

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
By the Lord this has been done,
and it is wonderful in our eyes.

Matthew 21: 42

I didn't know what to write, or how to explain what had happened to me on Mt. Washington. Drawing a blank, I went to sleep and at 3am I woke up with a beautiful inspiration from God. With the foot in a cast, I imprudently decided not to get up, but prayed that I might remember what God had whispered that morning. Well, the memory is short (and shot) so here is plan #2. First things first: I did not fall down a ravine. I was hiking a rocky path when one of the rocks slipped and I fell, breaking my ankle.

St. Paul counsels us this weekend – “Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

Having hiked Mt. Washington at least 25 times (zero visibility, 50mph winds, temperature drops, etc.), I know the situation could have been much worse, and would have been if I did not realize God's presence. He's right there in the majesty of that mountain, in the beauty of the pines, the singing of the birds, the beauty of the waterfalls and fresh chill in the streams. However, God is and was present in we who have been made in His image – the dozens of people who have expended time, energy, and treasure to assist in my recovery truly reflected God's mercy.

If I had not come to know God's presence, if I had not returned to the “vineyard” to do the work the “landowner” gave me, I would be rolling in self-pity, complaining about the smallest pebble, the drops of sweat, and all inconveniences. In essence, rejecting the cross.

As in our Gospel, if we are true workers, true servants, true Christians, then we will have crosses. Some crosses, we unfortunately thrust upon ourselves out of weakness and poor decision making. We encounter other crosses because of the fallen world we live in. The natural disasters, deaths, or accidents (fracturing an ankle), and so we offer it up. Again, however, if I am a true Christian, speaking the truth in a world of ambiguities and relativism then I will have crosses thrust upon me. And Jesus calls those Christians “blessed”.

We sometimes forget that we are not in Heaven yet, where all is peaceful, safe and most pleasant. Jesus demonstrated for us that the way to Heaven is through the Cross. A difficult climb, an arduous journey...but well worth embarking on.

St. Ambrose points out that, “The winepress is for extracting the vintage of the divine grape.” And that we have received so many favors from the “landowner.” The hedge, the winepress and the watchtower signify that God (the landowner) has invested a great deal of care in the cultivation of His vineyard. We are safe with Our Lord on this journey.

St. Paul embarked on this journey, a little late, but became our greatest evangelist – “Whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

Our Good and Gracious God is with us on this sometimes-difficult journey! And aren't we Catholics so fortunate that as Our Lady, the Blessed Mother, received Jesus into her womb, that we can likewise receive the True presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.



*A*lmighty and eternal God of the world, your goodness is beyond what our spirit can touch and your strength is more than the mind can bear. Lead us to seek beyond our reach and give us the courage to stand before your truth.

~Roman Rite

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The BVM Sodality will be hosting a bake table during the Fall Fair on October 14th. All parishioners are invited to support our bake sale!

Please drop off any donated bakery items on Friday, October 13th from 12-6pm at St. Lucy's Parish Hall. Your support is much appreciated!



HAPPY COLUMBUS DAY

The Parish Offices will be CLOSED Monday, October 9th.



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A new K of C video series launches this week, one that seeks to illuminate the truth and beauty of the Church's teachings on marriage and family and inspire Catholics to live them in the modern world. Look for episodes of *Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family* at kofc.org/missionofthefamily

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"HERE I AM! SEND ME."

-ISAIAH 6:8



SPEAKERS



Professor Mike "Colonel Mike" Manning joined the Gordon Institute of Engineering Leadership in 2020 following a 24 year career in the US Army. He served in a variety of leadership, command and staff capacities ranging from leading troops in contingency operations in Kosovo and Iraq to advising partner nation governments and militaries in the Bahamas, Central America and Afghanistan. He has extensive experience in strategic and crisis planning. Mike is a graduate of Providence College and the US Naval War College. He also holds a Masters in National Security & Strategic Studies and completed a National Security Fellowship at The Fletcher School, Tufts University. In 2008, Colonel Mike was awarded a Honorary Doctorate from his Alma Mater, Providence College.

MSG. Michael M. Cutone is a 34-year veteran of US Army Special Forces, serving on active duty and in the Army National Guard in Haiti, and multiple deployments including Kosovo, Jordan, Kuwait, and Iraq. He also served at Camp Morehead Afghanistan. Throughout his career, Michael served in multiple staff positions. Michael also held a distinguished 21-year law enforcement career with the Massachusetts State Police, working as a patrol officer in high crime urban areas. Michael created the C3 Policing Model, which combines combating gang violence and restoring peace to urban neighborhoods. Michael has been invited to present this innovative model to many international, federal, state, local law enforcement and academic agencies. Michael is the author of *The Leadership of Jesus: Ten Fundamentals of Leadership*. He holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts and was appointed as an Associate with the Belfer Center's Science, Technology and Public Policy Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023
9AM-12PM



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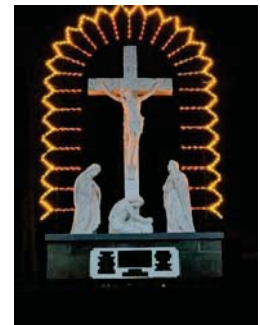
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SAVE THE DATE: November 25, 2023

The Blessed Virgin Mary sodality will host a bus trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, Attleboro, MA. Sodality members and guests are welcome to participate. Seating is limited to 40.

Trip includes a Christmas Concert, Mass and the illumination of Christmas Lights!
More details and registration forms will be published next week!

The 1st meeting of the BVM Sodality will be held on October 8th following the 10:30am mass. All women are welcome to attend to see what the Sodality offers to women of all ages!



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



Yes, I CAN... We are in need of soups, cereal, rice sides, peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta, canned beans, tuna, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit & pancake syrup. 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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BAPTISMS 2nd Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Monica's | 3rd Sunday of the month, 2:00pm 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.

<p>MASS SCHEDULE</p> <p>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</p>	<p>CONFESSIONS</p> <p>SAT 3-3:45pm at both parishes</p>
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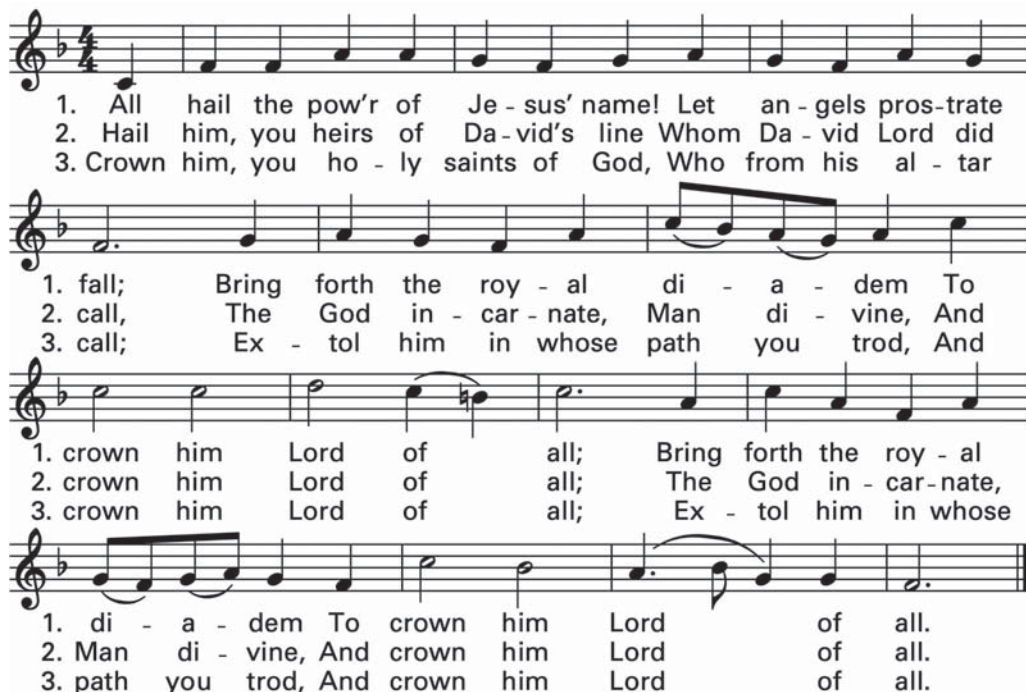
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Esth 4: 17*

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

ENTRANCE HYMN*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*


1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
2. Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line Whom Da - vid Lord did
3. Crown him, you ho - ly saints of God, Who from his al - tar

1. fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem To
2. call, The God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, And
3. call; Ex - tol him in whose path you trod, And

1. crown him Lord of all; Bring forth the roy - al
2. crown him Lord of all; The God in - car - nate,
3. crown him Lord of all; Ex - tol him in whose

1. di - a - dem To crown him Lord of all.
2. Man di - vine, And crown him Lord of all.
3. path you trod, And crown him Lord of all.

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card***FIRST READING***Is 5: 1-7*

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard; take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgement, but see, bloodshed! For justice, but hark, the outcry!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 80 (79): 9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20*


℟. The vine - yard of the Lord is the house of Is - ra - el.

A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it.
It put forth its foliage to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.

Why have you broken down its walls, so that every passer-by plucks its fruit,
The boar from the forest lays it waste, and the beasts of the field feed upon it?

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted, the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.
O LORD, God of hosts, restore us; if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved.

SECOND READING*Phil 4: 6-9*

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Jn 15: 16*

✠. I have chosen you from the world, says *the Lord*, *
to go and bear fruit that *will remain*.

GOSPEL*Mt 21: 33-43*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them. "Did you never read in the Scriptures: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?* Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

CREED*Refer to Pew Card*COMMUNION ANTIPHON*Lam 3: 25*

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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.



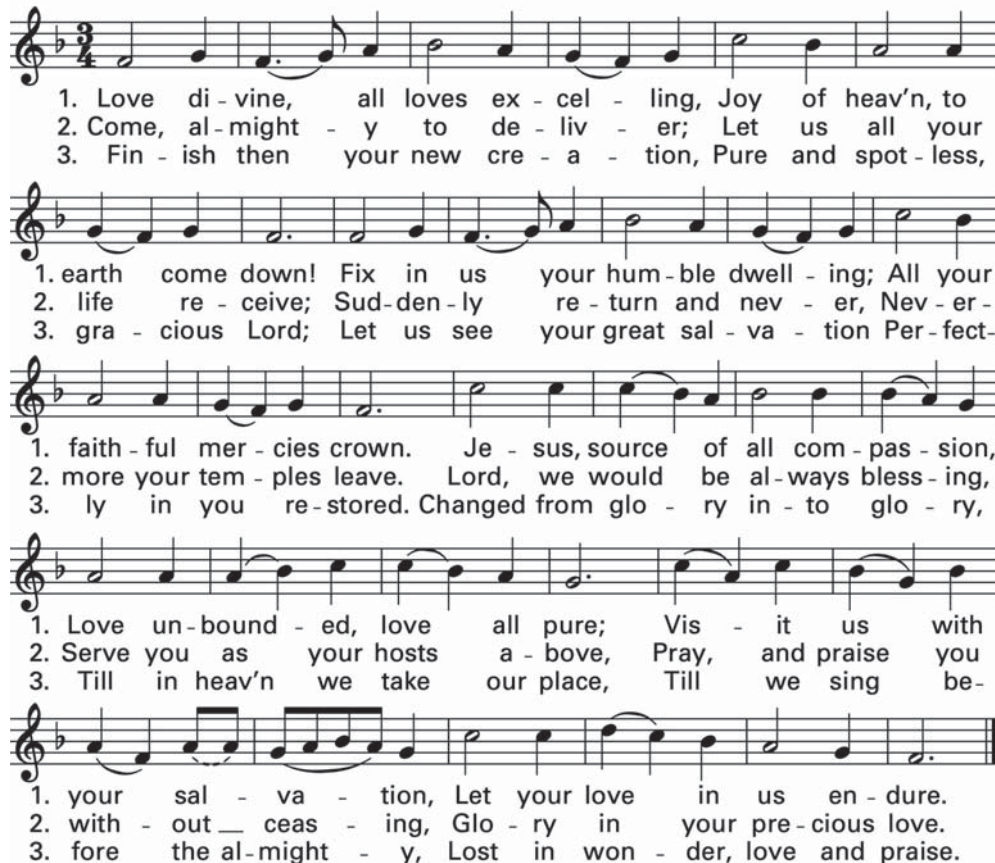
COMMUNION HYMN*Prayer of St. Francis*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled, as to console,
To be understood, as to understand,
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

POSTLUDE AT ST. MONICA*Mr. Bush*RECESSIONAL 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.

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, October 7

9:00am FIRST SATURDAY MASS
NO INTENTIONS

4:00pm For the Parishioners of
St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

Sunday, October 8

9:00am Stanislaw Arabudzki
Todd Tisdale
Marie Bisson
Greg L'Heureux
Patricia Barrett

12:00pm Walter & Theresa Witkos
Patricia Wright

Saturday, October 14

9:00am Aline Duncan
Valorie Duncan
Mr & Mrs Mecleor Raza

4:00pm Paul Valliere

Sunday, October 15

9:00am For the Parishioners of
St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

12:00pm Helen Dobeck

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, October 7

4:00pm Deceased members of the family of
Rocco & Amelia Bonanno and Helene
Giordano

Sunday, October 8

10:30am Deceased members of the
Wholley Family
Jamie Legere
James Mahoney
Arthur & Helen Mahoney
Raymond Richard, Jr.

Monday, October 9

9:00am John Rovinski

Tuesday, October 10

9:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, October 12

9:00am Margaret J. Covey

Friday, October 13

9:00am Janet Szostak

Saturday, October 14

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Sunday, October 15

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Tues	10/10/23	Fr. Robert E. Sullivan	Christian Ortez
Wed	10/11/23	Fr. Bryan Parrish	Rafael Rubio
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Fri	10/13/23	Fr. Jeremy St. Martin	Isaac Velazquez
Sat	10/14/23	Fr. J. Bryan Hehir	Liam Warner

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Brian J., Michelle, Marlene, Kay, Jim, Carlos S., Paul C., Meg C., Bill R., Patrice K., Jason, & Matt W.

Please pray for Mary Ellen Allain, Thanh Van Tran, Anthony D'Iorio & Elizabeth Albis whose funerals we recently celebrated. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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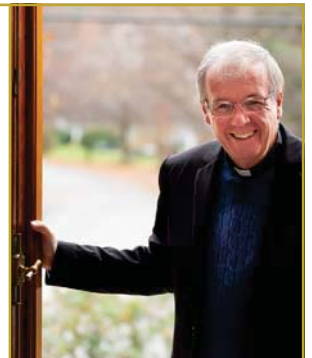
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