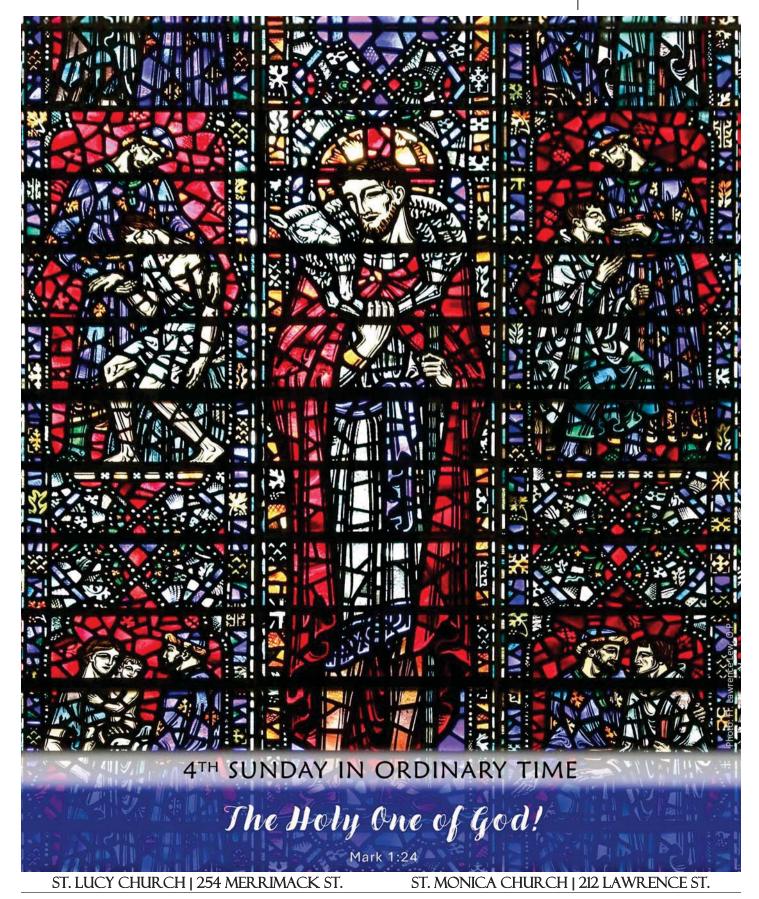
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For fifty years, the last week in January has been dedicated to Celebrating Catholic Schools in the United States. Although my years of celebrating CSW is a little shy of this golden anniversary - I look forward to this spirit-filled week probably more than the students do! This week we celebrate our "HOW".

In many ways schools are very similar, and curriculums are fairly standard across our state. Fourth grade will learn about the states and regions, grade three

masters their multiplication and division facts, seventh grade embarks on world geography and of course our first graders will emerge in June as fluent readers. I am confident this is true in many area schools with equally trained teachers - probably with considerably more resources than our humble school could ever imagine. However, our HOW is what makes us unique.

After stepping into our building one realizes Jesus dwells here. His presence is effervescent. Our HOW is beyond what adorns our walls. St. Monica School's HOW is cultivated organically into our instruction, our practices, and the community that shines here. This week we celebrate our parish, our community, our family, our nation, and most importantly our faculty and staff, through Catholic lenses.

Hallmarks of second grade are peppered with preparation for the sacrament of Holy Communion, grade four focuses on the commandments. Grade five does a deep dive into all the sacraments. We have annual art shows, science fairs, and drama productions like other schools. What is equally remarkable is what you don't see at St. Monica School. Our students are here for a Catholic education. Our students leave our school prepared for high school and ready to take on the challenges they will encounter, including the challenge to live their faith. We have given them the tools to stand strong, aligned with their faith, and evangelizing Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, the life. That is our HOW in action.

Each week St. Monica Church hosts several funerals. Our school shares a play area with the parking lot so there are times when an outdoor recess coincides with a funeral Mass. Our students, as young as they are, learn very quickly that if they are outside during a procession or recession of a funeral - they are to stop playing and stand in silence out of respect for the family and the deceased. It is our expectation. This is HOW our students show their Catholic school "roots". A very simple act that speaks volumes to the character of our students here at St. Monica School. We have received many calls, emails, and even donations from family members touched by this humble sign of respect. It always warms my heart when we make a grieving family feel a little better with this simple demonstration of respect.

Amid our growth over the six plus decades of St. Monica School we are still true to our core beliefs. We are a small Catholic School, committed to providing a strong, faith-centered Catholic foundation and providing opportunities for all students to achieve their potential in an inclusive, collaborative, and family-oriented community. Our strength lies in our connections with our families and students. It is a community where everyone knows your name, and together we weave a promising future!

Please join me this week in celebrating our faculty, staff, and students, both past and present, who have graced our building and continue to represent St. Monica School as productive, faith-filled members of society. Your continued support and prayers are always appreciated.

If you are a parent or grandparent of a school-aged child and are considering Catholic education, please join us for our Open House on Wednesday, January 31, 6-7:30 P.M. It is an opportunity to visit the classrooms, meet the teachers and see some of the curriculum we have been working on.

This is an exciting time for St. Monica School, and I am looking forward to what lies ahead for our school. God is good!

Candlemas

Please bring your candles to Mass to have them blessed.

Friday, February 2nd

9am

St. Lucy Church

Saturday, February 3rd

9am

St. Monica Church

Blessing of Throats

We will offer Blessing of Throats after all Masses

Saturday, February 3rd

9am

St. Monica Church

4pm

St. Monica Church/St. Lucy Church

SECOND COLLECTION CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

This week's second collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The Collection for the Church in Latin America funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis.

Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm for more information.

WE ARE HAVING A BABY SHOWER

A Pro-Life Baby Shower to benefit the Pregnancy Care Center will be held on January 27-28 at all Masses at both St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes.

Items Needed: Disposable diapers(infant-2yrs), Walmart gift cards,new or gently used baby clothes, new or gently used maternity clothes. Cash or checks kindly accepted, please make payable to St. Lucy or St. Monica Parishes.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

HOSPITALITY/REFRESHMENTS

Please join us for refreshments

Sunday, January 28th

St. Monica School Hall After the 9:00am mass

Sunday, February 18th

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



Please call the school to reserve your tickets. 978-686-1801

EUCHARIST ADORATION HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31st 6-7pm ST. LUCY CHURCH

ULTREYA

Tuesday, January 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, Elaine Barker, 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!

DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

Tuesday evenings 6-6:30pm
Rosary Prayer Group for Priests

Rosary Prayer Group for Priests
Gethsemane Chapel - all are welcome to attend

Wednesday mornings 9:30-11am (ZOOM)

Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet & book discus

Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet & book discussion. Contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Lucy Church

Thursday evenings 6-6:30pm (ZOOM)

Rosary for world peace & individual intentions. Contact Bonnie Dohertry at bonnieocds@gmail.com

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturdays 9:30am-2:30pm Gethsemane Chapel



to RSVP, though it's not required in order to attend, please contact Karl at the Parish Office 978-683-1193, extension 35 or email faithformation.stlm@gmail.com



Adoration
Confession
Guest Speaker
Live worship music by
Mike McDuffee

St. Lucy Church 254 Merrimack St Methuen, MA

Wednesday, February 28th 6:00-8:00 PM



Mike McDuffee has been leading worship in the Catholic Church since he was 12 years old. He currently lives in Lynnfield with his wife and four children and serves as the campus minister of St. Mary's School in Lynn, MA.

Free Will Offerings Accepted



It's set up for all couples. It's a kind of date night, one evening a week for seven weeks. You sit in a room full of couples, but at a table for two and dine together. Afterwards, you listen to presentations, issues are raised, then you and your partner discuss and complete the exercises at your table. There's no group sharing.

https://themarriagecourse.org/try/the-marriage-course

To register or if you have questions, contact Karl at faithformation.stlm@gmail.com or 978-683-1193 ext 35



OFFERTORY JANUARY 13 & 14

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Yes, I CAN...We are in need of cereal, canned pasta, rice, canned carrots, canned peas, mashed potatoes, jelly, pasta sauce, canned fruit & soups. 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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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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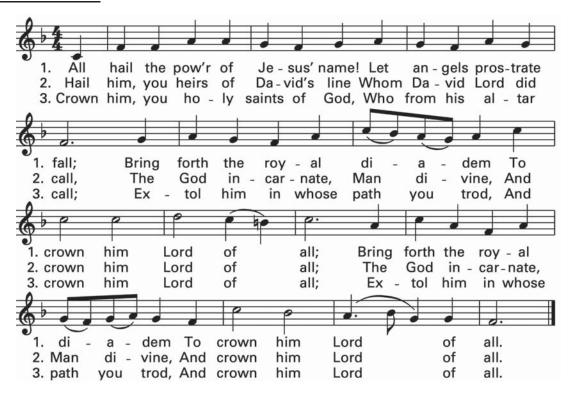
Psalm 106 (105): 47

Save us, O Lord our God!

And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

ENTRANCE HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA

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FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.' And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7, 7-9



Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 1: 15



The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.

<u>GOSPEL</u> Mark 1: 21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Psalm 31 (30): 17-18

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

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.



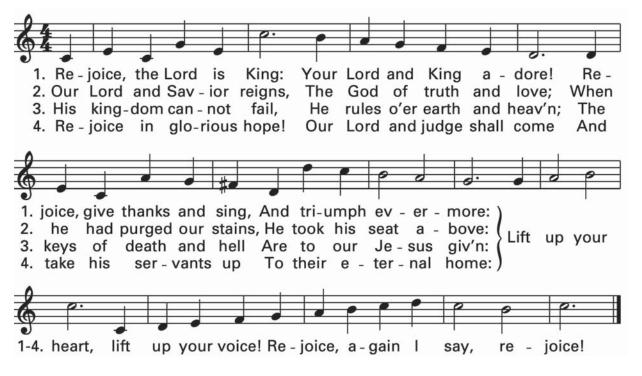
COMMUNION HYMN

How Great Thou Art



RECESSIONAL HYMN

Rejoice, The Lord Is King



ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, January 27

9:00am Calvin R. Snell4:00pm Richy Gallagher

Sunday, January 28

9:00am Theresa Claire Parent

Eileen Joyce Frank Wholley Sheila Spinney Eliza Lasota

12:00pm Francisca Rivadeneira

Saturday, February 3

9:00am FIRST SATURDAY MASS4:00pm For the Parishioners of St. Monica & St. Lucy

Sunday, February 4

9:00am Alice Indoccio

Gloria Royer Michael McGreevy

12:00pm Calvin R. Snell

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| Sun | 01/28/24 | Fr. Thomas Wyndham | Deacon Barry Mongeon |
| Mon | 01/29/24 | Fr. Christopher Casey | Deacon David Pineda |
| Tues | 01/30/24 | Fr. Darin Colarusso | Deacon John Tanyi |
| Wed | 01/31/24 | All Salesians | Deacon Hung Tran |
| Thurs | 02/01/24 | Fr. Richard Conway | Deacon Jeremy Wagner |
| Fri | 02/02/24 | Fr. Andreas Davison | Max Muenke |
| Sat | 02/03/24 | Fr. Thomas Domurat | Luca Contini |

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, January 27

4:00pm Perry, Clara, Steven & Beverly Autiello

Sunday, January 28

10:30am For the Parishioners of

St. Monica & St. Lucy

Monday, January 29

9:00am Bertrand LeBlanc

Real Taschereau Gerard Taschereau

Tuesday, January 30

9:00am Paul & Josephine Amato

Thursday, February 1

9:00am Vincenzo Lazzara

Friday, February 2

9:00am Aline Duncan

Valorie Duncan

Mr. & Mrs. Mecleor Raza

Saturday, February 3

4:00pm Joseph & Lucianna Sardella

Sunday, February 4

10:30am Mark Nichols

Francis R. Covey, Sr. Antonio & Evelina Mollica



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Donna V., Sharon P., Alan P., Joe V., Michelle O., Nora N., Brian J., Bill R., Patrice K., Jason & Matt W.

Please pray for Denise Manzer, William Despres, Peter Flagg & Alfred J. Pinell whose funerals we recently celebrated. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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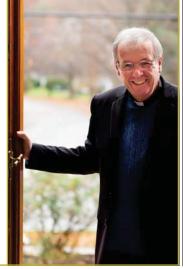


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