

# METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

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2024



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Prepare the way of the Lord.”

Luke 3:4

ST. LUCY CHURCH | 254 MERRIMACK ST.

ST. MONICA CHURCH | 212 LAWRENCE ST.

Tomorrow is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the day on which the Church celebrates the conception of Mary in her mother's womb, free from original sin. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception was officially recognized by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854. In 1858, Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette at Lourdes, calling herself "the Immaculate Conception," confirming the declaration made by Pope Pius XI. St. Francis of Assisi had a great devotion to Our Lady and declared her the protectress of his order. In this article, I'd like to speak about Francis of Assisi, and especially about the Secular Franciscan Order which he founded.

In 1221, Francis wrote a rule for the Brothers and Sisters of Penance which was the original name of the Third Order of St Francis. Already they were devoted to Our Lady, as were the First Order (the Friars Minor) and the Second Order (the Poor Clares) founded by Francis. This rule remained in place until 1884, when Pope Leo XIII amended the rule to make it easier to follow so that more people would be able to join. After Vatican II, Pope Paul VI approved a new rule to make it more in line with the teachings of the council. Again, devotion in Mary was a focus of the rule. "The Virgin Mary, humble servant of the Lord, was open to his every word and call. She was embraced by Francis with indescribable love and declared the protectress and advocate of his family. The Secular Franciscans should express their ardent love for her by imitating her complete self-giving and by praying earnestly and confidently."

All of the rules of the Secular Franciscan Order are made to help us imitate Jesus and Mary in every aspect of our lives. The first rule begins, "The rule and life of the Secular Franciscan is to observe the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ following the example of Francis of Assisi...."

"Secular Franciscans should...seek to encounter the living and active person of Christ their brothers and sisters, in Sacred Scripture, in the Church, and in liturgical activity." Francis thought of all as brothers and sisters including animals, plants, and even inanimate objects since they were all creations of our Father in heaven, just as we are.

All of the rules of the Secular Franciscan Order point to a way of life and not just tasks to be performed. The rule is meant to be lived every moment of every day as a means of imitating Christ and Mary. Francis tried to imitate Christ in every way that he could, and we are called to do the same while living in the secular world. Being a member of the Secular Franciscan Order since 1986 has not only been an influence in my decision to become a permanent deacon but has prepared me to live my life as a deacon, trying to imitate Christ in every aspect of my life.

As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, let us realize that she was conceived and born to carry out the will of God in every aspect of her life, becoming the mother of God at the Annunciation. She accepted her role with love and obedience as we are all called to do. I invite you to read more and seek more information about the Secular Franciscan Order as a way of imitating and serving Christ and the Church. By following the example of St. Francis of Assisi in his love for Jesus by following our rule, and by imitating Mary in our acceptance, with love and obedience, of our place and role in the Church, we invite the world to return to Jesus and to reject the errors and emptiness of our modern society.

Mary, conceived without sin, intercede for us.  
St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.

## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

### The *Immaculate Conception* of the Blessed Virgin Mary

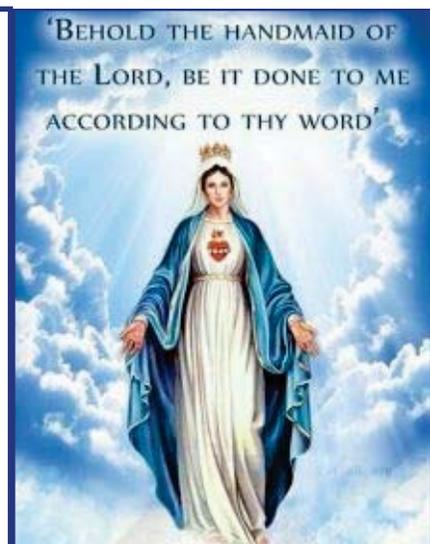
Tuesday, December 9, 2024

Mass schedule:

9am St. Lucy Church

1pm St. Monica Church (School Mass)

6pm St. Monica Church





**JOIN THE CHRISTMAS CHOIRS**

**PRACTICES HAVE BEGUN!** But there is still time. Anyone interested in being part of our Christmas Choirs for our 4:00pm Christmas Eve Masses are encouraged to contact Karl to sign up. We will practice together Tuesdays at 6pm (subject to change) at St. Monica's for now. We will have two choirs: one for each parish's 4:00pm Mass.

Please reach out to Karl at [faithformation.stlm@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.stlm@gmail.com)



**CHRISTMAS SHARING AT METHUEN CATHOLIC**



In support of St. Vincent DePaul Society, our parishes will be collecting gift cards for children and families in need.

We are requesting gift cards from the following:

- Walmart
- Target
- Market Basket

Any denomination will be accepted.

Designated boxes will be on display at the rear of each church from November 23rd- December 10th.

Realizing these are difficult times for all of us, whatever you can do to brighten another family with your generosity will be truly appreciated. God bless you all.

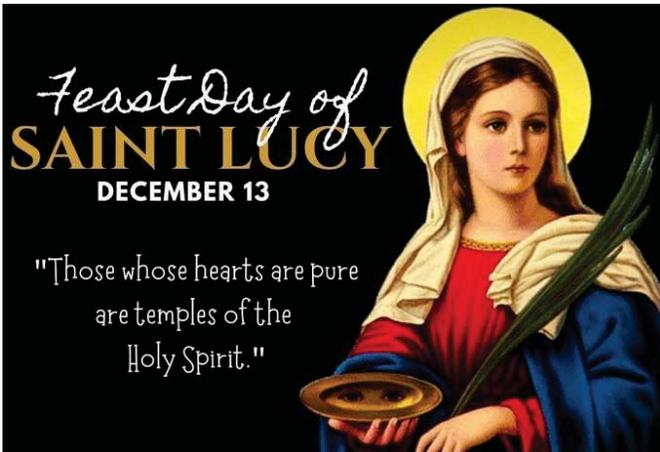
If you have any questions, please call:

- St. Lucy's - Annette Autiello - 508-783-1544
- St. Monica's - Mary Jo Farelli - 978-265-9923

**HOSPITALITY/REFRESHMENTS**

Please join us for refreshments **Sunday, December 8th** in St. Monica School Hall following the 9am Mass

**Sunday, December 15th** in St. Lucy Lower Church Hall following the 10:30am Mass



*Feast Day of*  
**SAINT LUCY**  
**DECEMBER 13**

"Those whose hearts are pure are temples of the Holy Spirit."

**St. Lucy Parish Patronal Feast Day Mass**  
**6pm**

**GENTLY USED SECOND HAND ITEMS**

A parishioner has volunteered to collect gently used second hand items and sell them at his flea market with all proceeds going to our parishes. This gentleman has a history of success in this area and has done this type of ongoing fundraiser for other organizations and churches in the past. If you are interested in getting rid of some old furniture or other items, please consider reaching out to Jim to arrange for pick up. Call 978-360-8796. Please no broken or damaged items.

Thank you to all who have already donated!



The Knights of Columbus will be leading the monthly Rosary, this Wednesday, Dec. 11, for St. Monica School parents in the Chapel. All parents of students are welcome to attend. Just stop in before picking up children from school. The praying of the Rosary will begin at 1:15 PM. Rosaries and prayer cards will be provided. Come by and pray for your own personal intentions!

**FAITH**

Week 2

Candle Name: Bethlehem Candle

Candle Symbolizes: Faith

Reminds Us: Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem

Verse: Luke 3:4-6

Prayer: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

**THE MARIE RIVIER ASSOCIATES (MRA)  
OF THE PRESENTATION OF MARY**

**December 12th  
9:30-11:30am**

**St. Lucy School House**

Any and all parishioners from St. Monica  
& St. Lucy are invited to attend.

Our book this year is

*Mysteries of the Virgin Mary:  
Living our Lady's Graces*

Please contact Maureen Slattery at 978-683-0589  
or by email at [twigs5mcs@gmail.com](mailto:twigs5mcs@gmail.com) to obtain a  
copy of the book.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
December 12th**



“Hear me, my littlest  
one. Let nothing  
discourage you, nothing  
depress you. Let nothing  
alter your heart or your  
countenance... Am I not  
your mother? Are you  
not under the protection  
of my mantle?”

*Our Lady to Saint Juan Diego*

**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](mailto:bonnieocds@gmail.com)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Lucy Church

Thursday evenings 6-7pm (ZOOM)

Rosary for world peace & individual intentions  
followed by Evening Prayer.

Contact Bonnie Doherty at [bonnieocds@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieocds@gmail.com)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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

**METHUEN COLLABORATIVE  
ST. MONICA & ST. LUCY PARISHES**

*Advent &  
Christmas Seasons*

**December 11 & 13**

**Advent Mission**

**Exposition & Benediction**

**Confessions available**

December 11 | 6-7pm | St. Lucy Church

**Patronal Feast of St. Lucy Mass**

December 13 | 6-7pm | St. Lucy Church

**December 15**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**Lessons & Carols**

December 15 | 4pm | St. Monica

*followed by Christmas Party*

**December 24-25, January 1**

**Christmas Season Masses**

**St. Lucy Church**

Christmas Eve | 4pm & 6pm

Christmas Day | 10:30am

New Years Day | 9:00am

**St. Monica Church**

Christmas Eve | 4pm

Christmas Day | 9am

New Years Day | 12:00pm



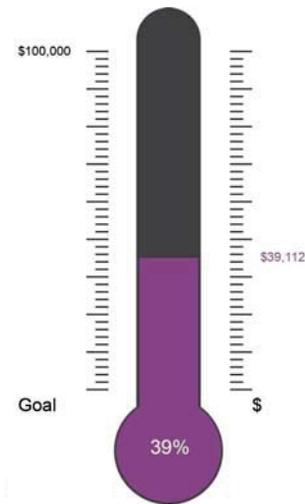
I look to the future with hope, and I invite you to do the same...we have an incredible opportunity to build the Kingdom of God by responding to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit for the good of our parish, our community, and ourselves. To become even more vibrant and active in spreading the Gospel and sharing the hope of Christ with others.”

...The Grand Annual Appeal represents a crucial step in achieving our goals. For this reason, I thank you for your generous support of the Appeal, and our weekly offertory/online giving. As Saint Paul write to the Corinthians, “Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully...for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work.” (2 Cor 9: 6-8).

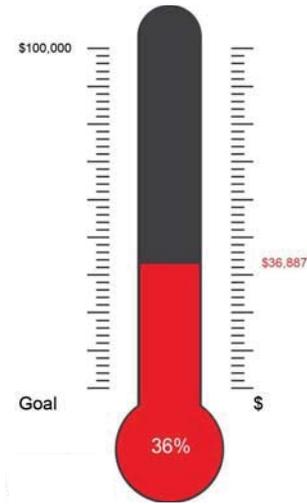
As I repeat at the end of every Mass, thank you for your gifts of time, talent, and treasures; and in a special way, thank you for your support of our Grand Annual appeal.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Marcos*



**St. Monica Parish**



**St. Lucy Parish**



**NOVEMBER 23 & 24**

**St. Monica - \$6,638      St. Lucy - \$4,145**

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 Tomato Sauce & Canned Pasta. 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.

**GETHSEMANE CHAPEL AT ST. MONICA CHURCH**  
 Open 7 days per week from morning rush hour until 7pm

**CHAPEL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
 ST. LUCY CANDLE SHRINE**  
 Open 7 days per week from 9am-5pm

**BAPTISMS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Monica's | 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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

**CONFESSIONS**  
 SAT 3-3:45pm at both parishes

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**INTROIT***Isaiah 30: 19, 30*

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,  
And the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

1. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine  
2. O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our

1. own from Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell thy  
2. spir - its by thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y

1. peo - ple save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the  
2. clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to

1. grave. Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el shall  
2. flight.

come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

**PENITENTIAL ACT***Refer to Pew Card***FIRST READING***Baruch 5:1-9*

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM***Psalm 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6*

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

2. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

3. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

4. Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, they shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

## **SECOND READING**

*Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11*

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

## **ALLELUIA**

*Luke 3:4, 6*



✠ Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

## **GOSPEL**

*Luke 3:1-6*

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: *A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*Refer to Pew Card*

## **SANCTUS - MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION - AGNUS DEI**

*Refer to Pew Card*

## **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Baruch 5: 5*

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

*Creator of the Stars of Night*



1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,  
 2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse  
 3. When this old world drew on toward night,  
 4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now  
 5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,  
 6. To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son,



Your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,  
Should doom to death a u - ni - verse,  
You came; but not in splen - dor bright,  
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
Re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;  
And God the Spir - it, Three in One,



O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,  
You came, O Sav - ior, to set free  
Not as a mon - arch, but the child  
All things on earth with one ac - cord,  
De - fend us while we dwell be - low  
Praise, hon - or, might and glo - ry be



We pray you hear us when we call.  
Your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.  
Of Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.  
Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.  
From all as - saults of our dread foe.  
From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

### **PRAYERTO 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.



### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set thy peo - ple free!  
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth thou art;  
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child, and yet a king:  
4. By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



1. From our fears and sins re - lease us, Let us find our rest in thee.  
2. Dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
3. Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
4. By thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

## ST. MONICA PARISH

### Saturday, December 7

9:00am FIRST SATURDAY MASS  
 4:00pm Alexander & Gloria Vellette  
 Alan Tisbert

### Sunday, December 8

9:00am Giuseppe Branchina  
 Jim Gablosky  
 Michael McGreevy  
 12:00pm Maria & Fred Laird

### Monday, December 9 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

1:00pm HOLY DAY MASS  
 6:00pm HOLY DAY MASS

### Saturday, December 14

9:00am Winifred Mulcrone  
 Joseph Collins  
 4:00pm For the Parishioners of  
 St. Lucy & St. Monica

### Sunday, December 15

9:00am Amy Waterworth  
 Deceased Members of  
 the Quintana Family  
 Eliza Lasota  
 William Leach  
 Theresa Leach  
 Billy Leach  
 12:00pm Sheila Spinney

## ST. LUCY PARISH

### Saturday, December 7

4:00pm Perry, Clara, Steven, & Beverly Autiello

### Sunday, December 8

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

### Monday, December 9 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

9:00am HOLY DAY MASS

### Tuesday, December 10 - LIVING INTENTIONS

9:00am Richard Cianci  
 Donna & Joe Vicari  
 St. Joseph for favors received  
 Fritchey & Mulvaney Families  
 In Thanksgiving  
 Ron and Carol Jackson and the  
 Jackson Family

### Wednesday, December 11

9:00am Neil Perry

### Thursday, December 12

9:00am Christine Ferguson

### Friday, December 13

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

### Saturday, December 14

4:00pm Deceased Members of the Campone,  
 Rotonelli & Bevilaqua Families

### Sunday, December 15

10:30am Elaine Parrino  
 Deceased Members of the BVM Sodality  
 Leda Crescenzo  
 Margaret & Domenic Nicolosi  
 Louise & John Salmi  
 Henry, Betty & Michael Bruno  
 Michael & Anne Louise Glynn

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
Sun	12/08/24	Fr. Joseph Hubbard	Nick Colon SJS Boston
Mon	12/09/24	Fr. George Evans	Br. Jonathan Maria Ebert OCD
Tues	12/10/24	Fr. Brian McHugh	Adam Habershaw SJS Providence
Wed	12/11/24	Fr. J. Michael Lawlor	Ryan Henderson SJS Boston
Thurs	12/12/24	Archbishop Richard Henning	Nicholas Hershbine SJS Portland, ME
Fri	12/13/24	Pope Francis (ordained 1969)	Joseph Maurer SJS Rochester, NY
Sat	12/15/24	Fr. John Currie	Christian Ortez RMS Boston

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## PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Eileen F., Robert L., Madelyn,  
 Buddy B., Maria P., Phyllis T. & Patrice K.

Please pray for Annmarie Boyden, Claire McCarthy  
 & Pauline Marie Conlin whose funerals we recently  
 offered. May the souls of the faithful departed rest  
 in peace. Amen.

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"Be a Servant" Matthew 20:26



SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## AN ADVENT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

December 7, 7:00PM

December 8, 3:00PM

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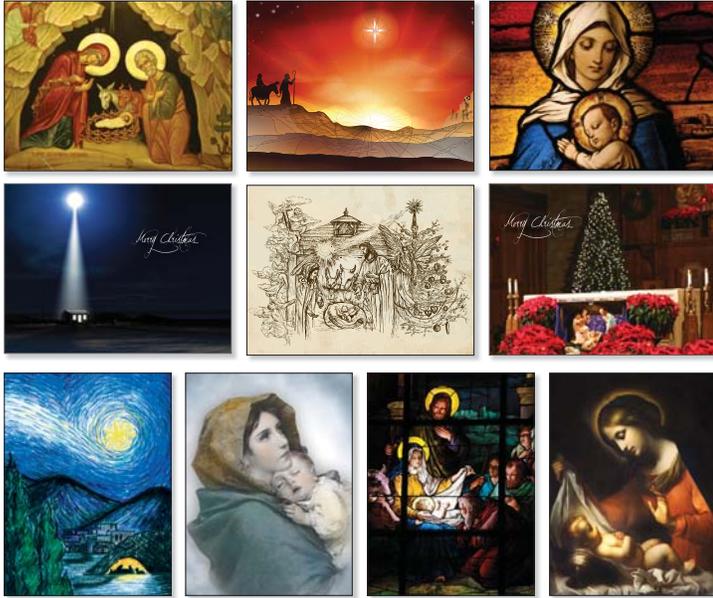
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