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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





## Pious Patriotism

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This day in the United States is often marked by an outpouring of patriotic fervor. But in troubled times (which are, perhaps, every time), it can be difficult to square patriotism with devotion to God, or even simply with right reason. For some, patriotism must be tempered by discomfort with a nation's stances on, for example, military action, marriage, or immigration.

Saint Thomas Aquinas's time was no less conflicted, and his own family was caught up in a political struggle between secular lord and pope. Nonetheless, he asserts that each man is a debtor to his country, and he places the paying of this debt under the virtue of *piety* (the ancient Roman notion of honor given to the gods, to parents, and to country). Saint Thomas even goes so far as to argue that one cannot properly worship God unless he also honors his country, for the greater virtue (religion or honor to God) includes the lesser (piety as honor to parents and country). He looks in particular at the case of one's duties to one's parents, as this is a case that is discussed in the Gospels, but his final conclusion applies both to filial piety and to patriotism.

Saint Thomas observes that piety and religion (in the sense of piety directed to God) are both virtues, but that "no virtue is opposed to another virtue, since ... 'good is not opposed to good.'" That is, in any case in which patriotism and religion seem opposed, the reality is that true patriotism requires that one obey the demands of religion; breaking the law of God in order to be patriotic is actually a contradiction. He argues that the debt that man owes to his country—the source of governance parallel to one's parents as the source of life—is to be paid to one's fellow citizens rather than to the concept of "nation." Our obligation to patriotism follows from the fact that our country has given us the governance and stability necessary for our being; we thus owe respect and honor to our country in the persons of our fellow citizens. However, we do not owe respect and honor to every particular law or policy of the nation. While men living in a republic should strive to make its government just, this is not the concern of patriotism, strictly speaking. Instead, a citizen is patriotic by having a special regard for his fellow citizens.

While it is very good to have concern for the general legal justice of one's country, one's obligation to patriotism extends rather to individual relationships. We can thus properly honor our country by honoring especially our fellow citizens who represent the service of governance and stability that the nation provides. For example, it is traditional to honor soldiers on civic holidays, and this is a laudable patriotic practice. It is also good to honor public safety workers, teachers, and garbage collectors (hopefully they have the day off). In this way, the Christian can be truly patriotic even given any healthy discomfort with some particular *legal aspect* of his country.

## Readings for this week

- Sunday:** Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
- Monday:** Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15
- Friday:** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33
- Next Sunday:** Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

## Observances for this week

- Sunday:** 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day
- Monday:** St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
- Tuesday:** St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday:** BVM
- Next Sunday:** 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## THE FULFILLMENT of ALL DESIRE

A video series by Dr. Ralph Martin



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

### UPCOMING DATES:

Wednesday evenings **7/7, & 7/14** (videos from the 2020 Advent Mission, Fulfillment of All Desire)

7/7 - Week 3: Initial Challenges, 1:00:06

7/14 - Week 4: Basic Stability, 1:09:19

&

**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](mailto:bonnieocds@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.



The Rosary and Chaplet Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica's. Please join us. All are welcome.



MANY WHO HEARD HIM WERE ASTONISHED.  
- MK 6:2



**ST. MONICA PARISH**

**Saturday, July 3**

9:00am **First Saturday Devotion**  
4:00pm Joseph O'Neil

**Sunday, July 4**

9:00am *Multiple Intention*  
Christine Ferguson  
Anastazja Arabudzki  
Charlie & Rose Hanafin  
Genowesa Doda  
Nora Noyes  
11:00am Independence Day Mass

**Saturday, July 10**

4:00pm Charles Coco

**Sunday, July 11**

9:00am *Multiple Intention*  
Leo & Georgette Michaud  
Donald, Rodrigue, &  
Gratien Michaud  
Paul Dionne  
Kevin J. Jones  
11:00am Rita O'Connor

**ST. LUCY PARISH**

**Saturday, July 3**

4:00pm Deceased Service Members

**Sunday, July 4**

10:00am Independence Day Mass

**Monday, July 5**

9:00am Roy Scally

**Tuesday, July 6**

9:00am Yvonne Soucy

**Thursday, July 8**

9:00am *Living Intentions*  
Catherine Donahue  
Claire Caredeo  
Aaron Iglehart  
Cindy Headley

**Friday, July 9**

9:00am Michael Torla

**Saturday, July 10**

4:00pm Laino Brosco

**Sunday, July 11**

10:00am *Multiple Intentions*  
Bertrand LeBlanc  
Angelo, Jack, & Jenny Maimone  
Lucille Arsenault  
Francis "Frank" O'Reilly



 **GOSPEL**

People in his hometown did not believe that Jesus could be smart enough to teach in their temples. They did not believe he could heal. So he went to other towns to teach and heal. If someone says that you are not smart enough or skilled enough, Jesus understands. He will help you. Tell them, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."





# SONGS & READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND


## INTROIT

*Ps 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.

## PROCESSIONAL 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

1. feet your trib-ute bring. Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -  
2. peo - ple in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same as

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,

1. al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!  
2. al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!

## CONFITEOR - KYRIE - GLORIA

*Refer to Pew Card*

## FIRST READING

*Ezek 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

*Ps 123 (122): 1-2, 2, 3-4*

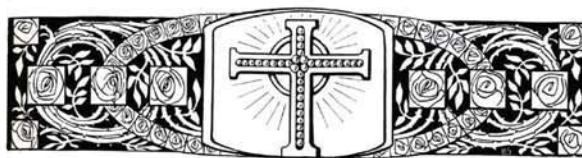


Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, plead - ing for his mer - cy.

☩ 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.



# SONGS & READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

## SECOND READING

2 Cor 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.

## ALLELUIA

Cf. Luke 4:18



∞ The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

## GOSPEL

Mk 6: 1-6

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.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Refer to Pew Card

## SANCTUS - MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION - AGNUS DEI

Refer to Pew Card

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 34 (33): 9 - GR

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

## COMMUNION HYMN

O Sacrament Most Holy

1. O Je - sus, we a - dore thee, Who, in thy love di -  
2. O Je - sus, we a - dore thee, Our Vic - tim and our  
3. O Je - sus, we a - dore thee, Our Sav - ior and our

1. vine, Con - ceal thy might - y God - head In  
2. Priest, Whose pre - cious Blood and Bod - y Be -  
3. King, And with the saints and an - gels Our

1. forms of bread and wine.  
2. come our sa - cred feast. O Sac - ra - ment most ho - ly, O  
3. hum - ble hom - age bring.

Sac - ra - ment di - vine, All praise and all thanks - giv - ing Be  
eve - ry mo - ment thine!



# SONGS & READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*America The Beautiful*



1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - ci - ous skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
3. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,



1. For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
2. A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
3. Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!



1. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
2. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,
3. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,



1. And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.
2. Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.
3. Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - 'ry gain di - vine.



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## 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 **canned peas, pancake mix and syrup, 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 **Sarah Wilkens, Henry Menges, Ginny C., Anna S., Adam, Heather, Haven, Maeve, Robyn Hurst, Tricia R., Jackie L., and Cindy**

Please pray for **Anna Serwatka** whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at St. Monica's. May her 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	7/4	Fr. John Culloty	David Pineda
Mon	7/5	Msgr. Frederick Murphy	Alexander Charow
Tue	7/6	Bishop Reed: ordained 1985	Johnathan Saniuk
Wed	7/7	Fr. Raymond Benoit	Brian Daley
Thurs	7/8	Fr. George Hogan	Dong Pham
Fri	7/9	All Friars of the Atonement	Marcelo Ferrari
Sat	7/10	Fr. James O'Leary	David Joanis

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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** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 1:00pm at St. Monica's and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 12:00pm at St. Lucy's

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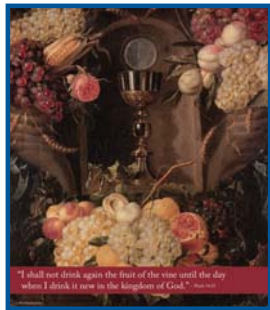
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