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Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 19, 2021

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?
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.

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."



Statue of Mary and Elizabeth in the courtyard of the Church of the Visitation, Ein Karem, Israel

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:**Creator of the Stars of Night**

Creator of the Stars of night,
Your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
We pray you hear us when we call.

In sorrow that the ancient curse
Should doom to death a universe,
You came, O savior, to set free
You own in glorious liberty.

At your great Name, O Jesus, now
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
All things on earth with one accord,
Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.

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.

Closing Song:**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! Alleluia!
And all people will see the salvation of our God.

*Thank you for joining us in worship today!
Please see the Bulletin section for the Christmas Mass Schedule
or go to our website: stjulia.org
Have a Blessed Week!*

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MASS TIMES

All Masses are currently taking place in St. Julia Church, Weston

Sunday Masses:

4:00 pm (Saturday Vigil)

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

Daily Mass: 8:00 am, Monday—Thursday

COVID 19 PROTOCOLS

St. Julia Church provides designated Social Distancing pews at each Mass. Masks must be worn when seated in this area.

OFFICE HOURS 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through 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.

EUCCHARIST AND VISITS TO THE SICK

Contact Parish Office to notify of anyone ill, homebound or hospitalized.

ROSARY ON ZOOM

After each daily Mass; ask for link at cmcgarry@stjulia.org.

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office in advance to make arrangements.

BULLETIN NOTICES should be proposed, by e-mail if possible, to the Parish Office by Monday morning: parish@stjulia.org

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 ~

The Readings for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph are to be determined!

The link to these readings as well as the readings for Christmas will be in the Newsletter coming out on Tuesday.

Thank you!

Mass Intentions for this week:

Sun. 12/19—5pm Theresa & Daniel Donahue & Donahue Family
Mon. 12/20—8am Leo & Helen Bibinski
Tues. 12/21—8am Charles & Eunice Callahan
Wed. 12/22—8am Bob Duffy, Sr.
Thurs., 12/23-8am Dr. John Wells & Ann Wells Athanas
Sun. 12/26—8am Theresa Greaves
Sun. 12/26-9:30am DiNitto & Spada Families



Eucharist Adoration every Friday in St. Julia Church from 12 noon—1pm.

Supporting Our Parish's Mission

Weekend of 12/4 and 12/5 = \$13,216.00

Weekend of 12/11 and 12/12 = Due to early bulletin transmission dates, this past weekend will be reported at a later date.



St. Julia Parish
Christmas Sing-a-long and Concert
Join us to celebrate the season in song!

Sunday, December 19th, 3:00 pm

St. Julia Parish Center, Weston



Joy to the World!

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.



St. Julia Parish Christmas Giving Tree

Gifts are due now!

The Christmas Giving Tree gifts for the children in Dorchester are due on Sunday, December 19th.

Please drop them off by the trees in the back of the Church or in the Parish Center Lobby.

Thank you for your generosity!

~ Parish Life ~



**Masses for the Nativity of the Lord will be held
at St. Julia Church, Weston
On December 24th at 2:30 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm and 8:00 pm.
December 25th at 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am.
There will be no Masses Saturday evening, December 25th.**

**Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
on Sunday, December 26th at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am and 5:00 pm.**

**Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on Saturday, January 1st at 9:30 am.
(Due to it falling on a Saturday, this is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.)**



Did you know... that the tradition of the Advent wreath dates back to the 16th century, developed from some pagan practices of the Germanic tribes, with wheels or circles decorated with greens and candles attached? These symbols signified the hope of light, in the darkness of winter. Our wreath today is made of evergreens, symbolizing immortality. The circle, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes our eternal God. The addition of nuts, seeds, or pinecones symbolizes the Resurrection. Our first (purple) candle represents **Hope**, the second (purple) candle represents **Love**, the third (pink) candle is for **Joy**, and the fourth (purple) candle is for **Promise**. Each week we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, and ready ourselves for his next arrival.



Catholic Charities has requested St Julia's assistance with Afghan refugees settling in the Boston area. If interested in assisting with this resettlement, please email Colm at cmcgarry@stjulia.org



Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. Evans—updated with prices!



When: October 16-23, 2022 (with an option for an added 3 day trip to Medjugorje)

Where: Rome, Florence and Assisi, Italy

Price for the trip is \$3,495 for Italy and \$4,320 including Medjugorje. Contact: cmcgarry@stjulia.org



Over the next several years, the Church around the world will be participating in a process called the **Synod on Synodality**. The Holy Father will be meeting with Bishops from across the globe in 2023 to discuss ways of improving the process by which the church on all levels is open to hearing the voices of people from all walks of life. Here in Boston it means that we will be gathering, as parishes to pray together and to invite the Holy Spirit to help us to listen deeply to one another, and we will talk together about how best to do that. The archdiocese and the church around the world will be engaging in the same sort of conversation. We pray that the Lord will open our hearts to Him and to all of our people.

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