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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.

#### Diocesan Bishop

#### Pastor

#### Deacon

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# October 8, 2023

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

We have been given so many gifts and blessings by our Heavenly Father. Yet, in our fallen state it is all too easy to take them for granted. Our readings today teach us that we must live with an intentional awareness of our many blessings and use them gratefully to glorify God.



In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus uses the image of a vineyard to teach the importance of using our blessings well. He tells the story of a landowner who plants a vineyard and leases it to tenants before he goes on a journey. Instead of tending the vineyard, the tenants mistreat the servants in the vineyard and even the son of the landowner, whom they kill. When the landowner realizes what the tenants have done, he puts them to death and leases his vineyard to tenants who "will give him the produce at the proper times."

By Baptism, we have received the gift of salvation and membership in Kingdom of God — we are now "tenants" called to work in the "vineyard" and produce fruit for its owner, our Heavenly Father. Jesus makes it clear that we if we squander the gift of salvation, we will lose it. It is a sobering truth.

So, let us use our intellect to think on these gifts throughout the day and resolve to use all our gifts for God's glory.

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## Parish Calendar

### Monday, October 9

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Muriel McEwan †  
Melanie, Johnathan & Derrick Nogueira †  
Special Intention

### Tuesday, October 10

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Basil Markle †  
4:00 p.m. - Serra Club Mass  
7:00 p.m. - RCIA

### Wednesday, October 11

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Lina Memme †  
Adelaide Fitzpatrick Taylor †

### Thursday, October 12 - No Mass

### Friday, October 13

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Special Intention  
Pierette & Georges Cote †

### Saturday, October 14

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - John Buckley †  
Bozidar Cerar & Family † | Cornelia Lanigan †  
Special Intentions

### Sunday, October 15

9:00 a.m. - Chuck Masse †  
Fran Novak † | Eugene Muratori †  
Patricia Schmahl † | Maria & Alipio Pajo †  
Pierette & Georges Cote †  
11:00 a.m. - Mass for the People

## Are You Being Called?

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and pleading with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Do not be anxious about discerning your vocation. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation.

Contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email [frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com).



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

For the Synod: Let us pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a style of life at every level, allowing herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the world's peripheries.

## Faith Formation & Catechesis



We welcome you to join our RCIA session

**"The Church and Grace"**

7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 10th in Divinity Hall.



## Coffee Sunday Returns

Join us on Sunday, October 15th after the 9 am and 11 am Masses



- ♦ Sock-tober is here. Please put new, unused socks in the basket in the narthex. Socks will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. Thank-you for your generosity.
- ♦ Our Prayer Shawl group will meet on Wednesday, October 11 in the Divinity Room from 2-3:30 pm. New members are always welcome. If you know anyone who would appreciate a shawl made with love and prayers by fellow parishioners, please place their name and your contact information in the green box on top of the cabinet at the back of the church.
- ♦ Our Rosary-Making group will meet at the same time and place as the Prayer Shawl group. Come and learn to make rosaries for those who do not have them.
- ♦ We are collecting tabs from beverage cans as part of a Diocesan CWL initiative to purchase a wheelchair through The March of Dimes. We hope to fill the large blue bottle in the narthex by April.



## The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Niagara Falls Thrift Store ...

...is looking for dedicated volunteers. Do you have 3 hours per week to devote to help us operate this non-profit thrift store that provides reasonably priced clothing and household goods to the Niagara Falls community? Duties may include sorting, cleaning and repairing items for sale, organizing and displaying goods in the store and customer service, to name a few. Submit an application in person at Vincent's Thrift Store (5970 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls) or call us at 289-296-3807. Vincent's Thrift Store hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm. Join our team and share some hope!

## Canada Needs Our Lady Rosary Rally @ Montebello Park: Sat Oct 14, 12 noon

Please join in praying the Holy Rosary to beg Our Lady's intercession for our country; specifically for the return of Canada to God through the means proposed by Our Lady of Fatima. At Fatima, the Blessed Mother promised that if we pray the Rosary, offer sacrifices, and make reparation to Her Immaculate Heart, there will be peace.

Each year, *Canada Needs Our Lady* holds a Public Square Rosary Crusade with rallies in cities all across the country. These rallies take place on the Saturday closest to the anniversary of the final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun.

Join us Saturday, October 14, at the large pavilion at Montebello Park, 64 Ontario Street, St. Catharines. The Rosary will start at 12 noon. Plan to arrive a few minutes early and finish within the hour. All ages are welcome!



**October 20 - 22 2023 .**

Retrouvaille is a marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Retrouvaille helps to improve communication, build stronger marriages and helps couples to reconnect.

For more info visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) or email [teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:teamrecine@gmail.com) or call 905-664-5212.

## Congratulatory Certificate from our Bishop

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.

# 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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
  3. Add contact name i.e. St. Julia
  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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**God bless you and those that you love.**