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The Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 19, 2023

Gathering Hymn:

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father.
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

First Reading:

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

Responsorial Psalm: "Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life."

Second Reading:

Ephesians 5: 8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

Gospel Acclamation:

**"Praise to you, Lord Jesus, king of endless glory,
Savior of the world, Savior of the world."**

Gospel:**John 9:1-41 [Short Form]**

[As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.] His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, [he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go to Siloam" —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am."] So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know."

[They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."]

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him."

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." [They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.] Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

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:

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul;
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on!
And through eternity, I'll sing on.

Communion Hymn:

The Lord Is My Light

Refrain: The Lord is my light and my salvation; of whom should I be afraid, of whom should I be afraid!

Communion Meditation:

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer, O lord, hear my prayer: When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

11:30 **Et misericordia-J.S. Bach**

Danute Mileika, mezzo soprano; Martin Kelly, tenor

Et misericordia a progenie in progenies, timentibus eum.
His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation.

Closing Hymn:

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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with us today.
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the ensuing
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website
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information.
Have a blessed
Lenten Season!*

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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 Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm: 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

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
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Supporting Our Parish's Mission

Weekend 3/11 and 3/12 = \$6,981.00

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 ~



St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

The costs of operating our food pantry have exploded! **Can you help?** This month we especially need cereal, low salt pasta sauce (Prego), low salt soups (Progresso), oil and condiments. We are grateful for **all** food donations within the use by date. Please drop your donations off in the Parish Center during office hours or at any time at the back porch of St. Joseph House, 142 Lincoln Rd, behind St. Joseph Church. We are grateful for the ongoing support from parishioners and especially to the children at the 9.30am Mass!

Mass Intentions for this week:

Sun. 3/19	8AM	Henry & Omah Tye and Family
Sun. 3/19	11:30AM	Louis P. "Dan" Valente 5th Anniversary
Sun. 3/19	5PM	Billie Jorgensen
Mon. 3/20	8AM	Leo & Helen Bibinski
Tues. 3/21	8AM	Bob Duffy Sr.
Wed. 3/22	8AM	Theresa & Daniel Donahue & Family
Thurs. 3/23	8AM	Patricia Baxter Wolcott
Sat. 3/25	4PM	Dr. John Wells & Ann Athanas Wells
Sun. 3/26	8AM	Mary R. Finn



Eucharist Adoration

Every Friday in
St. Julia Church
12 noon—1pm.

This weekend's Altar flowers were donated in memory of Louis P. (Dan) Valente.

St. Julia Parish Triduum Liturgies

- Holy Thursday (April 6):** Mass. 7:30 pm—St. Julia Church
- Good Friday (April 7):** Stations of the Cross, 12:00 noon—St. Joseph Church
Stations of the Cross, 3:00 pm—St. Julia Church
Liturgy, 7:30 pm—St. Julia Church
- Easter Vigil (April 8):** Mass, 7:30 pm—St. Julia Church (No 4:00 pm Mass)
- Easter Sunday (April 9):** Mass, 8:00 am— St Joseph Church
Mass, 9:30 am and 11:30 am—St. Julia Church



The Children's Choir is Returning to St. Julia Parish!

Due to COVID, our Children's Choir had to take a sabbatical. Our Music Director, Brian Moll, is starting it up again! All interested children in grades 2 and above are invited to join singing with the Children's choir at the 9:30 am Masses through Memorial Day weekend. Rehearsals will take place just before and immediately after the 9:30 am Mass. Anyone interested should please send an email message to Brian Moll at bcmoll@yahoo.com or call or text at 617-548-5841.



On Sunday, **March 19th**, all students preparing to receive **First Eucharist** will attend a **Parent and Child Workshop**, from 12:30-2:30 pm. A reminder has been sent to the families.

On Sunday, **March 26th**, the students in **Grade 6** will be hosting the 9:30 Mass. Following the Mass, they will meet with the "Build the Faith" group, learning about this ministry, in the Parish Center Hall.

~ Catholic Life ~



Lent is a time to consider how well we are living our lives of faith, through Prayer, Sacrament, and Scripture. The Church sets aside this time of the year for us to grow closer to Christ, by shedding those habits and attitudes that keep Him away, and embracing the virtues that invite Him in.

St. Julia will be hosting a series of **Prayer Events** on the latter Thursdays in Lent, as a complement to our Scripture Groups. This series offers different Prayer experiences, each aimed to help your Lenten Journey. Each session will be held at St. Julia Church and start at 7pm.

March 23 Second Lenten Meditation based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

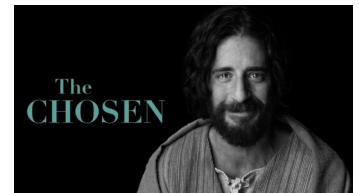
March 30 Eucharistic Adoration, with a Meditation from Anthony deMello's "Wellsprings"

We hope that you can join us for one, several, or each of these evenings. To find out more information, please reach out to Deacon Phil at director.of.ministries@stjulia.org.



Have you checked out Deacon Phil's latest "5 Minutes" Video, entitled, "Transfig-U-ration" It can be found at <http://stjulia.org/DeaconPhil5-049>. The latest video can always be found at <http://stjulia.org/DeaconPhil5-latest>, and the entire playlist at <http://stjulia.org/DeaconPhil5-play>. Give them a try!

Deacon Phil's Video Watch Series on "The Chosen" will continue through the end of March, on the weekends that Youth Faith Formation meets. The final sessions will be March 19 and 26. All are welcome! Contact Deacon Phil at director.of.ministries@stjulia.org for more details.



St. Julia Church Bible Winter/Spring Bible Study, Psalms Part 2



We will be studying Psalms II, a 7-week session, on Tuesdays from 9:00-11:00 a.m. starting March 21, 2023, at St. Julia Parish Hall. The Book of the Psalms is a unique collection of the song-prayers of Israel. To study Psalms is to study prayer, ultimately to enter into prayer. The study will challenge participants to reflect on their own prayer and life experiences. Psalms II focuses on a selection of twenty-eight psalms divided into three categories: Royal Psalms, Psalms of Lament and Psalms of Declarative Praise. All are welcome! If interested please contact Deacon Phil at director.of.ministries@stjulia.org

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