



6th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude and insult you,
and denounce your name as evil
on account of the Son of Man." - Lk 6:22

EXCERPTS OF LETTER TO FAMILIES

1994

POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

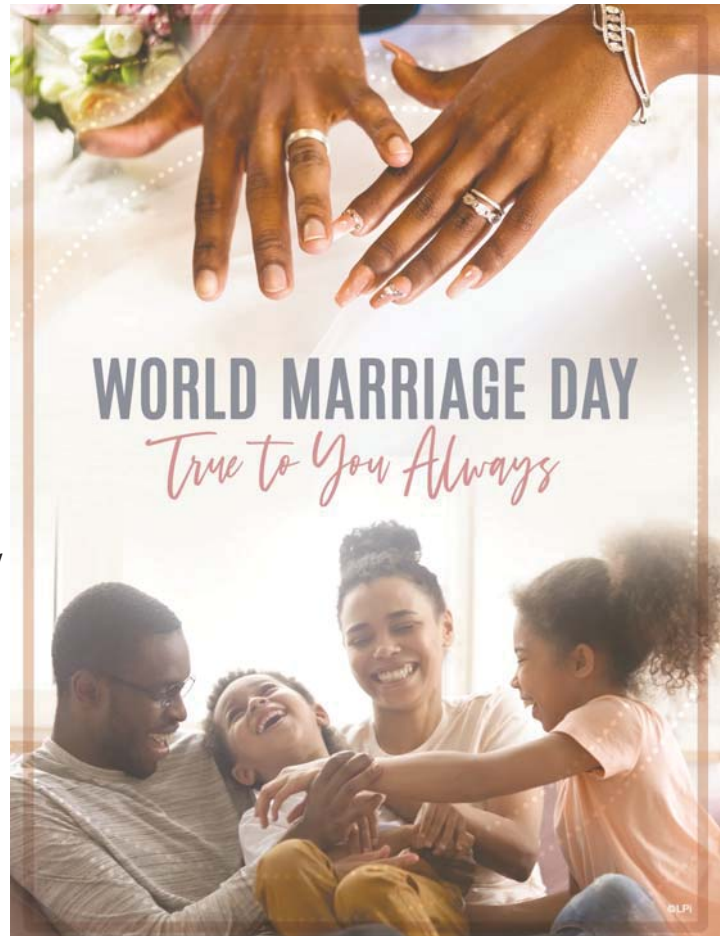
We thus come to the very heart of the Gospel truth about *freedom*. The person realizes himself by the exercise of freedom in truth. Freedom cannot be understood as a license to do *absolutely anything*: it means a *gift of self*. Even more: it means an *interior discipline of the gift*. The idea of gift contains not only the free initiative of the subject, but also the aspect of *duty*...

Individualism presupposes a use of freedom in which the subject does what he wants, in which he himself is the one to "establish the truth" of whatever he finds pleasing or useful. He does not tolerate the fact that someone else "wants" or demands something from him in the name of an objective truth. He does not want to "give" to another on the basis of truth; he does not want to become a "sincere gift". Individualism thus remains egocentric and selfish...

What is needed then is for human societies, and the families who live within them,...to seek their solid foundation in a correct vision of man and of everything which determines the full "realization" of his humanity.

The love which the Apostle Paul celebrates in the First Letter to the Corinthians—the love which is "*patient*" and "*kind*", and "*endures all things*" (1 Cor 13:4, 7)—is certainly a *demanding love*. But this is precisely the source of its beauty: by the very fact that it is demanding, it builds up the true good of man and allows it to radiate to others. The good, says Saint Thomas, is by its nature "diffusive". Love is true when *it creates the good of persons and of communities*; it creates that good and *gives it* to others. Only the one who is able to be demanding with himself in the name

of love can also demand love from others. Love is demanding. It makes demands in all human situations; it is even more demanding in the case of those who are open to the Gospel. Is this not what Christ proclaims in "his" commandment? Nowadays people need to rediscover this demanding love, for it is the truly firm foundation of the family, a foundation able to "endure all things". According to the Apostle, love is not able to "endure all things" if it yields to "jealousies", or if it is "boastful... arrogant or rude" (cf. 1 Cor 13:5-6). True love, Saint Paul teaches, is different: "Love believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Cor 13:7). This is the very love which "endures all things". At work within it is the power and strength of God himself, who "is love" (1 Jn 4:8, 16). At work within it is also the power and strength of Christ, the Redeemer of man and Savior of the world.



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Presented by Bishop Robert Barron

This course will be offered on Thursdays at St. Lucy's School house after the 9am mass beginning on March 3 and ending on April 7. Email me if interested in joining the group and I will email you a copy of the study guide. Please contact information Bonnie at bonnieocds@gmail.com.

| Date | Ses-sion | Title | Length |
|---------|----------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| 3/3/22 | One | I Believe | 45:18 |
| 3/10/22 | Two | God, The Father Al-mighty | 52:49 |
| 3/17/22 | Three | Jesus Christ, the On-ly Begotten Son | 51:09 |
| 3/24/22 | Four | He Suffered Death | 47:24 |
| 3/31/22 | Five | Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life | 49:42 |
| 4/7/22 | Six | One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic | 45:29 |

St. Monica School

Our Third Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner Tuesday, March 1st 6:00-7:30 PM



In the school cafeteria.

Feast on pancakes with a topping bar!

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PROLIFE BABY SHOWER


Thanks to everyone who made the pro-life baby shower such a success. We raised a total of \$1,533.00 in donations. Baby clothes and other items were also very generously donated. This will certainly help both Pregnancy Care Centers.

THANKS FOR YOUR HEARTFELT COOPERATION. GOD BLESS !

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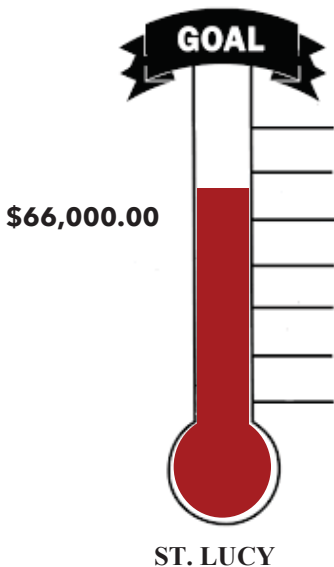
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GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE \$100,000



This year both parishes have a goal of \$100,000 in order to avoid slipping into deficit spending. This is primarily due to our need to increase our staff and make necessary capital improvements. We're ahead of last year's timetable, but our goal was not this large. If you have not yet contributed to the grand annual, please consider doing so. If you have already contributed, thank you for your generosity.



STUDY PROGRAM**THE BIBLE AND THE CHURCH FATHERS**

This study program will be offered on Zoom beginning Wednesday, February 16 at 6pm and running for 12 weeks. You will learn who the Early Church Fathers were and how they shaped how we read Scripture. The materials are available through



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THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY

We will be meeting this Sunday February 13th in the lower hall at 8:30 AM . All women are invited. The Sodality also welcomes all who are gifted with knitting and crocheting to help in the Baptism Blanket ministry. Stop by for details or call Ellen at 978-682-8459.

THE WEEK AHEADSUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality 8:30am St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Confirmation 1/2 12:45-2:45pm St. Lucy Church/Lower Church Hall/Schoolhouse
- Baptisms 1pm St. Monica Church
- AA 7pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church followed by Rosary
- Boy Scouts Meeting 7:00-8:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- Prayer and Study 10am - 12 pm (Zoom)
- The Bible and Church Fathers Study 6pm (Zoom)
- Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 6:00-7:00pm St. Lucy Church
- Collaborative Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00pm St. Lucy School Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church followed by Rosary
- AA 6:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- Faith to Fitt 8 am St Lucy Schoolhouse
- Bettor's Anonymous 2pm St. Monica SVDP Hut
- Confessions 3-3:45pm Gethsemane Chapel and St. Lucy Church



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come join us in prayer

Wednesdays | 6:00 pm | St Lucy
Fridays | 2-5pm | Gethsemane Chapel

OFFERTORY | JAN 29 & 30

St. Monica - \$4,780⁰⁰ St. Lucy - \$2,516.⁰⁰

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.



Yes, I CAN... We are in need of mashed potatoes, canned carrots, spaghetti sauce, and peanut butter. *Donations can be dropped off anytime at the entrances to St. Lucy and the side door of Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church.*

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

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 Gethsemane Chapel

6 - 7pm St. Lucy Church

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

2 - 5 pm Friday Gethsemane Chapel

6:00 - 7:00 pm Wednesday St. Lucy Church

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INTROIT*Ps 30 (31): 3-4*

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN*O God, Beyond All Praising*

1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to -
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we

1. day And sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re -
2. bring, That we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our

1. pay; For we can on - ly won - der at eve - ry gift you
2. King; And wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or

1. send, At bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out
2. ill, We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you

1. end: We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your
2. still: To mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your

1. Word, We hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y
2. ways, And make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of

1. Lord.
2. praise.

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card***FIRST READING***Jer 17: 5-8*

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 40 (39): 5a; V Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4, 6*

R. Bless - ed are they who hope in the Lord.

Blessed the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor walks in the way of sinners, nor sits in the company of the insolent, but delights in the law of the LORD and meditates on his law day and night.

Not so the wicked, not so; they are like chaff which the wind drives away. For the LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes.

He is like a tree planted near running water, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves never fade. Whatever he does, prospers.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20

Brothers and sisters: If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

ALLELUIA

Mt 5: 12a



Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

GOSPEL

Lk 6: 17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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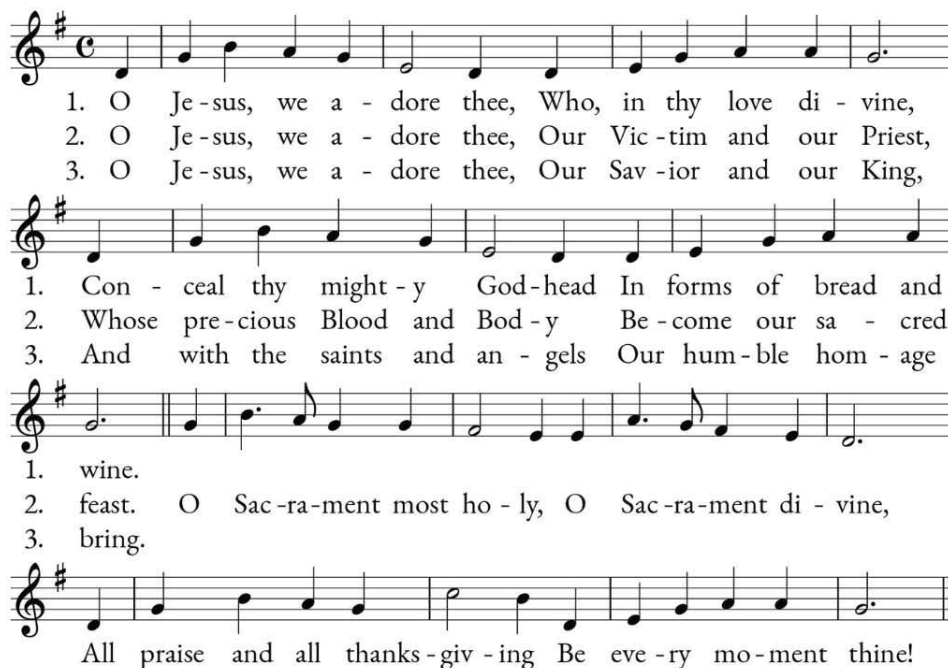
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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 78 (77): 29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved



COMMUNION HYMN*O Sacrament Most Holy*


1. O Je-sus, we a - dore thee, Who, in thy love di - vine,
2. O Je-sus, we a - dore thee, Our Vic - tim and our Priest,
3. O Je-sus, we a - dore thee, Our Sav - ior and our King,
1. Con - ceal thy might - y God - head In forms of bread and
2. Whose pre - cious Blood and Bod - y Be - come our sa - cred
3. And with the saints and an - gels Our hum - ble hom - age
1. wine.
2. feast. O Sac - ra - ment most ho - ly, O Sac - ra - ment di - vine,
3. bring.
All praise and all thanks - giv - ing Be eve - ry mo - ment thine!

RECESSIONAL HYMN*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*


1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name; Lord of
2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn An - gel
3. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly
1. all, we bow be - fore thee! All on earth thy
2. choirs a - bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and
3. Spir - it, Three we name thee; While in es - sence
1. scep - ter claim, All in heav'n a - bove a - dore thee;
2. Ser - a - phim, In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing;
3. on - ly One, Un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee;
1. In - fi - nite, thy vast do - main, Ev - er -
2. Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly,
3. And a - dor - ing, bend the knee, While we
1. last - ing is thy reign. In - fi - nite, thy
2. ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!" Fill the heav'ns with
3. own the mys - ter - y. And a - dor - ing,
1. vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
2. sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
3. bend the knee, While we own the mys - ter - y.

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, February 12

4:00pm Raymond K. McAlea

Sunday, February 13

9:00am Robert Higgins
Joseph O’Neil
Frank Heymans
Eulalia Aguiar
Roger Avery

11:00 am Dick Doherty

Saturday, February 19

4:00pm Yvette Moran & Joseph Lavigne

Sunday, February 20

9:00am Elizabeth Chojnowska
Richard McCarron
Deceased Members of Klufts Family
John & Helen Klufts

11:00 am Mary Fairbanks

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, February 12

4:00pm Eugene Voiland

Sunday, February 13

10:00am Deceased Members
of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality
Ryan Matthew Thistle
Angela Blatti
Mariana Medeiros

Monday, February 14

9:00am Giuseppe Sangiorgio

Tuesday, February 15

9:00am Susan Flagg

Thursday, February 17

9:00am Vincenzo Lazzara

Friday, February 18

9:00am Michael & Anne Louise Glynn

Saturday, February 19

4:00pm Anna Coleman

Sunday, February 20

10:00am Antonio & Evelina Mollica
Richard E. Gerst
Mary Rita Costa
Kay Wilson
Carole Amabello

Seminarian Prayer Cards are available at both parishes. Please pray for the men studying for the priesthood.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

| DAY | DATE | PRIEST | SEMINAR. |
|--------|----------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sunday | 02/13/22 | Fr. Arthur Wright | Deacon Francis Trewin |
| Mon | 02/14/22 | Fr. Daniel Mahoney | Deacon Nathaniel Sanders |
| Tues | 02/15/22 | Fr. James Hickey | Deacon Bertrand Proulx |
| Wed | 02/16/22 | Fr. Patrick McLaughlin | Deacon Nicholas Stano |
| Thurs | 02/17/22 | Fr. Stephen Lineman | Deacon Steven Restrepo |
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