

JUNE 20, 2021



12TH

SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CALMING OF A STORM AT SEA

They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" Mark 4:41

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DAILY MASS MON/TUE/THURS/FRI 9 am St. Lucy **FIRST SATURDAY** 9 am St. Monica
WEEKEND SAT 4 pm (Vigil) both parishes **SUN** 9 and 11 am St. Monica, 10 am St. Lucy

This mosaic of Christ, symbolized by the Greek letters of his name, standing in the boat which symbolizes the Church, is in the Abbey of the Dormition, on Mount Sion in Jerusalem. Photo: Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.



Brothers and Sisters,

“Without the Lord’s day, we cannot live!” His Holiness, Pope Benedict, in his homily at the Cathedral of Saint Stephen in Vienna on September 9, 2007, quoted the Abitinian Martyrs, who during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian were arrested for celebrating Sunday Mass. The martyrs responded to the magistrate: *“Sine dominico non possumus!”* - without the Lord’s day, we cannot live! The Pope went on to say: “For these Christians, the Sunday Eucharist was not a commandment, but an inner necessity. Without him who sustains our lives, life itself is empty. To do without or to betray this focus would deprive life of its very foundation, would take away its inner dignity and beauty.”

Aware that the opportunity to participate in Sunday Mass is increasingly available and increasingly safe for our Catholic people, we are joining dioceses in the Boston Province (Boston, Fall River, Springfield, Manchester, and Portland) in lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation, effective this weekend. Attendance at Mass is our way of following the Third Commandment of the Decalogue: “Remember the sabbath day - keep it holy. For six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.”

We call to mind the many times we see Jesus observing the sabbath by going to the synagogue and teaching there. It is a desire of every Christian to conform his or her life to the life of Jesus, and Jesus went to the synagogue on the sabbath. Most

significantly, receiving the Eucharist is the center of every Catholic life. The Lord commands us to take and eat, and to do it in memory of Him. The Eucharist is food for our difficult journey through life, filling us with joy and strengthening us to embrace our suffering. It transforms us from the inside out and creates a unity among us that is a strong witness to the whole world.

Therefore, it is with great confidence and trust in the Lord that we reinstate this Sunday Mass obligation. It has been a long, difficult year. People have experienced great pain and suffering throughout this pandemic. Loss of life has been immense. People continue to recover from the long-term effects of the coronavirus. Now we are able to join together, remembering the lives changed and the sacrifices made. Let us gather together again in joy, as one people united around the Eucharist.

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have been recently exposed to COVID or any other communicable illness; those who are confined to their homes or to hospitals or other facilities due to illness, infirmity, frailty, or age; and those who are not yet able to be vaccinated, due to age or any health consideration. Parishioners should consult their local pastor if they have questions about the obligation.

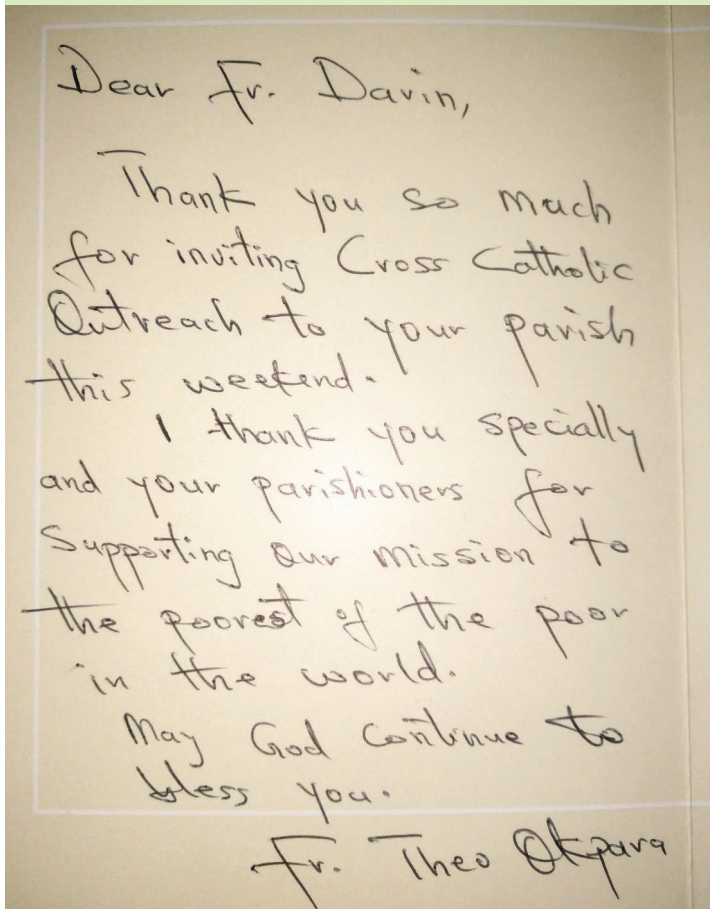
To all of those who have not been able to be with us during this last year, we look forward to welcoming you back to the celebration of the Mass.

Thank you, and God bless you.

Cardinal Seán

Dear St. Monica Parishioners,
Cross Catholic Outreach wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Fr. Theo Okpara on our recent visit to your parish. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for having shared in their lives. May our Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support.

Jim Cavnar
President
Cross Catholic Outreach



THE FULFILLMENT of ALL DESIRE

A video series by Dr. Ralph Martin



Our parishioner Bonnie Doherty, OCDS will be leading a study this summer on Zoom using the videos series "The Fulfillment of All Desire".

The study will be held on the following Wednesday evenings:

6/23, 6/30, 7/7, & 7/14 (videos from the 2020 Advent Mission, Fulfillment of All Desire)

Week 1: Basic Decisions, 1:11:24

Week 2: Important Practices, 1:12:48

Week 3: Initial Challenges, 1:00:06

Week 4: Basic Stability, 1:09:19

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7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11 (videos from the 2021 Lenten Mission, Fulfillment of All Desire)

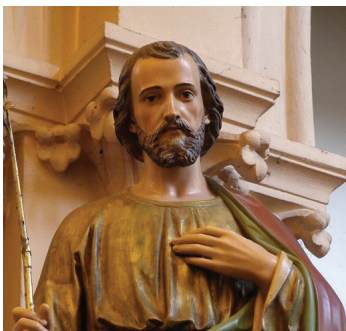
Week 1: Session 1, 1:08:33

Week 2: Session 2, 1:09:32

Week 3: Session 3, 56:49

Week 4: Session 4, 1:06:34

Please contact Bonnie at bonnieocds@gmail.com for the Zoom link.



Calling all Men of St. Lucy & St. Monica Parishes

The St. Lucy Men's Guild will be meeting for the first time this year.

Next Sunday, June 27 after the 10:00AM Mass in St. Lucy's Church Hall

You are invited to learn more about who we are, share in our meetings/ activities and offer suggestions as we come together to support our Parish after having no community activities this past year. Feel free to bring a friend. Refreshments will be served. Any questions, please call Larry at 978-360-9256



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For more information, please visit sevensistersapostolate.org/home



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



MASS INTENTIONS

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, June 19

4:00pm Don Lavigne & Yvette Moran

Sunday, June 20

9:00am *Multiple Intention*
 Kevin Waterworth
 Nancy Tardif
 Albert Zampelli
 Joseph Indoccio
 Arthur Royer

11:00am Joseph Moreau

Saturday, June 26

4:00pm Leo & Margaret Beaudoin

Sunday, June 27

9:00am *Multiple Intention*
 Leo Hamel
 Gerard Hamel
 James Miner
 Gloria Royer

11:00am Anthony & Anna Campagnone
 Michael & Helen Silva
 Robert & Dolores Demars
 Albert & David Burokas

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, June 19

4:00pm Manny Gianni & Christine Gianni
 Eldridge

Sunday, June 20

10:00am *Multiple Intentions*
 Dennis Miele
 Real Taschereau
 Bertrand LeBlanc
 Joseph Caruso
 James Tiberio
 Lisa Tiberio-McLean

Monday, June 21

9:00am Joseph Reitano

Tuesday, June 22

9:00am Joseph O'Neil

Thursday, June 24

9:00am Christine Messina Bolduc

Friday, June 25

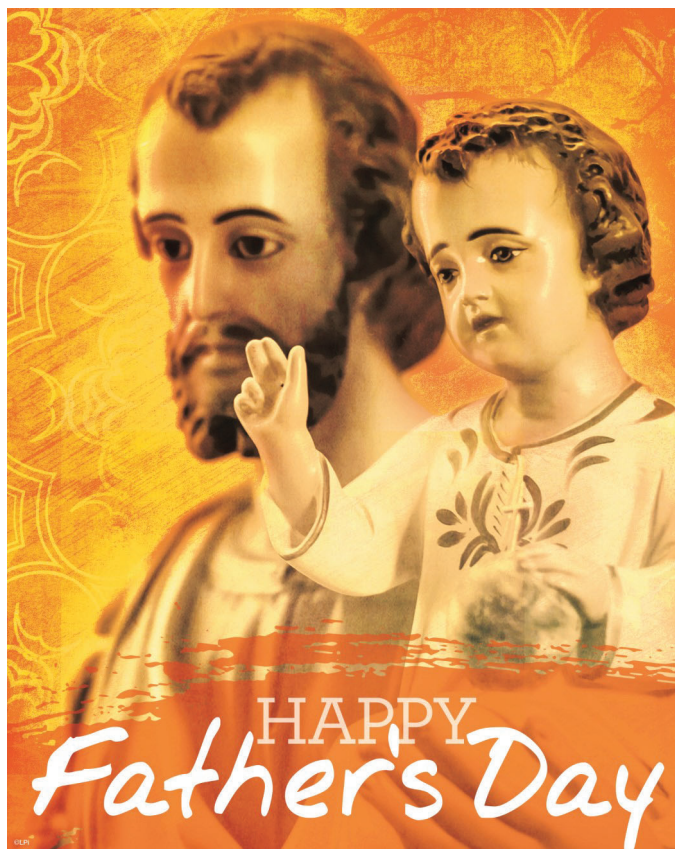
9:00am Carole Charles

Saturday, June 26

4:00pm Joseph S. Augeri

Sunday, June 27

10:00am *Multiple Intentions*
 William J. Klier
 Catherine Petralia
 Christine Messina-Bolduc
 Richard Fenton
 Pedro Puentes



Beginning in August, we will resume our regular pre-COVID Baptism Schedule.

- 2nd Sunday of the month at 1 pm at St. Monica's
- 3rd Sunday of the month at 12 pm at St. Lucy's

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays 2 - 5 pm
Gethsemane Chapel



Confessions

Fridays 4 - 5 pm Gethsemane Chapel
Saturdays 3 - 3:45 pm St. Monica Church & St. Lucy Church



YES I CAN PROGRAM

We are in need of **oatmeal, rice, and spaghetti sauce.**

We have placed food collection baskets in both churches. You may also drop off food at the side door of Gethsemane Chapel during the week, but please do not leave food donations at the main door or entranceway of the chapel. Thank you for your generosity!

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **Annalize, Sarah Wilkens, Nancy A., Henry Menges, Ginny C., and Anna S.**

Please pray for **Beverly Qualters, Richard Bergeron, and Noelia Carvalho** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

Please pray for a priest and a seminarian each day as they need our prayers!

Day	Date	Priest	Seminarian
Sun	6/20	Archbishop Russell (ordained 1987)	Gabriel Hanley
Mon	6/21	Fr. William Sexton	Mateus Martin
Tue	6/22	Fr. Thomas Sullivan	Nathaniel Sanders
Wed	6/23	Fr. Richard Casey	Paolo Strudthoff
Thurs	6/24	Fr. John Kearns	Javier Padilla
Fri	6/25	All SMA Priests	Gustavo Neitzke
Sat	6/26	Fr. John R. Carroll	Michael Castellon

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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.

BAPTISMS 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm at St. Monica's and 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:00pm at St. Lucy's

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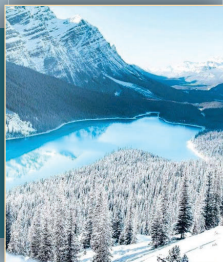
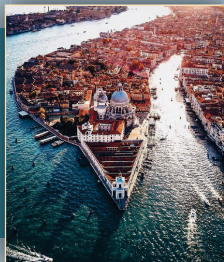


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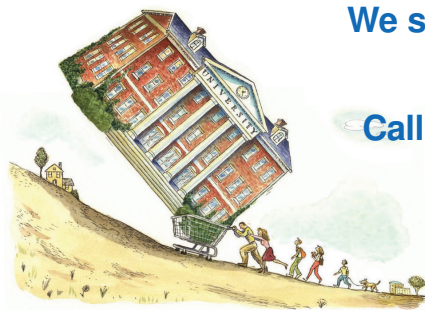


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