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Third Sunday of Advent — December 14, 2025

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 Mass: 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: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

Responsorial Psalm “Lord, come and save us.”

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.* Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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.

Come, let us bow before the God who made us,
Let ev'ry heart be opened to the Lord,
For we are all the people of his hand.

*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 week!*

Closing Hymn: Immaculate Mary

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing;
You reign now in splendor with Jesus our King. (*refrain*)

***Refrain: Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria***

Predestined for Christ by eternal decree
God willed both you both virgin and mother to be. (*refrain*)

To you by an angel, the Lord God made known
The grace of the Spirit, the gift of the Son. (*refrain*)

Most blest of all women, you heard and believed,
Most blest in the fruit of your womb conceived. (*refrain*)

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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/ 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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm: Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

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

Supporting Our Parish's Mission

**Due to early bulletin submission, the Weekend
of 12/6 & 12/7 will be reported later.**

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. 12/13	8:00AM	Magdalena DelSignore
Sun. 12/14	9:30AM	Robert Drake & Marco DeDuca
Sun. 12/14	11:30AM	Fr. Mark Mahoney Month's Mind
Mon. 12/15	8:00AM	Anna Pollock
Tues. 12/16	8:00AM	Natalie & Bob Duffy Sr.
Wed. 12/16	8:00AM	Ruth Mary Donahue
Thurs. 12/17	8:00AM	Al & Mary & Family (Living)
Sat. 12/20	4:00PM	Richard & Marilyn Federico
Sun. 12/21	9:30AM	Todd & Betsy Rattle
Sun. 12/21	11:30AM	Gordon Kilpatrick

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.



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
Thursday, Christmas Day	8:00pm-	St. Julia Church
	8:00am-	St. Joseph Church
	9:30am-	St. Julia Church
	11:30am-	St. Julia Church
	NO 5PM Mass	



Faith Formation

Class	Sunday, Dec. 14th	Class Grades 1—6, Confirmation Prep
	Monday, Dec. 15th	Class Grades 1- 5

No classes on December 21 & 22 or December 28 & 29
Classes resume on January 4 & 5, 2026

Merry Christmas !

Christmas Pops Concert
Sunday, Dec. 21 from 3:00-4:00 PM
St. Julia Parish Hall

Join us for an hour of seasonal music by parish musicians and guests.

Members of our Children's Choir will also share some of their lively songs.

Children are especially welcome—in addition to having fun, we hope to acquaint children with some of the traditional music with a Christmas Carol Sing-Along.



~ 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.



EUCCHARIST MINISTERS NEEDED

We need more Eucharistic Ministers (EMs) for 9:30 and 11:30 masses.

Ministers are scheduled according to their availability. If you are interested in serving or learning more about becoming a Eucharist Minister, please call or email the office. Just ask them to forward the information to Betsy Czarnowski.

Thank you.

Grand Annual

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!

To offer this for our parish, we need **volunteers** to help out. Whether you can spare an hour or a morning, your support makes a big difference. Scan the QR code to help support this ministry.

Sign up today and be part of something sweet! Signup here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4AA9AE2DA6F49-58976399-caf>



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The Christmas Giving Tree - 2025- 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 the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Lincoln and Weston and children of our sister parish in Dorchester.

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

ANY GIFTS FOR PLAIN STAR ORNAMENT TAGS MUST BE RETURNED BY THIS SUNDAY, 12/14!

Gifts for polka dot star tags are due by 12/21.

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. 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.

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To add more family members, please get our registration on our website: stjulia.org



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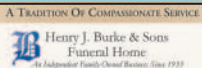
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