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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 FEBRUARY 14, 2021



Happy SAINT Valentine's Day and final approach to Lent.

I do have to start off by saying the same thing I have said more than once, hopefully, in the last few months. Thank you for your continued support of the parishes in this ongoing difficult time! The commitment of so many people in "time, talent, and treasure" has been impressive, particularly those who continue to mail in their offertory on a weekly basis and those who donate time to help keep us operating smoothly.

My hope is that this commitment to our Faith will begin to be lived in the parishes and school by more and more people as we approach Easter. It means that Lent really can, again, be a time of return to the Lord, physically as well as spiritually. Let's start to come back. If we've been back for a while, maybe we can reach out to those who are reluctant to return. If we are nervous about Sunday crowds still, maybe we can begin coming to daily Mass or even just pop by Gethsemane Chapel in a quiet moment to be with the Lord.

The Ash Wednesday schedule of multiple services reflects the goal of sparking a return to parish life as we knew it. Lent is normally a lower-key time, anyway, so it's a perfect transition to start a return on a step by step basis. Our

commitment to applying ashes to the forehead as we would do in normal times (hint: get ready to use an alcohol swab!) has the intention of recapturing our faith life from the lull that we've been forced into. May Our Lord bless us with a *metanoia* (the turning back to the Lord) this Lent that includes both a spiritual and physical reality for us as individuals and as parishes. God bless you.







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From Lazarus House Ministries to the parishioners of St. Lucy Parish

Thank you seems so small compared to the impact you have made in the lives of the families we serve. We received the gift cards from your parish totaling \$1,945.00 on December

2020, as your donation supporting Project Bethlehem.

Gift cards have provided each family with preferred family food selections, culturally relevant meals, a longer time frame for Holiday shopping and preparation, and greater independence. Thank you for making this possible and thank you for being part of this holiday season of blessing!

From Fr. Ekisa, U.S./Canada Representative for The Archdiocese of Tororo, Uganda

I am writing to thank the parishioners of St. Monica and St. Lucy for the Mission Appeal collection of \$1,620.00 raised by your parishes...We are especially grateful that this appeal was made during the COVID-19 pandemic when most dioceses had cancelled their Mission Appeal programs. These funds help us attend to the spiritual and material needs of the people of Tororo, particularly the medical and relief aid needs arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. Please keep us in your prayers as we do the same for you.

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Saturday, February 13 4:00pm Dick Doherty

Sunday, February 14

9:00am Multiple Intentions

Albert Azorian John K. Foster, Jr.

11:00am Margaret T. Frazier

Wednesday, February 17

6:30am Ash Service

7:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass

Saturday, February 20

4:00pm Don Lavigne & Yvette Moran

Sunday, February 21

9:00am Multiple Intentions

Elizabeth Chojnowska

11:00am Mary Fairbanks

PARISH SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS

CONFESSIONS 3:00 - 3:45 PM ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH VIGIL MASS 4:00 - 5:00 PM

ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH

SUNDAYS

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

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ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, February 13 4:00pm James Rao

Sunday, February 14

10:00am Multiple Intentions

Edwiga Rovinski Joseph Carroll Carl Fiacchino Ann Byrne

Monday, February 15

9:00am Ryan Matthew Thistle

Tuesday, February 16

9:00am Alfred Fitzpatrick & Arthur Bonneau

Wednesday, February 17

9:00am Ash Wednesday Mass 12:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass

Thursday, February 18

9:00am Don Lavigne & Yvette Moran

Friday, February 19

9:00am Bertrand LeBlanc & Real Taschereau

Saturday, February 20

4:00pm Mattia, Gerardo, & Vincenzo

Minicucci

Sunday, February 21

10:00am Multiple Intentions

Joseph S. Augeri Francis Wholley

Readings for this week

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1

Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17,

20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2,

3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14

and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps

40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19

[19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

[11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf.

10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY February 14

Prayer for Married Couples

O God, who in creating the human race willed that man and wife should be one, keep, we pray, in a bond of inseparable love

those who are united in the covenant of Marriage, so that, as you make their love fruitful, they may become, by your grace, witnesses to charity itself. Through Christ our Lord Amen.

Observances for this week

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

Monday: Presidents' Day Wednesday: Ash Wednesday Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent



GOSPEL

It is not fun to be sick. You miss your friends at school. You can't go outside to play. On top of being bored and lonely, you don't feel well at all. The man with leprosy in today's Gospel was sick a long, long time. He was really bored, lonely, and feeling awful. There was no medicine for leprosy. Jesus was the only one who could help him.



God, you have the power to heal. Help me to trust you, even when I'm sick.

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YES I CAN PROGRAM

We are in need of canned corn, soups, cereal, rice, and jelly.

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 Rosemary Lahage, Sara Thornhill, Robyn Hurst, Kate Boyko, John Wilkens, and Sarah Wilkens.

Please pray for Francis Wholley, Lillian Lavoie, Jose DaRosa, and Josephine Amato whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. 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.

Day	Date	Priest	Seminarian
Sun	2/14	Fr. Matthew Conley	Rodrigo Martinez
Mon	2/15	Fr. Chris Wallace	Peter Schirripa
Tue	2/16	Fr. Thomas Domurat	Hien Vu
Wed	2/17	Fr. James Flavin	Jeremy Wagner
Thurs	2/18	Fr. Thomas S. Foley	Maxwell Chukwudiebe
Fri	2/19	Fr. Jonathan Gaspar	Vincenzo Caruso
Sat	2/20	Fr. David Gunter	Jose Ignacio Montero

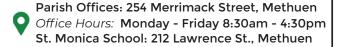
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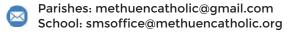
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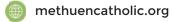
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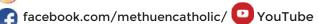








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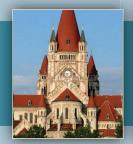
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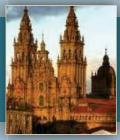
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