

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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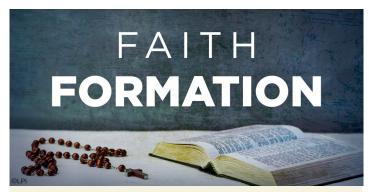
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212 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA

Renew, Rebuild, and Reach Out: Disciples in Heartfelt Communion with Jesus Christ

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 JULY 11, 2021



Faith Formation Classes will resume this September. To learn more and to register, please visit methuencatholic.org or contact our office at 978-683-1193. Classes for both parishes will take place at St. Lucy's Church.



Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you. with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel - and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers

the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities. neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed. then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.

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 videos:

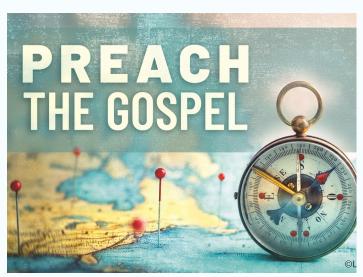
Ralph Martin: 2020 Advent Mission, Fulfillment of All Desire, 4 weeks

Week 3: Initial Challenges, 1:00:06 (7/14) Week 4: Basic Stability, 1:09:19 (7/21)

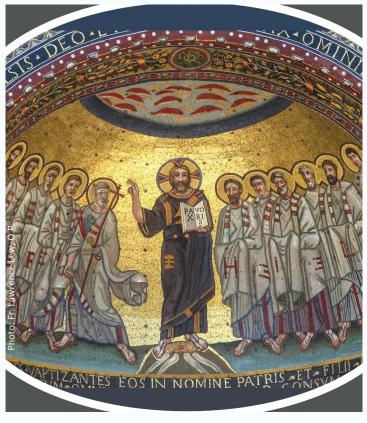
Ralph Martin: 2021 Lenten Mission, Fulfillment of All Desire, 4 weeks Week 1: Session 1, 1:08:33 (7/28) Week 2: Session 2, 1:09:32 (8/4) Week 3: Session 3, 56:49 (8/11)

Week 4: Session 4, 1:06:34 (8/18)

Please contact Bonnie at bonnieocds@gmail.com for the Zoom link.







ST. MONICA PARISH

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

Saturday, July 17

4:00pm Jean Marie Norton

Sunday, July 18

9:00am Multiple Intention

Don Lavigne Yvette Moran Frank E. Romero

11:00am Maureen Ouellette

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



JESUS SUMMONED THE TWELVE AND BEGAN TO SEND THEM OUT TWO BY TWO. - MK 6:7

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4:00pm Laino Brosco

Sunday, July 11

10:00am Multiple Intentions

Bertrand LeBlanc

Angelo, Jack, & Jenny Maimone

Lucille Arsenault Francis "Frank" O'Reilly

Monday, July 12

9:00am James M. Mahoney

Tuesday, July 13

9:00am William Collins

Thursday, July 15

9:00am Dennis Hynes

Friday, July 16

9:00am Virginia Golden

Saturday, July 17

4:00pm Michael & Anne Louise Glynn

Sunday, July 18

10:00am Multiple Intentions

Joy Breen

George & Gloria Baker

Mary Rotonnelli Francesca Bevilacqua

Fiorenza Alla

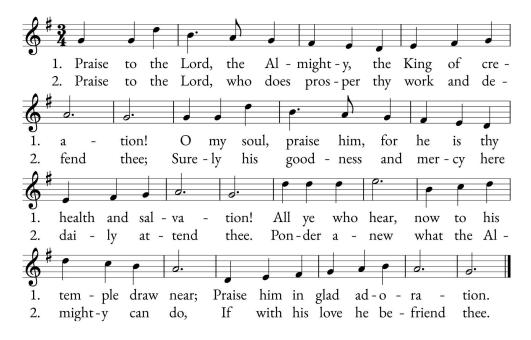


INTROIT Ps 17 (16): 15

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



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FIRST READING

Amaziah 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

Ps 85:9-14



Windness 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.



SONGS & READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

SECOND READINGEphesians 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.

ALLELUIA Cf. Eph 1:17-18



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.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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John 6:57

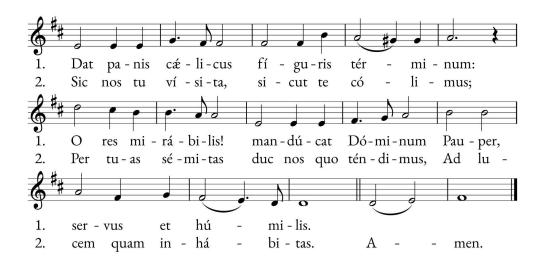
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN

Panis Angelicus



SONGS & READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND



RECESSIONAL HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11, 2021

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

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/

Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11, 2021

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Henry

Wednesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Thursday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

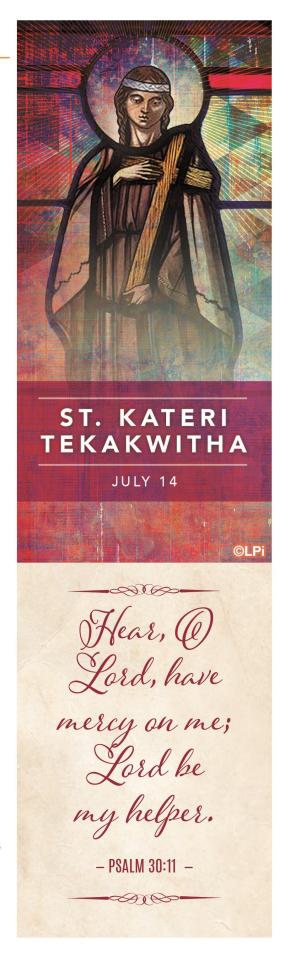
Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

God calls us to bring His Word to all corners of the earth. What does that mean for you and me? We are just simple and humble folks trying to find our way through the Gospel and our world. After all, we are not professional preachers but gentle servants. Jesus summons us to take his message on the road and bring it from the pew to the pavement. We cannot keep the joy of the Gospel to ourselves but must bring it into every aspect of our lives: our families, our schools, our work, our corporations, our politics, our social circles, and our philosophies. We cannot just accept the wisdom of the world as true and conduct our lives as if the Good News is a separate matter. They are one. Jesus never asked his friends to go and construct buildings where people could come to hear the truth. He asked them to go to their homes and meet them one on one, face to face. When the rubber meets the road and the message is challenging, rejection is quite possible. That's the litmus test for whether we're really doing what we have been asked.

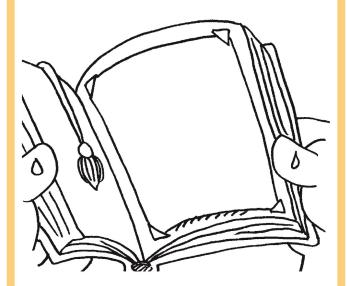




Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.









Choose one friend you know who needs to hear about God's love. Ask your parents if you could offer a ride to that friend, and invite him or her to church with you.



GOSPEL

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus prepared his disciples for a mission trip, where they would help the people in area towns and teach them about God. Before they left, Jesus asked his disciples to travel light-they were to bring no food or clothes or money. They could not survive without God's help. Jesus also asked them to heal people. They could not heal without God's power, either. God provided everything they needed for their mission trip.



Dear God, help me always to remember that it is your power that turns people's lives around. Amen.



Draw you and Jesus walking together saying, "No," to evil and "Yes," to good.



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Ginny C., Anna S., Adam, Heather, Haven, Maeve, Robyn Hurst, Tricia R., Jackie L., Cindy, Frank G., Francis, and Nathan.

Please pray for Marie Longo whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at St. Lucy'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	7/11	All Benedictines	Chris Letizia
Mon	7/12	Fr. Eugene Kirke	Thuy Nguyen
Tues	7/13	Fr. Henry Nichols	Andrew Rondelli
Wed	7/14	Fr. John Stagnaro	Hung Tran
Thurs	7/15	Fr. John O'Brien	Paul Born
Fri	7/16	All Carmelites	Rodrigo Martinez
Sat	7/17	Fr. Jeremiah McCarthy	Peter Schirripa

Roses for Life for this week

Theresa A. Rickley

Sanctuary Candle for July

St. Monica Parish - Donald Stewart

Altar Bread for July

St. Monica Parish - Maria Laird & Cheryl Laird

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