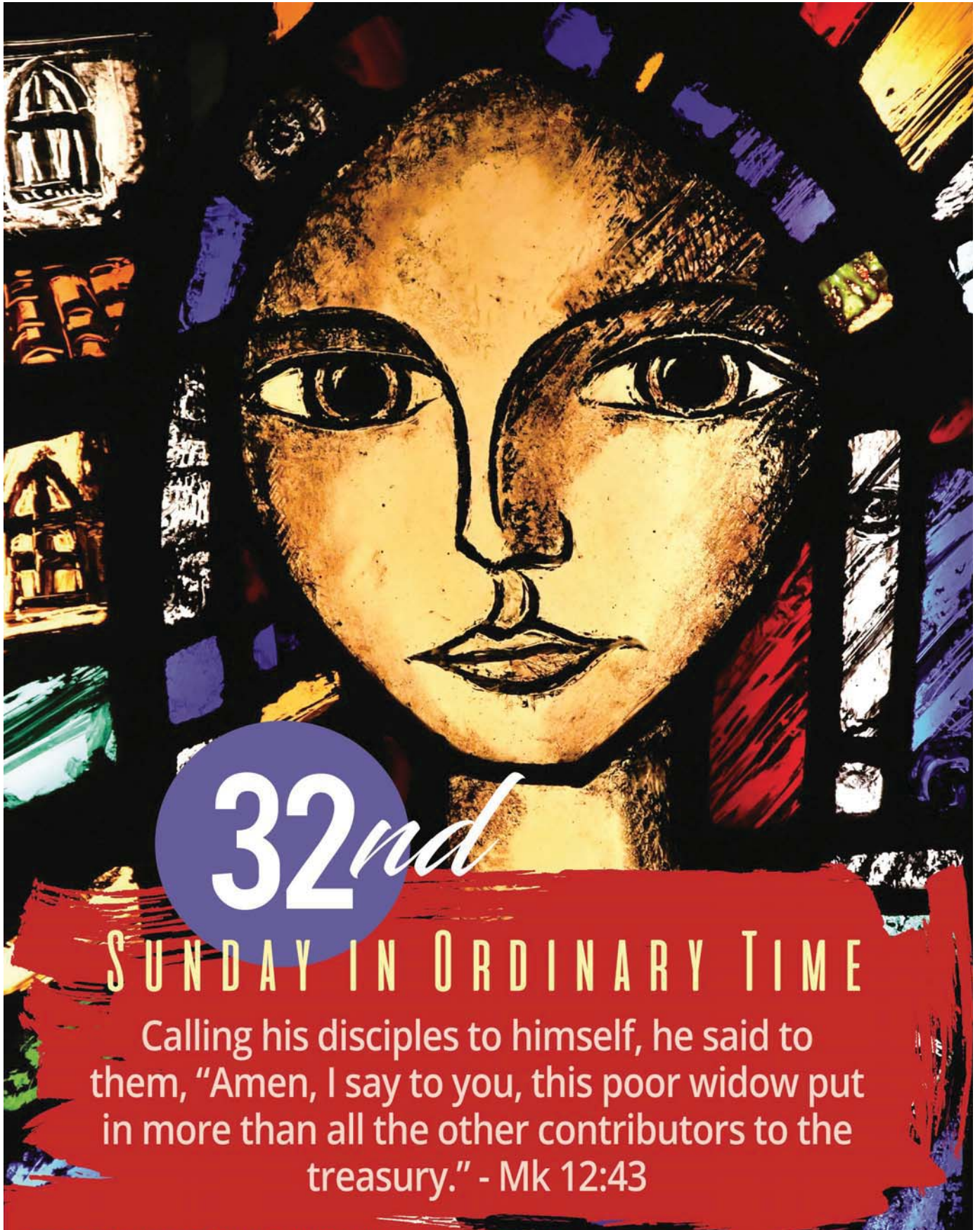


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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:43

I wonder if I could get a "Veteran" license plate? I know I certainly would like to eventually get one once I retire from National Guard duty. To get a Veteran plate one has to show that they served (past-tense) in the US Military and have been honorably discharged. I did that once in order to go to the seminary, so I actually have the paperwork to prove that I did previously honorably serve in the defense of our nation. The conundrum for me is that I got back in to serve again, but as a chaplain this time. You don't get the plate if you're actively serving, probably because..well, you never know...one could still potentially not be honorably discharged at a future date. Kind of precarious.

When considering Veterans Day, it's always helpful to review the meaning of the holiday. Veterans Day used to be Armistice Day, which marked the end of WWI: the 11th hour of the 11 day of the 11th month of 1918. After two more 20th Century wars it became known as Veterans Day to honor those who served in the military, particularly in time of war, though not exclusively. Remember that Memorial Day, on the other hand, was established to honor and remember those who died in the Civil War, but now includes anyone who died in any war defending our nation. As Catholics, we pray for the living and the dead, and so you can easily say that on Memorial Day we pray for anyone who died in the line of duty serving our nation, whether during war or not. On Veterans Day we thank and pray for veterans still living, particularly those who have physical or emotional wounds resulting from their service, but certainly we remember our loved ones now departed who served on our behalf at any time, too. Basically, Veterans Day is a good day to say, "Thank you for your service" to anyone who does now or ever has worn the uniform.

As I consider my own blending of active and reserve duty, time in between service, and my current service looking toward retirement, I am struck more than ever by a well-known military expression: "Leave it better than you found it." It's something I'm actively doing in what very well may be my final National Guard mission. A second saying rings just as true as I approach the reality of retirement with no other priests serving in the MA National Guard: "Find your replacement." I know that I will consider myself having ended my service honorably if I can meet the challenge of both these adages before I retire.

As we remember and pray on Veterans Day for those who served, it's not a bad idea to consider the service we offer to our Lord within our parishes. As Catholics who want to see our spiritual home grow and thrive moving forward, both those adages apply to us individually. Leave it better than you found it. Find your replacement. Like my own odd blend of service, it doesn't mean I'm necessarily going anywhere soon or giving anything up. It does mean that I need to be able to picture my service as one that improves the parish and invites others into that circle of service for the betterment of all.

Have a good Veterans Day and don't forget to thank someone who serves in any capacity!

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.



*The Church sets aside **NOVEMBER** as the month dedicated to praying for the souls in purgatory and all of our beloved dead.*

There is a Book of Remembrance in both St. Lucy and St. Monica Churches for people to record the names of their deceased family and friends. Those people recorded in the books will be remembered at all of our masses throughout the month.

The book at St. Monica’s is located at the main entrance.

The book at St. Lucy’s is located at the front of the Church, on the left side altar.



We begin booking Mass intentions for 2022 starting Monday, November 8th, 2021. Please note that there is a limit of three single intention weekend masses per person requesting.

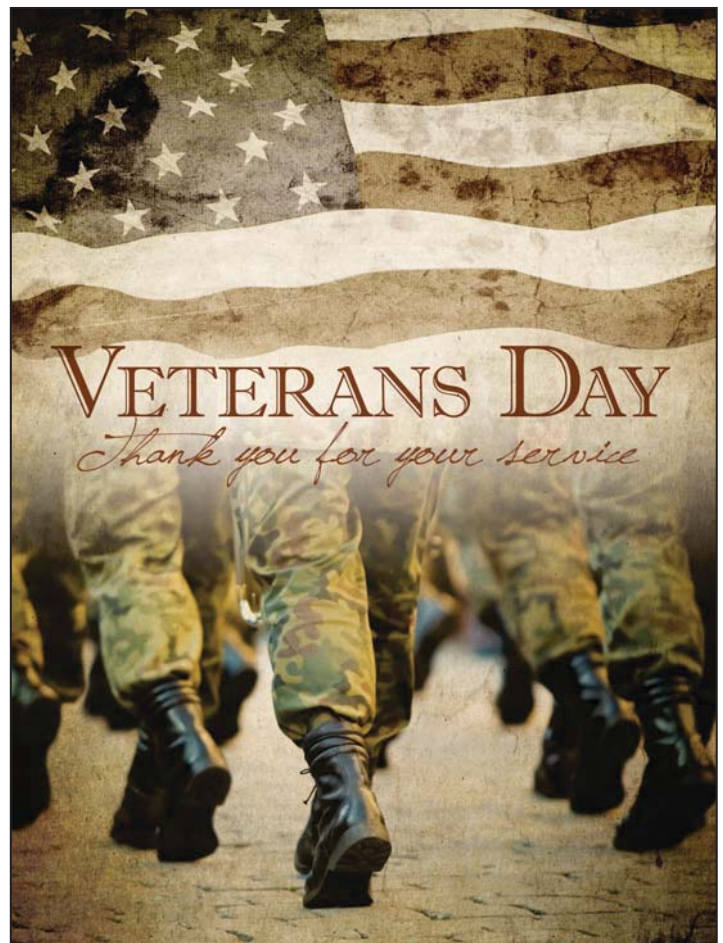
Holy Mass “is the sun of Christianity, the soul of faith, the center of the Catholic religion, wherein are beheld all her rites, all her ceremonies, and all her Sacraments; in fine, it is the compendium of all the good and beautiful to be found in the Church of God.”



-St. Leonard of Port Maurice

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

In honor of Veterans Day, the parish office will be closed on Thursday, November 11. We will re-open as usual on Friday, November 12th at 9:00am.



TRUNK OR TREAT 2021



A huge thank you to St. Lucy's for allowing us to hold St. Monica School's annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 29th. It was perfect. Over 200 children and their families attended and over 30 families participated by decorating a trunk. We were also joined by Riley and Audrey, two young ladies (*top right*) who are spending a year of service with the Augustinian Volunteers as teachers in Lawrence and Andover. They have made St. Monica's their parish while serving in our area. See everyone next year!



2nd Annual Veteran's Day Memorial Mass
Saturday, November 13, 2021 | 4:00pm
 St. Lucy Church
 254 Merrimack St. | Methuen
Followed by refreshments in our Lower Church Hall

HEALING MASS
WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Immaculate Conception Church | Lowell, MA
Wednesday, November 10, 2021 | 4:00pm

21ST ANNUAL PROJECT WARM & FUZZY



"Project Warm & Fuzzy" is dedicated to collecting new, warm articles of clothing for those in need. This year the project will take place on **Saturday, November 20th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the parking lot of The Eagle Tribune located at 100 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA.**

Drop-off donations of **new** hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks for infants, children and adults are welcome. **New** children's clothing will also be accepted. All donations will be distributed by the Lazarus House to those in need during the winter months. Your donations help make this project a success. Thank you for your continued support!



Welcome to our newest parish families!

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- Faith Formation 3rd-8th Grade St Lucy's Church 12:45 - 2:45
- AA 7pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church followed by Rosary

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church followed by Rosary
- Rosary For Priests Prayer Group 6 pm Gethsemane Chapel
- Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe 7:00pm St. Monica Church (final day of novena)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- Prayer and Study 10am - 12 pm St. Monica Ranch House
- Scripture Study on Book of Revelation Repeated 2pm St Lucy School House
- Adoration 5:30 pm St. Lucy Church

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- *Parish Offices and School are Closed*
- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church followed by Rosary
- AA 6:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Study on the Creed 6:00-7:00pm (Zoom)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church followed by Rosary
- Eucharistic Adoration 2 - 5 pm Gethsemane Chapel
- Confessions 4 - 5 pm Gethsemane Chapel

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- Faith to Fitt 8 am St Lucy Schoolhouse
- Mass of Remembrance 10am St. Lucy Church followed by refreshments in Lower Church Hall
- Bettor's Anonymous 2pm St. Monica SVDP Hut
- Scripture Study on Book of Revelation 2 pm St Lucy School House
- Confessions 3-3:45pm Gethsemane Chapel and St. Lucy Church



OFFERTORY | OCT 23 & 24

St. Monica - \$9,091.⁰⁰

St. Lucy - \$4,802.⁰⁰

Weekly Offertory needed to sustain parish operations: St. Monica - \$10,000 | St. Lucy - \$6,000

Thank you for your continued generous contribution to the mission of our parishes.



As we prepare for our Thanksgiving offering to local families in need, we are facing challenges from food distribution resources which we normally utilize. We are requesting your support for the following items which will be supplemented by gift cards for our friends in need to purchase Turkeys if they so desire. **Please consider donating stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, canned vegetables, quick bread, or cake mixes.** Thank-you.

TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

Until further notice, our parish office hours are:

Monday-Thursday | 11:30am-4:30pm

Fridays | 9:00am-2:00pm

BAPTISMS 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm St. Monica's | 3rd Sunday of the month at 11:30am at St. Lucy's

MARRIAGES Please call the Parish Offices at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

MASS SCHEDULE

SAT 4 pm (VIGIL) both parishes

SUN 9 am & 11 am St. Monica | 10 am St. Lucy

MON/TUES/THURS/FRI 9:00 am St. Lucy

FIRST SATURDAY 9 am St. Monica

CONFESSIONS

3 - 3:45 pm both parishes Sat

4 - 5pm Gethsemene Chapel

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

2 - 5 pm Friday Gethsemene Chapel

5:30 - 6:30 pm Wednesday St. Lucy Church

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INTROIT*Psalm 88: 3*

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the king of cre - a - tion! O my soul,
2. Praise to the Lord, who shall pros-per our work and de-fend us; Sure-ly his
3. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us a-dore him! All that has



1. praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion! Come, all who hear:
2. good-ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at-tend us. Pon - der a - new
3. life and breath come now with prais - es be-fore him! Let the "A-men"



1. Now to his al - tar draw near, Join-ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
2. what the Al-might-y can do, Who with his love will be-friend us.
3. sound from his peo-ple a - gain, Now as we wor-ship be - fore him!

PENITENTIAL ACT — GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card***FIRST READING***1 Kings 17:10-16*

In those days, Elijah the prophet went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the entrance of the city, a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her, 'Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink.' She left to get it, and he called out after her, 'Please bring along a bit of bread.' She answered, 'As the LORD, your God, lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks, to go in and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die.' Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son. For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Psalm 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6*

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

2. The LORD gives sight to the blind. The LORD raises up those who were bowed down; the LORD loves the just. The LORD protects strangers.

3. The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

SECOND READING*Hebrews 9:24-28*

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

ALLELUIA*Matthew 5:3*

∞ Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

GOSPEL*Mark 12: 38-44*

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation.' He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, 'Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.'

PROFESSION OF FAITH*Refer to Pew Card***SANCTUS - MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION - AGNUS DEI***Refer to Pew Card***COMMUNION ANTIPHON***Psalms 23: 1-2*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

COMMUNION HYMN*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

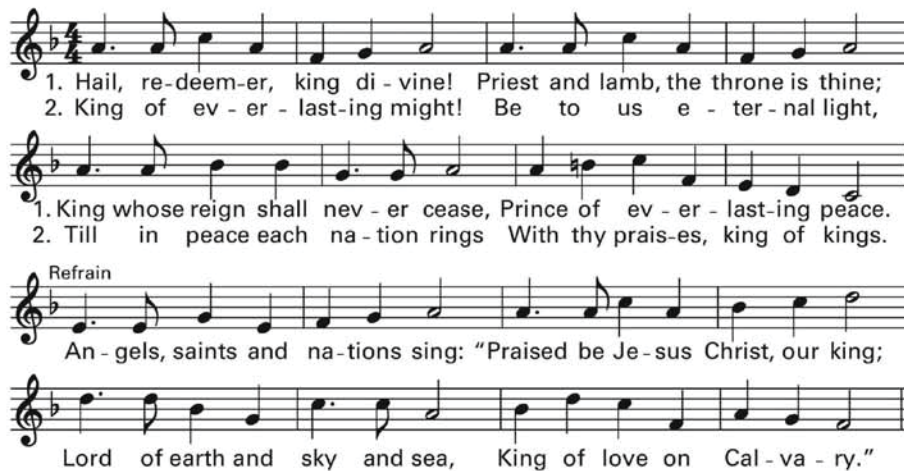
1, 4. Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all
 2. From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre -
 3. E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, And truth e -

1, 4. crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye
 2. a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
 3. ter - nal is thy word; Thy praise shall sound from

1, 4. heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.
 2. name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by ev - 'ry one.
 3. shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

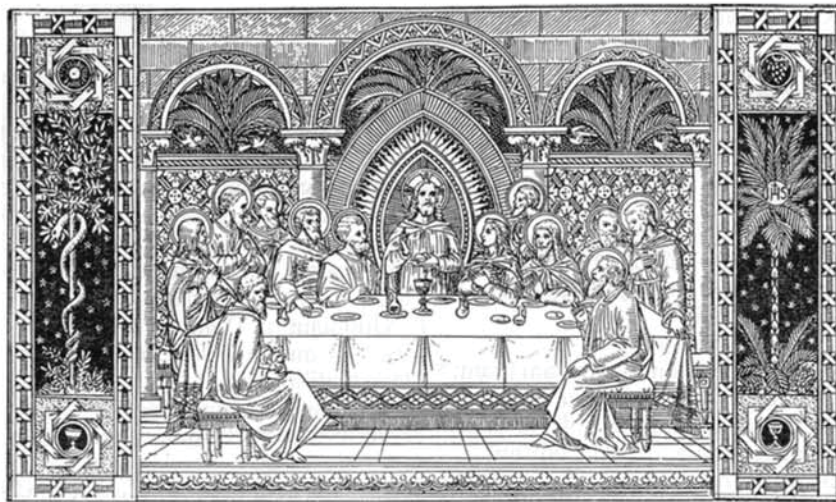
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
 be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
 May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
 and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,
 by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who
 prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN*Hail, Redeemer, King Divine*


1. Hail, re-deem-er, king di-vine! Priest and lamb, the throne is thine;
 2. King of ev-er-last-ing might! Be to us e-ter-nal light,

1. King whose reign shall nev-er cease, Prince of ev-er-last-ing peace.
 2. Till in peace each na-tion rings With thy prais-es, king of kings.

Refrain
 An-gels, saints and na-tions sing: "Praised be Je-sus Christ, our king;
 Lord of earth and sky and sea, King of love on Cal-va-ry."



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ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, November 6

9:00am First Saturday Mass
4:00pm Marie Pellerin

Sunday, November 7

9:00am George O. Ferguson
Richard Ferguson
Charlie & Rose Hanafin
Evelina & Jose Freitas
The Leslie, Wetzel, & Monoco
Families
Joseph Indoccio
Stephen Campagnone

11:00 AM Rhonda Bass & Family

Saturday, November 13

4:00pm Philip & Johanna Muhilly

Sunday, November 14

9:00am Joan & Tim Jackson
Francis J. Heymans
Manuel & Fernanda Cordeiro
Shirley Rosatone
Catherine Olson
Armando V. Bezerey

11:00 AM Helen Lariviere & Benjamin LaTorre

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, November 6

4:00pm Guiseppi & Domenic Rotonelli

Sunday, November 7

10:00am Yvonne Soucy
Salvatore Toscano
Gina Toscano Thibault
Patricia Jankowski

Monday, November 8

9:00am Jeffrey Waters

Tuesday, November 9

9:00am Dick Doherty

Thursday, November 11

9:00am Veterans Day

Friday, November 12

9:00am Ernest Taylor, Jr.

Saturday, November 13

10:00am Mass of Remembrance
4:00pm Veterans

Sunday, November 14

10:00am Philip Maggio

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINAR.
Sunday	11/07/21	Msgr. William Helmick	Brian Delaney
Mon	11/08/21	Fr. Paul McManus	Vincenzo Caruso
Tues	11/09/21	Pope Francis	Jose Ignacio Montero
Wed	11/10/21	Fr. Kevin O'Leary	Rafael Milla
Thurs	11/11/21	All Military Chaplains	Gerson Garcia
Friday	11/12/21	Fr. Daniel Riley	Giovanni Arroto
Sat	11/13/21	Fr. John Mulvehill	Gabriel Hanley

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Please pray for Gaetano DiStefano and Eileen Dowd whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their souls and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

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"Jesus Wept." John 11:35

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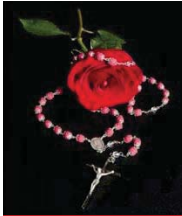
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