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Mass Schedule		Diocesan Bishop	Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie D.D.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m.		Pastor	Fr. Greg Schmidt
Saturday Sunday	5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word) 11:00 a.m.		frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com
		Deacon	Deacon George Newman
	Confessions	Director of Music	Dr. David Holler
Saturday	3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment	Maintenance	Jim Salmon
	Office Hours	Allertatest	
Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.		Administration	Christine Buckley Cheryl Wood

Parish Mailing Address: 16 Adelene Cres., St. Catharines, Ontario L2T 3C7



# October 29, 2023 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings are all about love — the radical love of God for His people and the radical love we are called to live out in response. The stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the practical application of loving God and neighbor in our daily lives.



Jesus sums up the message of all the prophets, as well as the purpose of all God's laws in today's Gospel passage, from Matthew. It is a message we have likely grown up hearing — but it is so beautiful and so challenging, it bears repeating again and again. It is Christ's response to a question about which commandment is greatest. His answer reveals both the greatest and the second greatest commandments.

He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself." How is the second like the first? What do the two commands have in common? Love.

Love God first and love neighbor as self. This is the heart of the stewardship way of life — simple enough for a child to understand, challenging enough to be the life's work of every "grown-up."

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# Parish Calendar

Monday, October 30

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Gilbert Le Bel† Jane Oschypko†|Special Intention

#### Tuesday, October 31

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Yvonne McInnis† Jane Oschypko †

Wednesday, November 1 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - All Souls † 7:00 p.m. - RCIA & Faith Studies

> Thursday, November 2 7:00 p.m. - All Souls Mass

Friday, November 3 8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - All Souls † 9:00 a.m. (Livestream) - Holy Hour

Saturday, November 4 5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - All Souls †

> Sunday, November 5 9:00 a.m. - All Souls † 11:00 a.m. - All Souls †

There is still space available for the Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreat taking place November 3-4-5, 2023 at Jericho House in Wainfleet. Anyone who may be interested in attending is asked to please call Céline at 289-241-4390 or visit <u>www.ceeniagara.ca</u> to register.

# Offerings for September

Envelopes	\$ 28,822.10
Monthly Preauthorized Giving	9,467.00
Canada Helps	86.85
Interac e-Transfer	2,825.00
Renovations & Repairs	6,155.00

Total

\$ 47,355.95

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support of our parish

## **Faith Formation & Catechesis**



We welcome you to join our RCIA session "The Holy Spirit"

On Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00 pm, in our Serenity Room.

## Are You Being Called?

"Love God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind."

Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

#### CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!

#### Catholic Women's League: October 28 / October 29

- Our membership drive continues with members in the narthex before and after all Masses to answer your questions. There is something for everyone with our four levels of membership.
- Current members are encouraged to pay their 2024 dues during our membership drive.
- 55th anniversary breakfast will be held on November 5th after the 11 a.m. Mass.

Diocese of St. Catharines Where Faith Lives

- 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.

#### **Take Out Pasta Night Thanks!**

It is once again with sincere thanks that I thank all those that made our Take Out Pasta Dinner Night a tremendous success. A big thanks to **Donna White** for spearheading this night and for sharing her gifts and talents with us. We also wish to thank our organizing team and all of the wonderful volunteers from our parish. *Thank you, thank you, thank you!* And thank you to our parish community and friends for supporting this event!





#### WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS – TODAY, TOMORROW AND FOR ALWAYS!

Led By: Anna Racine Date: Nov 3-5 Cost: \$350

You were made for friendship with Jesus. Jesus does not just want us to know about Him; he wants us to experience his friendship.

A true friend is loving and faithful, shares his life with you, and gives things up for you. Jesus offers us friendship with Him that is all this and more.

But do you view Jesus as your friend? What does it mean for Him to be your truest friend, and how do you understand that friendship?

Spend the weekend with Jesus and discover how to make Jesus your best friend, and how to cultivate this friendship in your everyday life.

Jesus chose us as friends, He died for us as friends, He caused us to trust him as our friend, and he will remain our friend for the endless ages to come.

"What a friend we have in Jesus— moment by moment, now and forever" — Amen.

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 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 onto 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

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

Click Here to print the form. Don't have a printer? Simply email or call the office and we will be pleased to mail you a form. Once completed drop off at the parish office or mail to:

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#### Interac e-Transfer

- Instant offering / transfer of funds from your bank account to St. Julia's account
  - 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

**Note:** Please put your envelope number in the message line There is no password required for St. Julia to receive your donation

### The Traditional Envelope

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

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