

FEBRUARY 16, 2020



6<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow."

- Mt 5:33b

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**DAILY MASS MON, TUE, & WED** 8:00 am St. Lucy **THURS & FRI** 8:15 am St. Monica **SAT** 8:00 am St. Monica  
**WEEKEND SAT** 4:00 pm (Vigil) both parishes **SUN** 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am St. Monica, 9:00 and 11:00 am St. Lucy



# Welcome

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## WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

## Readings for the week of February 16

- Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/ Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
- Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/ Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk 8:34-9:1
- Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/ Mt 16:13-19
- Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/ Mt 5:38-48

## Observances for the week of February 16

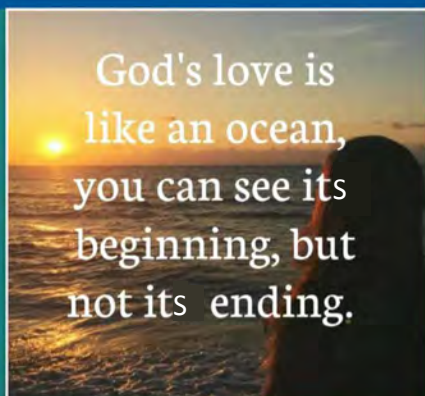
- Sunday: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Presidents' Day
- Friday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- Saturday: The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
- Next Sunday: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

**YES I CAN PROGRAM** - We are in need of rice sides, peanut butter, strawberry jelly, and mashed potatoes.

*Donations can be dropped off anytime in the baskets located at the entrances to both churches.*

## WEEKLY FAITH ENCOURAGEMENT



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like an ocean,  
you can see its  
beginning, but  
not its ending.

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## PICK OF THE WEEK

## Lectio: Peter

Peter and the Keys -  
The Primacy of the Church



Dr. Tim Gray takes us back to the Old Testament and the significance of the imagery the keys had in the kingdom of King David. From there we can see how Jesus was restoring and perfecting his Church in giving Peter the "keys of the kingdom."

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## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month**

6:00 - 7:00 pm in St. Lucy Church

**Fridays** beginning after the 8:15 am Mass until 5:30 pm in St. Monica Chapel

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month**

6:00 - 7:00 pm in St. Lucy Church

**Fridays** 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel


**Saturdays** 3:00 - 3:45 pm

St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church



 Read the Gospel and Color



 Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

- |        |          |         |
|--------|----------|---------|
| OBEY   | ANGRY    | PROMISE |
| BETTER | FAITHFUL | KEEP    |
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**Sharing the Gospel**

God's rules stop you from hurting yourself and the people around you. God knows that if you really love him, you will want to follow his rules. You will trust him. You will want to be thoughtful and kind. You will want to love people the way God does.



**Prayer**

God, help me to follow your rules with my whole heart.

**Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of yourself cheerfully helping your parents dust and vacuum your house.

**Mission for the Week**

Ask your parents to list three ways you can honor them.

**ST. MONICA PARISH**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

- 8:00 am** Eleanor Emery  
Joseph O'Neil
- 4:00 pm** Parishioners of St. Monica and  
St. Lucy Parishes

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

- 7:30 am** Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne
- 9:30 am** Deceased members of the  
Chouinard Family  
Eulalia Aguiar  
Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro  
John K. Foster Jr.  
James C. Boyle  
Albert E. LaBelle
- 11:30 am** Joanne Grella

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

- 8:15 am** Vincenzo Lazzara

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

- 8:15 am** Vincenzo Lazzara

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

- 8:00 am** William and Margaret Collins  
Robert Deziel  
Dorothy Bellingreri
- 4:00 pm** James E. Slattery

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

- 7:30 am** Dorothy Barnes
- 9:30 am** Louise-Anne Roy  
Jeanne Brown  
Nancy Tardif  
Deceased members of the  
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J. Robert Mundry
- 11:30 am** Mary Fairbanks

**ST. LUCY PARISH**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

- 4:00 pm** Edwiga Rovinski

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

- 9:00 am** Joseph S. Augeri
- 11:00 am** Ryan Matthew Thistle  
Anthony and Lucille Bonanno  
Robert Rosemarino  
Concettina and Joe Privitera  
Douglas H. Knapp

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

- 8:00 am** Manny Gianni and Christine Gianni Eldridge

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

- 8:00 am** Edward Byrne Sr.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

- 8:00 am** Tony Waters

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

- 4:00 pm** Domenick "Rex" Campone  
George DiRuzza  
Thomas Campone

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

- 9:00 am** People of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes
- 11:00 am** Real and Gerard Taschereau  
Roland Chretien Jr.  
David Grasso  
Claire Habib



"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.' But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'No.' "  
*Mt 5:33-34a, 37*

**GIVE**

**ST. MONICA PARISH**

Weekend of 2/9/2020:  
Regular Sunday Offering: \$9,076.00

There is only one collection this weekend and next weekend, our regular Sunday offering.

**ST. LUCY PARISH**

Weekend of 2/9/2020:  
Regular Sunday Offering: \$6,063.00

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Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parishes.



### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- **Faith Formation at St. Monica's**
- **RCIA Class** 10:00 am St. Lucy School House
- **Baptisms** 1:00 pm St. Lucy Church

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- **Parish Offices Closed** - President's Day
- **Rosary Prayer Group** 6:00 pm St. Monica Chapel

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- **Bible Study** 9:30 - 10:30 am St. Lucy Church Hall

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- **Prayer and Study** (Join us in reading "The Way of Perfection" by St. Teresa of Avila) 10:00 am - 12:00 pm St. Monica House
- **Friendship Club** 1:00 - 3:30 pm St. Monica House

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- **Adoration** beginning after the 8:15 am Mass until 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel
- **Confessions** 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- **Faith2fitt (Faith & Fitness)** 8 am St. Lucy School House
- **Choir Rehearsals** 2:30 pm St. Monica Church & 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church
- **Confessions** 3-3:45 pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church

### NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- **Faith Formation at St. Lucy's**
- **Confirmation 1 Meeting** 12:45 - 2:15 pm St. Monica School Hall

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### PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **B.D.** and **Joseph N.**

Please pray for **Maureen Swanson** whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at St. Monica Parish. May her soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

Please pray for our priests/seminarians/vocations daily. Pick up a Pray for Our Priests calendar and a seminarian prayer card at the back of the church or just use this list each day. Our priests and seminarians need our prayers and we should be praying for vocations!

Day	Date	Priest	Seminarian
Sunday	2/16/20	Fr. Edmond Derosier	Joseph Ferme
Monday	2/17/20	Fr. William Leonard	Patrick O'Connor
Tuesday	2/18/20	Fr. James Broderick	Diego Pena
Wednesday	2/19/20	Fr. Paul Phinn	Bertrand Proulx
Thursday	2/20/20	Fr. Michael Hobson	Nathaniel Sanders
Friday	2/21/20	Fr. Peter Quinn	Nicholas Stano
Saturday	2/22/20	Pope Francis	Francis Trewin



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