

ST. JULIA PARISH



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Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 4, 2022

Gathering Hymn: **On Jordan's Bank**

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be ev'ry heart from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty guest may come.

All praise the Son eternally,
Whose advent sets his people free;
Whom with the Father we adore
And Spirit blest for evermore.

Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading: **Isaiah 11:1-10**

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm: "In his days justice will flourish; in his days fullness of peace for evermore."

Second Reading: **Romans 15:4-9**

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:

Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.

Gospel: **Matthew 3:1-12**

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Nicene Creed:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things
visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
Through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came
down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again
on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father. He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen

Preparation of the Gifts:**Like a Shepherd**

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock
and gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart,
leading them home.

Say to the cities of Judah:
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice;
Jerusalem, here is your God.

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock
and gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart,
leading them home.

Communion Hymn:**My Soul in Stillness Waits**

Refrain: For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits,
Truly my hope is in you.

O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,
Your radiance shines in all who look to you,
Come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.

O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,
And in your advent, draw us all to you,
Our hope reborn in dying and in rising.

O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits,
Our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word,
Come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.

O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage,
We ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain,
Open to us the pathway of your peace.

(4:00 pm/11:30 am)
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Comfort Ye...Ev'ry Valley

Georg Friedrich Hän-

Martin Kelly, tenor

from *Messiah*

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; the crooked straight, and the rough places plain. (Isaiah 40: 1-4)

Closing Hymn:**Advent Gathering**

Here in this world where darkness surrounds us,
Show us your face, O promise of dawn.
We seek a sign that you are among us.
Show us your face, O Lord Jesus come.
Come, O hope of your people.
Come among us to stay.
Lead us in mercy up from the shadows,

Where is the road you promised the exile?
Show us your face, O promise of dawn.
Where is the good news preached to the lowly?
Show us your face, O Lord Jesus come.
Come, O hope of your people.
Come among us to stay.
Lead us in mercy up from the shadows,

*Thank you for worshipping with us today.
Please review our Bulletin on the ensuing pages.
Go to our website, www.stjulia.org, for more information.
Have a blessed Advent Season!*

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OFFICE HOURS 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM,
Monday through Friday.

RECONCILIATION

Parish Center Conference Room, Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

By request after the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass;
or contact Parish Office.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays in St. Julia Church, from Noon—1:00 pm

EUCCHARIST AND VISITS TO THE SICK

Contact Parish Office to notify of anyone ill, home-bound or hospitalized.

ROSARY ON ZOOM

After each daily Mass; ask for link at
director.of.ministries@stjulia.org.

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office in advance to
make arrangements.

BULLETIN NOTICES should be proposed, by
e-mail if possible, to the Parish Office by
Friday afternoon: parish@stjulia.org.

Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10

Psalm: 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm—St. Julia Church

Sunday: 8:00am—St. Joseph Church

9:30am—St. Julia Church

11:30am—St. Julia Church

5:00pm—St. Joseph Church

Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday

8:00am—St. Julia Church

Wednesday

5:30pm—St. Joseph Church

All Masses taking place in St. Julia Church are live
streamed—www.stjulia.org

Supporting Our Parish's Mission

Weekend of 11/19 and 11/20 = \$6,793.00

**Due to early submission of the Bulletin, totals for
Nov. 26/27 will be posted in our next bulletin.**

THE MISSION OF SAINT JULIA PARISH

We, the parishioners of Saint Julia Parish, seek to live our belief in Christ as we worship and serve Him according to His example and teachings. With appreciation of the diverse gifts of our individual members, we strive to gain the participation of each parishioner and work to ensure that everyone feels welcome in our community of faithful. We do this while mindful of God's love for us and the power of His Spirit that makes us holy, heals our brokenness and sustains us in all the good we do. We are committed in the spirit of Christian stewardship to share generously our time, talent, and treasure.

~ Parish Life ~

Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 7th: (Vigil) 5:30 pm
St. Joseph Church, Lincoln

December 8th: 8:00 am and 7:00 pm
St. Julia Church, Weston

Mass Intentions for this week:

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| Sun., 12/4 | 8AM | Ruth & Walter Henneberry & Family |
| Sun., 12/4 | 5PM | Theresa & Daniel Donahue & Family |
| Mon., 12/5 | 8AM | Karen Ahearn Driscoll |
| Tues., 12/6 | 8AM | Robert Barry |
| Wed., 12/7 | 8AM | Bob Duffy Sr. |
| Sat., 12/10 | 4PM | Magdalena DelSignore |
| Sun., 12/11 | 9:30AM | Antonio & Josephine Delpriore |
| Sun., 12/11 | 11:30AM | Gregory Flynn |

Weekly Collection for Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry



At our 9:30 Mass, the community will be invited to bring forward dry goods for our SVdP Food Pantry. For details on needs, please view their wish list at www.svdplincolnweston.org/food-donation.

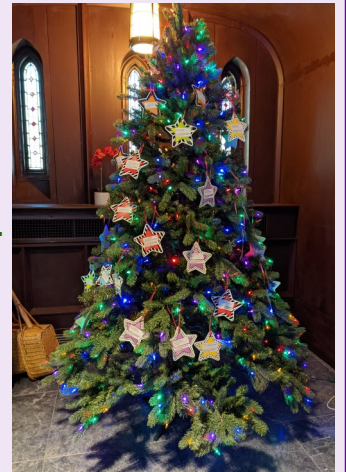
St. Julia Parish Annual Giving Tree

Starting Saturday, November 26 and Sunday, November 27 after all the Masses you will be able to get a child's Christmas Gift Wish Tag off the Christmas Trees in both our St. Julia and St. Joseph churches.

The gifts for the children in Dorchester will be due back by December 18th; please drop the gifts off by the Christmas Tree in the Parish Center Lobby.

Gifts for the families of St. Vincent de Paul are due now! Gift drop off will be at the St. Julia Parish Center on Saturday, December 3rd and Sunday, December 4th from 10am to 1pm.

Thank you for bringing the joy of the birth of our Lord to these people!



Mark Your Calendars!

Christmas Pops: Sunday, December 18th, 3:00 pm in Parish Center Hall

Christmas Masses: Saturday, December 24th, 4:00 pm St. Julia Church and St. Joseph Church, 6:00 pm St. Joseph Church; 8:00 pm St. Julia Church

Sunday, December 25th, 8:00 am St. Joseph Church; 9:30 and 11:30 St. Julia Church (No 5PM)

PARISH GRAND ANNUAL



We give thanks for the many blessings of our faith community. Our Parish provides a welcoming place to encounter the Lord through the Word and Sacraments, and by programs and activities that strengthen our commitment to Christ. We urge all to participate in our Parish life and to support our mission and ministries. Our Parish Grand Annual Appeal has begun this Fall with a goal of \$250,000. The Grand Annual is an important part of our overall Parish budget and supports the ordinary expenditures of Parish life, including utilities, salaries, maintenance, insurance, etc. Please prayerfully consider how you can best help us reach our goal. More information, along with our Parish's Financial Reporting, can be found on our Website: StJulia.org



~ Catholic Life ~

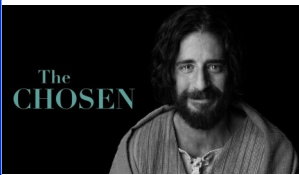
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Minutes
With
Deacon Phil



Deacon Phil's 5-minute videos continue this week, with Episode 43 "Retreat on the Rocks". Over the next few weeks, we will end our Liturgical Year with the celebration of Christ the King, and we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. Then we will turn our attention to Advent, as we remember how God has worked with humanity throughout the Millennia to bring about our salvation. But have you ever considered how God is working in YOUR life right now, to bring YOU to Heaven? Join Deacon Phil as he discusses how his recent retreat experience may give insight into God's call for YOU, and for the whole world.

You can use massevangelize.org/DeaconPhil5-043 to view this video, or massevangelize.org/DeaconPhil5-play to view all previous videos.

**Calling All Parents of Faith Formation Students—do you need someplace warm to go while your kids are in Faith Formation Class on Sunday mornings with coffee and pastries?
Spend it with Jesus!**



Come Follow Jesus In "The Chosen" Video Series
Sundays, December 11 & 18, and January 8 10:25 to 11:25am
St. Julia Conference Room

"The Chosen" is a video series about the life of Christ. It creates an authentic and intimate picture of Jesus' life and ministry, seen through the eyes of the people who knew him. "The Chosen" has garnered praise from critics and fans alike for its historical and biblical accuracy, playful spirit, stirring drama, genuine humor, and disruptive impact.

(I highly recommend this series—it's as if God is revealing the Gospel from another perspective, attuned to the needs of all people today! ~ Cindy H.)

Advent Series

At this time of year, our world can become cluttered with hyperactivity, gift giving, and mandated responsibilities, sometimes to the point of exhaustion.

As Catholic Christians, Advent calls us to prayerfully remember what God has done for God's people through the centuries, as we once again prepare to celebrate the birth of the Messiah in a stable in Bethlehem.



Deacon Phil will be offering a series of Advent Meditations to help us focus this Advent Season on Wednesday—December 7, Tuesday—December 13 and Monday—December 19 at 7:00 pm, St. Julia Church. These meditations will be based on the Meditations contained in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

Will you join us?



Students in Grade 1 will be hosting the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, December 4. During the homily, they will be presenting their poster on what they have learned about Jesus, Son of God. Following the Mass, the student and at least one parent will remain in the Church, for a guided Church Tour.

The Archdiocese of Boston's own Project Nazareth has offered free Advent Resources for families; go to <https://www.evangelizeboston.com/advent-resources>.