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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** 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 11, 2022 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings focus on the personal, passionate, and merciful love of God which should fill us with unending gratitude to Him. This gratitude is the fuel, if you will, that keeps the stewardship way of life rolling along. In our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, we find a grateful Paul who says of himself, "I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated." St. Paul is well aware of the sins he has committed. But this does not hold him back from ministry. Rather, it makes him all the more grateful to be God's steward. How encouraging to know that this is true for us as well. Our past sins, and even our present struggles, do not disqualify us from becoming God's grateful stewards.



Jesus gives us several poignant illustrations of His merciful love in today's Gospel reading from Luke. Let us focus on one, in particular — the story of the lost sheep. He asks, "What man among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine... and go after the lost one until he finds it?"

The logical response is no one! It simply does not make sense to spend time and energy searching for one lost sheep when there are so many others to tend to. But God's logic, God's mercy, defies human logic. And who is the lost one? It is every one of us when we stray away from God through sin, great or small.

What gratitude we owe to such a personal, passionate, loving God! Just think, even our sins, once forgiven, become a source of fuel for our stewardship way of life as we reflect with deep gratitude on the powerful mercy of our Savior.

Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Parish Calendar

Monday, September 12

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Cherie Wilson †

Tuesday, September 13

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Patrick Divers †
Anthony & Maria Carroll †

10:00 a.m. (Livestream) - St. Peter Opening School Mass John & Margaret Doodeman †

Wednesday, September 14

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Denis Morris Opening School Mass David Gaskell † | Special Intention for Laura Folkes

9:15 a.m. (Livestream) - Denis Morris Opening School Mass

Thursday, September 15 - No Mass

Friday, September 16

8:30 a.m. (Livestream) - Chuck Masse †

Saturday, September 17 (Coffee Social)

5:00 p.m. (Livestream) - Agnes Hummel †

Sunday, September 18 (Coffee Social)

9:00 a.m. - Mass for the People 11:00 a.m. - Maria Pupo † | Len Spitters †

Are You Being Called?

"He was lost and has been found."

Do you want to bring others to life in Christ as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother?

Contact Fr. Greg at the church office, 905 684 5603 or email frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com.

Special Blessings from Your Parish Family

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

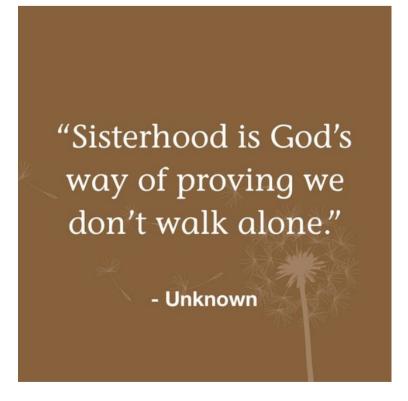
Anniversaries - 25, 40, 50, 60, 65 Birthdays - 80, 85, 90, 95, 100

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

CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!



Catholic Women's League Corner, September 11, 2022



Thank-you to those who joined our St Julia. Catholic Women's League team to give the gift of life. Although we fell just short of our goal of 20 units, up to 51 lives will be improved by the 17 units of whole blood that have been collected during our drive.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA Open House will be held on Monday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. In our Divinity Room.

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:
- 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?**

- 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 via email at frgregoryschmidt@gmail.com, by calling the parish office, or by completing this form and returning it to the parish office or the offertory collection.

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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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