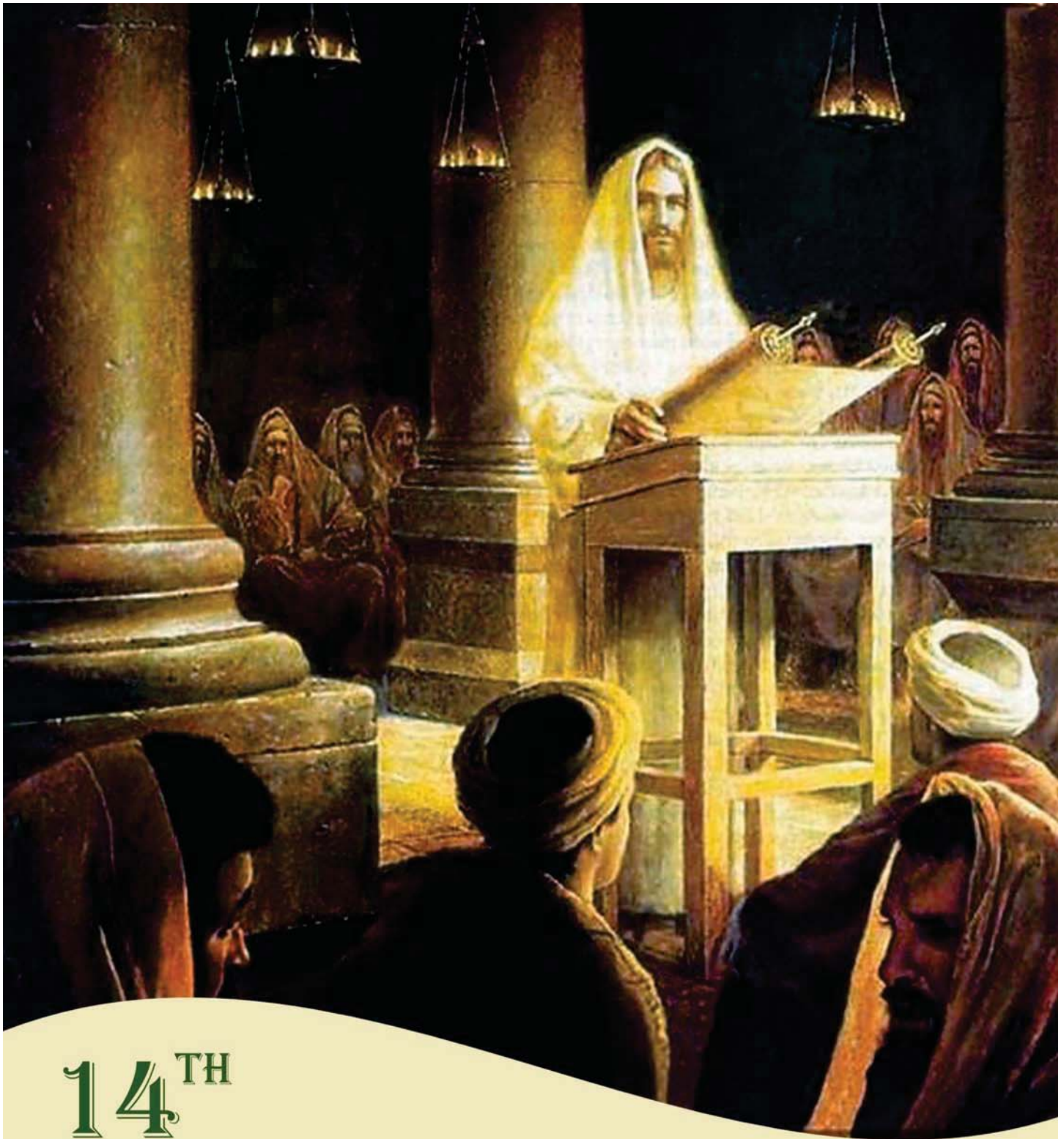


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SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

*When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue,  
and many who heard him were astonished. Mark 6:2*

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Friends,

On behalf of myself and the staff at St. Lucy & St. Monica Parishes, I want to wish all of our parishioners, neighbors and friends a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I tell people all the time that I am so happy that I grew up in this country and our church when I did. We have experienced and witnessed major changes in our lifetime and especially in recent years in both our nation and our Church. In my childhood, next to the influence of my family, it was the country and the Church that played major roles in assisting me as I developed a value system that enabled me to make positive choices and healthy decisions. Of course, in those days we believed that anyone in authority had to be right and we accepted their direction as if it was God's will. Today, we ask a lot more questions including how did those in authority get into that position? Is everything just black and white or is there room for gray? What is the background of the person in authority? What influences play a role in his/her life? We have access to so much more information today. So, for example, after we see our doctor and get a diagnosis, we seek out a second opinion. Or, if we don't appreciate the message we hear at our local parish, we give ourselves permission to seek out another priest who may look at life differently.

On the week of Independence Day, I am so grateful for the freedoms we have. The state does not tell us what to believe, we have the right to free speech, we have freedom to protest government decisions. Obviously, there is a lot of controversy that surrounds these freedoms e.g., I may not believe that white supremacists should be able to hold public rallies, but our Constitution grants them that right. I lived through the civil rights marches and the Vietnam War and yet I don't believe our country has ever been more divided than we are today. "They" say you can't mix politics and religion and the Church and state have to remain separate. I understand the threat that is posed if one was to dominate the other. Yet, on the other hand, I have to admit that my Christian beliefs deeply affect my political leanings. I cannot separate my faith from how I vote.

The 1960's were very turbulent years in the life of America. They were very painful years for many. Looking back on these years, I now see them as growing pains which resulted in many of the freedoms we experience today. Everyone would not agree.

In the Catholic Church, the Second Vatican Council is also a product of the 60's (1962-65). Those same freedoms that became realities in the country also demanded to be celebrated in our Church. I am a very strong advocate of the Second Vatican Council and therefore am as proud this week to be a citizen of the Church as I am to be a citizen of this country.


May God bless America and may God bless every other country in this world.

Enjoy life!

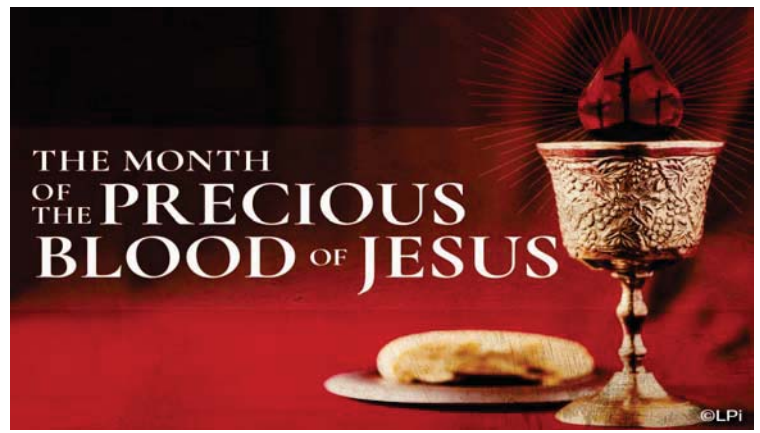
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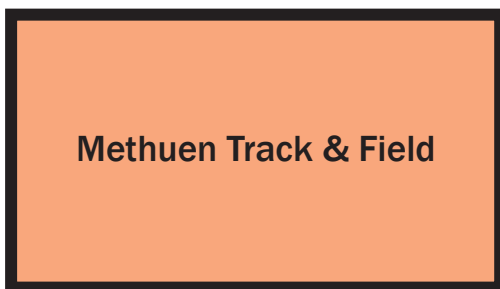
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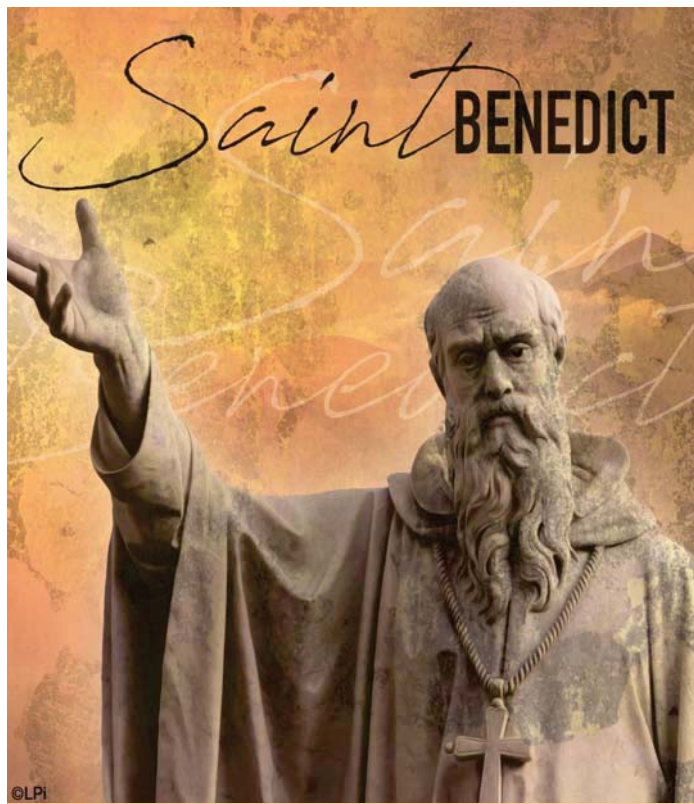
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FEAST DAY *July 11*

### DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

**Tuesday evenings 6-6:30pm**  
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June 26, 2024

Dear Families,

As you may know, Cardinal Séan O'Malley has **lowered the age of reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation to Eighth Grade** in the Archdiocese of Boston. This decision is based on recommendations from members of local Churches, and the desire to strengthen the relationship of our young people with Christ and his Church, opening to them the grace of the sacrament. For more information about these changes, please visit <https://www.evangelizeboston.com/confirmation/>

The Archdiocese has permitted each parish community to determine how to implement this change. After learning what other parishes are doing and much internal discussion, ***the Parishes of St. Lucy and St. Monica will make this transition to an Eighth-Grade Preparation over the next three years, while simultaneously strengthening our current high school youth ministry programs.***

### **What does this mean right now for those interested in preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?**

- Our Confirmation Preparation Program will become a 1-year program starting this year;
- This coming September, 2024 we will prepare ***both 9th and 10th Grade*** students for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation;
- Next September, 2025 we will prepare ***both 8th and 9th Grade*** students for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation;

I will provide more details in the coming weeks as we move forward together in this transition toward an Eighth-Grade Confirmation Program. In the meanwhile, I ask you to spread the word about this change to as many families inside and outside our parish communities as you can. Feel free to share it on social media and direct people to our website for more information and to register.

### **Youth Ministry**

At the same time, we are excited to strengthen the Youth Ministry in our parishes. Youth Ministry at St. Lucy and St. Monica's will empower our youth to minister to their peers, their Church, and the community by providing regular service opportunities, social events, and worship events. In addition, we are looking into ways we can partner with area high schools and other Church organizations. I look forward to engaging with you about this program and welcome input as we shape this ministry. Feel free to call me at the office and stay tuned for more information on both our Confirmation and Youth Ministry Programs..

Sincerely,

*Karl Jackson*

Director of Parish Life  
Methuen Collaborative  
The Parishes of St. Lucy and St. Monica

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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

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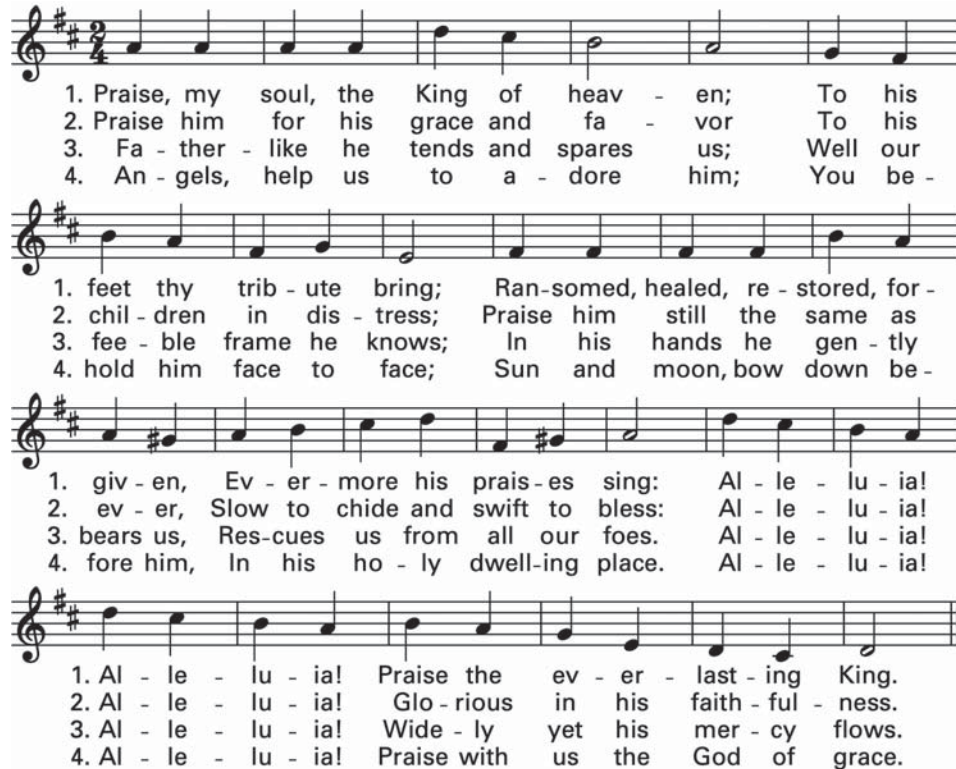
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Psalm 48 (47): 10-11*

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*Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven*


1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To his  
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor To his  
3. Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; Well our  
4. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; You be -

1. feet thy trib - ute bring; Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for -  
2. chil - dren in dis - tress; Praise him still the same as  
3. fee - ble frame he knows; In his hands he gen - tly  
4. hold him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be -

1. giv - en, Ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. ev - er, Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. bears us, Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!  
4. fore him, In his ho - ly dwell - ing place. Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
4. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card*FIRST READING*Ezekiel 2: 2-5*

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD GOD! And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Psalm 123: 1-2, 2, 3-4*


**R.** Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mer - cy.

To you I lift up my eyes who are enthroned in heaven -  
as the eyes of servants are on the hands of their masters.

As the eyes of a maid are on the hands of her mistress,  
so are our eyes on the LORD, our God, till he have pity on us.

Have pity on us, O LORD, have pity on us, for we are more than sated with contempt;  
our souls are more than sated with the mockery of the arrogant, with the contempt of the proud.

**SECOND READING***2 Corinthians 12: 7-10*

Brothers and sisters: That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me  
For he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

**GOSPEL***Mark 6: 1-6a*

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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

Taste and see that the Lord is good,  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in 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*Be Still, My Soul*


1. Be still, my soul— the Lord is on thy side!  
 2. Be still, my soul— thy God doth un - der - take  
 3. Be still, my soul— the hour is has - t'ning on

1. Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;  
 2. To guide the fu - ture as he has the past;  
 3. When we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,

1. Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide—  
 2. Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake—  
 3. When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

1. In ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.  
 2. All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 3. Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

1. Be still, my soul— thy best, thy heav'n - ly friend  
 2. Be still, my soul— the waves and winds still know  
 3. Be still, my soul— when change and tears are past,

1. Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 2. His voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
 3. All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

RECESSIONAL HYMN*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*


1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God That made the  
 2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord That filled the  
 3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low, But makes thy

1. moun - tains rise, That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad, And  
 2. earth with food; He formed the crea - tures with his word, And  
 3. glo - ries known; And clouds a - rise, and tem - pests blow By

1. built the loft - y skies. I sing the wis - dom  
 2. then pro - nounced them good. Lord, how thy won - ders  
 3. or - der from thy throne; While all that bor - rows

1. that or - dained The sun to rule the day; The moon shines  
 2. are dis - played Wher - e'er I turn my eye; If I sur -  
 3. life from thee is ev - er in thy care, And ev - 'ry -

1. full at his com - mand, And all the stars o - bey.  
 2. vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up - on the sky!  
 3. where that I can be, Thou, God, are pres - ent there.

## ST. MONICA PARISH

### Saturday, July 6

9:00am FIRST SATURDAY MASS

4:00pm Kathy Dube

### Sunday, July 7

9:00am Patricia Leslie  
Mark Walsh  
Mario Dello Iacono, Sr.

12:00pm For the Parishioners of  
St. Monica & St. Lucy

### Saturday, July 13

9:00am William Cormier, Jr.

4:00pm Anastazja Arabudzki  
Benedykt Arabudzki  
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### Sunday, July 14

9:00am Michael Joseph Mulligan  
Thelma McGreevy

12:00pm Christine Ferguson



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Wed	07/10/24	Fr. Ronald Barker	Deacon Brian Delaney
Thurs	07/11/24	All Benedictine Priests	Deacon Thuy Nguyễn
Fri	07/12/24	Fr. Kenneth Quinn	Deacon Dong Huy Pham
Sat	07/13/24	Fr. Henry Nichols	Deacon Edward Rodriguez

## ST. LUCY PARISH

### Saturday, July 6

4:00pm Vito Milone

### Sunday, July 7

10:30am Lino Brosco  
Adua DiFelice  
Pedro Puentes  
Blanca Figueredo

### Monday, July 8

9:00am Alfio Greco & Deceased Members  
of his family

### Tuesday, July 9 - LIVING INTENTIONS

9:00am Kathy O'Neil  
Kimberly Rovinski  
Jaden Titus  
Cleopatra Welch  
Linda & Bob Barboza

### Thursday, July 11

9:00am Bertrand LeBlanc  
Real Taschereau  
Gerard Taschereau

### Friday, July 12

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

### Saturday, July 13

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

### Sunday, July 14

10:30am Angelo Maimone  
Deceased Members of the BVM Sodality  
James Jessick  
Patricia & Alfred Augeri

## PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Michelle O., Janet C., Taylor, Dirk D., Claire M., Floyd N., Ernie R., Micah, Adrienne M., Josephine P., Karen C., Lloyd M., Mike B., Leo L., Bill R., & Patrice K.

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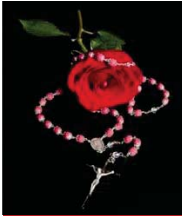


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