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Most Rev. Gerard P. Bergie D.D. Mass Schedule Diocesan Bishop 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 **Deacons** Deacon George Newman

11:00 a.m. **Deacon Brian Jeynes** 

**Director of Music** Dr. David Holler 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment Saturday

Confessions

Maintenance Jim Salmon Office Hours Administration **Christine Buckley** 

Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cheryl Wood



# September 19th, 2021-25th, Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Our readings today bring to light the daily struggle between good and evil and how we can combat this struggle through gratitude.



In our Gospel, we see an example of how surrendering to our passions negatively affects us. Jesus was with His disciples when they began to argue amongst themselves as to who was the greatest in the group. If we look at our own lives, we might find many instances where we fall into the same tendencies — we constantly compare ourselves to others, out of pride we feel the need to point out another's faults or choose to fight back in an argument. We know we should act one way but choose another.

When Jesus hears what the apostles are discussing, He has them focus on a child. "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." If we reflect on the moment someone receives a child, oftentimes their hearts are overwhelmed with joy and gratitude for this gift. There is no jealousy or anger, just thanksgiving, and appreciation.

The apostles are busy bickering about who was the best. Their vision was clouded, and they could not even stop and be grateful for the gift to be so close to our Savior and that they were chosen to be His closest followers. When we are caught in the raging war of jealousy, fighting, and pride, and begin to become enslaved to our passions we are ultimately being ungrateful for what we have been given. We overlook the blessing God has given us and the gifts and talents He has entrusted to us.

Today, let us recall that we have an infinitely loving God who cares deeply for us. Consider all that He has blessed you with, and how you can use those blessings for His glory.

- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Parish Calendar

Monday, September 20

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Joseph Galliera †

Tuesday, September 21

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Clarence DeCoste † Mario DiFranco † | Don & Catherine Brown † 7:00 p.m. - Preparation Night for Confirmation

Wednesday, September 22

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Bruno Anthony Mambella †

Thursday, September 23- No Mass

Friday, September 24

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Fr. John Fernandes †
Special Intention

Saturday, September 25

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Pawel Wrobel † John & Margaret Doodeman †

Sunday, September 26

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People 11:00 a.m. - Terry Smith † | Alice Belanger † Vittoria Passero † "Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield."

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Praying for wisdom will help you yield to Christ's choice for you. Should He extend to you the gift of a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood, contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

Ushers Needed

The Usher Ministry is in need of volunteers for each of our weekend masses. Primary duties and responsibilities include the offertory collection and distribution of bulletins at the conclusion of Mass with a friendly goodbye. This is a great opportunity to serve with very little time commitment required. Feel called to this ministry? Perhaps a Mother and school aged son, or Grandfather and grandchild. So many possibilities of serving here at St. Julia - a caring Roman Catholic Community. Please see Fr. Greg.

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

THE SACRAMENT

Liam Klammer

Maria Andrews

- Alessio Burgio
- Ethan Didemus
- Von Mac Donald
- Abigail Mista

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...



Catholic Womens League

On Tuesday, September 21st, the 8:30 a.m. Mass has been set aside to pray for **Christians in the Holy Land**. All CWL members and parishioners are welcome to join this special Mass.



#### PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

As you light this lamp, join together with people around the world in praying for peace in the Holy Land.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9)

Lord, help us to be peacemakers in the Holy Land.

"Now the Lord of Peace Himself give you peace always by all means," (II Thessalonians 3:16)

Lord, give the Holy Land peace by Your means.

"For He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us. (Ephesians 2:14) Lord, be our peace and break down the walls of partition dividing the Holy Land.

> "I am the light of the world." (John 8:12) Lord, help us to be lights to the Holy Land.

"They will hammer their swords into ploughshares and the spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, no longer will they learn how to make war." (Isaiah 2:4)

Lord, fulfill this promise now in the Holy Land.

"But Esau ran to meet him (Jacob), took him in his arms, threw himself on his neck and wept as he kissed him." (Genesis 33:4) Lord, help the people of the Holy Land follow the example of Jacob and Esau and reconcile themselves to each other.

"Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light to my path."
(Psalm 119:105)

Lord, as we light this lamp, let your Spirit enter into the hearts of those in the Holy Land and be a lamp unto their feet and a light to their path.

"Peace I leave you with, My Peace I give to you: ..." (John 14:27)

Lord, we thank you for your peace and we accept it in the Holy Land.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA Open House will be held on Monday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m.

The RCIA is the Church's way of bringing new members into the community of faith. We look forward to the fall when we will begin the process anew. **Who should consider RCIA?** 

- Those who have never been baptized and wish to become Catholic;
- 2. Baptized members of other Christian churches who wish to enter the Catholic Church;
- 3. Catholics out of high school who have never been confirmed and who wish to be fully initiated into the Church by receiving Confirmation.

We also invite interested parishioners to serve on the RCIA team. There are a number of dedicated people involved, but we can always use more. **How Can I help?** 

- 1. As a CATECHIST who would give an instruction about the Catholic faith or lead a Scripture Sharing.
- 2. As a HOST who would prepare the room and refreshments for the RCIA gathering.

For those who volunteer for the RCIA team, the various duties would be shared to make it as easy as possible for all. The RCIA is a most rewarding experience for all involved. We encourage you to join the RCIA if you wish to be initiated into the Church or can give your talent as part of the team.

The RCIA meet evenings beginning in October. Questions? Please contact Fr. Greg by calling the parish office, via email at frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com or by completing this form and returning it to the parish office or in the offertory collection.

| DETACH AND RETURN TO THE PARISH OFFICE |                        |
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| I'm interested in RCIA                 | I'm interested in:     |
| Name:                                  | Joining RCIA           |
| Phone::                                | Being on the RCIA Team |
| Address:                               |                        |

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