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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 frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com Saturday 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy of the Word) Sunday Deacon Deacon George Newman 11:00 a.m. 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



# September 10, 2023 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's readings are all about relationships. Among the many lessons we have learned from the global pandemic is the deep importance of the relationships and communities in our lives. Our families, neighbors, friends and parish family need us, and we need them to be our best selves. St. Paul gives us simple instruction in our second reading from Romans to guide us in our dealings with others, reminding us what Christ Himself taught: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love is the overarching principal that guides us to be good stewards of our relationships.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus further refines this instruction on good stewardship of our relationships, even when they involve conflict. He says, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." Jesus teaches us to confront the offending person directly and discretely — with the goal of restoring the relationship if possible. This is how we steward our relationships even through rocky waters. Jesus also speaks to us of the power and beauty of community life. "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Christian stewards, God has designed us in such a way that we must help each other on the journey towards heaven. Let us take care to steward our relationships well.

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# Parish Calendar

#### Monday, September 11

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Special Intention Joseph & Maria Petric †

## Tuesday, September 12

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Cheri Wilson †
Pierette & Georges Cote †
10:00 a.m. (Livestream) - St. Peter Opening
School Mass
John & Margaret Doodeman †

Wednesday, September 13
8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Denis Morris Opening
School Mass
Special Intention

Thursday, September 14 - No Mass

Friday, September 15
8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Souls in Purgatory †

## Saturday, September 16

**5:00 p.m. (Livestream) -** John Buckley † Behlau Family † | Special Intention

## Sunday, September 17

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People 11:00 a.m. - Cheri Wilson † Vincent Dugo † | Fr. Lawrence Dugo †

# CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!

# Catholic Women's League Corner

- Prayer Shawl Group: the next gathering is Wednesday, Sept 13 from 2 pm - 3:30 pm in the Divinity room. New members are always welcome.
- Rosary Making: Wednesday, Sept 13 at 2 pm in the Divinity Room. Jennifer Olzowy will meet with those interested in learning to make rosaries to be sent to countries where they are needed. All instructions and materials will be supplied. Please consider this invitation to service.
- Chrysanthemum sales: Before and after all Masses on the weekend of September 9/10 and the weekend of September 16/17. Pick-up is scheduled for the weekend of September 30/ October 1 in time for Thanksgiving gifting and/or decorating. The plants are \$10 each. We appreciate your support.

# **Are You Being Called?**

"Where two or three are gathered in My name ..."

The community who gathers in Christ needs leadership. Might He be inviting you to consider a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.



The Knights of Columbus St. Catharines Council 1394 will be offering Lapel Roses for Life at the weekend Masses on Saturday, September 9th and Sunday, September 10th in support of the Right to Life program. Donations are very much appreciated.

# We welcome the following children into our Catholic family and wish them God's blessings:

Charlotte Colbert
Joseph Szeplaki
Liliana Fabbricino
Giavanna Tacinelli
Marco Cicchino
Adrian Cimprich
Mario Cimprich
Virginia Cimprich



Ryla Kleber Scarlet Stanclik Stella Stanclik Michelle Bonin Claire Bonin Violet Meo Bianca Meo Rory Klammer

# Baptismal Prayer

Lord surround these children with goodness, lead them in Your light each day;
Help them walk the path You've chosen, guide their steps along the way...
Teach them, Lord, to trust Your wisdom, with a faith forever new;
Keep them from all harm, and bless them with your grace and gladness too..



You're invited to Development and Peace's

# Fall Action- National Launch Guapinol defenders: Standing for the land and water.

Get ready for an exciting new phase of our Lenten campaign, "Create Hope – Stand for the Land" This Fall, we'll have the incredible opportunity to connect with a vibrant community in Honduras. The Guapinol community is facing a pressing challenge – the threat to their water and land due to an open-pit iron mine nestled in the Montaña de Botaderos Carlos Escaleras National Park. The impact of this mine extends to villages along the Guapinol and San Pedro rivers, as well as the entire regional ecosystem.

To learn more about the campaign, attend one of our workshops hosted by our animation team across Canada and join us for the national launch webinar at 1:30 pm ET on September 16, 2023.

# 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
  - 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

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• Instant donation using your credit card. Click Here to donate now.

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God bless you and those that you love.