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#### YES I CAN PROGRAM

We are in need of soups, cereal, rice, mashed potatoes, canned beans, canned fruits, and jelly.

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!



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### **SUNDAY'S READINGS**

#### FIRST READING:

God put Abraham to the test. (Gn 22:1)

#### PSALM:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

#### SECOND READING:

If God is for us, who can be against us? (Rom 8:31)

#### GOSPEL:

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Thursday: St. Casimir

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent





## REFLECT

#### FIRST READING

God's request of Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac seems cruel from our modern perspective. Yet Abraham's obedience rendered divine blessings. Do you think you have such depth of faith?

#### SECOND READING

Paul tries to reassure the Christians in Rome of God's divine providence in our lives. As we continue the Lenten journey, can you recall when have you felt God's protection and comfort?

#### **GOSPEL READING**

We hear Mark's account of the apostles' witness of the transfiguration of Jesus. How difficult do you think it was for them not to share this event with anyone until after Jesus rose from the dead?

### ST. MONICA PARISH

**Saturday, February 27** 4:00pm Laurie Jackson

Sunday, February 28

9:00am Multiple Intentions

Nancy Tardif Rose Kay

**Deceased Members of the Grant** 

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11:00am Gratien Michaud

Saturday, March 6

9:00am First Saturday Mass4:00pm Betty Jean Fralick

Sunday, March 7

9:00am Multiple Intentions

Ann Gallant Vincenzo Lazzara Christine Ferguson Dick Doherty

Patricia Perry 11:00am Yvonne Soucv

# PARISH SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY

SUNDAY MASS

9:00 & 11:00 AM ST. MONICA CHURCH 10:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH

## MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, & FRIDAY DAILY MASS

9:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH

#### WEDNESDAY

CONFESSIONS

7:00 - 8:00 PM GETHSEMANE CHAPEL

#### FRIDAY

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2:00 - 5:00 PM GETHSEMANE CHAPEL

CONFESSIONS 4:00 - 5:00 PM

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#### SATURDAY

CONFESSIONS 3:00 - 3:45 PM

ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH

VIGIL MASS 4:00 - 5:00 PM

ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH

### ST. LUCY PARISH

**Saturday, February 27** 4:00pm Manuel Melo

Sunday, February 28

10:00am Multiple Intentions

Fidel & Loretta Boudreau

Susan Harrington Georgette Lebel

Monday, March 1

9:00am James M. Mahoney

Tuesday, March 2

9:00am Pasquale & Carmela Dilorenzo &

Alfred Bencivenga

Thursday, March 4

9:00am Bertrand LeBlanc & Real Taschereau

Friday, March 5

9:00am Amy Waterworth

Saturday, March 6

4:00pm Angelo Coco & Kenneth Hyslip, Sr.

Sunday, March 7

10:00am Multiple Intentions

Michael Busby Anthony Calderone Gilbert Fontaine

### A Way to Increase Your Prayer Life

#### The Coming Triumph

Fr. David Gunter, MIC has put together a nine episode series about The Days of Elijah and The Coming Triumph.

Fr. Gunter was ordained a Boston Diocesan priest in 2009 and was assigned to St. Monica Parish. He then left diocesan ministry to go into formation with the Marians and made his Perpetual Profession in 2019 with the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception.

The episodes are being released weekly. You can find them at thecomingtriumph.org/episodes/.



### Readings for this week

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15,

16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/

Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23

[23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/

Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk

16:19-31

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-Friday:

19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Saturday:

[8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10,

11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

#### **PRAYER CORNER**

Please pray for Robyn Hurst, Kate Boyko, John Wilkens, Sarah Wilkens, and Gracie Theroux.

Please pray for John J. Weir, Raymond Quinn, and Mildred Kenyon whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at St. Monica's. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

Please pray for our priests, seminarians, and vocations daily. Pick up a Pray for Our Priests calendar and a seminarian prayer card at the back of the church or use this list each day. Our priests and seminarians need our prayers!

| Date  | Priest                      | Seminarian              |
|-------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 02/28 | Fr. Harold Lawson           | Nicholas Stano          |
| 03/01 | Fr. John Mulloy             | Deacon Fernando Ayala   |
| 03/02 | Fr. Christopher Boyle       | Deacon David Campo      |
| 03/03 | Fr. William Robinson        | Deacon Robert LeBlanc   |
| 03/04 | Fr. Rene van Hissenhoven SJ | Deacon Steven Restrepo  |
| 03/05 | Fr. Robert Milling          | Deacon Kevin Pleitez    |
| 03/06 | Fr. William Palardy         | Deacon Leonardo Moreira |

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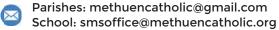
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Roses for Life for this week

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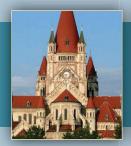
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