

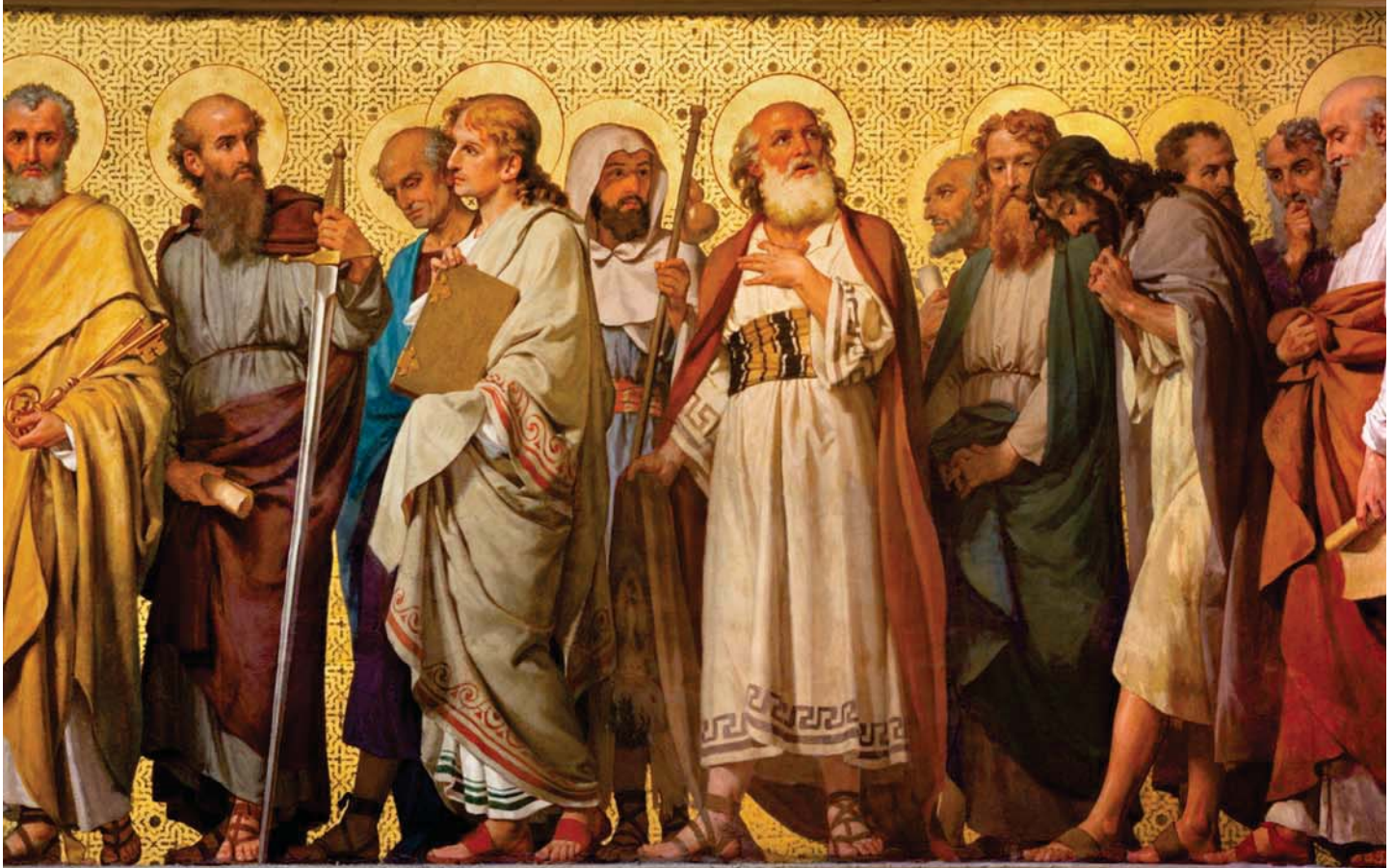
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Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two
and gave them authority over unclean spirits. Mk 6:7



Friends,

We all have our priorities in life. Some of them are chosen specifically, others become traditions or habits. Two of my priorities are walking and reading. Walking gives me a chance to prepare my homilies, communicate with God, notice the beauty around me, think about those I love and solve the world's problems. Reading allows me to benefit from the expertise, knowledge, and creativity of those more educated than I am.

Periodically, I come across thoughts that I choose to write down and later share with others. Today, I will share some of these insights with you.

"It's mind-boggling how many different worlds people live in on this one planet." Richelle Goodrich

"Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire." William Butler Yeats

"If one man dies of hunger, that is a tragedy. If millions die, that is a statistic." Stalin

"We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Sometimes we must interfere." Elie Wiesel

"Women who seek to be equal to men lack ambition." Timothy Leary

"Objective truth is always received subjectively." Phyllis Zagano

"When we gather only with those of like mind, or we read only the words agreed upon by the particular authorities who make us feel secure, then we will find exactly what we sought, and nothing greater." Paula D'Arcy

"The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who do nothing." Albert Einstein

"An event has happened, upon which it is difficult to speak, and impossible to remain silent." Edmund Burke (speaking about lynchings)

"Those who do not move, do not notice their chains." Rosa Luxemburg

"Some people are born on third base and go through life thinking they hit a triple." Barry Switzer

"All doctrines, policies, and practices based on or advocating superiority of peoples or individuals on the basis of natural origin or racial, religious, ethnic, or cultural differences are racist, scientifically false, legally invalid, morally condemnable and socially unjust." 2007 UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

"History isn't just a chronicle of events. Rather, it is the mirror of both who we are and who we want to be. For us to learn from the past, we have to look at and wrestle with all of it – the sad and the ugly as well as the good and the great." Scott Ellsworth

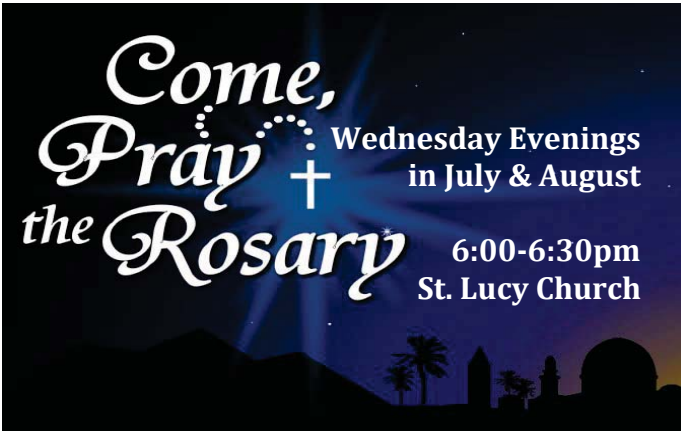
These can be heavy and challenging, so I leave you with a little humor. "I was in Davis Square the other day. I went by Mike's Deli, Dave's Cookies and Steve's Ice Cream. Okay, what happened to the days when men made steel?" Steven Wright

I have come to the conclusion that as long as I'm a reader, I will never be a "know-it-all."

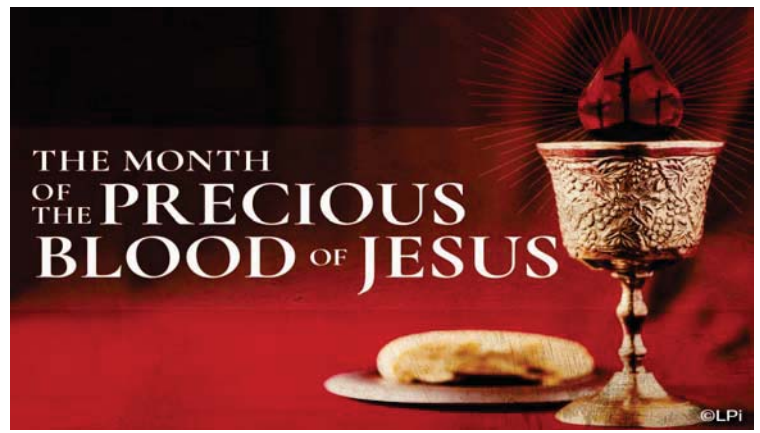
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- John Climacus, Seventh century

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June 26, 2024

Dear Families,

As you may know, Cardinal Séan O'Malley has ***lowered the age of reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation to Eighth Grade*** in the Archdiocese of Boston. This decision is based on recommendations from members of local Churches, and the desire to strengthen the relationship of our young people with Christ and his Church, opening to them the grace of the sacrament. For more information about these changes, please visit <https://www.evangelizeboston.com/confirmation/>

The Archdiocese has permitted each parish community to determine how to implement this change. After learning what other parishes are doing and much internal discussion, ***the Parishes of St. Lucy and St. Monica will make this transition to an Eighth-Grade Preparation over the next three years, while simultaneously strengthening our current high school youth ministry programs.***

What does this mean right now for those interested in preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

- Our Confirmation Preparation Program will become a 1-year program starting this year;
- This coming September, 2024 we will prepare ***both 9th and 10th Grade*** students for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation;
- Next September, 2025 we will prepare ***both 8th and 9th Grade*** students for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation;

I will provide more details in the coming weeks as we move forward together in this transition toward an Eighth-Grade Confirmation Program. In the meanwhile, I ask you to spread the word about this change to as many families inside and outside our parish communities as you can. Feel free to share it on social media and direct people to our website for more information and to register.

Youth Ministry

At the same time, we are excited to strengthen the Youth Ministry in our parishes. Youth Ministry at St. Lucy and St. Monica's will empower our youth to minister to their peers, their Church, and the community by providing regular service opportunities, social events, and worship events. In addition, we are looking into ways we can partner with area high schools and other Church organizations. I look forward to engaging with you about this program and welcome input as we shape this ministry. Feel free to call me at the office and stay tuned for more information on both our Confirmation and Youth Ministry Programs..

Sincerely,

Karl Jackson

Director of Parish Life
Methuen Collaborative
The Parishes of St. Lucy and St. Monica

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10:30 am St. Lucy
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SATURDAY 9 am St. Monica

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Psalm 17 (16): 15*

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

ENTRANCE HYMN*All Creatures of Our God and King*

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voic - es,
2. Great rush - ing winds who are so strong, You clouds a - bove that
3. Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for your
4. Dear moth - er earth, who day by day Un - folds your bless - ings
5. All you with mer - cy in your heart, For - giv - ing oth - ers,
6. And e - ven you, most gen - tle death, Wait - ing to hush our
7. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, And wor - ship him in



1. let us sing: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with
2. sail a - long, O__ praise him! Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing morn, with
3. Lord to hear, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Fire so in - tense and
4. on our way, O__ praise him! Al - le - lu - ia! All flow'rs and fruits that
5. take your part, O__ sing now! Al - le - lu - ia! All you that pain and
6. fi - nal breath, O__ praise him! Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back home the
7. hum - ble - ness, O__ praise him! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the Fa - ther,



1. gold - en beams, Soft sil - ver moon that gent - ly gleams, O praise him!
2. praise re - joice, Stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice, O praise him!
3. fierce - ly bright, Who gives to us both warmth and light, O praise him!
4. in you grow, Let them his glo - ry al - so show: O praise him!
5. sor - row bear, Praise God, and cast on him your care: O praise him!
6. child of God, For Christ our Lord that way has trod: O praise him!
7. praise the Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One: O praise him!



- 1-7. O praise him! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card*FIRST READING*Amos 7: 12-15*

Amaziah, priest of Bethel, said to Amos, "Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah! There earn your bread by prophesying, but never again prophesy in Bethel; for it is the king's sanctuary and a royal temple." Amos answered Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Psalm 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14*

R. Lord, let us see your kind - ness, and grant us your sal - va - tion.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD - for he proclaims peace.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

SECOND READING*Ephesians 1: 3-14*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.

In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

GOSPEL*Mark 6: 7-13*

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.” So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

CREED*Refer to Pew Card***COMMUNION ANTIPHON***Psalms 84 (83): 4-5*

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young;
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.

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*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high;
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain; } Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

1. Loud praise to Christ our King;
 2. Let prais - es fill the sky;
 3. Life shall not end the strain; } Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

1. Let all, with heart and voice, Be - fore his throne re - jice;
 2. He is our guide and friend; Our cry he will at - tend;
 3. On heav - en's joy - ful shore His good - ness we'll a - dore,

1. Praise is his gra - cious choice:
 2. His love shall nev - er end:
 3. Sing - ing for - ev - er - more: } Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, July 13

9:00am William Cormier, Jr.
 4:00pm Anastazja Arabudzki
 Benedykt Arabudzki
 Genowefa Doda

Sunday, July 14

9:00am Michael Joseph Mulligan
 Thelma McGreevy
 12:00pm Christine Ferguson

Saturday, July 20

9:00am Joseph Lavigne
 Yvette Moran
 Mike Milnes
 4:00pm Rose & Salvatore Filetti

Sunday, July 21

9:00am Thelma McGreevy
 12:00pm Mallie Silvey

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Saturday, July 13

4:00pm For the Parishioners of
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Sunday, July 14

10:30am Angelo Maimone
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 James Jessick
 Patricia & Alfred Augeri

Monday, July 15

9:00am Deceased Members of the Wholley Family

Tuesday, July 16

9:00am Joan Webster

Thursday, July 18

9:00am Michael Foley

Friday, July 19

9:00am Mark Nichols

Saturday, July 20

4:00pm Gennaro, Alfonzo & Filomena Buco

Sunday, July 14

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Thurs	07/18/24	Fr. Michael Harkins	Javier Padilla
Fri	07/19/24	Fr. Paul Kilroy	Diego Pena
Sat	07/20/24	Fr. Richard Crowley	Aaron Sanz



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Please pray for Michelle O., Janet C., Taylor, Dirk D., Claire M., Floyd N., Ernie R., Micah, Adrienne M., Josephine P., Karen C., Lloyd M., Mike B., Leo L., Bill R., & Patrice K.

Please pray for Bernard Lavoie, Kim Dowd, Saverio Luccisano & Matthew Baxter whose funerals we recently offered. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



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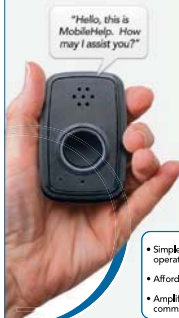
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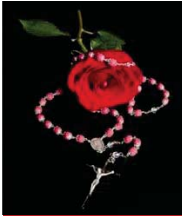


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