

METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

MAY 12

2024



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth.

Your word is truth." - Jn 17:15-17

ST. LUCY CHURCH | 254 MERRIMACK ST.

ST. MONICA CHURCH | 212 LAWRENCE ST.

Saint Monica: The Patron Saint of Mothers



Born in the 4th century, St. Monica is recognized as the patron saint of mothers. Her faith and dedication to motherhood played a pivotal role in the spiritual formation of one of the most brilliant philosophers and well-known saints of all time - Saint Augustine, her son.

Dedicated to Motherhood

After her husband's premature death, St. Monica dedicated her life to raising her children. As a single mother of three, she persevered in the face of many difficulties. Her greatest desire was for her children to follow Christ. Although later in life he was known as a fervent man of God, St. Augustine did not easily come to see God's truth. As a child, he proved to be quite difficult, causing Monica much grief, and as a young adult he remained uninterested in Christianity. But St. Monica never stopped praying for his eternal soul, in spite of the circumstances.

On one particular occasion, when she was discussing the matter with a priest, he urged her to remain steadfast in her prayers, stating that it was "not possible that the son of so many tears should perish."

A Testament to the Power of Prayer

After many years of prayer, Saint Monica finally saw her son give his life to the service of God. St. Augustine declared that his mother's resilience and dedication to prayer is what led him to become the man of God he was meant to be. He stated that St. Monica was not only his mother, but "the source of his Christianity."

According to Pope Benedict XVI:

Augustine himself was to say, his mother gave birth to him twice; the second time required a lengthy spiritual travail of prayers and tears, but it was crowned at last with the joy of seeing him not only embrace the faith and receive Baptism, but also dedicate himself without reserve to the service of Christ.

St. Monica passed away in A.D. 387, shortly after St. Augustine was baptized. Her legacy serves as a reminder for all Christians to never stop praying for those who do not yet know Christ. As Pope Benedict XVI has related:

St. Monica and St. Augustine invite us to turn confidently to Mary, Seat of Wisdom. Let us entrust Christian parents to her so that, like Monica, they may accompany their children's progress with their won example and prayers. Let us commend youth to the Virgin Mother of God, so that, like Augustine, they may always strive for the fullness of Truth and Love which is Christ: he alone can satisfy the deepest desires of the human heart.

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August 21, 2019



A Prayer for Mothers

Mary, Mother of Jesus, we ask you on this Mother's Day to pray for our own dear mothers.

May your Son, Jesus, reward them for all the care they have so lovingly given us over the years.

May He give them peace of heart for all the time they have soothed us in times of trouble or failure.

May Jesus give them joy of spirit for all the times they have healed our wounds and wiped away our tears.

We ask you, Mary, on this day when we honor and praise our mothers for their unconditional love and care, that Jesus might bestow upon them His choicest blessings and His deepest love. Amen

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION SEMINARIANS (PENTECOST) - MAY 19th

Next week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org

*The LORD has sworn and will not waver:
"Like Melchizedek you are a priest forever."*

Psalm 110: 4

Please join us to celebrate
the **25th Anniversary**
of ordination to the
priesthood for

Fr. Michael Harvey

Sunday, May 19th
after 10:30am Mass
St. Lucy Lower Church Hall



NEW OFFICE HOURS have begun

The Parish Offices are open
9am - 1pm
Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, and Friday

The offices are closed
Wednesdays

The Knights of Columbus will be leading a Rosary Rally dedicated to the intentions of all attendees, on Saturday, May 18, at Noon, in the St. Monica Parking lot. All are welcome to join us in Prayer to our Blessed Mother. There will also be a display of Marian Apparitions for all to view before and after the Rosary Rally.



Join us as we share
our well-wishes
with Fr. Colarusso

Scripture Study

ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS

Please join us for this study of St. Paul's beautiful letter

April 18, 20, 25, 27 May 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18

Classes are held in St. Lucy Schoolhouse at 2:30 on
Thursdays and repeated on Saturdays at 2:30.

For questions or to register call 978-683-8138
or email rachelvoiland@comcast.net

Bibles will be provided for your use

Two opportunities:

1. Cookout

**Saturday, May 25th
after the 4pm Mass**

St. Monica House
Please bring a chair

2. Refreshments

**Sunday, May 26th
after the 10:30am Mass**
St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

Contact Erin at 475-201-2344 with any
questions



**Join us at St. Lucy's
Lower Church Hall**

DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

Tuesday evenings 6-6:30pm
Rosary Prayer Group for Priests
Gethsemane Chapel - all are welcome to attend

Wednesday mornings 9:30-11am (ZOOM)
Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet & book discussion.
Contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Lucy Church

Thursday evenings 6-6:30pm (ZOOM)
Rosary for world peace & individual intentions.
Contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Saturdays 9:30am-2:30pm Gethsemane Chapel


FUNERAL MINISTRY

We are currently looking for several volunteers to assist with our Funeral Ministry. Training will be provided.

Funeral Coordinators will work with parish staff to accompany families with preparations for Funeral Masses celebrated at both our parishes. Duties will include calling families and walking them through the selection of readings, music, and any other pertinent information.

Funeral Mass Volunteers. We are also in need of volunteers to help with the funeral masses themselves, including: sacristan work, altar serving, lecturing, and set-up.


These roles do require availability during the week and on weekends, depending on the parishes' funeral mass schedule. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karl Jackson at 978-683-1193 ext. 35 or faithformation.stlm@gmail.com



The Knights of Columbus will be leading a Monthly Rosary for St. Monica School Parents in the Chapel on Wednesdays, April 10, May 8 and June 5.

All parents of students are welcome to attend prior to picking up their children from school. The Rosary will begin at 1:15pm, prior to school dismissal. Rosary prayer cards will be provided. Come by and pray for your own personal intentions!

Jesus is longing for your presence.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

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| <p>Wednesday Evenings 6-7pm St. Lucy Church</p> | <p>Saturdays 9:30am-2:30pm Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church</p> |
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PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE FROM BOSTON

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Round trip airfare from Boston to Sarajevo via Frankfurt
- Transfers to and from Medjugorje by modern coach accompanied by guide
- Services of Marian Pilgrimages team throughout your pilgrimage
- 7 nights in Wojtyla Hotel close to St. James' Church with breakfast & evening meal
- Marian Pilgrimages spiritual program
- English speaking Catholic guide
- Visit with visionaries (if available)
- All taxes and surcharges
- Tips for hotels, drivers & guides

Price does not include:

- Single supplement: \$335 (limited availability)
- Travel Insurance, if required please request a brochure.
- Optional Excursions are to be paid locally

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 JUNE 1st 2024
AIRFARE MAY INCREASE AFTER THIS DATE**

\$2,495 - Cost per person, based on double occupancy



Our dedicated team in Medjugorje led by David Parkes, provides a professional guiding service as well as assistance to our pilgrims throughout their pilgrimage. Their love for Medjugorje shines through in all their efforts, creating a truly unique experience for all those traveling with Marian Pilgrimages.

For additional information please contact

**Maureen Slattery (Group Leader): 978-683-0589
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APRIL 27 & 28

St. Monica - \$7,776.⁰⁰

St. Lucy - \$4,150.⁰⁰

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 canned pasta, baked beans, mashed potatoes, jelly, pasta sauce, pancake syrup, canned fruit & instant rice. 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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| <p>GETHSEMANE CHAPEL AT ST. MONICA CHURCH Open 7 days/week from morning rush hour until 7pm</p> | <p>CHAPEL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ST. LUCY CANDLE SHRINE Open Mon-Fri 9am-7pm , Sat & Sun 9am-5pm</p> |
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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
Please call the Parish Offices at least 2 months in advance to schedule.

MARRIAGES Please call the Parish Offices at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

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| <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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PARISH OFFICES

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| Fr. Darin Colarusso | Pastor |
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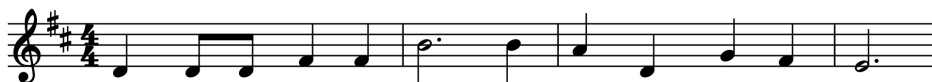
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Psalm 21 (26): 7-9*

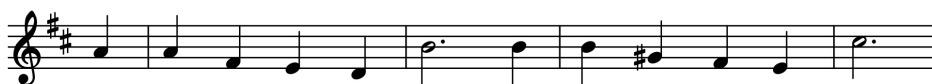
O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken:
Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

ENTRANCE HYMN*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his throne;
2. Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
3. Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Where an - gels sing a - bove;



1. All king-doms of the earth re - sound In praise of him a - lone.
2. Who on the third day did a - rise And hope to sin - ners gave.
3. Crown him the King, to whom is giv'n The won - drous name of Love.



1. A - wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
2. His glo - ry now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
3. Crown him with man - y crowns, As thrones be - fore him fall.



1. And hail him as thy ris - en King For all e - ter - ni - ty.
2. Who came e - ter - nal life to bring, Who lives, no more to die.
3. Through - out the earth his praise re - sounds For he is Lord of all.

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card***FIRST READING***Acts 1: 15-17, 20a, 20c-26*

Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers—there was a group of about one hundred and twenty persons in the one place —. He said, “My brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David, concerning Judas, who was the guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was numbered among us and was allotted a share in this ministry.

“For it is written in the Book of Psalms: *May another take his office.*

“Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Judas called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.” Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Psalm 103: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20*

R. The Lord has set his throne in heav - en.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.
Bless the LORD, all you his angels you mighty in strength, who do his bidding.

SECOND READING*1 John 4: 11-16*

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.

This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us, that he has given us of his Spirit. Moreover, we have seen and testify that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us.

God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*John 14: 18*

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

GOSPEL*John 17: 11b-19*

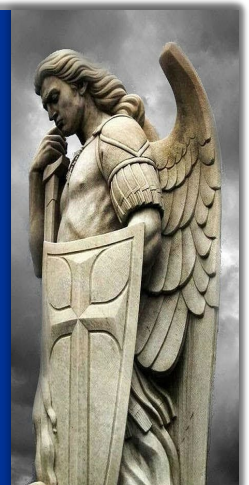
Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON*John 17: 22*

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

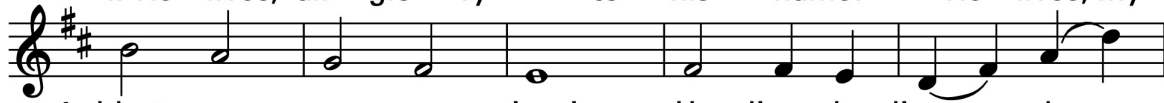
PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

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*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What joy the
 2. He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3. He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to
 4. He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my



1. blest as - sur - ance gives! He lives, he lives, who
 2. ter - nal - ly to save; He lives in maj - es -
 3. wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my
 4. Sav - ior, still the same; What joy this blest as -



1. once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 2. ty a - bove; He lives to guide his Church in love.
 3. trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.
 4. sur - ance gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

RECESSIONAL HYMN*Rejoice, The Lord Is King*

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
 2. Our Lord and Sav - ior reigns, The God of truth and love; When
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The
 4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come And



1. joice, give thanks and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more: }
 2. he had purged our stains, He took his seat a - bove: } Lift up your
 3. keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n: }
 4. take his ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home: }



- 1-4. heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, May 11

9:00am Adelajda Lewandowski
 4:00pm Alice Indoccio
 Connie Zampelli
 Ruth Cady
 Gloria Royer
 Mary Serpa
 Ida Makovitch

Sunday, May 12

9:00am Deceased Members of the Lavigne Family
 Richard Ferland
 Susan Guimond
 Thomas Verzi
 Claire Waterworth
 12:00pm Richard Viano
 Thomas Finucane

Saturday, May 18

9:00am Diane & Steven Campbell
 4:00pm For the Parishioners of
 St. Lucy & St. Monica

Sunday, May 19 - PENTECOST

9:00am Mary Gordon
 William R. Santacroce, Sr.
 Henry & Dorothy Gorman
 12:00pm Ann & Thomas Thornton

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, May 11

4:00pm William G. Klier

Sunday, May 12

10:30am For the Parishioners of
 St. Lucy & St. Monica

Monday, May 13

9:00am Marie Pelletier

Tuesday, May 14 - LIVING INTENTIONS

9:00am Rev. Michael K Harvey
 Sharon & Randy Wetzel

Thursday, May 16

9:00am Blasco & Sal Scrofano

Friday, May 17

9:00am Carol Arkley

Saturday, May 18

4:00pm Jennie Milone

Sunday, May 19 - PENTECOST

10:30am Francis R. Covey, Jr.
 Susan L. Savastano
 Adua DiFelice
 Jennie & John Ciardello
 Ann & Tony Carelli
 Charles Rimas

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

| DAY | DATE | PRIEST | SEMINARIAN |
|-------|----------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Sun | 05/12/24 | All Oblates of the Virgin Mary | Jonathan Saniuk |
| Mon | 05/13/24 | Fr. Stephen Slacks | Brian Daley |
| Tues | 05/14/24 | Fr. Matthew Westcott | Brian Delaney |
| Wed | 05/15/24 | Fr. Joel Santos | Thuy Nguyen |
| Thurs | 05/16/24 | Fr. Joseph Mazzone | Dong Huy Pham |
| Fri | 05/17/24 | Fr. Joseph Gaudet | Edward Rodriguez |
| Sat | 05/18/24 | Fr. J. Thomas Gignac | Daniel Waldron |



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Floyd N., Ernie R., Micah, Adrienne M., Josephine P., Karen C., Lloyd M., Mike B., Leo L., Richard D., Maureen S., Eddie R., Michelle O., Brian J., Bill R., & Patrice K.

Please pray for Maria Iagan-Mackey whose funeral we recently celebrated. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.