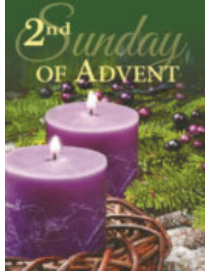


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## Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 8, 2024

### Gathering 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,  
Shine in our darkness, be here today.

Where is the home you promised the orphan?  
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,  
Shine in our darkness, be here today.

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,  
Shine in our darkness, be here today.

### First Reading: **Baruch 5:1-9**

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

**Responsorial Psalm:** “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.”

**Second Reading:**           **Isaiah 12:2-3,4, 5-6**

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

**Gospel:**                       **Luke 3:10-18**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: *A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*

**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      Hail Mary, Gentle Woman**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death. Amen.

*Refrain*

Gentle woman, quiet light,  
morning star, so strong and bright,  
gentle Mother, peaceful dove,  
teach us wisdom; teach us love.

You were chosen by the Father;  
you were chosen for the Son.  
You were chosen from all women  
and for woman, shining one. *Refrain*

Blessed are you among women,  
blest in turn all women, too.  
Blessed they with peaceful spirits.  
Blessed they with gentle hearts. *Refrain*

**Closing 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.

For you are our salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge, and our great reward;  
Without your grace we waste away  
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

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.

To heal the sick stretch out your hand,  
And bid the fallen sinner stand;  
Shine forth, and let your light restore  
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

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

*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 blessed Advent!*

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**OFFICE HOURS** 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM,  
Monday—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**  
In St. Julia Church every Friday from 12:00 noon  
to 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. 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 Monday morning:  
[parish@stjulia.org](mailto:parish@stjulia.org).

## Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent

**First Reading:** Zephaniah 3:4-18a

**Psalm:** Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:4-7

**Gospel:** Luke 3:10-18

## 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 11/23 & 11/24 = \$8,674.00

Weekend of 11/30 & 12/1 = \$8,680.00

## 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. 12/8 9:30AM Greg Flynn**  
**Mon. 12/9 8:00AM Ruth & Walter Henneberry & Family**  
**Wed. 12/11 8:00AM Natalie & Bob Duffy Sr.**  
**Thurs. 12/12 8:00AM Philip Guarino**  
**Sun. 12/15 9:30AM Anna Pollock**

### Eucharist Adoration

Every Friday  
12:00—1:00PM  
St. Julia Church



### Food Pantry Collection



Non-perishables for our Food Pantry will be collected at the 9:30 Masses.

Cereal, pasta sauce, gluten free items and condiments are especially needed now. We invite all children to participate!

Holy Day: Monday, December 9th,  
The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Masses will be celebrated at St. Julia's Church, Weston at 8AM and 7PM  
A 12 Noon Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph Church, Lincoln



## Faith Formation

**Class Sunday, Dec. 8th All Gr 1— Confirmation Prep**  
**Monday, Dec. 9th Grades 1-5**

**Class Sunday, Dec. 15th All Gr 1—Confirmation Prep**  
**\* Grade 7 Hosts 9:30 Family Mass**  
**(class after Mass)**

**Monday, Dec. 16th Grades 1—5**

**No Class Dec. 22/23 or Dec. 29/30**  
**Christmas Break**

### Church Tour

Grade 1 Hosted Mass & had a Church Tour after Mass on Nov. 24th. They checked out the altar, ambo, sacristy, baptismal font and organ. Thank you to all who helped!



### St. Julia Parish Christmas Pops Concert Sunday, Dec. 22 3PM

Join us for an hour of seasonal music and sing-a-long by parish musicians and guests. This year marks the return of soprano Mara Bonde to our Pops Concerts as well as solos from members of our new children's choir.

Children are especially welcome—in addition to having fun, we hope to acquaint children with some of the traditional Christmas carols!



## ~ Parish Life ~

### PARISH GRAND ANNUAL REACHES \$96,600 TOWARD \$265,000 GOAL

*Dear Friend and Parishioner,*

*I ask your help by contributing to our 2024 – 25 Saint Julia Parish Grand Annual Appeal. This Appeal is essential to the financial stability of our Parish. Presently, our Parish expenses exceed contributions resulting in the use of savings for some very necessary capital needs and improvements. This year, along with some required mechanical updates, we fully refreshed our Saint Julia Parish Parking lot, renovated our Parish Center's Upper and Lower Lobbies and Center Hall. In Lincoln, our Saint Joseph House also received new windows and siding. The ongoing care of our Churches and facilities, that earlier generations have entrusted to us, bears witness to our faith and commitment to future generations. This work must go on to preserve and protect our heritage. Please help to put St. Julia Parish in a better position to meet both our regular financial obligations and deferred maintenance issues.*

*Our Grand Annual goal is \$265,000. A suggested Grand Annual contribution of \$1200.00 will truly help our parish meet our financial obligations. I am very grateful to parishioners who are able to give an even more substantial gift to support our Parish. 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 2024 – 25 Parish Grand Annual.*

*Mailed to registered parishioners and in the back of the Church you will find my full letter, the Annual Report and envelopes for our Grand Annual Collection. You may place the envelope in the regular collection at any Parish Mass or drop the self-addressed stamped envelope in the mail. Also, donations may be made easily online at [StJulia.org](http://StJulia.org). Contributions by a monthly or quarterly pledge and donations by means of stocks or some other instrument will happily be received. Thank you for your kind assistance in the spiritual and financial support of our Parish!*

*With sincere gratitude and blessings,*

*Fr. Mark*

### SVdP ANNUAL GIFT GIVING DRIVE

Our annual Christmas Giving Tree Gift Drive will be ending soon. If you haven't taken a gift wish tag from one of the Christmas trees at St Julia or St Joseph Church, please consider taking one today. If you have already fulfilled a gift wish tag, you can always take another! We'd love to see all those tags taken and all of those wishes come true before the deadlines. Please help us make the season a little brighter for the children served by our Food Pantry and the children of our sister parish in Dorchester.



#### **GIFTS FOR TREE-SHAPED ORNAMENTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CHURCHES BY DEC 15<sup>TH</sup>.**

Gifts for star-shaped ornaments are due on the 22nd.

Gifts can be dropped off at both churches and in the St Julia Parish center. In addition, on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> the Parish Center will be open from 10:00 to 1:00 to receive gifts. Please follow all instructions on the tags for gifts and/or gift cards.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please go to [SVdPLincolnWeston.org](http://SVdPLincolnWeston.org). Checks should be made to "St. Vincent de Paul" (NOT St. Julia) and sent to St Vincent de Paul of Lincoln/Weston, PO Box 324, Lincoln MA 01773.

Thank you for your generosity! Wishing you peace, blessings and a very Merry Christmas!

**As an Adult, are you seeking to receive any of the Sacraments of Initiation?**

Are you thinking of joining the Church? Do you need to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or 1st Communion? We warmly welcome you, and we have a process designed for you! Contact Deacon Rafe to find out more: [deaconrafe@gmail.com](mailto:deaconrafe@gmail.com).



**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Tuesday, Christmas Eve**

4:00pm- St. Joseph Church  
St. Julia Church & Live  
Stream in Parish Hall  
6:00pm- St. Joseph Church  
8:00pm- St. Julia Church

**Wednesday, Christmas Day**

8:00am- St. Joseph Church  
9:30am- St. Julia Church  
11:30am- St. Julia Church

(No 5:00pm Mass)

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