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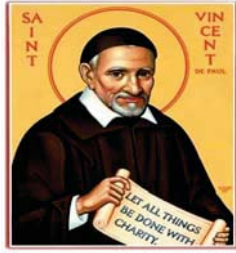
Sunday

in Ordinary Time

THE PARABLE OF
THE WORKERS IN
THE VINEYARD

“Thus, the last will
be first, and the first
will be last.”

Matthew 20:16



Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Church sees Christ in the poor. The first point every Catholic should realize about Christ's preferential option for the poor is this: Love and justice demand action.

Vincentians act.

Serving the poor day after day, week after week can sometimes leave you spiritually dry if you are trying to do God's work alone. Fortunately, just as Jesus sent out His disciples in pairs, so do the "Vincentians" of our St. Monica-St. Lucy's parish. They meet the needs of neighbors (in their homes) who are seeking relief within our parish boundaries. There are no "summer vacations" from this "Vincentian" vocation as evidenced by the reporting of neighbors who "Vincentians" compassionately served in many capacities from mid-July through mid-August 2023.

We served 70 Adults–41 Children with 120 Bags of food plus expenditures of \$3,144.85 for: Market Basket Cards – Target Cards - Gas Cards – Auto Insurance, Auto Repairs, Electric Bills, Rental support, Clothing Vouchers, Bedding, Diabetic food items, and more.

Without the generosity and compassion of you, the parishioners of this parish, the effort might not be limited, but the results would. On behalf of our neighbors who struggle to eat a couple of healthy meals a week and worry about getting through each day with a sense of identity and dignity, we thank you for your prayers and contributions of time, talent, and treasure. God Bless you and all who surround you.

The Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul, patron of the Society, is September 27.

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GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
THIS WEEKEND FOLLOWING ALL MASSES AT
BOTH ST. MONICA'S & ST. LUCY'S

DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 14TH.
BENEFITS ST. LUCY'S CHURCH

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



REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENT PREPARATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 29TH.

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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION PETER'S PENCE OCTOBER 1, 2023

Next week's second collection will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection also provides support to The Catholic University of America (CUA) that educates priests, lay people for ministry, and will assist the Inner-City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston, Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as the various missionary efforts at home and abroad.

For information on these Collections, go to:

1. www.usccb.org/national-collection/peters-pence
2. www.cua.edu
3. www.BostonCatholic.org

ULTREYA

Tuesday, September 26th 7 - 8:30 PM
St. Lucy Church Hall
All Are Welcome!

Ultreya...this Spanish word means "Onward!" "Persevere!" "Hang in There!"...words of encouragement to each other as we travel on life's journey.

Ultreya this month will be begin with Prayer Service and singing and includes voluntary sharing in small intimate and confidential groups, fellowship and refreshments that signify Christian hospitality.

Our guest speaker this month, Douglas Bolduc, Jr., will offer a personal witness of what life was like before Cursillo and how it is now after the Cursillo experience. Come support our dear friend!

All parishioners are invited to come and share in this monthly evening of praise and worship. Please feel free to **invite a friend** to join you!

CODE - BREAKER!

The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence? Here are two clues: E = H and B = E.



PBBH QEB ILOA TEFIB EB

JXV YB CLRKA, ZXII EFJ

TEFIB EB FP KBXO.

ANSWER

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call him while he is near.

Fall Fair

OCTOBER 14, 2023
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Rosary Rally

Indoor Rosary Rally

at Sts. Mary and Joseph Parish (South Campus)

October 8th / 3 PM - 5 PM

200 Lawrence Rd. Salem, NH

A Procession will begin at 3pm outside and will move inside the Church, followed by a short program!

- ◆ Presentation on the power and beauty of the Rosary.
- ◆ Music will enhance our program.
- ◆ We will gather together to pray the Rosary for our families, our community, and our country!

If you have any questions please contact the office! 603-893-8661



Jesus is longing for your presence.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturdays
9:30am-2:30pm
Gethsemane Chapel

Wednesdays
6-7pm
St. Lucy Church

HOSPITALITY/REFRESHMENTS

Please join us for refreshments this Sunday, September 24th at St. Lucy Lower Church Hall after the 10:30am mass. Everyone is welcome!

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Karl at the office, extension 35 or email faithformation.stlm@gmail.com

Hello



NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

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**Nine Tuesdays from
September 12 - November 7
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.”

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Peace and all good!

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 29

These archangels, messengers sent by God, are the only ones named in the Bible. In the Book of Daniel, Michael is called “the great prince”; in the Letter of Jude, he argues with the devil over Moses’ body; and in the Book of Revelation, he leads the battle against Satan. He is patron of the sick, radiologists and mariners. Gabriel explains Daniel’s visions to him in the Book of Daniel, and in the Gospel of Luke announces to Zechariah and Mary the births of their respective sons. He is the patron of messengers and telecommunications and postal workers. Raphael guides Tobiah in the Book of Tobit; he is patron of the blind, physicians and travelers. The church created their joint feast after the Second Vatican Council.



OFFERTORY SEPTEMBER 9 & 10

St. Monica - \$8,251.⁰⁰

St. Lucy - \$3,445.⁰⁰

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 soups, cereal, rice sides, peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta, canned beans, tuna, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit & pancake syrup. 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.

<p>GETHSEMANE CHAPEL AT ST. MONICA CHURCH Open 7 days/week from morning rush hour until 7pm</p>	<p>CHAPEL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ST. LUCY CANDLE SHRINE Open Mon-Fri 9am-7pm , Sat & Sun 9am-5pm</p>
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BAPTISMS 2nd Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Monica's | 3rd Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Lucy's

MARRIAGES Please call the Parish Offices at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

<p>MASS SCHEDULE</p> <p>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</p>	<p>CONFESSIONS</p> <p>SAT 3-3:45pm at both parishes</p>
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Ps 37 (36): 38, 40, 28*

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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***Is 55: 6-9*

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 145 (144): 2-3, 8-9, 17-18*


℣. The Lord is near to all who call up - on him.

Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works.
The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

SECOND READING*Phil 1: 20c-24, 27a*

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit.

Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Acts 16: 14b*

☩. Open our hearts, *O Lord*, *
to listen to the words *of your Son*.

GOSPEL*Mt 20: 1-16a*

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going about nine o’clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.’ So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o’clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o’clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They answered, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard.’ When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’ When those who had started about five o’clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden and the heat.’ He said to one of them in reply, ‘My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.’”

CREED*Refer to Pew Card*COMMUNION ANTIPHON*Ps 19 (118): 4-5*

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
May my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows — drear, Pre-cious Lord, lin-ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws —

1. stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 2. near, When my life is — al - most — gone;
 3. near, And the day is — past and — gone,

1. Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light:
 2. Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall:
 3. At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand:

1-3. Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

POSTLUDE AT ST. MONICA*Mr. Bush*RECESSIONAL HYMN*Immortal, Invisible, God Only*

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. Life - giv - ing Cre - a - tor, of both great and small;
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

1. In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 2. Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, you rule day and night;
 3. Of all life the mak - er, the true life of all;
 4. Your an - gels a - dor - ing, all veil - ing their sight;

1. Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 2. Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 3. We blos - som, then with - er, as leaves on a tree,
 4. We too, God in - vis - i - ble, of - fer our praise;

1. Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
 2. Your clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 3. But you live for ev - er, who is and will be.
 4. O light in - ac - ces - si - ble, An - cient of Days!

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, September 23

9:00am Joseph Lavigne
Yvette Moran
Mike Milnes

4:00pm Julie Morley

Sunday, September 24

9:00am Deceased members of the
Waterworth Family
Rita Conroy
Lynne Haley
Iris Castro
Joseph Boren

12:00pm Stephen Campagnone

Saturday, September 30

9:00am John D. Jalbert, Jr.

4:00pm Margaret Collins

Sunday, October 1

9:00am Kevin Waterworth
Charles Dobeck
Marjorie Ann Robichaud
Vincent Minicucci
Gerard & Mattia D'Andrea
Charlie & Rose Hanafin

12:00pm Richard Ferguson

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, September 23

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

Sunday, September 24

10:30am Real Taschereau
Gerard Taschereau
Bertrand LeBlanc
Louis DeMarco
Paul Meli, Sr.
Dora Giuffrida

Monday, September 25

9:00am Robert Job

Tuesday, September 26

9:00am Sr. Nancy Rose, OSB

Thursday, September 28

9:00am Josephine & Michael Carelli

Friday, September 29

9:00am Paula Nichols

Saturday, September 30

4:00pm Deceased members of the
Cortese & Rizzo Families

Sunday, October 1

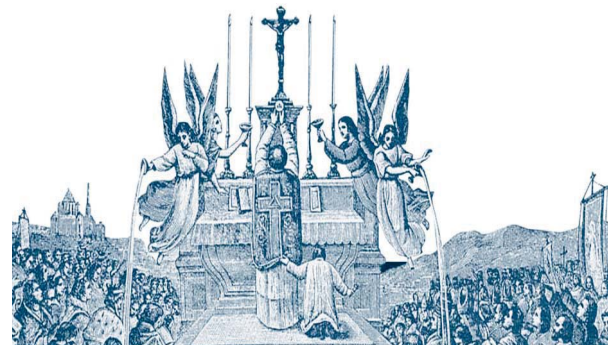
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Tues	09/26/23	Fr. Robert Murray	Deacon Hung Tran
Wed	09/27/23	Fr. Albert Faretra	Deacon Jeremy Wagner
Thurs	09/28/23	Msgr. Joseph Lind	Luis Alberto Piceno
Fri	09/29/23	Fr. Michael Ferraro	Deacon Edward Rodriguez
Sat	09/30/23	Fr. James Mahoney	Javier Padilla



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Michelle, Marlene, Kay, Jim, Carlos S., Paul C., Meg C., Bill R., Patrice K., Jason, & Matt W.

Please pray for Lisa Marie May, Inez G. Reid & Lorraine Vachon whose funerals we recently celebrated.

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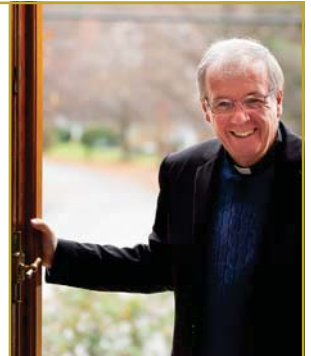
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