

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.”

John 10: 14-15

What sort of real world impact does our faith in Christ have? I've heard this question posed more creatively: If anyone accused me of being a Christian, what evidence could be found to convict me? For me, I hope something could be found, but someday I'm not so sure.

At times, we may be tempted to evade the question by standing on our own goodness. "I'm a good person." We may want to rethink that answer. When Jesus was called "Good Teacher" in chapter 18 of Luke's Gospel, he responded to the man: "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone." (Luke 18:19) This answer is both a rebuke and an invitation. It is a rebuke because Jesus is challenging the man to rethink how he evaluates what is good and what is evil. In this sense he is saying: "What do you know about what is good? Only God is good. How do you compare to His goodness?" It is also an invitation because Jesus is inviting the man to believe in Him: "You call me good, and you're right, but do you realize what that means? Do you believe I AM the One who is Good?" In essence, Jesus is challenging and inviting the man (and us) to take a step in faith, to believe in Him, and surrender control to Him. For the rich man, this surrender takes the form of an invitation to sell all his possessions, give them to the poor, and then come follow him (Luke 18:21). For us, the challenge may come "in a different key," so to speak, but it is the same. Our Lady tells the servers at the wedding feast of Cana: "Do whatever he tells you." (Jn 2:5) Don't challenge, question, or even hesitate. "Do whatever he tells you."

How do we know what Our Lord is telling us. The Scriptures give clear directions:

- Keep the Ten Commandments: honor your parents, do not kill, do not steal, do not commit adultery, do not covet, keep God's name and his day holy
- Live the Eight Beatitudes: seek to empty your will through obedience even in difficulties
- Do the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy: look after the poor, contribute to the good work of the church, teach your children to believe in Christ
- Forgive your enemies
- Love one another as Christ has loved you

Now maybe some of us can answer with the rich man of Luke's Gospel, "All of these I have observed from my youth." (Lk 18:21) If so, praise God! But if not, then we start where Jesus told us to start. The first gift Jesus gave his apostles after the Resurrection was—in order—Peace, the Holy Spirit, and the power to forgive sins. These are given to the apostles in the reverse order in which they come to you and me: forgiveness of sins, increases the Holy Spirit in us, and this same Spirit settles the Peace of Christ on us.

Forgiveness begins with acknowledging our sins, our shortcomings. So we must begin by confessing your sins to Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions are offered every Saturday from 3:00-3:45pm at both parishes and other times as well. I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity, and I pray all of us are willing to take this step in faith this Easter Season and surrender what holds us back from the Lord so that His joy may be ours.

Scripture Study

ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS

Please join us for this study of St. Paul's beautiful letter

April 18, 20, 25, 27 May 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18

Classes are held in St. Lucy Schoolhouse at 2:30 on Thursdays and repeated on Saturdays at 2:30.

For questions or to register call 978-683-8138 or email rachelvoiland@comcast.net

Bibles will be provided for your use



The Knights of Columbus will be leading a Monthly Rosary for St. Monica School Parents in the Chapel on Wednesdays, April 10, May 8 and June 5.

All parents of students are welcome to attend prior to picking up their children from school. The Rosary will begin at 1:15pm, prior to school dismissal. Rosary prayer cards will be provided. Come by and pray for your own personal intentions!

Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sponsored by the BVM Sodality



**St. Lucy's Church
Sunday, May 5th
following the 10:30 Mass**

All parishioners are welcome to participate. Light refreshments will follow the ceremony.

Jesus

is longing for your presence.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
&
CONFESSIONS**



Wednesday Evenings
6-7pm
St. Lucy Church

Saturdays
9:30am-2:30pm
Gethsemane Chapel
at St. Monica Church

HOSPITALITY/REFRESHMENTS

Please join us for refreshments

**Sunday, April 21st
Sunday, May 19th**

St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
After the 10:30am mass

Everyone is welcome!

ULTREYA

Tuesday, April 30th 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, Dan Wilson, 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!

Just as Jesus Christ carried out the work of redemption in poverty and oppression, so the church is called to follow in the same path if she is to communicate the fruits of salvation to men and women.

— Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Vatican II paragraph 8 —

DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

Tuesday evenings 6-6:30pm
 Rosary Prayer Group for Priests
 Gethsemane Chapel - all are welcome to attend

Wednesday mornings 9:30-11am (ZOOM)
 Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet & book discussion.
 Contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
 Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Lucy Church

Thursday evenings 6-6:30pm (ZOOM)
 Rosary for world peace & individual intentions.
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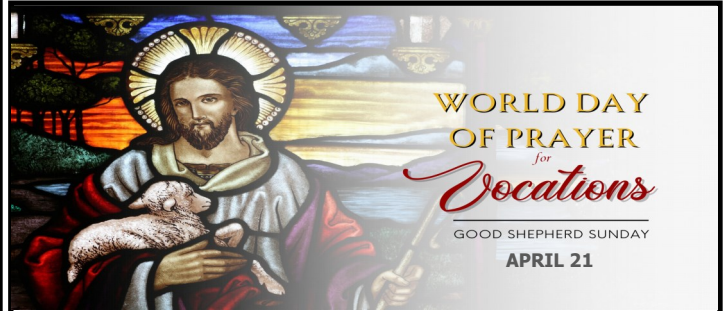
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
 Saturdays 9:30am-2:30pm Gethsemane Chapel



Knights of Columbus Spring Plant Sale will be held after all masses on May 4th & 5th at St. Lucy and St. Monica. All proceeds to benefit the Scholarship Fund

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)



Heavenly Father,

We ask you to bless our diocese with selfless hearts that are willing to serve You, by serving Your Church.

Lord Jesus raise up from our homes those called by the Father: courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, faithful people to Consecrated Life and holy men and women to the sacrament of Marriage.

Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness, by listening to the Father’s voice and responding with a sacrificial love.

Holy Mary, Model of Vocations, teach us to hear and follow your Son. Holy Mary, Queen of Priests, sanctify our priests and obtain for us many more. Holy Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for our families and intercede for our children.

Amen

FUNERAL MINISTRY

We are currently looking for several volunteers to assist with our Funeral Ministry. Training will be provided.

Funeral Coordinators will work with parish staff to accompany families with preparations for Funeral Masses celebrated at both our parishes. Duties will include calling families and walking them through the selection of readings, music, and any other pertinent information.

Funeral Mass Volunteers. We are also in need of volunteers to help with the funeral masses themselves, including: sacristan work, altar serving, lecturing, and set-up.

These roles do require availability during the week and on weekends, depending on the parishes’ funeral mass schedule. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Karl Jackson at 978-683-1193 ext. 35 or faithformation.stlm@gmail.com

WORDSEARCH

Can you find and circle the words listed below the wordsearch grid?

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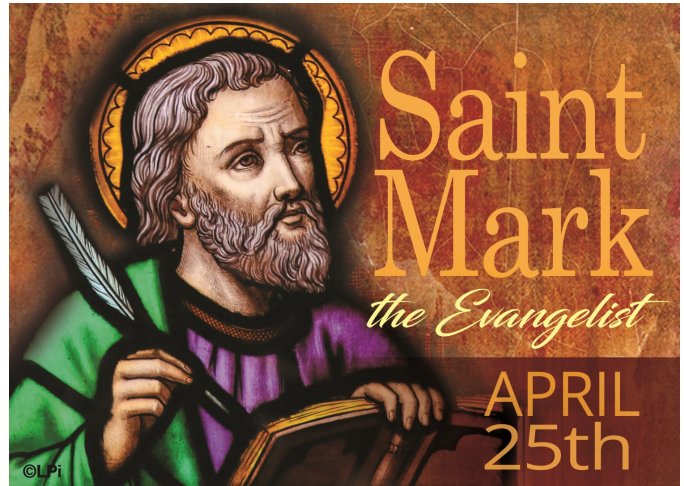
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Sunday Funday © Pilot Bulletins



The Knights of Columbus Men's Group will be reviewing the book "What Makes Us Catholic" by Thomas H. Groome on Wednesdays, March 13, April 10 & May 8 at 7pm.

Men of the parish are encouraged to join us! Contact Bob Beaudry at ERBeaudry@aol.com if interested in participating, and for more details.



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Our dedicated team in Medjugorje led by David Parkes, provides a professional guiding service as well as assistance to our pilgrims throughout their pilgrimage. Their love for Medjugorje shines through in all their efforts, creating a truly unique experience for all those traveling with Marian Pilgrimages.

For additional information please contact

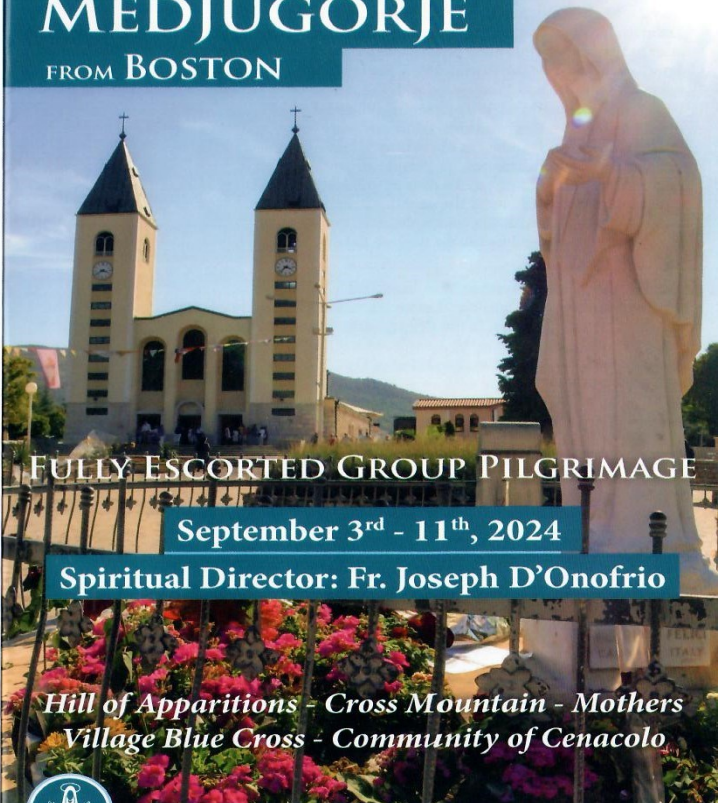
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St. Monica - \$8,797.⁰⁰

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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 canned pasta, baked beans, mashed potatoes, jelly, pasta sauce, pancake syrup, canned fruit & instant rice. 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.

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Open 7 days/week from morning rush hour until 7pm

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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
Please call the Parish Offices at least 2 months in advance to schedule.

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

MASS SCHEDULE 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

CONFESSIONS
SAT 3-3:45pm at both parishes

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Psalm 33 (32): 5-6*

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

ENTRANCE 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.

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card*FIRST READING*Acts 4: 8-12*

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. *He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.* There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Psalm 4: 2, 4, 7-8, 9*

℟. The stone re-ject-ed by the build-ers has be-come the cor-ner-stone.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.
It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.
It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD.
I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior.
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his kindness endures forever.

SECOND READING*1 John 3: 1-2*

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*John 10: 14*

☩. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

GOSPEL*John 10: 11-18*

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

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*Shepherd of Souls*

1. Shep-herd of souls, re-fresh and bless Your cho-sen pil-grim flock
2. We would not live by bread a-lone, But by your word of grace,
3. Be known to us in break-ing bread, But do not then de-part;
4. Lord, sup with us in love di-vine; Your bod-y and your blood,



1. With man-na in the wil-der-ness, With wa-ter from the rock.
2. In strength of which we trav-el on To our a-bid-ing place.
3. Sav-ior, a-bide with us, and spread Your ta-ble in our heart.
4. That liv-ing bread, that heav'n-ly wine, Be our im-mor-tal food.

RECESSIONAL HYMN*Sing with All the Saints in Glory*

1. Sing with all the saints in glo-ry, Sing the res-ur-
2. Oh, what glo-ry, far ex-ceed-ing All that eye has
3. Life e-ter-nal! heav'n re-joic-es: Je-sus lives who
4. Life e-ter-nal! O what won-ders Crowd on faith; what



1. rec-tion song! Death and sor-row, earth's dark sto-ry,
2. yet per-ceived! Ho-liest hearts for a-ges plead-ing,
3. once was dead; Join with all the heav'n-ly voic-es;
4. joy un-known, When, a-mid earth's clos-ing thun-ders,



1. To the form-er days be-long. All a-round the
2. Nev-er that full joy con-ceived. God has prom-ised,
3. Child of God, lift up your head! Pa-tri-archs from
4. Saints shall stand be-fore the throne! Oh, to en-ter



1. clouds are break-ing, Soon the storms of time shall cease; In God's
2. Christ pre-pares it, There on high our wel-come waits; Ev-'ry
3. dis-tant a-ges, Saints all long-ing for their heav'n, Proph-ets,
4. that bright por-tal, See that glow-ing fir-ma-ment, Know, with



1. like-ness, peo-ple wak-ing, Know the ev-er-last-ing peace.
2. hum-ble spir-it shares it, Christ has passed th'e-ter-nal gates.
3. psalm-ists, seers, and sa-ges, All a-wait the glo-ry giv'n.
4. you, O God im-mor-tal, Je-sus Christ whom you have sent!

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, April 20

9:00am Joseph Lavigne
Yvette Moran
Mike Milnes

4:00pm Michael McGreevey

Sunday, April 21

9:00am For the Parishioners of
St. Monica & St. Lucy

12:00pm Veronique Esperance

Saturday, April 27

9:00am Elizabeth Marsan
Doris Thibodeau

4:00pm Monica & Daniel Allen

Sunday, April 28

9:00am Leonide Michaud
Sandra Bouchard
Solange Destin

12:00pm For the Parishioners of
St. Monica & St. Lucy

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Sun	04/21/24	Fr. Michael Medas	Christian Ortez
Mon	04/22/24	Fr. Ronald St. Pierre	Rafael Rubio
Tues	04/23/24	Fr. George Pucciarelli	Christopher Silebi
Wed	04/24/24	Fr. Alonso Macias Zakoda	Isaac Velasquez
Thurs	04/25/24	Fr. Mark Corio	Liam Warner
Fri	04/26/24	Fr. John E. McLaughlin	Luca Azzanni
Sat	04/27/24	Fr. Linus Mendis	Linus Mendis

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, April 20

4:00pm Vito & Giuseppina Cunsolo & Family

Sunday, April 21

10:30am Dorothy Boragine
Lucy Boragine
Lisa Santos
John Bellino
Jean Pelletier

Monday, April 22

9:00am Manny Gianni
Christine Gianni Eldridge

Tuesday, April 23

9:00am Alice Beverley

Thursday, April 25

9:00am Ida Lazzara

Friday, April 26

9:00am Concetta Angela Sousa
Mary Susan Mottola

Saturday, April 27

4:00pm Bertrand LeBlanc
Real Taschereau
Gerard Taschereau

Sunday, April 28

10:30am Lorraine & Sam Malignaggi
Gertrude & Joseph Sarro
Laura Miele York & Deceased Members
of the York Family
Robert Allan
Carol Ross



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Karen C., Lloyd M., Mike B., Leo L., Richard D., Maureen S., Eddie R., Susana M., Joyce M., Donna V., Sharon P., Alan P., Joe V., Michelle O., Nora N., Brian J., Bill R., & Patrice K.

Please pray for Michael Zinno whose funeral we recently celebrated. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.