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## Fourth Sunday of Advent — December 21, 2025

**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.

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.

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.

**First Reading:**                    **Isaiah 7:10-14**

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God? Therefore, the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

**Responsorial Psalm**    **"Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory."**

**Second Reading:               Romans 1:1-7**

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised previously through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, the gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh, but established as Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation       Alleluia**

**Gospel:                       Matthew 1:18-24**

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel*, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

**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****Night of Silence**

Cold are the people, winter of life,  
We tremble in shadows this cold endless night,  
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping,  
Flowers that will echo the sunrise,  
Fire of hope is our only warmth,  
Weary, its flame will be dying soon.

Voice in the distance, call in the night,  
On wind you enfold us, you speak of the light,  
Gentle on the ear, you whisper softly,  
Rumors of a dawn so embracing.  
Breathless love awaits darkened souls,  
Soon will we know of the morning.

**Communion Hymn****To You, O Lord**

*Refrain:* To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; to you, I lift my soul.

**Meditation; Ave Maria (Chant)**

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women,*

et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,  
*and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God,*

ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.  
*pray for us sinners, now and in the hour of our death. Amen.*

*(Latin text from the 13<sup>th</sup> Century)*

**Closing Hymn: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns**

The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks.  
When beauty gilds the easter 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.

And let the endless bliss begin,  
By weary saints foretold,  
When right shall triumph over wrong,  
And truth shall be extolled.

The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ, the Lord! Your people pray:  
Come quickly, King of Kings.

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**OFFICE HOURS** 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM,  
Monday—Friday.

**RECONCILIATION**  
Church Sacristy, 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/](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).

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

**First Reading:** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

**Psalm:** Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

**Second Reading:** Colossianas 3:12-21  
or 3:12-17

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

## 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 12/6 & 12/7 = \$10, 174.99**  
**Due to early submissions weekend of 12/13 &  
12/14 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:

<b>Sat. 12/20</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>Richard &amp; Marilyn Federico</b>
<b>Sun. 12/21</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Todd &amp; Betsy Rattle</b>
<b>Sun. 12/21</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>Gordon Kilpatrick</b>
<b>Mon. 12/22</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Ruth &amp; Walter Henneberry &amp; Family</b>
<b>Tues. 12/23</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Natalie &amp; Bob Duffy Sr.</b>
<b>Sat. 12/27</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>Eileen &amp; Frank McGrath</b>
<b>Sun. 12/28</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Allan &amp; Theresa Greaves</b>
<b>Sun. 12/28</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Evelyn Hardiman</b>
<b>Sun. 12/28</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>Henry &amp; Marjorie Montminy</b>

**\*\*The Parish Office will be closed on Fri., Dec. 26th.\*\***

### 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	



Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year, Christmas arrives with a beauty that never grows old. No matter what we have carried through the year—one's joys, our struggles, our hopes—the light of Christ breaks in again. In the stillness of the manger, God reminds us that He chooses to draw near to us not in power or grandeur, but in tenderness.

The birth of Jesus tells us that no darkness is too deep for God's light, and no heart is too weary for His peace. The Savior comes quietly, yet His presence changes everything. He comes to restore hope, to heal what is broken, and to remind us that we are never alone.

As we gather with family, friends, and parish community, may we make room in our hearts for this Holy Child. Let the peace He brings settle gently into your home. Let His love guide your words, your decisions, and your steps in the year ahead.

Thank you for the many ways you allow Christ's presence to shine through your generosity, kindness and faith. It is a blessing to walk this journey with you.

May the joy of Christmas fill your hearts and may the New Year bring renewed hope in God's promises.

Merry Christmas and blessings to you and your family.

Father Kevin

## ~ 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).



### The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Thursday, January 1, 2026

8AM St. Joseph Church, Lincoln  
9:30AM St. Julia Church, Weston  
\*\*No 8AM Mass at St. Julia's\*\*



### 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.



### *Faith Formation*

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

*Merry Christmas!*

Grades 7 & 8 did a Cradles to Crayons Clothing Drive.  
The clothing drive was a success. Thank you for your donations!



### 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.

To date we have received \$166,807 for the Grand Annual. Our goal for this is \$280,000. Thank you to everyone who has already given.



## EUCCHARIST MINISTERS NEEDED

We are in need of 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.

## ***The Christmas Giving Tree – 2025 – All Gifts Are Due by This Weekend!***

*Thank you to everyone who has already donated gifts for children served by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Lincoln and Weston and children of our sister parish in Dorchester.*

***ALL GIFTS MUST BE DROPPED OFF THIS WEEKEND!*** 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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