

METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

JUN 25
2023



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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father." Matthew 10:32-33

Thank you all!

Be humble. Trust always and a great deal in divine Providence; never, never must you let yourselves be discouraged, despite contrary winds. I say it again: trust in God and Mary Immaculate; be faithful and forge ahead! The presence of God is so intimate to me that it seems impossible for me to lose it; and such presence gives my soul a joy which I can not describe (St Pauline of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus).

Eternal God, in Whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will which is love and mercy itself. Amen. [Divine Mercy Chaplet - Diary of Saint Faustina #950]

O my God, even in the punishments You send down upon the earth I see the abyss of Your mercy, for by punishing us here on earth You free us from eternal punishment. Rejoice, all you creatures, for you are closer to God in His infinite mercy than a baby to its mother's heart. O God, You are compassion itself for the greatest sinners who sincerely repent. The greater the sinner, the greater his right to God's mercy. [Diary of Saint Faustina #423] We, who are poor sinners, in fact we may even be good at it, have a right to God's mercy according to Saint Faustina.

They say that all good things must end someday
Autumn leaves must fall
But don't you know that it hurts me so
To say goodbye to you

This part of a song popped into my head when I thought about what to say. On the web, I found that the name of the song is 'Willow Weep For Me' by Chad & Jeremy. Autumn leaves must indeed fall in order for winter to purify and clear the air and replenish the soil. Those leaves that fall actually constitute new and healthy soil after a few seasons of leaves fall on top of them. I used to rake in the fall and then dig under the pile of leaves in the spring to find the new soil composting underneath from seasons past. That soil went into the garden for new plants. While I go, another may come to replace me. That's new soil to help new growth spring up. Yet in all things, only God will sustain us through the care and support we offer one another.

O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy - to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles!

O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, who are acquainted with our misery through and through and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You, anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your Holy Will all through our life and at death's hour.

Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your [Son's] final coming, that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: Through His merciful Heart, as through an open gate, we pass through to Heaven. Amen

[Prayer for the mercy of God found in the Diary of Saint Faustina #1570 and the pamphlet of the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the Sick and the Dying]

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth. Let us pray: O God, Who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Many have given gifts to me, both prayer and treasure, time and care, and food! individuals, groups, and the parishes as well. Many I can't thank individually. Please know that I leave you my heartfelt love, prayers, and thanks and I take yours with me.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam! All for the greater glory of God! He is really, truly, and substantially always with us in the Most Blessed Eucharist! Thus, give God the glory! He blesses us more than we can ask or imagine. Again, thank you all!

Peace and blessings, Fr. Joe



**THE PARISH OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED
FROM JULY 3~7**

**WE WILL REOPEN JULY 10
AT 9AM**

There will be no Adoration with Exposition/Benediction or Confessions on Wednesdays or Fridays beginning June 30th and for the duration of July. Both the Candle Shrine at St. Lucy's and Gethsemane Chapel will remain open as usual. More details about resuming Adoration & Confessions will be forthcoming.

FAREWELL TO FR. JOE

Join us at Hospitality Hour after mass

This Sunday, June 25
1~2pm
St. Monica School Hall

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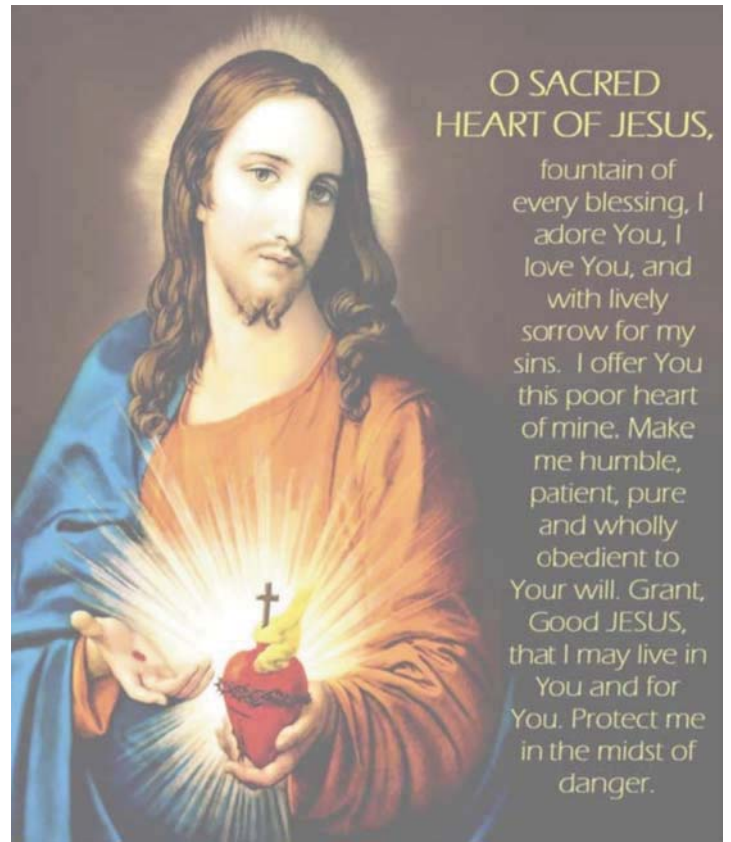
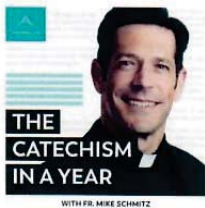
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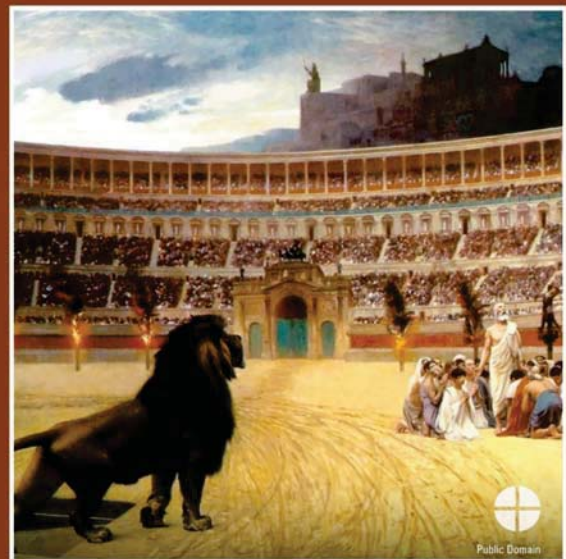
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The First Martyrs of Rome

DIED 64-68
FEAST DAY: JUNE 30

After a raging fire destroyed two-thirds of Rome in 64, Emperor Nero blamed Rome's Christians to divert suspicion from himself. Those acknowledging their Christianity were arrested and executed. Some were covered in wax and set afire as torches; some were sewn into animal skins and cast into the arena with wild animals; others were crucified. Sts. Peter and Paul died in the same persecution. The feast of these earliest martyrs of the Roman church is celebrated a day after the joint feast of Peter and Paul. The Roman historian Tacitus said the protomartyrs were to be pitied "for it was felt that they were being sacrificed to one man's brutality."



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

"Every movement of Mary's Immaculate Heart is directed to believing in God, adoring God, hoping in God, praising God and loving God and pleasing God by doing His holy will."

To keep the First Saturday Devotion, attend Mass, pray rosary, meditate on the mysteries for 15 minutes. Go to confession within eight days.

9am Mass
 Saturday, July 1st
 St. Monica Church
 Rosary to follow in Gethsemane Chapel

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



Classes are held outside at Methuen Track & Field
 40 Pleasant View St.



THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

- Farewell to Fr. Joe @ Hospitality Hour 1-2pm St. Monica School Hall
- Baptisms 2pm St. Monica Church
- AA 7pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

MONDAY, JUNE 26

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Rosary Prayer Group for Priests 6pm Gethsemane Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

- Eucharistic Adoration 6-7pm St. Lucy Church
- K of C Meeting 6-8pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Rosary 6pm (Zoom)
- AA 6:30-8:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- ****CANCELLED** Eucharistic Adoration 2-5pm Gethsemane Chapel**
- ****CANCELLED** Confessions 4-5pm Gethsemane Chapel**

SATURDAY, July 1

- Faith2Fit 8-9am Methuen Track and Field
- Mass 9am St. Monica Church
- Bettors Anonymous 2pm St. Monica SVDP Hut
- Confessions 3-3:45pm

FILL IN THE GAPS

The sentences below are missing key words. Can you find the correct ones? (They are all in today's readings.)

1. My _____ will _____, they will not _____.
2. For your sake I bear _____ and _____ covers my _____.
3. _____ said to his _____: Do not let men _____ you.
4. Nothing is _____ that will not be _____, and nothing _____ that will not become known.
5. You are _____ more than an _____ flock of _____.

ANSWERS

1. persecutors, stumble, triumph 2. insult, shame, face
 3. Jesus, apostles, intimidate 4. concealed, revealed, hidden
 5. worth, entire, sparrows

OFFERTORY JUNE 10 & 11

St. Monica - \$7,793.⁰⁰

St. Lucy - \$4,136.⁰⁰

Weekly Offertory needed to sustain parish operations: St. Monica - \$10,000 | St. Lucy - \$6,000

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Mondays @ 10 am. Please email all bulletin notices to parishoffice.stlm@gmail.com.

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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 28 (27): 8, 9*

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them forever.

ENTRANCE HYMN*Amazing Grace*

1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound That saved *a
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing



1. wretch like me! I once was lost, but
2. fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
3. hope se - cures; He will my shield and
4. read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
5. as the sun, We've no less days to



1. now am found, Was blind but now I see.
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
3. por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
4. safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card*FIRST READING*Jer 20: 10-13*

Jeremiah said: "I hear the whisperings of many: 'Terror on every side! Denounce! Let us denounce him!' All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. 'Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.' But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph. In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion, O LORD of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause. Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 69 (68): 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35*

For your sake I bear insult, and shame covers my face.
I have become an outcast to my brothers, a stranger to my children,
Because zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me.

I pray to you, O LORD, for the time of your favor, O God!
In your great kindness answer me with your constant help.
Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your kindness; in your great mercy turn toward me.

"See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God, may your hearts revive!
For the LORD hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.
Let the heavens and the earth praise him, the seas and whatever moves in them!"

SECOND READING*Rom 5: 12-15*

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned--for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Jn 15: 26b, 27a*

ψ. The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord; *
and you also *will* testify.

GOSPEL*Mt 10: 26-33*

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one, Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. so do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

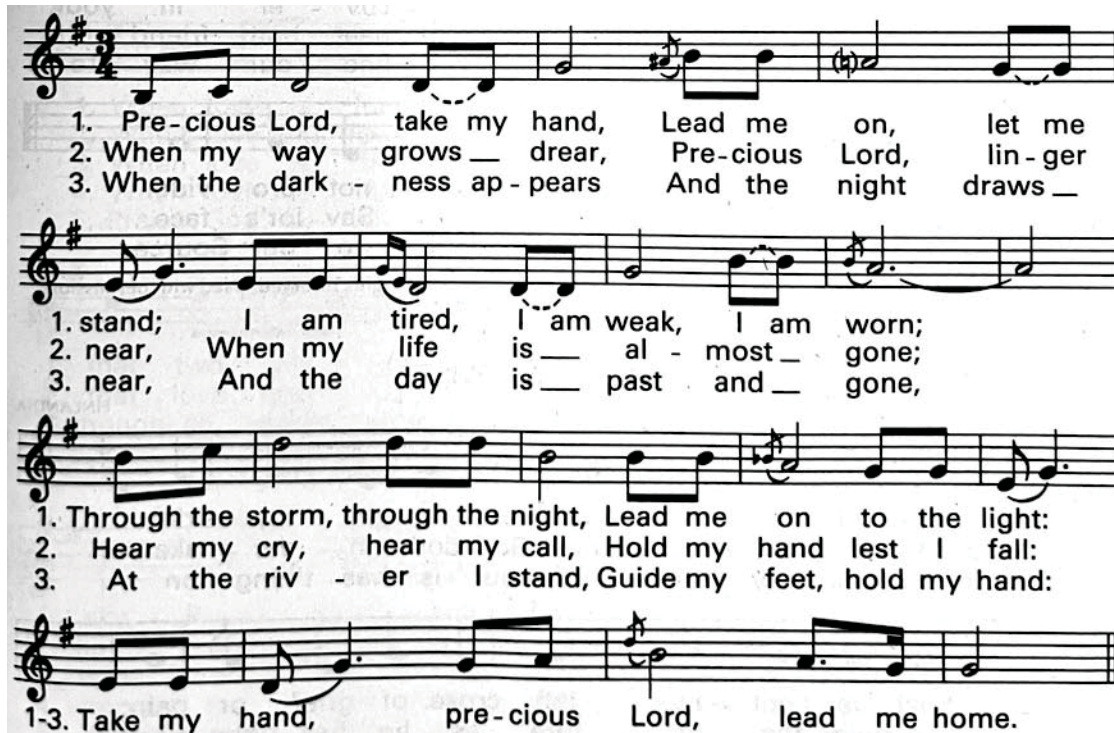
CREED*Refer to Pew Card*COMMUNION ANTIPHON*Ps 145 (144): 15*

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*


1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy Like the wide-ness
 2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures
 3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat-ter Like a crowd of

1. of the sea; There's a kind-ness in his jus-tice
 2. of our mind, And the heart of the E-ter-nal
 3. fright-ened sheep? Fool-ish hearts, why will you wan-der

1. Which is more than lib-er-ty. There is plen-ti-ful re-
 2. Is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more
 3. From a love so true and deep? There is wel-come for the

1. demp-tion In the blood that has been shed; There is
 2. sim-ple We should take him at his word, And our
 3. sin-ner And more grac-es for the good; There is

1. joy for all the mem-bers In the sor-rows of the Head.
 2. lives would be thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.
 3. mer-cy with the Sav-ior, There is heal-ing in his blood.

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, June 24

9:00am Arthur Mahoney
4:00pm Julie Morley

Sunday, June 25

9:00am For the Parishioners of
St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes
12:00pm Giuseppe Novello
Giuseppina Cannata
Giovanni Novello

Saturday, July 1

9:00am FIRST SATURDAY MASS
4:00pm Martha F. Henry

Sunday, July 2

9:00am Arcangelo Drago
Chichi Okeke
Marie Michelle Desjardins
Saver Gabriel
Anna Serwatka
12:00pm Kelly Raso

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, June 24

4:00pm Joseph Boyden

Sunday, June 25

10:30am Susan McGee
Mary Rotonelli
Francesca Bevilacqua
Rene Lacoste
Salvatore R. Boragine, Jr.

Monday, June 26

9:00am Joseph S. Augeri

Tuesday, June 27

9:00am William J. Klier

Thursday, June 29

9:00am Peter Grelle

Friday, June 30

9:00am Gerard Taschereau

Saturday, July 1

4:00pm Leo & Theresa Roy

Sunday, July 2

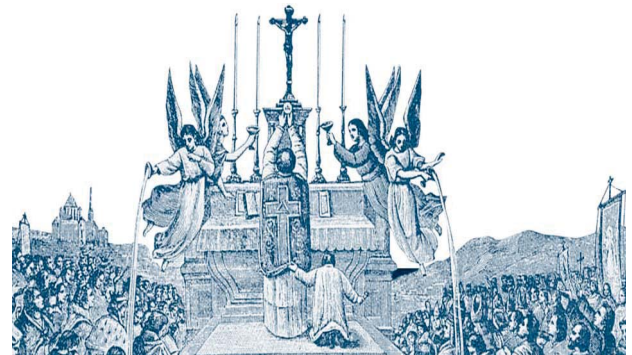
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Tues	06/27/23	Fr. George Evans	Ryan Henderson
Wed	06/28/23	Fr. Brian McHugh	Jake Livingstone
Thurs	06/29/23	Cardinal Sean (Happy Birthday!)	Liam Warner
Fri	06/30/23	Fr. J. Michael Lawlor	Stephen Baruffi
Sat	07/01/23	Fr. Peter Casey	Deacon Gabriel Hanley



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Please pray for Cheryl G., Ellen W., P.K.,
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Please pray for Keith Levesque & Salvatrice
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