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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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November 5, 2023

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



There is no question that Jesus had a way with words. The Word of the Lord is filled with what we are very familiar with in our society — soundbites if you will, which convey so much meaning. The last verses of today's Gospel from St. Matthew contain one of those short statements which carry so much more meaning. Jesus says, "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

In those two sentences are found the key to a stewardship way of life, which revolve around service and humility. There is no question that these are powerful words. They reveal to us all that we need to understand to be a true disciple of Christ. In his letter to the Philippians St. Paul wrote, "Though He was in the form of God, He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Phil. 2:5-8)

True humility will be ultimately exalted by God. Our society teaches us to strive to reach the top, but Jesus is reminding us that we need to regard others as more important than we are. We have two choices in life perhaps, to be self-exalters, or to be God-exalted. Is there any doubt as to what we as Christians should pursue?

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Parish Calendar

Monday, November 6

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - All Souls †

Tuesday, November 7

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - All Souls †
7:00 p.m. - RCIA

Wednesday, November 8

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - All Souls †

Thursday, November 9
No Mass

Friday, November 10

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - All Souls †

Saturday, November 11

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - All Souls †
Special Intention

Sunday, November 12

9:00 a.m. - St. Peter Family Mass
All Souls †
11:00 a.m. - All Souls †

Are You Being Called?

Pray for those who are discerning a call to proclaim the hope of the Resurrection as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact 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

"Prayer—Prayer Life / Catholic Prayers & Practices"

On Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00 pm,
in our Divinity Room.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of November

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

God has perfect timing. Trust Him



Catholic Women's League Corner: November 4 / 5

- ♦ This weekend we celebrate our 55th Anniversary as the St Julia Council with a breakfast in the Divinity Room. We welcome back former pastors and past presidents who helped to shape our Council.
- ♦ This is the final weekend for our presence in the narthex to invite membership and accept payment of 2024 dues. If you are still interested in joining us, drop a note in the collection basket or into the parish office. Membership fees can be paid the same way.
- ♦ November 1 is the final date to register for one of the the Diocesan Advent Retreats (Nov 11 or Nov 16) at Mount Carmel.
- ♦ Thank-you for your generous donations to our Sock-tober campaign. Socks have been delivered to both St Vincent de Paul and our neighbours at Southridge.
- ♦ This week we are transitioning into Warm-vember. Hats, scarves, mittens/gloves will be taken to Stsrt Me Up Niagara, Southridge and St Vincent de Paul.



Diocese of St. Catharines
Where Faith Lives



The Gift of Anger Retreat

Led By: Anna Racine

Date: Nov 10-12

Cost: \$350

How many of us were told anger is inappropriate? Anger is both an energy and a gift. It is like gas to the automobile - it fuels us to move forward. Anger can be a powerful tool that motivates us to rise to a challenge.

The difficulty is when we abuse anger and use it in destructive ways. In this Retreat we will learn how to express our anger in a positive way so we can harness the power of anger. Anger is an essential emotion for each of us to understand which is an essential part of healing.

Presenter: Anna Racine, adjunct faculty at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, ministers on the St. Thomas More Parish Bereavement Team. She was given the 2015 Niagara Catholic Award of Distinction for her 20 years of service in Church Ministry and with the Niagara Catholic District School Board.



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- The Diocesan Anniversary Mass will be held on Friday, November 24, 2023, 11:00am at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines, Ontario).
- Parishioners from across the diocese are welcome to attend.
- Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have celebrated or will celebrate a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th anniversary in the year 2023. To receive a certificate, please complete a registration form available at the parish by November 10th.

The Month of November

Praying for the souls that have departed this world is an important part of our Catholic faith. If you would like your loved one remembered in our prayers of the faithful at Mass on this day and for the entire month of November, we invite you to pick up an envelope at the doors of the church marked "All Souls Day Remembrance". These names / the envelopes containing the names will be placed in a basket in front of the ambo. Rather than praying for one intention (loved one) at each Mass, we will pray for the souls of all these loved ones and friends who have gone before us.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in the peace of Christ, Amen.*

THEY HAVE GONE NO FURTHER FROM US THAN TO GOD, AND GOD IS VERY NEAR

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 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

Note: *Please put your envelope number in the message line
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God bless you and those that you love.