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## The First Sunday of Advent ~ December 3, 2023

### Gathering Hymn:

### Wake, O Wake, and Sleep No Longer

Wake, O wake, and sleep no longer,  
For he who calls you is no stranger:  
Awake, God's own Jerusalem!

Hear the midnight bells are chiming  
The signal for his royal coming:  
Let voice to voice announce his name!

We feel his footsteps near,  
The Bridegroom at the door—Alleluia!  
The lamps will shine  
With light divine  
As Christ the savior comes to reign.

### First Reading:

### Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from our ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

**Responsorial Psalm:** "Lord, make us turn to you, show us your face, and we shall be saved."

**Second Reading:****1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Gospel:****Mark 13:33-37**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

**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:****The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns**

The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks.  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes.

Not, as of old, a little child  
To suffer and to die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun  
That lights the morning sky.

The King shall come when morning dawns  
And earth's dark night is passed;  
O haste the rising of that morn  
Whose day shall ever last.

The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ, the Lord! Your people pray:  
Come quickly, King of Kings.

**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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

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

**Closing Hymn:                      Come, O Long Expected Jesus**

Come, O long expected Jesus,  
Born to set your people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Free us from captivity.

Born your people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
Now your gracious kingdom bring.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
You, the hope of all the earth,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
Come and free us by your birth.

By your own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By your all sufficient merit  
Raise us to your glorious throne.

*Thank you for joining us in worship today!  
Please see the Bulletin section in the following pages for events and  
service opportunities, or go to our website: [stjulia.org](http://stjulia.org)*

*We wish you a very 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.

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

In St. Julia Church every Friday from 12:00 noon  
to 1:00 pm.

## **Eucharist and Visits to the Sick**

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

## **Rosary on Zoom**

After each daily Mass. Contact us at  
[stjulia.org/contactus](http://stjulia.org/contactus) for the Zoom link.

## **Baptism**

Please contact the Parish Office in advance to  
make arrangements.

**BULLETIN NOTICES** should be emailed to the  
Parish Office by Friday afternoon:  
[parish@stjulia.org](mailto:parish@stjulia.org).

## **Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

**Psalms:** 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

**Second Reading:** 2 Peter 3:8-14

**Gospel:** Mark 1:1-8

## **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](http://www.stjulia.org)

## **Supporting Our Parish's Mission**

Weekend of 11/18 and 11/19 = \$7,389.00

Weekend of 11/25 and 11/26 = \$7,854.00

## **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 ~

### Mass Intentions for this Week:

Sun. 12/3 8:00AM Kathie & Walter McLaughlin  
Sun. 12/3 11:30AM Marguerite Lorraine Curtin  
Sun. 12/3 5:00PM John Mancuso  
Tues. 12/5 8:00AM Ruth & Walter Henneberry & Family  
Wed. 12/6 8:00AM Natalie & Bob Duffy Sr.  
Sat. 12/9 4:00PM Susan DiBenedetto  
Sun. 12/10 9:30AM Gregory Flynn  
Sun. 12/11 11:30AM Edmund Baghdady



### Eucharist Adoration

Every Friday, from Noon—1pm  
in St. Julia Church

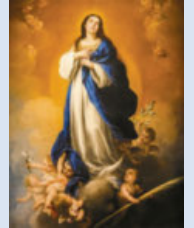
### The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8th  
Mass Schedule:

8:00 am: St. Julia Church

5:30 pm: St. Joseph Church

7:00 pm: St. Julia Church



Non-perishables for our Food Pantry  
will be collected at the 9:30 Masses.  
We invite all children to participate!



Join us for an **Advent Prayer Meditation** on 12/20 at 7pm

At this time of year, our world can easily become cluttered with so much activity. Advent calls us to prayerfully remember what God has done for us through the centuries, as we prepare for the birth of the Messiah.

Deacon Phil will offer an Advent Prayer Meditation on Wednesday, 12/20 at St. Julia Church, at 7pm. Light refreshments will follow.

Contact Deacon Phil at [Director.of.Ministries@StJulia.org](mailto:Director.of.Ministries@StJulia.org) with questions.

### Parish Grand Annual Kick Off

Dear Friends,

I 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. I 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.

A suggested Grand Annual family contribution of \$1000.00 will truly help our parish remain financially sustainable. I am very grateful to parishioners who are able and willing to give an even more substantial donation to support our Parish. Also, I am mindful that some cannot afford to be so generous or even give at all this year. I simply ask you to prayerfully reflect on God's blessings as you consider your financial resources and decide what you can contribute to our 2023-24 Parish Grand Annual.

With gratitude,  
Fr. Mark

More information, along with our Parish's Financial Reporting, can be found on our Website: [StJulia.org](http://StJulia.org)

## ~ Parish Life ~

5  
Minutes  
With  
Deacon Phil



Have you checked out Deacon Phil's latest "5 Minutes" Video, "Have We Become Numb to Our God". "Do you ever feel as though you are just "going through the motions" of your faith? Do you wonder about how those who are more alive in their faith, do it? Can it be that we have become just a little numb to God? Join Deacon Phil as he offers some thoughts on how to shake the cobwebs from your faith life." Join Deacon Phil as he of-

fers thoughts on what nuggets Jesus has for us in the Lord's Prayer. It can be found at [stjulia.org/DeaconPhil5-058](http://stjulia.org/DeaconPhil5-058).

The latest video can always be found at <http://stjulia.org/DeaconPhil5-latest>. Give them a try!

If you would like to know more about this video, or have questions about any video, feel free to email Deacon Phil through [stjulia.org/contactus](mailto:stjulia.org/contactus). He is *always* happy to chat about your life of faith.

### The Chosen Video Series is Up & Running!

"The Chosen" videos have been praised by all for their historical and biblical accuracy, playful spirit, and stirring drama. Join us most Sunday Mornings at 10:30am in the Parish Center. Contact Deacon Phil for the schedule. **All are welcome!**



Classes for Grades 1-6 will resume on Sunday, December 3; Grades 1-5 on Monday, December 4. Grades 7 and 8 will meet on Sunday, December 3 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Grade 1 will host the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, December 3. Following the Mass, they will attend a Church Tour with their parents.

### Advent: Waiting for God

An Evening of Spiritual Reading and Poetry (12/12 at 7pm)

Join us for an Advent evening of Spiritual Reading, Poetry and discussion, led by Father Tom Fitzpatrick, SJ from Weston's Campion Center.

Father Tom's writing reveals a lifelong spiritual journey with God. He uses humor and images of nature, with simple and direct language, to make God real for us.

Father Tom has been a Jesuit for 64 years and a priest for 51. He founded the Jesuit Center in Amman, Jordan, and remained as director for 14 years. Father Tom also served as director of the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Jerusalem for 10 years, and taught for more than 10 years at Fairfield University.

Father Tom has written numerous articles which have appeared in periodicals in the United States, Jordan, and Jamaica. His play, *The Gentle Whisper of Trees*, premiered in December 2019.

Light refreshments will follow the presentation. Please reach out to Deacon Phil at [director.of.ministries@stjulia.org](mailto:director.of.ministries@stjulia.org) so we can get an approximate headcount.

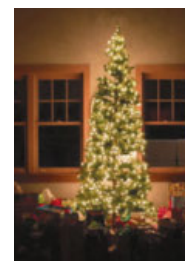


### The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Tree Giving 2023

**The Christmas Tree Gift Giving fulfills children's wishes in our communities of Lincoln and Weston and for the children in Dorchester at our sister parish.**

TAGS are still available! DROP-OFF gifts by the date on your tag and with your TAG ATTACHED to an unwrapped gift. DROP-OFF LOCATIONS: St. Julia's Parish Hall Lobby; St. Julia's SVdP collection at Parish Hall on 12/10, 10 am to 1 pm; and, in St. Joseph Church entrances in big collection boxes.

**On behalf of the neighbors we serve, thank you for your generosity, and have a very Merry Christmas with Peace and Blessings.**





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