

# METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

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*Welcome*

Archbishop-elect Richard G. Henning, S.T.D.

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Friends,

You may or may not agree with the following two statements: 1) “God never gives us more than we can handle” and 2) “Everything happens for a reason.” They tend to be words that are expressed to relatives or friends of ours who have experienced a loss or a tragic event in their lives. I’m not convinced that everyone who says these words believes them, but we seem to think they bring comfort to those who are bereaved. But like so many other things in life, these words are indicative of our understanding of God. Many of us were raised to believe that God is an Almighty Being sitting on a throne in the sky. We’re made to believe that God orchestrates the events of our world – testing us, judging us, and condemning us. We use this image to justify the existence of hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, disasters, accidents, and illnesses. For thousands of years, when we had no idea what caused such tragedies, we looked to the sky for answers. While we couldn’t understand these mysteries, we had to accept God’s will and be part of God’s plan. Today (thank God!), we have much more information about geology, anthropology, meteorology, psychology, theology, and medicine, so we know what is responsible for these occurrences. Scientists no longer tell us it is God determining who dies and when. Whenever any tragic event happens worldwide or in our individual lives, rather than asking “why did this happen” (putting the responsibility on God), the healthier question is “how” did this happen (it can be explained by those who have done the research).

When my sister’s first child (Lisa) died a few weeks after her birth, I never thought or expressed to her that God had anything to do with it. God doesn’t bring about the negative experiences in life, but when they occur, God does give us the strength and desire to overcome them. If it is true that we are created in the image of God, then we have to realize that if we would never wish harm on our own children to “test their love for us” or to “punish them,” then why do we attribute such qualities to God? Putting it simply, I believe that when God was sick and tired of being blamed for all the tragedies of life, God sent Jesus into the world to prove that God loves us. Jesus spent his life healing, forgiving, and loving. So, when I hear anyone say those two expressions with which I began, I realize they have a totally different understanding of God than I do. As the gospel says, “Would you give your child a snake when he asks for a fish, or a scorpion when he asks for an egg?” We would never describe such a parent as healthy, so how can we still attribute such behavior to God?

So, we do have a choice: we can grow, evolve, and mature in our understanding of God or we can continue to believe everything we were taught about God from our earliest days. We would never do that in other areas of our lives, e.g., history, science, medicine, law, technology, or finances. We consider it a challenge to expand our knowledge in so many areas but hesitate when it comes to God (theology) or the Church (ecclesiology). Education will always affect our experience of reality. I can deny that reality, but the world will leave me behind. God loves us unconditionally and has given us unlimited potential. Those two gifts are what motivate me to encourage you to choose to expand your relationships with God from one of fear to one of love. It’s made all the difference to me, and I know what it can do for you and those you love.

Enjoy life!

*Fr. Ron Coyne*



**WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE**

The Archdiocese of Boston has appointed a new temporary administrator for our parishes of St. Lucy & St. Monica. Fr. Marcos Peña will arrive on August 26 to begin his ministry in Methuen. He is originally from El Salvador and was ordained a priest in 2009. He will have an introductory letter in next weeks' bulletin (8/17-18) to let us know more about himself and his hopes for the future. Fr. Marcos is a wonderful human being who looks forward to serving our parishes and our school community.



## *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Is a holy day of obligation

Thursday, August 15, 2024

Mass Times:

9:00am - St. Lucy Church

6:00pm - St. Monica Church

*"A Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration helps to bring everlasting peace to earth." - St. Teresa of Calcutta*

Begins August 15 at 6:00pm  
with Holy Day Mass

Concludes August 17 at 9:00am  
with Saturday Morning Mass

**METHUEN CATHOLIC**  
THE PARISHES OF ST. LUCY & ST. MONICA

## **40 HOUR DEVOTION**

**Thursday, August 15 – Saturday, August 17**  
**Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church**  
**212 Lawrence St. | Methuen, MA**

Please contact Maureen  
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Partner with a friend



## Cardinal's Message to the Archdiocese of Boston

Dear Friends,

On Monday, August 5, 2024 the Holy Father announced that he has named the Most Reverend Richard G. Henning, S.T.D. as the tenth bishop and seventh archbishop of the Archdiocese of Boston. Archbishop-elect Henning is currently the Bishop of the Diocese of Providence.

On behalf of the entire Archdiocese of Boston, including our priests, religious, deacons, and laity we welcome Archbishop-elect Richard Henning. We extend our deep gratitude to the Holy Father for this appointment demonstrating his ongoing pastoral care for the people of the Archdiocese. I look forward to our people and the wider community getting to know our new Archbishop-elect in the days, weeks, months and years ahead. He ministers with the heart of a pastor with a sincere commitment to serving Christ and the Church.

Archbishop-elect Henning will be installed as Archbishop of Boston on Thursday, October 31, 2024, at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston, MA. Additional details to follow.

Archbishop-elect Henning has asked us to share his initial comments with you on his appointment:

"I am grateful to His Holiness Pope Francis for his confidence in me and for his conferral of this new mission as Archbishop of Boston. I receive this appointment relying upon divine Providence, aware that this is the Lord's Church and that I am no more than an unworthy servant.

I would also like to express my gratitude to His Eminence Cardinal Sean O'Malley who has served the Church of Boston for many faithful and joyful years.

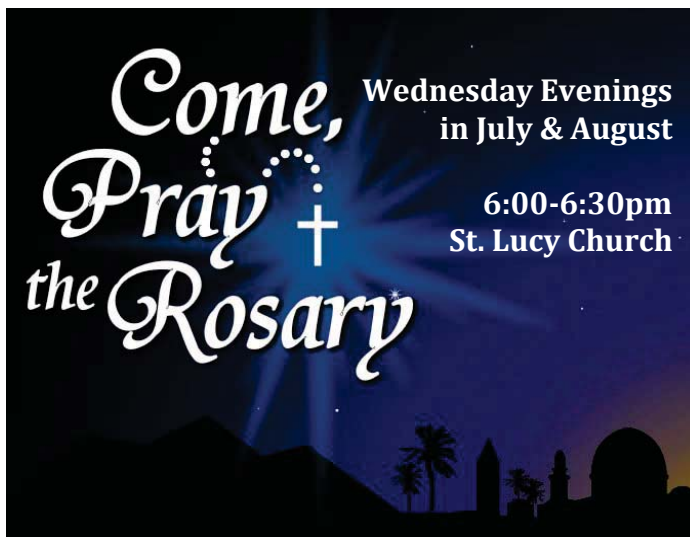
Greetings to the clergy and faithful of Boston. I ask your prayers that I may cling to the Lord's Holy Cross, honor His mother, imitate His saints, and love you as His people and His ministers." We adore You and praise You O Christ, for by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

Certainly, I have much left to express to you all about my gratitude for my 21 years as your shepherd. I will reserve those words for a time closer to the end of my assignment as your Archbishop. Today is a day of celebration and prayer as we welcome the Holy Father's assignment of Archbishop-elect Henning to the Archdiocese. I ask that you pray for him as he begins to plan for this transition. In the meantime, please be assured of my continued prayers for all of you.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
Cardinal Seán

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### 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.**



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Fr. Bernard Makadani Zulu from The Society for the Propagation of the Faith will be preaching at all our parishes' masses on the weekend of August 24th and 25th.

We will be taking up a second collection at all masses that weekend for the missions.

*Prayer to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



FATHER IN HEAVEN,  
ALL CREATION RIGHTLY GIVES YOU PRAISE,  
FOR ALL LIFE AND ALL HOLINESS  
COME FROM YOU.  
IN THE PLAN OF YOUR WISDOM SHE WHO BORE  
THE CHRIST IN HER WOMB WAS RAISED BODY AND  
SOUL IN GLORY TO BE  
WITH HIM IN HEAVEN.  
MAY WE FOLLOW HER EXAMPLE  
IN REFLECTING YOUR HOLINESS AND  
JOIN IN HER HYMN OF ENDLESS  
LOVE AND PRAISE.

WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.  
AMEN.

 **PUZZLE**

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

soul	humble	Mighty
spirit	servant	great
Savior	blessed	holy

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- hylo      \_\_\_\_\_
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- gerta      \_\_\_\_\_



NINETEENTH  
**SUNDAY**  
IN ORDINARY TIME

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

John 6:51

**JULY 27 & 28**

St. Monica - \$8,067.<sup>00</sup>

St. Lucy - \$3,922.<sup>00</sup>

**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 Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Beans, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Boxed Spaghetti, Mac & Cheese, Canned Pasta, Pancake Mix, Syrup, and Soups. 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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**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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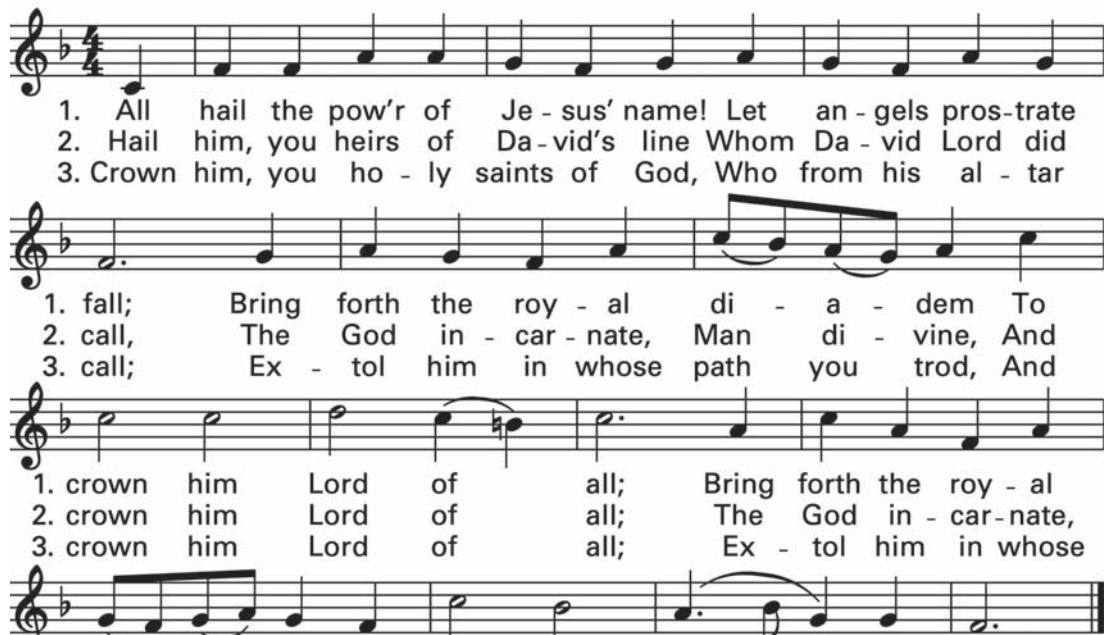
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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON***Psalm 74 (73): 20, 19, 22, 23*

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**ENTRANCE HYMN***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*


1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate  
2. Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line Whom Da - vid Lord did  
3. Crown him, you ho - ly saints of God, Who from his al - tar

1. fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem To  
2. call, The God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, And  
3. call; Ex - tol him in whose path you trod, And

1. crown him Lord of all; Bring forth the roy - al  
2. crown him Lord of all; The God in - car - nate,  
3. crown him Lord of all; Ex - tol him in whose

1. di - a - dem To crown him Lord of all.  
2. Man di - vine, And crown him Lord of all.  
3. path you trod, And crown him Lord of all.

**PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA***Refer to Pew Card***FIRST READING***1 Kings 19: 4-8*

Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death saying: "This is enough, O LORD! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM***Psalm 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9*


**R.** Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

Glorify the LORD with me, let us together extol his name.  
I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame.  
When the afflicted man called out, the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.  
Taste and see how good the LORD is; blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

**SECOND READING***Ephesians 4: 30-5: 2*

Brothers and sisters: Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever.

**GOSPEL***John 6: 41-51*

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven," and they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets:

*They shall all be taught by God.*

Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

**CREED***Refer to Pew Card***COMMUNION ANTIPHON***John 6: 51*

The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

**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*Be Thou My Vision*

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, or man's emp - ty praise,
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



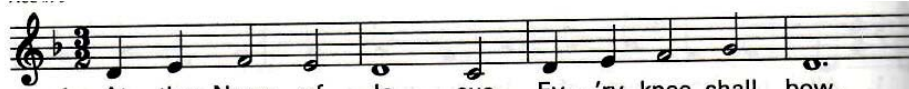
1. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
2. I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
3. Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
4. May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



1. Thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
2. Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
3. Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
4. Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



1. Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
2. Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
3. High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
4. Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

RECESSIONAL HYMN*At the Name of Jesus*

1. At the Name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
2. Hum - bled for a sea - son, To re - ceive a Name
3. Bore it up tri - um - phant, With its hu - man light,
4. In your hearts en - throne him; There let him sub - due
5. Je - sus, Lord and Sav - ior, Shall re - turn a - gain,



1. Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
2. From the lips of sin - ners, Un - to whom he came,
3. Through all ranks of crea - tures, To the cen - tral height,
4. All that is not ho - ly, All that is not true:
5. With his Fa - ther's glo - ry O'er the earth to reign;



1. 'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call him Lord,
2. Faith - ful - ly he bore it Spot - less to the last,
3. To the throne of God - head, To the Fa - ther's breast;
4. Crown him as your Cap - tain In temp - ta - tion's hour;
5. For all wreaths of em - pire Meet up - on his brow,



1. Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.
2. Brought it back vic - to - rious, When through death he passed.
3. Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.
4. Let his will en - fold you In its light and power.
5. And our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

## ST. MONICA PARISH

### Saturday, August 10

9:00am Thelma McGreevy

4:00pm Salvatore D'Urso

### Sunday, August 11

9:00am Terry & George McGreevy  
Michael McGreevy  
Linda A. Allard  
Leo & Margaret Beaudoin  
Joseph Donohue

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

### Thursday, August 15 - ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:00pm HOLY DAY MASS

### Saturday, August 17

9:00am Joseph Lavigne  
Yvette Moran  
Mike Milnes

4:00pm Deceased Members of the  
Beaudoin & Muhilly Families

### Sunday, August 18

9:00am Roland Beaudoin  
James Oliveri

12:00pm Deceased Members of the  
Finocchiaro Family

## ST. LUCY PARISH

### Saturday, August 10

4:00pm Lawrence Abruzzese

### Sunday, August 11

10:30am Deceased Members of the BVM Sodality  
Thomas Wholley  
William Hitchmoth  
John J. Whittaker  
Patricia Rischer

### Monday, August 12

9:00am Kristina Szablowska

### Tuesday, August 13 - LIVING INTENTIONS

9:00am Kathy Axford  
Kimberly Rovinski  
In thanksgiving for and the sanctification  
of priests  
To Saint Anthony for favors received

### Thursday, August 15 - ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00am HOLY DAY MASS

### Friday, August 16

9:00am Janet Szostak

### Saturday, August 17

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

### Sunday, August 18

10:30am Linda Ferraro  
Carmene & Carmela Santantonio  
Pasquale & Carmela DiLorenzo  
Dorothy Boragine  
Lucy Boragine  
David Doherty

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
Sun	08/04/24	Fr. Gerald Osterman	Luca Azzani
Mon	08/05/24	Fr. Thomas Walsh	Alden Bronson
Tues	08/06/24	Msgr. Charles Bourque	Alexander deTirado
Wed	08/07/24	Fr. Jeffrey Archer	Joseph Jasinski
Thurs	08/08/24	Pope Francis	Diego Mendoza
Fri	08/09/24	Fr. Stephen Healy	Henry Seuffert
Sat	08/10/24	Fr. Edmond Desrosier	Tim Walsh

## PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Leo M., Janet C., Taylor, Dirk D., Claire M., & Patrice K.

Please pray for Arlene "Bunny" O'Hara whose funeral we recently offered. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.





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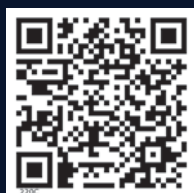
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