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## Third Sunday Lent ~ March 23, 2025

**Gathering Hymn:**            *Again We Keep This Solemn Fast*

Again we keep this solemn fast  
A gift of faith from ages past,  
This Lent which bids us lovingly  
To faith and hope and charity.

More sparing, therefore, let us make  
The words we speak, the food we take,  
Our sleep, our laughter, ev'ry sense;  
Learn peace through holy penitence.

Let us avoid each harmful way  
That lures the careless mind astray;  
By watchful prayer our spirits free  
From scheming of the Enemy.

We pray, O blessed Three in One,  
Our God while endless ages run,  
That this, our Lent of forty days,  
May bring us growth and give you praise.

**[ Confiteor:** I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;  
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. ]

**First Reading:**        **Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15**

Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Here I am." God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers," he continued, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. But the LORD said, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey." Moses said to God, "But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?" God replied, "I am who am." Then he added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you." God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. "This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations."

## **Responsorial Psalm “The Lord is kind and merciful.”**

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and all of them were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert. These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did. Do not grumble as some of them did, and suffered death by the destroyer. These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

### **Gospel Acclamation “Praise to you, Lord Jesus, king of endless glory, Savior of the world, Savior of the world.”**

### **Gospel: Luke 13:1-9**

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them— do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!” And he told them this parable: “There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?’ He said to him in reply, ‘Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.’”

### **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: There Is a Balm in Gilead**

### *Refrain*

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Refrain*

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all." *Refrain*

## **Communion Hymn            *Hosea***

Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart.  
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall; so must we to others' call.  
Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.

The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak.  
Integrity and justice, with tenderness you shall know.  
Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.

You shall sleep secure with peace; faithfulness will be your joy.  
Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.

## **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.

## **Closing Hymn:            *Jerusalem, My Destiny***

### *Refrain*

I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Jerusalem, my destiny!  
Though I cannot see the end for me, I cannot turn away.  
We have set our hearts for the way; this journey is our destiny.  
Let no one walk alone. The journey makes us one.

Other spirits, lesser gods, have courted me with lies.  
Here among you I have found a truth which bids me rise. *Refrain*

In my thirst, you let me drink the waters of your life.  
Here among you I have met the savior, Jesus Christ. *Refrain*

*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 season of Lent!*

# Saint Julia Parish Staff

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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 Fourth Sunday of Lent

**First Reading:** Joshua 5:9a, 10-12  
**Psalm:** 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

## 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 3/15 & 3/16 = \$9,222.00

## 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. 3/23	11:30AM	Ruth & Walter Henneberry & Family
Wed. 3/26	8:00AM	Natalie & Bob Duffy Sr.
Thurs. 3/27	8:00AM	David & Patricia Tye & Family (Living)
Sun. 3/30	11:30AM	Theresa & Daniel Donahue & Family

### Eucharist Adoration

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

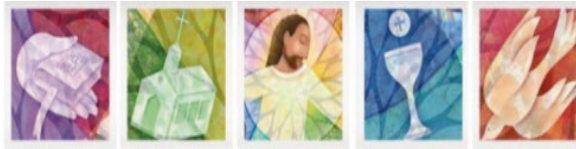


### Food Pantry Collection

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!



## Faith Formation

Sunday, March 23rd, Class Grades 1-3, 5 & 6

**Grade 4 Hosts 9:30 Mass with Gathering afterwards**

Monday, March 23rd, Class Grades 1, 2, 3 & 5

**No Grade 4** they attended the workshop on Sunday

Sunday, March 30th, Class Grades 1, 3-6, & Confirmation Prep

**Grade 2 Workshop 1—3 pm (No class)**

Monday, March 31st, Class Grades 1, 3-5

NO Grade 2 as they attended the workshop on Sunday.

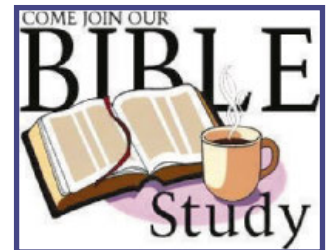
### Bible Study

**The Gospel according to St Luke. Part 1 (Week 4)**

A 7-week study, on Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m. at St. Julia Parish Hall.

*The Gospel of Luke demonstrates the universal nature of Jesus' mission and the compassion of God. Part One of this study includes Luke 1:1–11:54, taking the reader from the infancy narratives of John the Baptist and Jesus to their births and then to the Galilean ministry of Jesus.*

New members are welcome. If interested in joining, please contact the Parish Office at 781-899-2611 or email [parish@stjulia.org](mailto:parish@stjulia.org)



### Stations of the Cross—Lent

*Please join us at St. Julia's Fridays, during Lent, at 3pm for Lenten Stations.*



*Mark your calendars for "Soup & Stations" on Friday, April 11th. Stations of the Cross will start in St. Julia Church at 5:30pm, followed by an assortment of Lenten Soups shared in Our Parish Center Hall.*

## ~ Parish Life ~

### St. Patrick's Day Dinner

**Thank you** to all who came out and celebrated St. Patrick's Day with us. The music was fun, the food was good and the company was great! We look forward to doing this again next year!



Our gratitude to all of our volunteers who made our celebration such a joyful and welcoming event.

### ***Moving Forward in Faith... Together***

*"The Catholic Appeal is our way of acting in solidarity to spread hope."* -Archbishop Richard G. Henning

This weekend, the 2025 Catholic Appeal launches across the Archdiocese of Boston! Please enter into solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need and spread hope by making a gift today.

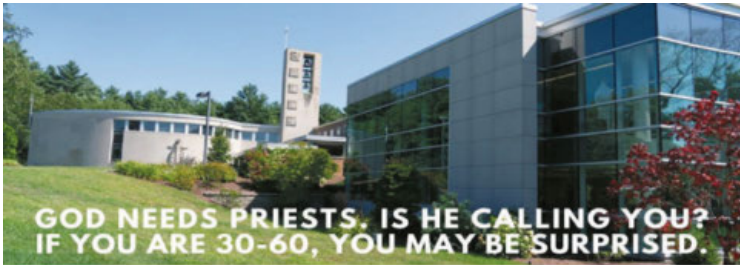
Thank you to those who have already responded generously to Archbishop Richard Henning's invitation to contribute. Through early support, our parish has already reached % of our goal and, together, we are on our way to greater success. Thank you for your support!



## Looking for a Volunteer Opportunity

Once a month, a group of dedicated Volunteers cook dinner for 80 men at the Bristol Lodge Men's Shelter. I would love to add some more names to my list. People are asked to make a casserole, salad, and, at times, deliver food to the shelter. We meet at 4pm on the third Sunday of the month. If you want to be added to my list of volunteers, please email : paish@stjulia.org

Your help is much appreciated.  
Jackie Athas



### FIRST FRIDAY VISIT

April 4, 2025

5:00 PM EST

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