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THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:43-45

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Each fall for many years now we have prayed a novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe in our parishes. In our bulletin reflections we have read of Our Lady's appearances to St. Juan Diego in Mexico in December 1531. We know of Our Lady herself placing flowers in St. Juan Diego's cloak, called a tilma. When he opened his tilma before the bishop the flowers fell out and on the tilma was the image of Our Lady. Cardinal Seán has written, "...in the sacred Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe we have the only self-portrait of Mary..."



Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas and the Unborn. St. John Paul II declared her the Star of the New Evangelization.

The image is a pictograph which could be read and understood by the Aztecs. What did the image so clearly explain about Christianity that caused eight million natives of Mexico to convert to Catholicism from 1531 to 1538?

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin provides the following information:

- Our Lady appears as a beautiful young Indian maiden and Queen.
- Her eyes are looking down with humility and compassion. She is human, not God.
- She is wearing a blue-green mantle (the color worn by royalty) covered with stars. The stars signify she comes from heaven – the Queen of Heaven. The constellations are in the exact position as appeared before dawn on the morning of December 12, 1531 when St. Juan Diego brought the flowers to the bishop.
- Her robe is rose colored and covered with Aztec flowers, symbolic of an Aztec princess.
- In the center of her robe, overlying her womb, is a four petal quincunx flower in the shape of a cross which is the sign of the Divine and the center of the cosmic order to the Aztec. The Virgin's Baby, Jesus, is Divine and the new center of the universe.
- Her hands are joined in prayer and, therefore, she is not God but clearly there is one greater than she and she points her finger to the cross on her brooch.
- She wears a black maternity band signifying she is with Child.
- A black cross is on the brooch around her neck. This signifies she is a follower of the God of the Spanish Missionaries, Jesus Christ who died on the cross for all.
- She stands in front of the sun. The sun symbolizes the greatest Aztec god – Huitzilopochtli. She announces the God who is greater than their sun god.
- She stands on the moon. The crescent moon symbolized the Aztec god Quetzalcoatl, the feathered serpent moon god. She has clearly crushed and defeated him.
- An angel with eagle's wings supports the Mother of God. The eagle was the "bird of the sun." Here the eagle is the servant of the Virgin. She holds her mantle in one hand and robe with the other, signifying the Son she bears is from both heaven and earth.
- Scientific analysis has shown reflections of people in the Virgin's eyes, just as any human eye would reflect. There are 13 figures including St. Juan Diego and Bishop Zumárraga.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us. St. Juan Diego, pray for us.

SECOND COLLECTION WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith - a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.

MASS FOR VICTIMS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE

A special Mass will be held on the Feast of St. Jude, the Patron Saint of Hope and Impossible causes, on Monday, October 28th, at 6:00pm at St. Monica Church. The Mass will be for Parishioners, their families, friends, neighbors, acquaintances, and anybody in the community, living or deceased, who may be suffering or have suffered from substance abuse. A petition box will be located at St. Lucy Parish during the week of Oct 21-25 and at St. Monica Parish the weekends of Oct. 19/20 and Oct. 26/27. You may write the **FIRST NAME ONLY**, of anybody you know of, that is suffering or have suffered from any form of substance abuse. The petition box will be included as part of the Special Mass on October 28th.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God, through faith, for all you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ” (Galatians 3:26-27)



St John Paul II
Feast Day, October 22

HOSPITALITY/REFRESHMENTS

Please join us for refreshments

Sunday, October 20th

St. Monica School Hall
After the 9am Mass

St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
After the 10:30am Mass

Everyone is welcome!

BVM SODALITY NEWS

Attention All Bakers...The Bakery Committee for the Sodality Fall Craft Fair is seeking donations of baked goods from the bakers in our parish. Please consider donating any baked goods: cookies, pies, cakes, candies, etc. Please **LABEL** if your contribution contains nuts and/or is gluten free. **Happy Baking!!!**
All donations should be brought to the Parish Hall on Friday, October 25th from 12 noon – 5:00.

Looking for something to do??? Mark Your Calendar..... October 26th is the Sodality Fall Craft Fair! The Sodality welcomes anyone interested in helping during the Craft Fair – anytime from 7:00am – 4:00pm. Come join the fun while helping to raise money for our Parish! If you can spare 1, 2, or 3 hours please let us know!

Please email: bvmsodality85@gmail.com

Text or Call: 978.314.8353

Please leave your name, phone number and time to expect you!



October 26, 2024

Craft Fair

Save The Date

30+ vendors

Free Admission	St. Lucy Church Hall 254 Merrimack Street Methuen, MA	9am-3pm
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JOIN THE FUN!!

Drop Off a canned food item and RECEIVE a **FREE** Ticket for our Door Prize Drawings! **Let's support the FOOD PANTRY at the Methuen Senior Citizens Center!**

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Patroness of the Americas
Star of the First and the New Evangelizations
Patroness of the Unborn

**Nine Tuesdays from
September 10 - November 5
Saint Monica Church
7pm**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Praying the Rosary
The Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Reading and Meditation/Reflection
The Novena Prayers
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

"Let not your heart be disturbed. Am I not here? Are you not under my protection? So not grieve or be disturbed by anything."

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!

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Lucy Church

Thursday evenings 6-7pm (ZOOM)
Rosary for world peace & individual intentions followed by Evening Prayer.
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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Saturdays 9:30am-2:30pm Gethsemane Chapel



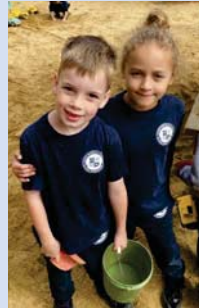
Knights of Columbus - St. Monica Council 14725 is starting a new program:

NEVER ALONE

Members of the Council will be visiting former Knights who are now homebound. Anyone who knows someone from either St. Lucy or St. Monica Parishes is invited to contact Council 14725 Family Director, Larry Giordano, at 978-360-9256 with the name, address and phone number of the former Knight who would like to receive a visit.

SAINT MONICA SCHOOL NEWS

Grades Kindergarten, 1 and 2 all visited Parlee Farm to go apple and pumpkin picking! A great time was had by all! A special thank you to the teachers who planned it and to the parents who volunteered to chaperone and make this event extra special!



On Thursday, October 10th, SMS celebrated Multicultural Night. It was a wonderful night spent learning about all of the different cultures and their traditions!



OCTOBER 5 & 6

St. Monica - \$6,704

St. Lucy - \$5,155

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 Mashed Potatoes, Canned Beans, Canned Fruit, Canned Baked Beans, Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Rice Sides. 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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Open 7 days per week from morning rush hour until 7pm

**CHAPEL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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Open 7 days per week from 9am-5pm

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.

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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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Psalm 137(16): 6, 8*

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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*Isaiah 53: 10-11*

The LORD was pleased
to crush him in infirmity.

If he gives his life as an offering for sin,
he shall see his descendants in a long life,
and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him.

Because of his affliction
he shall see the light in fullness
of days;
through his suffering, my servant shall justify many,
and their guilt he shall bear.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Psalm 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22*

R. Lord, let your mer - cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness,
to deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

SECOND READING*Hebrews 4: 14-16*

Brothers and sisters: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Mark 10: 45*

The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

GOSPEL*Mark 10: 35-45*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

CREED*Refer to Pew Card***COMMUNION ANTIPHON***mark 10; 45*

The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.

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*Shelter Me, O God*RECESSIONAL HYMN*Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, October 19

9:00am Joseph Lavigne
Yvette Moran
Mike Milnes

4:00pm Paul Valliere

Sunday, October 20

9:00am Neil Perry
Anthony Giuffrida
Nora Noyes

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

Saturday, October 26

9:00am William & Margaret Collins

4:00pm Elaine Marie Gaudet

Sunday, October 27

9:00am Alice Beverley
Michael Anzalone
Francis Faucher

12:00pm Melissa Reynolds Balke

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4:00pm John McKenna
Raymond Richard

Sunday, October 20

10:30am Josephine & Anthony J. Carelli
and Deceased Members of their family
Sid & Nancy DeMarco
Joe & Marie Querol
Roger & Grace Barbin
Salvatore R. Boragine, Jr.

Monday, October 21

9:00am Manny Gianni
Christine Gianni Eldridge

Tuesday, October 22

9:00am Antonio & Evelina Mollica

Wednesday, October 23

9:00am Clarence Pelletier

Thursday, October 24

9:00am Jill M. Stevens

Friday, October 25

9:00am Charles J. Rimas

Saturday, October 26

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

Sunday, October 27

10:30am Alan R. Roderick
Ronnie Landry
Bertrand LeBlanc
Real Taschereau
Gerard Taschereau
Vivian Bodary

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
Sun	10/20/24	All Passionists	Gerson Garcia
Mon	10/21/24	Fr. George Fitzsimmons	Rafael Milla
Tues	10/22/24	Fr. Linh Nguyễn	Thomas Rashid
Wed	10/23/24	Fr. John Paris	Johnathan Saniuk
Thurs	10/24/24	All Claretians	Deacon Brian Daley
Fri	10/25/24	Fr. William Devine	Deacon Brian Delaney
Sat	10/26/24	Fr. Karlo Hocurscak	Deacon Thuy Nguyễn



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Maria P., Phyllis T., Dan M., Kristin M., Barbara S., Family of Leo M., Janet C., Taylor, Dirk D., Claire M., & Patrice K.

Please pray for John M. Giarrusso, Francesco Pelliccione, Cheryl Walsh, & Robert Cushman whose funerals we recently offered. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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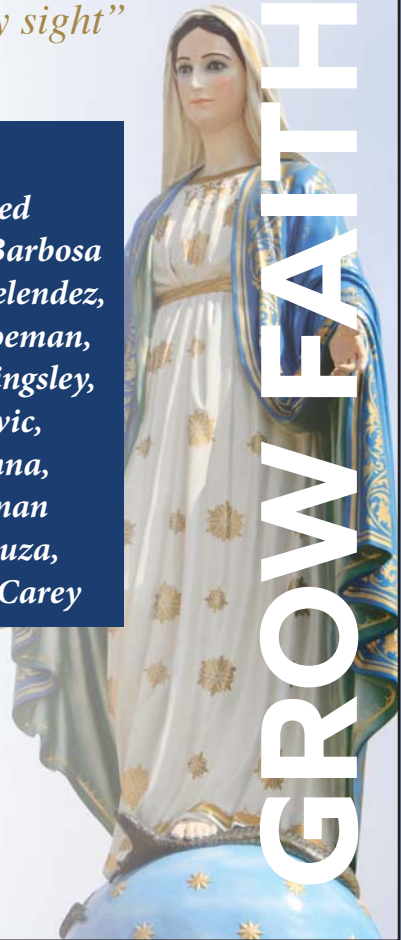
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