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## Second Sunday of Advent — December 7, 2025

### 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 road you promised the exile?  
Show us your face, O promise of dawn.  
Where is the good news preached to the lowly?  
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### First Reading:                      Isaiah 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

**Responsorial Psalm** “Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness and peace forever.”

**Second Reading:**               **Romans 15:4-9**

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: *Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.*

**Gospel Acclamation**       **Alleluia**

**Gospel:**                       **Matthew 3: 1-12**

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

**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**

### *Refrain:*

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. *Refrain*

I myself will shepherd them, for others have led them astray.  
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds  
And pasture them, giving them rest. *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:  
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*We wish you a  
blessed week!*

## **Communion 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 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, O Rod of Jesse's stem,  
From every foe deliver them  
That trust your mighty power to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

O come, O Key of David come,  
And open wide our heav'nly hom  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. *Refrain*

**4:00 PM and 11:30 AM** Comfort Ye; Ev'ry Valley from *Messiah*—Handel  
Martin Kelly, tenor

## **Closing Hymn:**

## **On Jordan's Bank**

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken for her brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

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.

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

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.

# 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

**ANOIDING 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/](http://stjulia.org/) contact us 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).

## Third Sunday of Advent

**First Reading:** Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10  
**Psalm:** Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
**Second Reading:** James 5:7-10  
**Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-11

## 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

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 11/22 & 11/23 = \$6,902.00**  
**Weekend of 11/29 & 11/30 = \$12,748.00**

## 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:

Sat. 12/6	4:00PM	Timothy Buckley
Sun. 12/7	9:30AM	Estern DiDuca & Frank DiDuca
Sun. 12/7	11:30AM	Alphonse Mancuso 1st Ann.
Sun. 12/7	5:00PM	Dominic A. DeJulio
Mon. 12/8	8:00AM	Rick Williams (Living)
Tues. 12/9	8:00AM	Natalie & Bob Duffy Sr.
Wed. 12/10	8:00AM	Jacques & Jacqueline Miniault
Thurs. 12/11	8:00AM	Paul Brennan
Sat. 12/13	8:00AM	Magdalena DelSignore
Sun. 12/14	9:30AM	Robert Drake & Marco DeDuca
Sun. 12/14	11:30AM	Fr. Mark Mahoney Month's Mind

### Eucharist Adoration

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



### Food Pantry Collection

Please donate to the Food Pantry.

Flour, sugar, olive oil, tuna, gluten free items and condiments are especially needed now.



### Holy Day: Monday, December 8th,

### The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses will be celebrated at St. Julia's Church, Weston at 8AM and 12 Noon at St. Joseph Church, Lincoln.



Dear Friends,

These past few weeks have been a very difficult time for you as a Parish Community. The passing of Father Mark happened more quickly than expected. For Father Mark, he was prepared to meet the Lord.

I would like to thank the many parishioners who helped during the wake, the Mass and the reception. It is a testament to the vibrancy and dedication of this community of faith. I, along with Father Mark's family, am most grateful for your kindness and support.

Let us continue to pray for our parish as we move forward. May this Advent season be a time of prayer and renewal as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, the Lord Jesus.

Blessings,  
Father Kevin

### Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, Christmas Eve	4:00pm-	St. Joseph Church	
		St. Julia Church with Pageant & Live Stream in Parish Hall	
	6:00pm-	St. Joseph Church	
	* 7:00pm-	St. Julia Church	* new Mass time this year
Thursday, Christmas Day	8:00am-	St. Joseph Church	
	9:30am-	St. Julia Church	
	11:30am-	St. Julia Church	
	NO 5PM Mass		





## ~ Parish Life ~

### 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 Baptism, 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).



### Faith Formation

<b>Class</b>	<b>Sunday, Dec. 7th</b>	<b>Class Grades 1—6, Confirmation Prep</b>
	<b>Gr 7 Hosts Mass with Family Gathering Service Project in Hall after Mass</b>	
	<b>Monday, Dec. 8th</b>	<b>Class Grades 1—5</b>
	<b>Sunday, Dec. 14th</b>	<b>Class Grades 1—6, Confirmation Prep</b>
	<b>Monday, Dec. 15th</b>	<b>Class Grades 1- 5</b>

Grade 5 went on a shopping field trip for the Food Pantry.



The Grand Annual report has gone out. If you did not receive the letter in the mail and wish to donate to the Grand Annual, envelopes can be found at the back of both our churches.

The next Café Julia date is Sunday, Dec. 14th after the 9:30 Mass.  
Then Café Julia will be back in 2026!

Susan Ridge  
@Susan-Ridge-1



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*Café  
Julia*



Thank you for a very successful Thanksgiving drive

Thank you to everyone who supported our Thanksgiving Drive. We were truly moved by the outpouring of generosity that allowed us to give each family a little extra care this year. Many households are facing added challenges due to recent disruptions in essential services, and your kindness brought comfort and hope at a time when it was especially appreciated. It is heartwarming to see how deeply the St. Julia community cares for our neighbors.

Wishing each of you a warm and happy Advent Season.



The Society of St Vincent de Paul of Lincoln and Weston wishes to thank the Knights of Columbus Council 14710 for their kind donation of children's coats. By sharing the warmth of charity, the Knights of Columbus have provided not just coats this winter, but a generosity that embodies true community spirit. We are sincerely grateful for their support.



## The Christmas Giving Tree - 2025

Our annual Christmas Giving Tree gift drive will be ending soon. If you have already fulfilled a gift-wish, thank you! 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. We'd love to see all those tags taken and all of those wishes come true. Please help us make the season a little brighter for the children served by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Lincoln and Weston and children of our sister parish in Dorchester.

- **Gifts for plain star ornaments must be returned to both churches by December 14<sup>th</sup>**
- Gifts for polka-dot star ornaments are due by December 21<sup>st</sup>
- Gifts may be dropped off at both churches and in the St Julia Parish center
- Please follow all instructions on the tags for returning 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 "Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)" (NOT St. Julia) and sent to the SVdP, PO Box 324, Lincoln MA 01773.

Thank you for sharing the blessings of this beautiful season with those in need. Merry Christmas!

*"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you."*

— St. Teresa of Calcutta

## ST. JULIA PARISH FAMILY REGISTRATION

Please fill out and drop in the Offertory or at the Parish Office to be added to the Parish.

Family Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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