during His passion. Even though He didn't deserve such tortures, He humbly submitted to them. His mission as a steward was to fulfill His Father's mission. We, too, play a unique role in our Father's mission by bringing souls to Christ. It simply begins with the witness of our lives.



Today's Gospel shares the account of Jesus' last days on earth, and how He lives them says a great deal about how we should be living ours as faithful stewards. Jesus does many things in these last days, and they all revolve around prayer and service — two trademark actions of a good and faithful Catholic. He hosts a Passover meal in which He gives us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. He intensely prays to His Father. Lastly, He submits to humiliation, torture and death for our sake, calling out to God the Father in His weakest moments. We might not be called to the same type of prayer and service, but we are all called to commit time in daily prayer with our Lord, and to serve our families, churches and neighbors.

As we embark on this Holy week, let us take some time to reflect on the life of Christ as He is our model Steward, and may we strive to imitate Him daily .

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, March 29

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Margaret O'Neill †
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Confession

Tuesday, March 30

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Special Intention
7:00 p.m. - RCIA

Wednesday, March 31

8:30 a.m. - Livestream - Paul Nohara †
Special Intention for Martin Alzamora 60th Birthday
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Confession

Thursday, April 1 - Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. - Livestream - William & Mary Anne Doherty †
Vincent & Marie Bavarskis †
8:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. - Confession

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday

9:30 a.m. - Livestream - Stations of the Cross
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Confession
12:30 p.m. - Mass
3:00 p.m. - Livestream - Mass

Saturday, April 3 - Holy Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Confession
8:00 p.m. - Livestream - Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 4 - The Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 a.m. - Livestream - Mass
10:30 a.m. - Mass

FAITH FORMATION & CATECHESIS



We welcome you to join our
RCIA session for
"The Sacrament of Reconciliation"
at 7:00 pm,
Tuesday, March 30th in the church.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

*"Morning by morning He wakens - wakens
my ear to listen as those who are taught."*

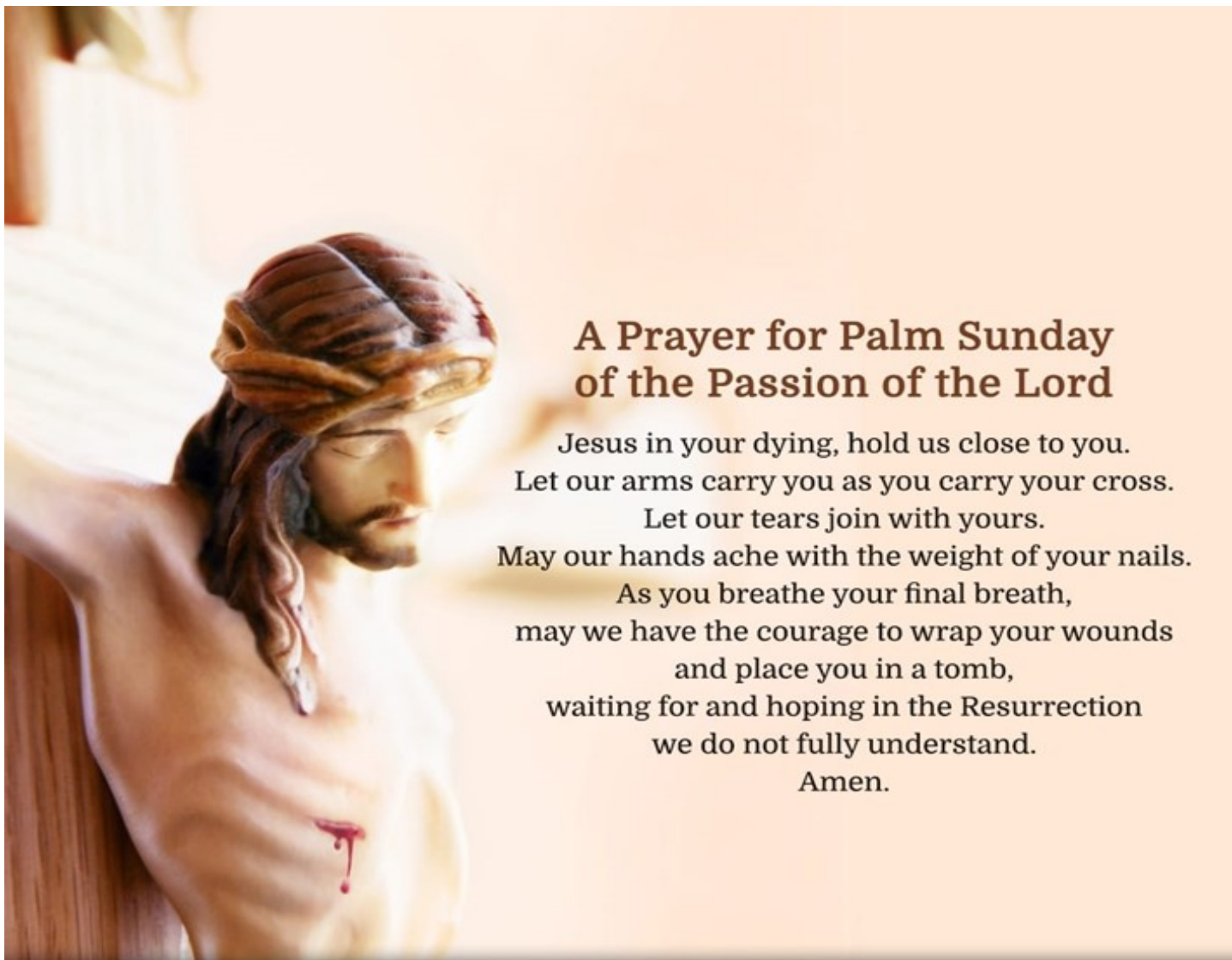
Listen in prayer daily to the promptings of
the Holy Spirit, seek to know your vocation.

If He is asking you to consider the
priesthood or consecrated life, contact
Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603
or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.



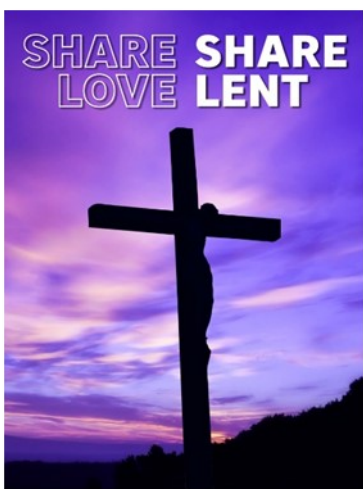
ST. JULIA PASTA NIGHT

Mark your calendars for our next
St. Julia Family Take-Out Pasta Night
on Wednesday, April 28th.
More delicious details to come!



A Prayer for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Jesus in your dying, hold us close to you.
Let our arms carry you as you carry your cross.
Let our tears join with yours.
May our hands ache with the weight of your nails.
As you breathe your final breath,
may we have the courage to wrap your wounds
and place you in a tomb,
waiting for and hoping in the Resurrection
we do not fully understand.
Amen.



SHARE LOVE, SHARE LENT: PASCHAL PROGRESSION

Did you know that Development and Peace has organized a Lenten campaign every year since 1968?

Keeping up with the tradition, this year's campaign, *Share Love, Share Lent*, invites you to a final week of family fun, communal reflection, global solidarity and prayer.

Don't miss our special campaign Way of the Cross!

Catch the details and contribute at devp.org/lent.

Spring Clean Up

Holy Cross Cemetery's Annual Spring Cleanup will commence on April 6, 2021. All wreaths, tin cans, glass jars, flower pots and similar articles not removed will be disposed of on April 6, 2021. If you are unable to pick up your wreaths, etc., by this date you can call the cemetery at 905-734-4172 and make arrangements for the staff to hold these articles for a short period of time until you are able to retrieve these items.



Dear Parish Family,

March 2021

I once again begin this note by first and foremost thanking each one of you. **Thank you** for your **support and generosity** to our parish of St. Julia in 2020 and I thank you in advance for your generosity in 2021.

What a difference a year makes. To think that we presented this report last year the weekend of March 7/8. Little did we know that one week later the doors of our church would be closed as we began journeying through the COVID-19 pandemic together. To say that **God provides** is an understatement. Without missing a beat, the Live Streaming of our Masses began, and our parish family continued to be connected for the celebration of the Mass via our **YouTube Channel** and newly launched social media. The financial support to our community continued with donations being mailed in. Many embraced electronic giving, signing up for monthly Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD), Interac e-Transfers, and donations through CanadaHelps.org. For your generosity to our parish, I cannot thank you enough. Our parish also reaped the benefit of the Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy (\$25,518) in 2020.

The expense reductions that we put in place in 2019 provided us with a sound foundation in which to enter the pandemic. We continued to review our expenses in 2020, with the continuous goal and desire to ensure that every dollar that you so generously give is used wisely.

Amid the pandemic, **God put good people in our path** allowing some **major projects** to be undertaken. A **new sound system** greatly transformed the worship experience in our church. This was undertaken at 1/3 of the estimated expense. Nine **new windows** were installed. In our 2020 budget we had estimated \$50,000, and the project came in at \$31,877.67 for more windows than we had envisioned. In 2021, we look forward to the completion of the **repainting of the exterior bricks** using the funds from our yellow Renovation & Repair envelopes. Thank you for embracing these envelopes as we continue our preventative maintenance initiatives.

As we look to the future and emerge from this pandemic, I look forward to taking our efforts to make **St. Julia a welcoming place** to come and worship to new levels. We began last year with new interior banners and updates to our lower entrance with greenery, fresh paint, and new carpets. Curb appeal will continue as we reap the benefits of our newly planted gardens that will continue in 2021. One of our major projects will be an appealing St. Julia Church **electronic sign** on Glenridge Avenue. This will be a powerful means of evangelization to all passing by. Additionally, updates will be made to our parish hall in anticipation of the return of our parish socials, as well as the relaunching of our parish events including our very successful pasta nights.

In keeping with our theme of being **"A Caring Roman Catholic Community"** we will continue to look for opportunities to care for those in our midst as well as those that God guides to our community.

Again, thank you for your continued support of our parish. I look forward to when our **entire parish family** will be able to **gather** once again for the **celebration of Mass**. The best truly is yet to come!

As always, should you have any questions or comments, I am always here to listen.

May God continue to keep safe and bless each of you and those that you love, Fr. Greg.

St. Julia Church Financial Report Year Ending December 31, 2020

	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
REVENUES					
Sunday Collections	\$ 279,670	\$ 281,243	\$ 328,586	\$ 324,504	\$ 324,500
Easter & Christmas Collection	24,192	27,170	24,336	8,245	24,400
Special Collections	23,759	14,682	33,686	10,999	11,000
Total Collections	327,621	323,095	386,608	343,748	359,900
Donations, Legacies	183,752	12,072	12,492	10,097	3,000
Heating & A/C	5,946	6,782	4,681	3,610	5,000
Investment Interest	9,774	9,035	6,608	7,121	7,100
Building Maintenance/Capital Project	-	126,519	17,071	6,820	10,400
Fund Raising			1,854	891	3,000
Sundry Revenue (intentions, other)	12,654	6,905	11,659	3,078	3,000
Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy				25,518	
Total Other Revenue	212,126	161,313	54,365	57,135	31,500
TOTAL REVENUE	539,747	484,408	440,973	400,883	391,400
EXPENDITURES					
<u>Salaries</u>					
Salaries	149,599	173,642	150,413	109,293	109,200
Assisting Clergy	3,990	6,835	6,638	570	1,300
Total Salaries	153,589	180,477	157,051	109,863	110,500
<u>Church Expenses</u>					
Church Expenses (CPP & EI)	42,267	14,153	9,053	7,277	7,300
Hall	199	3,757	345	741	
Education & Training (Clergy & Laity)	2,795	2,659	1,270	120	1,200
Insurance	8,791	6,929	8,794	7,213	7,200
Utilities	27,735	26,717	17,513	13,799	14,000
Security & Elevator	9,156	11,184	1,595	6,961	7,100
Repair & Maintenance	42,807	32,243	34,667	14,871	17,200
Liturgical & Sacramental	14,002	16,511	4,601	5,647	5,800
Mass Intentions	12,374	1,080	3,385	3,500	3,000
Ministry: Youth, Music, etc.	12,545	4,210	5,606	8,499	2,000
Total Church Expenses	172,670	119,444	86,827	68,628	64,800
<u>Office Expenses</u>					
Telephone & Internet	8,147	9,989	4,630	2,439	2,300
Photocopy, postage, printing	4,748	5,204	2,416	2,106	1,800
Other Office Expenses	3,801	7,001	2,584	2,437	2,500
Total Office Expenses	16,696	22,194	9,631	6,982	6,600
<u>Rectory Expenses</u>					
Rectory Utilities	4,637	6,754	2,640	1,992	2,000
Rectory Expenses (supplies, food, etc)	25,269	21,064	10,925	3,025	3,100
Rectory Repairs & Maintenance	8,444	5,156	13,287	4,798	5,000
Taxes/Insurance	5,211	5,302	5,492	6,281	6,400
Total Rectory Expenses	43,561	38,276	32,343	16,096	16,500
<u>Other Expenses</u>					
Marketing	655	935	2,658	1,435	2,500
Projects			1,854	891	10,000
Bank Charges	1,949	1,558	1,190	965	500
Miscellaneous Expenses	13,298	2,534	14,716	1,956	2,500
Total Other Expenses	15,902	5,027	20,418	5,247	15,500
<u>Chancery Assessments</u>					
Cathedraticum				29,023	31,000
Clergy Aid				11,542	10,600
Special Collections				10,999	11,000
Health Insurance and Hospital Ministry				9,489	11,300
Total Assessments	114,412	76,368	87,479	61,053	63,900
Total "Capital" Expenses	12,202	117,546	13,281	42,694	75,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	529,031	559,331	407,030	310,563	352,800
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditures	\$ 10,716	\$ (74,923)	\$ 33,943	\$ 90,320	\$ 38,600

Cash balance at December 31, 2019

Bank	75,356
On deposit with the Diocese	337,477
Deferred Revenue	(9,149)
	<u>403,684</u>

Cash balance at December 31, 2020

Bank	90,464
On deposit with the Diocese	444,598
Deferred Revenue	(41,058)
	<u>494,004</u>

St. Julia Church