

Divine Mercy Sunday April 11

Celebrate with us with a service at St. Monica Church at 2:15 pm.

The service will include adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Confessions, and veneration of the image of Divine Mercy.

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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

HIGHLIGHTS APRIL 11, 2021

From Fr. Joe

On this Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, the floodgates of Divine Mercy are open to the whole world. All are invited to turn to God and receive the merits of His most Blessed Passion in whatever way their faith allows. We believe that Jesus appeared to a humble little nun in Poland back in the 1930s. To Sister Faustina, Jesus revealed the unimaginable magnitude of God's Mercy.

According to Saint Faustina: "On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast

of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. **Mankind will not** have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy" (Diary 699). To obtain the Divine Mercy indulgence, one must go to Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday. But one can go to confession in the week before or after the feast. It is not necessary to confess on Divine Mercy Sunday itself! We encourage confession in the week prior or following the Feast itself.

That's great, Father, but

what if I'm not participating in

Mass or Confession due to the

pandemic or some other

issue? Jesus has provided for just such a contingency: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory" (Diary 47, 48). Devotions and prayers made to the Merciful Lord through use of this image will open the heart to receive graces in proportion to the amount of trust that the soul places in Him. Notice that the rays flowing from the Heart of Jesus are already flowing toward the viewer unconditionally (there is no "on" or "off" button that we need to press to get them to flow). To receive them all we need to do is bring a vessel of trust.

But what if I don't have an

image of the Divine Mercy and no media through which to see one? Again, Jesus lovingly provides: "The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive. Souls that trust boundlessly are a great comfort to Me, because I pour all the treasures of My graces into them. I rejoice that they ask for much, because it is My desire to give much, very much. On the other hand, I am sad when souls ask for little, when they narrow their hearts" (Diary 1578). There are no "hoops" we need to jump through to receive this free grace. We only need a heart that has let go of its sins through repentance. In such a heart there is room for God's grace. Simply through the virtue of trust a heart can open the floodgates of mercy. Truly, God's mercy flows from the altar at Holy Mass as from the Altar of the Cross. God bless you!





Volunteers needed for our new Baptism ministry

While we've been in lockdown, we have not been

idle. We have spent a year developing a new formation and outreach program for the Sacrament of Baptism! We're looking for Mature and Newly Married Couples who are strong in their faith to provide witness talks, friendship, and mentoring in the faith for parents who come to our parishes for baptism and a community of faith to raise their families. This outreach will require prayerful reliance on God, some public speaking, and a desire to share the faith with others. Most of the time dedicated to this ministry will take place on evenings and weekends. Please prayerfully consider joining this effort, and reach out to Karl at (978) 683-1193.





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

FRIDAY

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

2:00 - 5:00 PM GETHSEMANE CHAPEL CONFESSIONS 4:00 - 5:00 PM GETHSEMANE CHAPEL

SATURDAY

CONFESSIONS 3:00 - 3:45 PM
ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH
VIGIL MASS 4:00 - 5:00 PM
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Our parish priests and deacons are now able to resume Communion Outreach to the homebound. At the same time, we continue to train lay people to be Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to their homebound family

members (so long as they are part of the same "household bubble.")

If you would like to receive this training to be sent from our Masses to distribute communion to homebound members of your family or would like to have our priests or deacons bring communion to someone, please contact Karl at the office (978) 683-1193 or through our website methuencatholic.org.

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, April 10 4:00pm John J. Weir

Sunday, April 11

9:00am Multiple Intention

Charles Booth, Jr.
Vincent Jablonski
Charlie & Rose Hanafin
Julia Ortolaza Torres
Rita D. Gagnon
Krystina Szablowska
Elizabeta Chojnowska

11:00am Richard Curtis

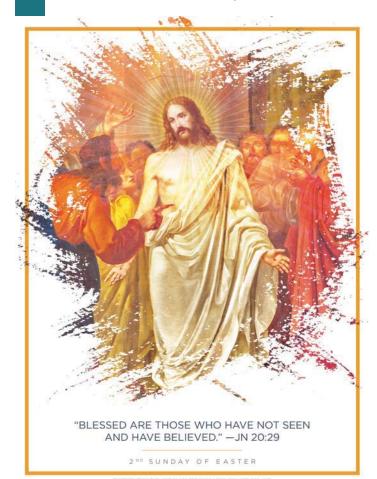
Saturday, April 17 4:00pm Daniel Dirsa

Sunday, April 18

9:00am Multiple Intention

Don Lavigne Yvette Moran Barbara Lamarca Jose & Eulalia Aguiar

11:00am Charles Booth, Jr.



ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, April 10

4:00pm Vito & Giuseppina Cunsolo

Sunday, April 11

10:00am Multiple Intentions

Angela lannuccilli Sandra Bouchard

Patricia A. Cursio-Maglia

Monday, April 12

9:00am Helen A. Piskadlo

Tuesday, April 13

9:00am Nina Berryman

Thursday, April 15

9:00am Living Intentions

Richard Ferguson

In thanks for favors received from St. Anthony, St. Jude, St. Joseph, and

St. Rita Carol Noucher

Friday, April 16

9:00am Norma Samoisette

Saturday, April 17

4:00pm Bertrand LeBlanc & Real Taschereau

Sunday, April 18

10:00am Multiple Intentions

Jose Melo

Readings for this week

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1

Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/

Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/

Jn 3:7b-15

Wed: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/

Jn 3:16-21

Thurs: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20

[7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/

Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/

Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

[7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

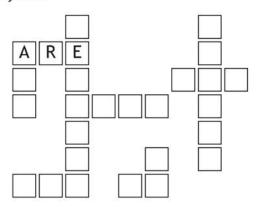


2nd Sunday of Easter • John 20:19-31



Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Thomas replied, "You are my Lord and my God!"





Talk to God about a friend who does not believe in Jesus. Ask God to give you the right words to say about Jesus. Then ask God to help you be patient.



GOSPEL

After Jesus died, his disciples were afraid the Jewish leaders would kill them, too. They hid together in one room. They locked the doors and windows. Then Jesus appeared in front of them. They were not afraid any more. When you are afraid, Jesus will help you too. Tell him why you are afraid. Believe in Jesus. He will give you everything you need. He wants you to live with him forever in heaven.



Jesus, I believe in you. Lead me to your heavenly home.



GOSPEL

In today's Gospel, Thomas had a hard time believing his friends. Jesus was alive! They saw Jesus! Well, Thomas could not believe it. He needed proof. Thomas wanted to see Jesus for himself. Thomas wanted to touch Jesus' scars on his hands and his side. Once Thomas did that, then he would believe. You may have doubting friends like Thomas. Be patient with them. Do not get angry with them. Love them instead, and gently tell the truth about Jesus. Ask Jesus to open their hearts, so they can believe in him, too.



God, help me to be patient with my doubting friends. Show them that Jesus is their savior, too.

OBSERVANCES FOR THIS WEEK

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) Sunday:

Tuesday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Thursday: Tax Day

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

IN LOVING MEMORY

Roses for Life for this week

Theresa A. Rickley and Richard Curtis Altar Bread for the month of April

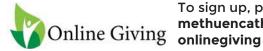
St. Monica - Richard Curtis



YES I CAN PROGRAM

We are in need of canned baked beans, cereal, and peanut butter.

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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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Matthew W., Marco Bezeredy, Josephine Cuttsinger, Roger and Carol Branchaud, Sharon Davis, Paige Anne Delmonte, and Sarah Collins.

Please pray for Arlene R. Keleher and Michael Milnes 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!

Day	Priest	Seminarian
Sunday	Fr. Jason Giombetti	Jeremy Wagner
Monday	Fr. Marcos Enrique	Maxwell Chukwudiebere
Tuesday	Fr. Huan Ngo	Vincenzo Caruso
Wednesday	Fr. John Nichols	Jose Ignacio Montero
Thursday	Fr. Guy Sciacca	Diego Valdez
Friday	Fr. Thomas Wyndham	John Gonzalez
Saturday	Fr. Gabriel Troy	Rafael Milla

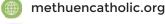
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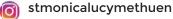
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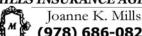


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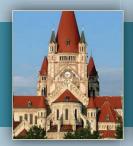
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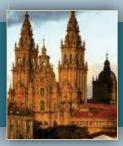
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