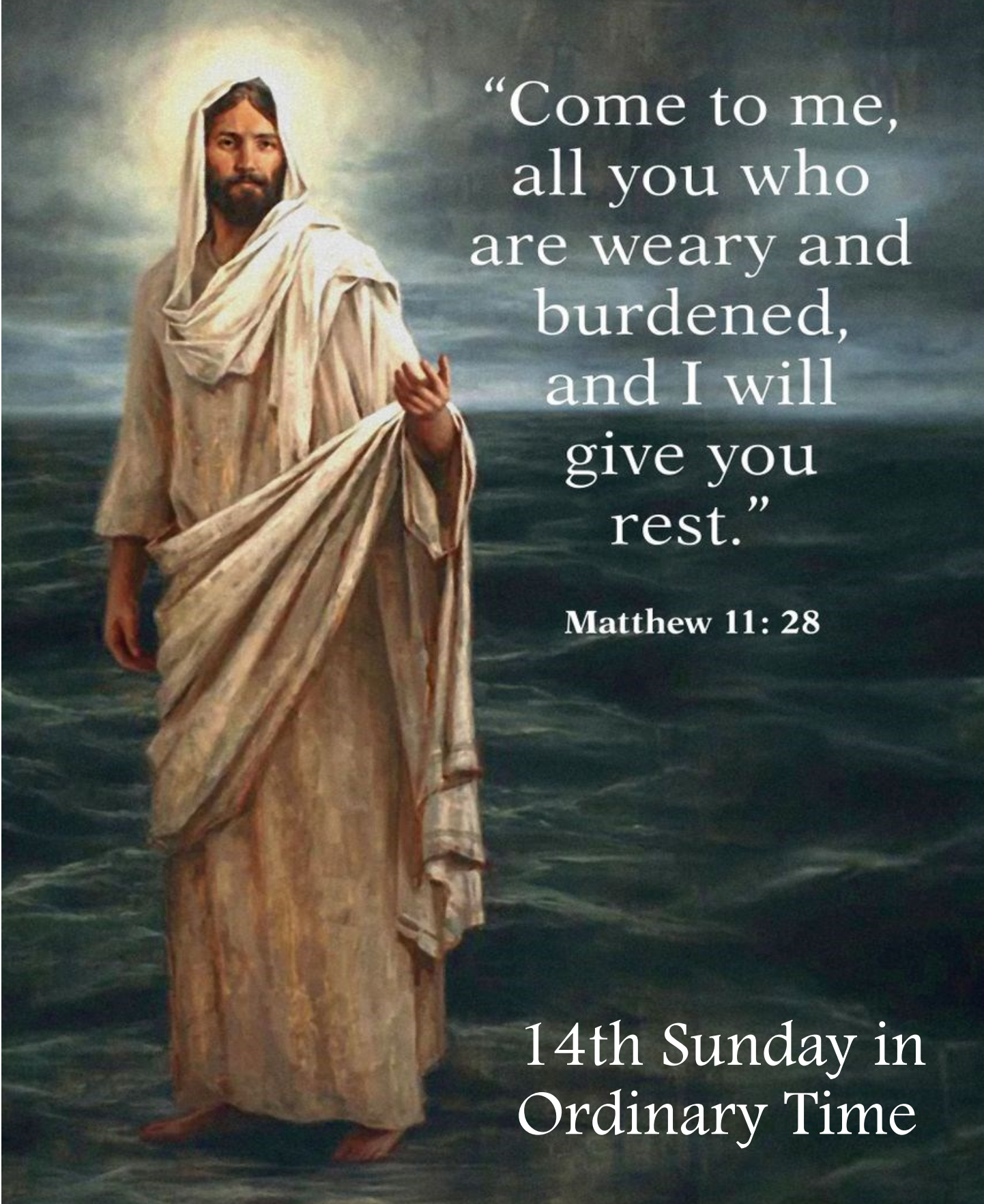


METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

JUL 09

2023



“Come to me,
all you who
are weary and
burdened,
and I will
give you
rest.”

Matthew 11: 28

14th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

A meditation on the Our Father

In St. Matthew's Gospel, Our Lord teaches his disciples to pray the Our Father during the Sermon on the Mount. We also call the Our Father the *Lords Prayer* because it is taught and given to us by our Lord Jesus. We know that it is a very concise prayer of only seven petitions, yet it is so significant that it is an integral part of the sacraments of Christian initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist; it is recited at every Mass, in the Liturgy of the Hours, in the Rosary and in many other liturgical and devotional rites. Tertullian, a priest living in north Africa in the late second and early third centuries and a father of the Church, said that the Our Father is "truly the summary of the whole Gospel."

Jesus teaches us to call God our Father; we are children of the Father, having such a close and wonderful relationship with him, and Jesus wants his disciples to rely on God the Father in the same way a child relies on his or her parents.

A symmetrical structure can be seen in the seven petitions:

Our Father who art in heaven,

¹ hallowed be thy name,

² Thy kingdom come.

³ Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

⁴ Give us this day our daily bread,

⁵ and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,

⁶ and lead us not into temptation,

⁷ but deliver us from evil.

The Our Father is in the very center of the Sermon on the Mount, and at the center of the center is the petition *Give us this day our daily bread*. It is the petition at the center of our lives as Christians.

Our Lord's concern for our material need for daily bread can be seen in his feeding of the large crowds which followed him, and in his concern for Jairus's daughter after raising her from the dead and telling her parents that she should be given something to eat.

But there is a greater spiritual need for an even more essential daily bread. The Greek word used for *daily* (*epiousios*) in the Our Father appears only twice in the New Testament, in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke when Jesus teaches his disciples the Our Father. *Epi-ousios* means *super-essential*. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us "the specifically Christian sense of this fourth petition concerns the Bread of Life: The Word of God accepted in faith, the Body of Christ received in the Eucharist."

As a way of meditation we can add *Give us this day our daily bread* to each of the petitions. While we may not be able to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist each day we can petition for spiritual Communion each day, and even many times during the day in our need, knowing that in receiving the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist each Sunday, the source and summit of Christian life, we receive the nourishment we need to be faithful disciples in the kingdom coming, the Father's will being done, to have our sins forgiven and to be able to forgive others, to be strengthened against temptation and to be delivered from evil.

Father, give us this day our daily bread.

Deacon John Pierce

Beginning June 30th, Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions will **NOT** be held on Wednesdays & Fridays for the month of July.

Information on restart dates will be forthcoming.

REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENT PREPARATION STARTS TOMORROW, JULY 10TH.

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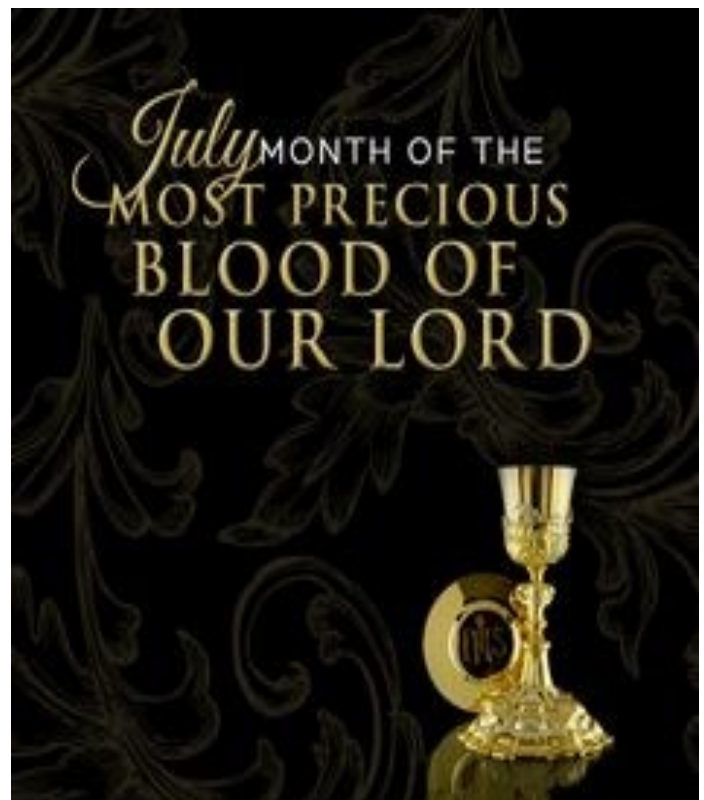
Come to me,

all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. ~ Matthew 11:28

STUBENVILLE EAST CONFERENCE

Students & Chaperones
will be collecting donations after
all masses
next weekend, July 15 & 16,
to support their participation in the
Steubenville East Conference in
Springfield, MA.

Please support our youth and
thank you in advance for your
generosity!



WORDSEARCH

Can you find and circle the words listed below?

- KING FLESH HEAVEN
- SAVIOR SPIRIT EARTH
- ASS BELONG CLEVER
- BANISH MORTAL TRUE
- HORSE LIVE HUMBLE

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Sunday Funday © Pilot Bulletins

The MRA (Marie Rivier Associates) will be starting up again in September. We will be meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month after the 9am mass at St. Lucy Church.

This year we will be studying the Story of a Soul. The cost of the book is \$10.

Our meetings are open to all men & women of both parishes...you do not have to be an associate to join.

If interested, please contact
Maureen Slattery - 978.683.0589
or Sharon Petralia - 603.974.0069

COMING BACK TO CHURCH - Q & A

QUESTION:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

ANSWER:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.



JULY CLASS SCHEDULE

SAT. JULY 1: FAITH2FITT
 SAT. JULY 8: NO CLASS
 SAT. JULY 15: FAITH2FITT
 SAT. JULY 22: NO CLASS
 SAT. JULY 29: FAITH2FITT

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, JULY 9

- Baptisms 2pm St. Monica Church
- AA 7pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

MONDAY, JULY 10

- CCD Registration Begins
- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church

TUESDAY, JULY 11

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Rosary Prayer Group for Priests 6pm Gethsemane Chapel

THURSDAY, JULY 13

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- AA 6:30-8:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

FRIDAY, JULY 14

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church

SATURDAY, JULY 15

- Faith2Fit 8-9am Methuen Track and Field
- Mass 9am St. Monica Church
- Bettors Anonymous 2pm St. Monica SVDP Hut
- Confessions 3-3:45pm Gethsemane Chapel & St. Lucy Church

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- Visit with visionaries (if available)
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It is strongly suggested that all pilgrims be covered by Travel Insurance

A \$500 deposit is required per person at the time of booking

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO GUARANTEE THIS PRICE IS JULY 15th 2023
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For additional information please contact

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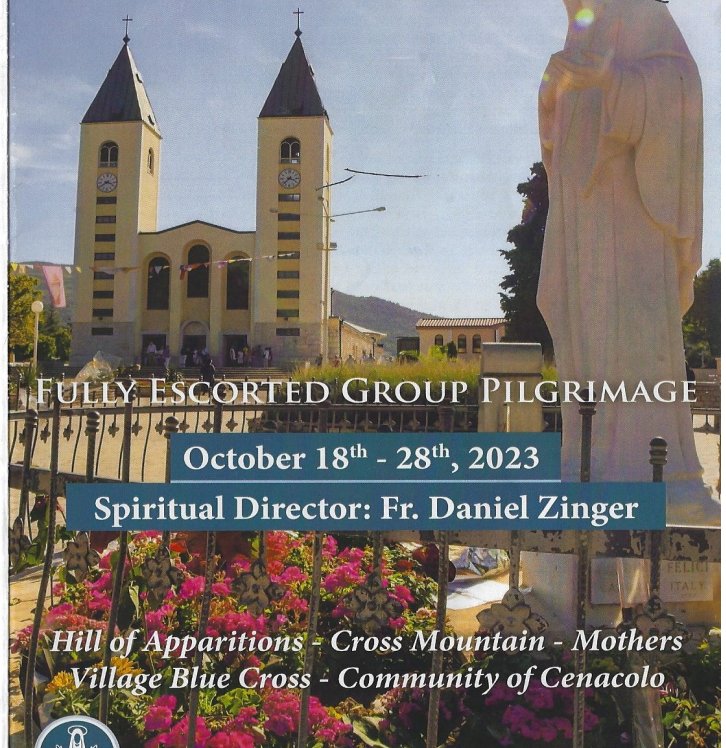
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Weekly Offertory needed to sustain parish operations: St. Monica - \$10,000 | St. Lucy - \$6,000

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



Yes, I CAN... We are in need of tuna, cereal, canned pasta, canned vegetables, pasta, and boxed spaghetti. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the entrances to St. Lucy Church and the side door of Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Mondays @ 10 am. Please email all bulletin notices to parishoffice.stlm@gmail.com.

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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 & 12 pm St. Monica
10:30 am St. Lucy
MON/TUES/THURS/FRI 9 am St. Lucy
SATURDAY 9 am St. Monica

CONFESSIONS
SAT 3-3:45pm at both parishes

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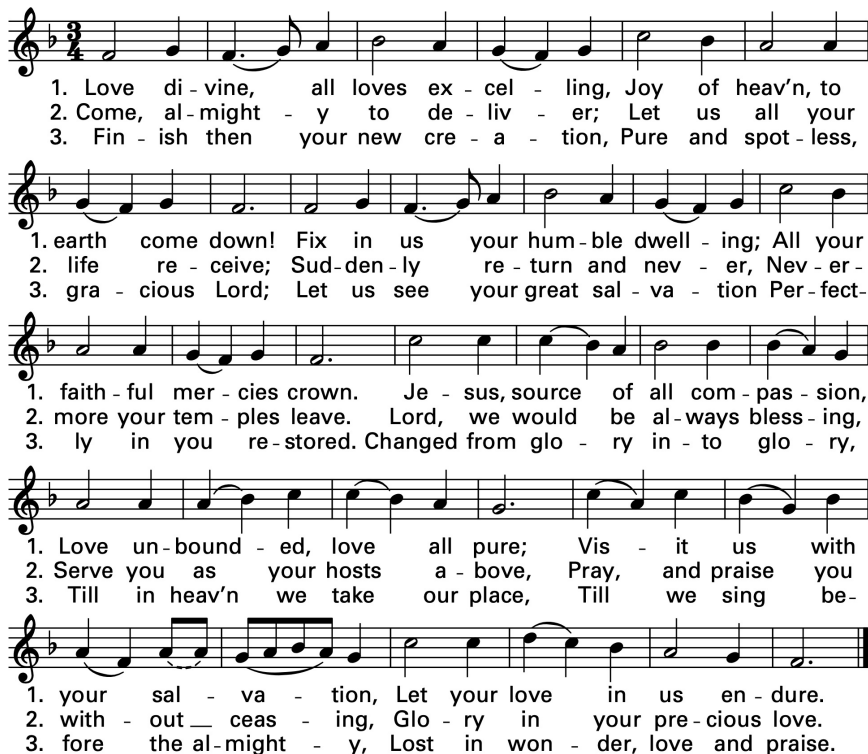
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Ps 48 (47): 10, 11*

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

ENTRANCE HYMN*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*


1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er; Let us all your
3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less,

1. earth come down! Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing; All your
2. life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, Nev - er -
3. gra - cious Lord; Let us see your great sal - va - tion Per - fect -

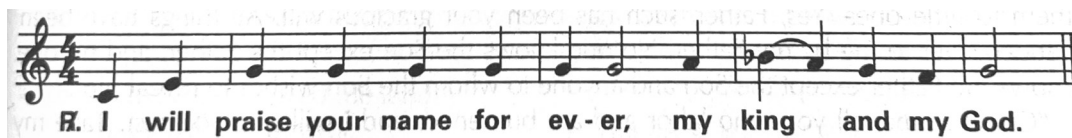
1. faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,
2. more your tem - ples leave. Lord, we would be al - ways bless - ing,
3. ly in you re - stored. Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

1. Love un - bound - ed, love all pure; Vis - it us with
2. Serve you as your hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise you
3. Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we sing be -

1. your sal - va - tion, Let your love in us en - dure.
2. with - out - ceas - ing, Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.
3. fore the al - might - y, Lost in won - der, love and praise.

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card*FIRST READING*Zec 9: 9-10*

Thus says the LORD: Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; the warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 145 (144): 1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14*


R. I will praise your name for ev - er, my king and my God.

I will extol you, O my God and King, and I will bless your name forever and ever.
Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

The LORD is faithful in all his words and holy in all his works.
The LORD lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

SECOND READING*Rom 8: 9, 11-13*

Brothers and sisters: You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Mt 11: 25*

∕. Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven *and* earth; *
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of *the* Kingdom.

GOSPEL*Mt 11: 25-30*

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

CREED*Refer to Pew Card*COMMUNION ANTIPHON*Ps 34 (33): 9*

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

COMMUNION HYMN*I Heard the Voice of Jesus***I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS**

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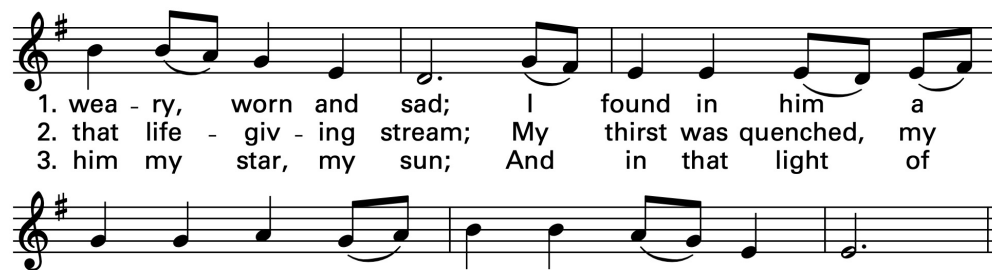
1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's



1. rest; Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up -
2. give The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and
3. light; Look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy



1. on my breast." I came to Je - sus as I was, So
2. drink, and live." I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of
3. day be bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found In



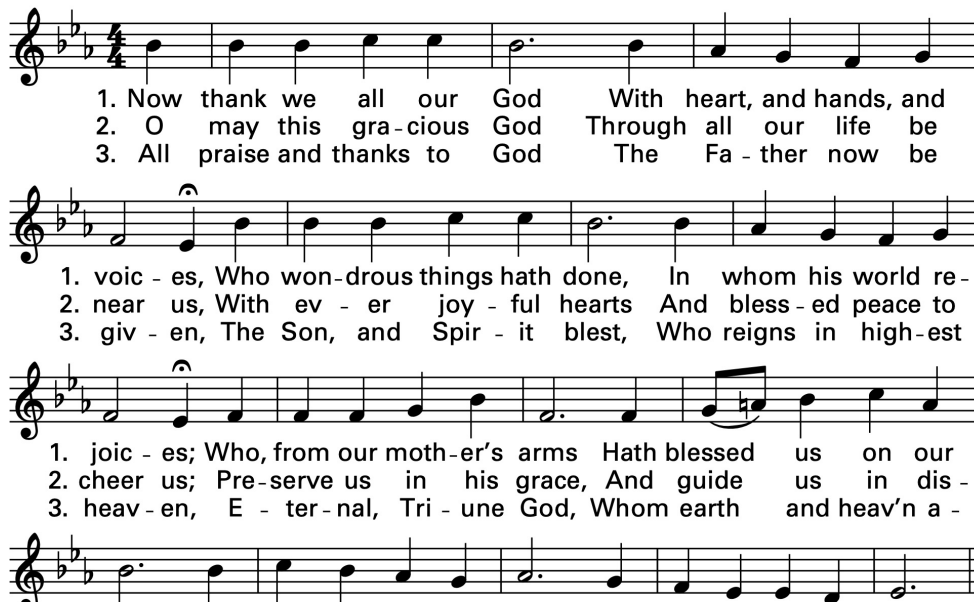
1. wea - ry, worn and sad; I found in him a
 2. that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my
 3. him my star, my sun; And in that light of

1. rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
 2. soul re - vived, And now I live in him.
 3. life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

Text: CMD; Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889, alt.
 Music: trad. English melody, adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958.

POSTLUDE AT ST. MONICA*Mr. Bush***RECESSIONAL HYMN***Now Thank We All Our God***NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD**

NUN DANKET



1. Now thank we all our God With heart, and hands, and
 2. O may this gra-cious God Through all our life be
 3. All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be

1. voic - es, Who won-drous things hath done, In whom his world re -
 2. near us, With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to
 3. giv - en, The Son, and Spir - it blest, Who reigns in high-est

1. joic - es; Who, from our moth-er's arms Hath blessed us on our
 2. cheer us; Pre-serve us in his grace, And guide us in dis -
 3. heav-en, E - ter-nal, Tri - une God, Whom earth and heav'n a -

1. way With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
 2. tress, And free us from all sin, Till heav-en we pos-sess.
 3. dore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be, ev - er - more.

Text: 67 67 66 66; Sirach 50:22-24; Martin Rinkart, 1586-1649; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
 Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662; adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823-1889, fr. Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847.

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.

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, July 8

9:00am Yvonne & Roland Soucy
4:00pm Carson Frankel

Sunday, July 9

9:00am Anastazja Arabudzki
Benedykt Arabudzki
Genowefa Doda
Patricia Leslie
Normand Duckett
John K. Foster, Jr.
12:00pm For the Parishioners of
St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

Saturday, July 15

9:00am Carmela Pantaleo
4:00pm Charles Coco

Sunday, July 16

9:00am Nicholas & Lorraine DiBenedetto
Robert Gagne
Girard Gagne
Irene Richard
Theresa Lajoie
Claire Nawrocki
12:00pm Michael & Helen Silva
Anthony, Anna & Stephen Campagnone
Dolores & Robert Demars
Albert & David Burokas

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, July 8

4:00pm Alfio Greco

Sunday, July 9

10:30am Lino Brosco
Bertrand LeBlanc
Real Taschereau
Gerard Taschereau

Monday, July 10

9:00am Alfio Greco

Tuesday, July 11

9:00am William Collins

Thursday, July 13

9:00am George, Christine & Richard Ferguson

Friday, July 14

9:00am Michael Joseph Mulligan

Saturday, July 15

4:00pm For the Parishioners of
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Sunday, July 16

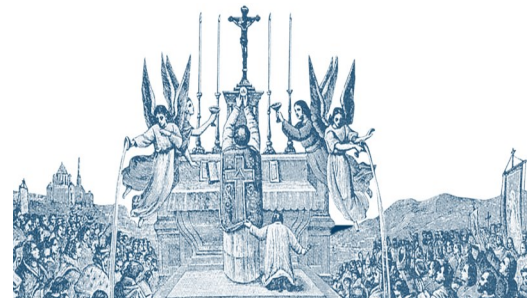
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Mon	07/10/23	Fr. Richard McQuade	Michael Castellon
Tues	07/11/23	All Benedictines	Gerson Garcia
Wed	07/12/23	Fr. James Kelly	Rafael Milla
Thurs	07/13/23	Fr. Kevin McGrade	Luca Azzani
Fri	07/14/23	Fr. Daniel O'Connell	Alexander De Tirado
Sat	07/15/23	Fr. Vincent Daily	Diego Mendoza



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Cheryl G., Ellen W., P.K., Patrice K., Erin C. & Matt W.

Please pray for those whose funerals we recently celebrated.
May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.