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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**

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Dr. David Holler

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# September 17, 2023

## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings call us to look inward to the state of our hearts, our thoughts and emotions. Our first reading, from Sirach, addresses the complicated emotion of anger. "Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?" We have all been wounded by others at some point, some perhaps quite deeply. Our emotions are gifts from God. But we must steward them well, rather than allowing them to overcome us. How do we do this? Sirach tells us. "Remember your last days, set enmity aside... Remember the Most High's covenant and overlook faults." We embrace the stewardship mindset — not brooding over hurts, but recalling all the gifts our good God has given us, all the love He continually pours out upon us, and we put our focus and trust in Him.



In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus reminds us of the true position we have before Him in light of all that He has done for us, comparing the kingdom of heaven to a "king who decided to settle accounts with his servants." In the parable, a debtor is brought before the king, owing such an overwhelming debt that it could not possibly be repaid. Yet, the king is filled with compassion for the servant, forgives the debt and lets him go free.

Doesn't that sound like each of us in relation to the King of Kings? The Father has given us life, and then sent His only Son to die for us to free us from our sin "debts" and make eternal life with Him possible for us. It is impossible for us to repay this debt. All we can do is thank God by giving Him our whole selves — inside and out.

What joy and freedom we find in the stewardship way of life!

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## Parish Calendar

### Monday, September 18

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

### Tuesday, September 19

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Stefani & Marian Vokal †  
4:00 p.m. - Serra Club Mass

### Wednesday, September 20

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Clarence DeCoste †  
7:00 p.m. - Confirmation Preparation Night

### Thursday, September 21 - No Mass

### Friday, September 22

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Bruno Mambella Jr. †  
Special Intention

### Saturday, September 23

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Special Intention  
Gerda Waanders-Brinkman †  
Pierette & Georges Cote †

### Sunday, September 24

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People  
11:00 a.m. - Basil Markle †  
Elizabeth Smith † | David Easingwood †

## CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!



### Catholic Women's League Corner: September 16/17

- ◆ Chrysanthemum sales will continue over the next two weekends, September 16/17 and September 23/24 before and after all Masses. 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?

"...therefore whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord's."

Are you called to bring faith in Christ and eternal life to others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

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



Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is [collecting funds to support rescue and relief efforts in Morocco](#), after the country was hit by its most powerful earthquake in a century.

A magnitude 6.8 earthquake struck in Morocco's High Atlas Mountains, 72 kilometres southwest of the city of Marrakesh. The death toll is staggering: at least **2,901 people have been killed** and 5,530 injured.

In a [telegram sent on his behalf](#) by the Cardinal Secretary of State, Pope Francis expressed "his profound solidarity with those who are touched in their flesh and heart by this tragedy" and prayed "for the repose of the dead, the healing of the injured and the consolation of those who mourn the loss of their loved ones and their homes."

[Development and Peace — Caritas Canada](#) is establishing contact with organizations in the region, including Caritas Morocco. The wider Caritas Internationalis network, too, is mobilizing to help as necessary. From responding to many such natural disasters, we know that in addition to meeting great and urgent immediate needs, it is always necessary to invest in longer-term recovery and resilience-building efforts. Both of these forms of aid require and rely on **the generosity of Canadians**, which has always been forthcoming. Now, it is the people of Morocco who will need your help.

To donate to the relief effort, follow this link:

<https://devp.org/en/morocco-earthquake-help-needed-right-now/>

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## SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

## CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER NIAGARA

Join us for lively discussions of inspirational books chosen to deepen our faith. The September book is **Julian of Norwich, Matthew Fox**. Meetings held the last Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1:30 pm, St. Julia Church Meeting Room, St. Catharines.

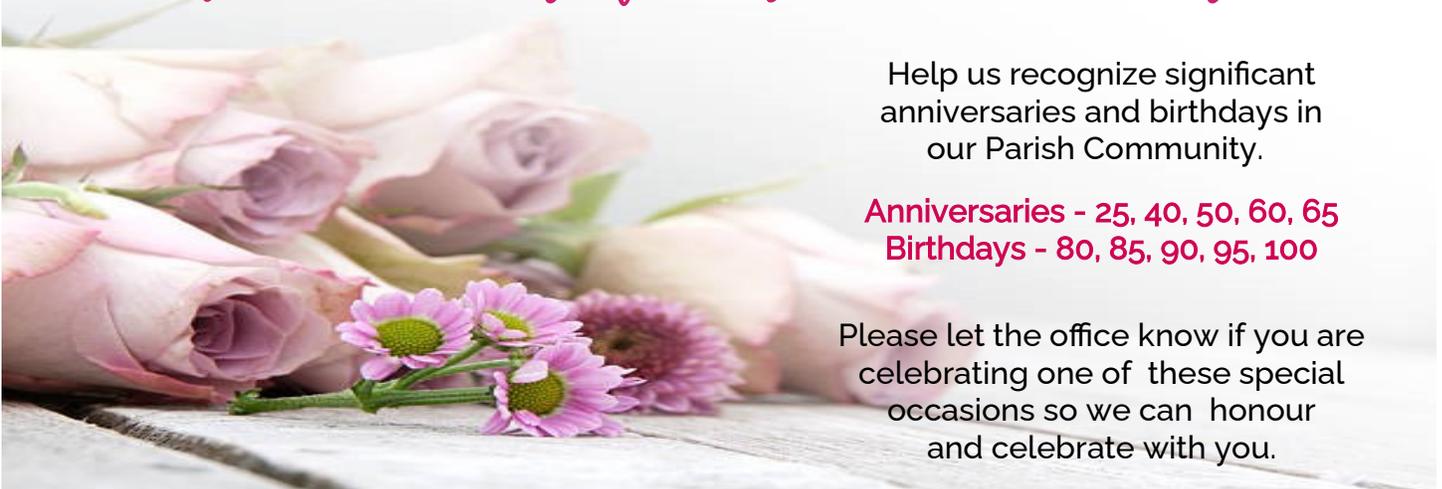
Are you interested in learning to pray in silence? We follow the teachings of St. John of the Cross and Fr. Thomas Keating. Meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of each month on Zoom.

**Information:** Brenda at 905 646-1995 or [bcoleman@bell.net](mailto:bcoleman@bell.net)

**Study book:** The Cloud of Unknowing.  
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## *Special Blessings from Your Parish Family*



Help us recognize significant anniversaries and birthdays in our Parish Community.

**Anniversaries - 25, 40, 50, 60, 65**  
**Birthdays - 80, 85, 90, 95, 100**

Please let the office know if you are celebrating one of these special occasions so we can honour and celebrate with you.

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  1. Log in to your online banking
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    - 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

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