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Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 22, 2024

Gathering Hymn: **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lowly exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O wisdom from on high,
Who orders all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law,
In cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
And be for us the King of Peace. *Refrain*

First Reading: **Micah 5:1-4a**

Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

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

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God'" First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

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: Prepare the Way of the Lord

Prepare the way of the Lord,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.

Alleluia!

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

[11:30 Mass: Quia respexit from *Magnificat*—J.S. Bach

Mary: Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae;
For He has regarded the lowly state of His handmaiden;

ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent.
Behold! from now on they will say that I am blessed.]

Closing Hymn: 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.

*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 Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or
Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or
84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

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 12/7 & 12/8 = \$8,182.00
Due to early submission Weekend of 12/14 & 12/15
will be in next week's 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 Intentions for this Week:

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



The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Wednesday, January 1, 2025

8AM St. Julia Church, Weston
9:30AM St. Julia Church, Weston
5:30PM St. Joseph Church, Lincoln



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

No Class Dec. 22/23 or Dec. 29/30
Christmas Break See you next year!

The Faith Formation Staff Wishes you
A very Merry Christmas and a Happy,
Healthy New Year!!



Grade 4

Our 4th Graders had a field trip and bought groceries for the Food Pantry!

St. Julia Parish Christmas Pops Concert Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 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 \$133,519 TOWARD \$265,000 GOAL

Dear Friend and Parishioner,

Christmas is soon upon us and this season of giving has brought forth many blessings of kindness and charity. I am so very grateful to all those who have already responded 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 the 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 Grand Annual 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 wishes of Christmas Joy and Peace,

Fr. Mark

The Christmas Giving Tree – 2024 – All Gifts Are Due by This Weekend!

Thank you to everyone who's already donated a gift for children in our communities of Lincoln and Weston and of our sister parish in Dorchester.

ALL GIFTS MUST BE DROPPED OFF THIS WEEKEND! Gifts can be left at both churches and in the St Julia Parish center. Please follow all instructions on the tags.

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.



We have Matthew Kelly's new book, "The Three Ordinary Voices of God" at the back of our churches. Please take one! Merry Christmas from St. Julia Parish Staff!



DISMAS MINISTRY TO PRISONERS:

From Fr. Richard Deshaies, S.J.

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

Dismas Ministry (DM) is a national Catholic service agency, located in the Milwaukee area with offices at Alverno College, that has been supporting Catholic prison and jail chaplains, parish volunteers and Catholic prisoners for 25 years. DM provides these folks with free Catholic print materials to supplement their ministry behind bars and to give to prisoners for their private spiritual use. These materials include Catholic Bibles (Spanish & English), a unique Dismas Ministry-developed prayer book (in both Spanish and English), Catholic scripture and faith study programs (in both English and Spanish), and other materials used for training chaplains and explaining the various aspects of prison ministry. I have been a grateful recipient of Dismas Ministry materials for free since I began as a prison chaplain in 2011. I have been a Director on the Board and/or actively involved for 10 years now.

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

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