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Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 15, 2024

Gathering Hymn: Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

Lift up your heads, O mighty gates;
Behold the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the ruler is confest!
O happy hearts and happy homes
To whom this King of triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Come, Savior, come with us abide;
Our hearts to you we open wide:
Your Holy Spirit guide us on,
Until our glorious goal is won.

9:30 AM

Gathering Hymn Stay Awake

Stay awake, be ready.
You do not know the hour when the Lord is coming.
Stay awake, be ready. The Lord is coming soon!

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord is coming soon.
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First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgment against you he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

Responsorial Psalm: “Cry out with joy and gladness, for the Lord is in your midst, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior and your song.”

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

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

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

The crowds asked John the Baptist, “What should we do?” He said to them in reply, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He answered them, “Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.” Soldiers also asked him, “And what is it that we should do?” He told them, “Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages.” Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

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: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas fortold it,
The Rose, I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it,
The Virgin Mother kind,
To show God's love aright,
She bore to us a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispel in glorious splendor,
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death now save us,
And share our ev'ry load.

Communion Hymn Creator of the Stars of Night

Creator of the Stars of night,
Your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
We pray you hear us when we call.

When this old world drew on toward night,
You came; but not in splendor bright,
Not as a monarch, but the child
Of Mary, blameless mother mild.

In sorrow that the ancient curse
Should doom to death a universe,
You came, O savior, to set free
You own in glorious liberty.

At your great Name, O Jesus, now
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
All things on earth with one accord,
Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.

Communion Meditation: "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; to you, I lift my soul:"

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*

We wish you a blessed Advent!

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374 Boston Post Road, Weston, MA 02493

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 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.

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a
Psalm: 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

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 streamed—www.stjulia.org

Supporting Our Parish's Mission

Due to early Bulletin submission the Weekend of
12/8 & 12/9 will be reported next week

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. 12/15 9:30AM Anna Pollock
Tues. 12/17 8:00AM Ruth Mary Donahue
Wed. 12/18 8:00AM Natalie & Bob Duffy Sr.
Sun. 12/22 8:00AM Ralph & Leanne Gonzalez
Mon. 12/23 8:00AM Theresa & Daniel Donahue & Family

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!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Christmas Eve
4:00pm- St. Joseph Church
St. Julia Church with Pageant & 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)



Faith Formation

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 See you next year!

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 \$112,000 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. 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

The Christmas Giving Tree – 2024 - IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!

As our annual Christmas Giving Tree Gift Drive comes to a close, there are still some gift wish tags available on the Christmas Tree displays at both churches. Please take a tag today and share the joy of giving to children served by St Vincent de Paul of Lincoln and Weston, and the children of our sister parish in Dorchester.

Please deliver your gifts by the date indicated on the tag.

ANY GIFTS FOR TREE TAGS MUST BE RETURNED BY THIS SUNDAY, 12/15! Gifts for star tags are due by 12/22.

Gifts can be left at both churches, and in the St Julia Parish center. In addition, the Parish Center will be open this Sunday, December 15, from 10:00 to 1:00 to receive gifts.

If you prefer to donate, please go to SVdPLincolnWeston.org. Checks may be made out to "St. Vincent de Paul" (NOT St. Julia) and sent to 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.



DISMAS MINISTRY TO PRISONERS:

From Fr. Richard Deshaies, S.J.

Catholic Chaplain, Middlesex Jail & House of Correction, Billerica, MA

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Please consider making a financial contribution or gift to Dismas Ministry in order to help our organization to continue its critical Catholic outreach to prisoners by purchasing Bibles, printing our other Catholic educational materials and sending them for free via USPS to prisoners who are seeking to acquire the religious and spiritual materials that Dismas Ministry provides them with for their practice of the faith. Your donation can be made directly to Dismas Ministry.

Dismas Ministry, P.O. Box 2113, Milwaukee, WI 53234

www.dismasministry.org

**Come to Bethlehem
A Christmas Concert with the Daughters of St. Paul**

When: Sunday, December 15 at 5:00Pm

Where: Natick High School Auditorium, 15 West Street, Natick, MA 01760

General Admission: \$35

Children 12 & Under: Free

Group Rate Available

Call: 617-676-4458

Tickets: Pauline.org/concert or Call 617-676-4458

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