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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.” - Mt 18:15

A Note From Fr. Colarusso

I have an important Mass schedule change to communicate to you. As we have announced, the Sunday noon **Mass at St. Monica is going to move to 11:00am starting next week.** Changing anything in the Mass schedule is always nerve-racking, because I worry about those who didn't hear the word and miss Mass through no fault of their own. This potential is made worse by the fact that we seem to introduce a new change every few weeks. But there is a reason for that, as you can guess.

Something in our COVID response changes as circumstances change. For example, we are doing a good job of quickly cleaning the church for the next Mass. So we don't need such a big gap between the 9:00 and the 11:00; even better, we won't need to lock the church after cleaning, etc. An added benefit to the new time is that if someone considered the 10:00 at St. Lucy too crowded (which has yet to happen), it would be very easy just to drive over to St. Monica to make Mass.

The beginning of Religious Education in October (utilizing St. Lucy church exclusively as the student Mass location in the afternoon) and our requirement to perform Baptisms one child at a time are two other reasons. The good news is that the churches will be used more often; the complication is fitting it all in and ensuring the safety of everyone involved. Basically, we are expanding our worship and prayer gatherings, but are still unable to have group meetings or social events. So planning ahead, it looks like our usual Fall events will be very cut-back, though we are hopeful that in December we may be able to hold our St. Lucy Advent Mission (the "Triduum") and our second annual Lessons and Carols at St. Monica.

Change is always a pain in the neck, but let's pray that it continues...and always in the direction of more openness for our parishes!

SCHEDULE CHANGE

The 12:00 pm Sunday Mass at St. Monica's is being changed to 11:00 am beginning next Sunday, (September 13).





UPDATED SCHEDULE

PLEASE USE MAIN ENTRANCE ONLY

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 (BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY) ST. MONICA

10:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH

MONDAY/TUESDAY

DAILY MASS

9:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH

THURSDAY/FRIDAY

DAILY MASS

9:00 AM ST. MONICA CHURCH

FRIDAY

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

12:00 - 3:00 PM GETHSEMANE CHAPEL



Our Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TOGETHER

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." - Mt 18:20



Our Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality praying the Rosary on the Feast of the Assumption of Mary.





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7 PM at St. Monica Church

- exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- praying of the Rosary
- the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- readings from scripture and others sources concerning the Blessed Virgin Mary
- a meditation/reflection
- the Novena prayers
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

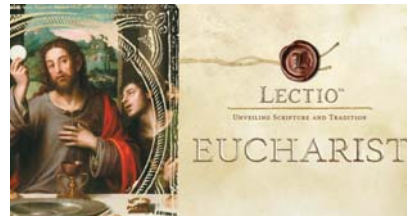
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Prayer Group

Every Wednesday at 10:00 am on Zoom. Contact Bonnie Doherty for more information and the link to join. bonnieocds@gmail.com



Monthly Prayer for Priests, Seminarians, Deacons, & Vocations

Every second Thursday of the month from 6:30 - 7:30 pm on Zoom. Quiet Adoration from 6:30 - 7:10 and Rosary from 7:10 - 7:30 pm. Meeting ID: 814 4476 7292 Password if needed: 200581

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, September 5
4:00pm Ann Gallant

Sunday, September 6
9:00am *Multiple Intentions*
Chouinard Family
Krystyna Szablowska
Domenic and Julia Mazzocco
12:00pm Joseph and Alice McKenna

Thursday, September 10
9:00am Anne Marie Smith

Friday, September 11
9:00am *Living Intentions*
Chouinard Family
Cathy Olson

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, September 5
4:00pm Gennaro, Alfonso, & Filomena Buco

Sunday, September 6
10:00am *Multiple Intentions*
Real & Gerard Taschereau
James V. Russo & Rose Russo Ursillo
Bob Brouder

Monday, September 7
9:00am Yvonne Soucy

Tuesday, September 8
9:00am *Living Intentions*
Alexa M.
Per le Chiese di Maria Santissima di
Constantinopoli e dei Lattani



On September 12, pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies & other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the **8th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.**

Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 60 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child.

WHEN: Saturday, September 12
10:00 to 10:30a.m.
(followed by the Rosary)
WHERE: Knights of Columbus Memorial for the Unborn at St. Mary's Cemetery
29 Barker Street, Lawrence

For more info, please contact Monica Silvey at mmsilvey@verizon.net

This Sunday's Readings



First Reading:
If you warn the wicked,
trying to turn him from his way,
and he refuses to turn from his way,
he shall die for his guilt,
but you shall save yourself. (Ez 33:9)

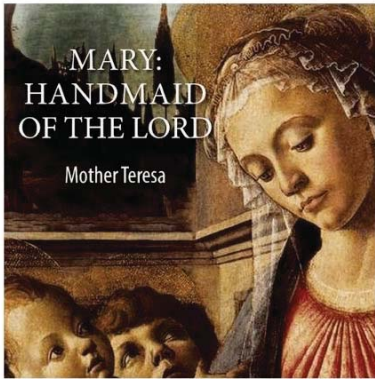
Psalm:
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:
Whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Rom 13:9a)

Gospel:
"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." (Mt 18:19)



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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **Josephine Amato**.

Please pray for **Doris Lavoie** whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at St. Monica's. 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!

Date	Priest	Seminarian
09/06/2020	Fr. Sean Connor	Jose Montero Burgos
09/07/2020	Fr. Daniel Magni	Vincenzo Caruso
09/08/2020	Pope Francis	Mateus Martin
09/09/2020	Msgr. Peter Martocchio	Diego Valdez
09/10/2020	Fr. Brian McMahon	Colin McNabb
09/11/2020	Fr. Robert Murray	John O'Dowd
09/12/2020	All Marists	Andrew Rondelli

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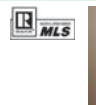
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