

Second Sunday of Lent



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Matthew 17:2,5

Change your life (and of others!) in 1 minute per day

Our theme this Lent is prayer. Many of us may think prayer is “basic” or monotonous. And while most of us may know how to recite the “Our Father” and the “Hail Mary” or other prayers, the key for a deeper relationship with God and growth in our soul is sustaining a constant connection with God. If you’re already praying daily, great! But if you’re only reciting prayers once a week at Mass then I invite you to make a conscious decision this Lent to start your day in prayer.

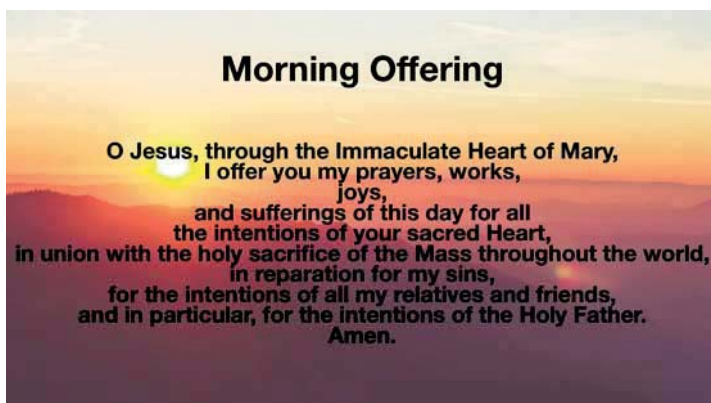
Prayer changes us and it changes our lives. How we start out our day can make all the difference in the trajectory of our day. I know we are all busy. Most of us get up and move at the speed of light to get our kids and ourselves ready for where everyone needs to be. This Lent, I invite you to set your alarm five minutes earlier than usual, and use that time to offer a short prayer called **The Morning Offering** before starting your day. In this prayer, as the name suggests, we offer up everything in our day—our prayers, works, joys, and sufferings—to the Lord for ourselves, our relatives, our friends, and the intentions of our Holy Father. This 1-minute prayer focuses our attention on surrender and doing everything with love.

God is calling each of us to go deeper and to live a life different from the secular world around us. This prayer has changed how I go about my day. It reminds me to choose love in my daily activities. For example, the other day, I ran an errand to the supermarket and a kind woman asked me

if I spoke Spanish to which I responded, “A little”. She then asked me to help her ask the manager for a job application. What I thought would take just a minute turned into a much longer time. I helped her fill out the application and translated for her during an impromptu interview. Although, it required more time than I had thought, I knew that I had been called in that moment to help this woman. And God knew that I was going to be there that day. After finishing my time with her, I said a prayer to the Lord asking Him to help her get that job. As a result of my morning prayer, I was ready, with an open heart to help someone, and my sacrifice of time was a prayer answered for that sweet woman.

Below is a copy of the **Morning Offering Prayer** so you can cut it out and put it somewhere visible as reminder to offer your day to God. It’s also available in the Hallow App, which is how I recite it every morning. If you’re looking for some powerful resources this Lent and in your faith journey, the Hallow app is an amazing resource for Catholics. There are rosaries led by people like Mark Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie, and Father Mike Schmitz; short, daily gospel reflections, devotionals, music, true miracle stories, daily saint reflections and much more.

I pray you will choose to do something more this Lent to keep the flame of faith burning within.





LENT 2023

LENTEN CALENDAR

MONDAYS

TUESDAYS

Rosary 6:00-6:30pm (Gethsemane Chapel)

Women's Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm

(St. Monica House)

SEE AD IN THIS BULLETIN

WEDNESDAYS

Exposition 6:00-7:00pm (St. Lucy Church)

THURSDAYS

Knowing Jesus Christ (Class w/ Fr. Colarusso)

7:00-8:00pm (St. Monica Church)

2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30

FRIDAYS

Exposition 2:00-5:00pm (Gethsemane Chapel)

Stations followed by dinner 6:00pm

(St. Lucy Church & Lower Church Hall)

SATURDAYS

Mass followed by Rosary 9:00am

(St. Monica Church)

LENTEN MISSION - MARCH 19-21, 2023

(St. Monica Church)

Fr. William Tarraza, OFM Cap

Sunday, March 19 | Mass 4pm

Monday, March 20 | Talk 7pm

Tuesday, March 21 | Penance Service 7pm

On the first Easter Sunday, Jesus appears to two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus as they depart disappointed from Jerusalem. After the disciples, who can't recognize him, wonder how he hadn't heard about the things that had happened in Jerusalem, Jesus astonishes them with his question, "what sort of things?" In doing so, Jesus listens to their disappointment. He hears them. And he hears us in our own disappointments, our own concerns, and our own hurts. But he doesn't leave them on the road to find meaning for themselves. Instead, he walks with them, and he walks with us, because he is close to us. Sure, we are journeying now through Lent for the annual celebration of this event in the Resurrection at Easter. But during this time of Lent, we have a more intentional time to walk and talk with Jesus. We invite you to join Father Will Tarraza as we reflect on God's closeness: in the Eucharist, in prayer, and in Reconciliation. Let us prepare our hearts to be burning with love for Christ now and forever.



Fr Will Tarraza, OFM Cap. is a Capuchin Franciscan friar living in Jamaica Plain.

He was born and raised in Cape Elizabeth, Maine and has a wonderful family with whom he remains close. He currently serves his Province of Capuchins as the director of Post Novitiate formation, assisting young friars in their journey to make a life long commitment to be a Capuchin. Fr Will is an avid fan of all the professional Boston sports teams, but his passion is for the Patriots. He looks

KNOWING JESUS CHRIST CLASS WITH FR. COLARUSSO

7:00-8:00pm (St. Monica Church)

2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30

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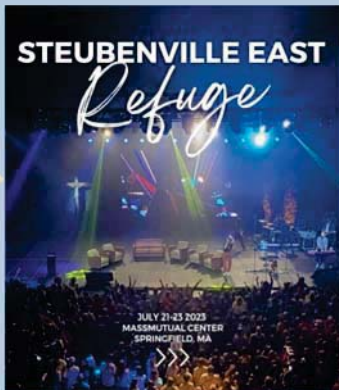
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6PM**



**FOLLOWED BY
MARCH 29 - WOMEN'S SEMINAR**

ST. LUCY CHURCH HALL

This is the start of a regular monthly meeting to help the men and women of our community to encourage each other and grow in their knowledge and love of Christ.

We look forward to seeing you there!

LENT

WALKING WITH CHRIST

You're invited! Women's Bible Study

Join us for a 6-week Bible
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Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21 (Wed), 28, April 4

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FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

"Every movement of Mary's Immaculate Heart is directed to believing in God, adoring God, hoping in God, praising God and loving God and pleasing God by doing His holy will."

To keep the First Saturday Devotion, attend Mass, pray rosary, meditate on the mysteries for 15 minutes. Go to confession within eight days.

9am Mass

Saturday, March 4th

St. Monica Church

Rosary to follow in Gethsemane Chapel

The Knights of Columbus invite you on a 90-day journey beginning in Bethlehem, through Galilee, Samaria and onward to Jerusalem. This personal Gospel journey will begin January 4 and conclude on April 2, one week before Easter Sunday. By reading a chapter a day (usually less than 10 minutes), you will encounter and experience every word spoken and miracle performed by Jesus. Join us for what will likely be the best and most important journey in your lifetime!

For those interested in sharing their journey through each Gospel, four dates will be set aside to discuss your experience. Tuesday, January 31 (Matthew), Thursday, February 16 (Mark), Sunday, March 12 (Luke), Sunday, April 2 (John).

Email Bob Beaudry at erbeaudry@aol.com for questions or details.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

- RCIA Meeting 10-11:30am St. Monica House
- Faith Formation Mass & Meeting 12:45-2:45pm St. Lucy Church, Lower Church Hall & School House
- AA 7pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 6

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Boy Scout Meeting 7-8:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Rosary Prayer Group for Priests 6pm Gethsemane Chapel
- Women's Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm St. Monica House

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

- Eucharistic Adoration 6pm St. Lucy Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- School Mass 1pm St. Monica Church
- Rosary 6pm (Zoom)
- AA 6:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Knowing Jesus Christ Class 7:00-8:00pm St. Monica Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- School Mass 1pm St. Monica Church
- Eucharistic Adoration 2-5pm Gethsemane Chapel
- Confessions 4-5pm Gethsemane Chapel
- Stations of the Cross followed by Meal 6pm St. Lucy Church & Lower Church Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

- Faith2Fit 8-9am St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Mass 9am St. Monica Church
- Bettors Anonymous 2pm St. Monica SVDP Hut
- Confessions 3-3:45pm Gethsemane Chapel & St. Lucy Church

St. Monica School



Bunny Bazaar & Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, March 25th
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
in the school cafe

Adults \$10 Children \$6
Tickets available at school office or at the door.

**Breakfast, crafts,
games, & raffles**



INTERESTED IN SERVING AT THE ALTAR?

Calling all Parishioners of St. Monica and St. Lucy Parishes. We will be scheduling a training for all those interested in learning more about serving as an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector (Reader)**, or an **Altar Server** for our masses.

Contact Karl at the office for more information and keep an eye on the bulletin for more details. (978) 683-1193 ext 35

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

St Lucy's Church Hall * Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner BYOB * Tickets are \$30 and on sale after all Masses on March 4th and 5th at St Lucy and St Monica * Tickets also available at Knights Hut on Mondays from 7-9 * Or from Peter Pellern at 978 228 8629 or

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Saturday March 18 5:30 till 9pm

OFFERTORY | FEBRUARY 18 & 19St. Monica - \$7,985.⁰⁰St. Lucy - \$4,316.⁰⁰**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 strawberry jelly, canned tuna, soups, canned carrots.
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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

3 - 3:45 pm both parishes | Sat
4 - 5pm Gethsemane Chapel | Fri
6 - 7pm St. Lucy Church | Wed

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

2 - 5 pm Friday Gethsemane Chapel
6 - 7 pm Wednesday St. Lucy Church

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Ps 27*

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, *that* I seek; hide not your *face* from me.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

1. For - ty days and for - ty nights You were fast - ing
2. Shall not we your sor - row share, And from earth - ly
3. And if Sa - tan, armed for war, Flesh or spir - it



1. in the wild; For - ty days and for - ty nights
2. joys ab - stain, Fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer,
3. should as - sail, You, his Van - quish - er be - fore,



1. Tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2. Glad with you to suf - fer pain?
3. Grant we may not faint or fail.

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card***FIRST READING***Gn 12: 1-4a*

The LORD said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.

"I will make of you a great nation, / and I will bless you; / I will make your name great, / so that you will be a blessing. / I will bless those who / and curse those who curse you. / All the communities of the earth / shall find blessing in you."

Abram went as the LORD directed him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Psalm 33*

R. Lord, let your mer - cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

SECOND READING*2 Tim 1: 8b-10*

Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.



✠. From the shining cloud the Father's voice *is* heard: *
This is my beloved *Son*, **hear** him.

GOSPEL*Mt 17: 1-9*

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

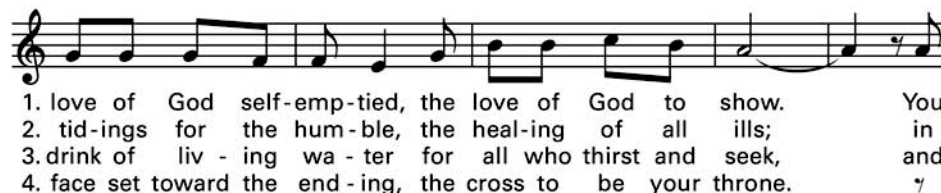
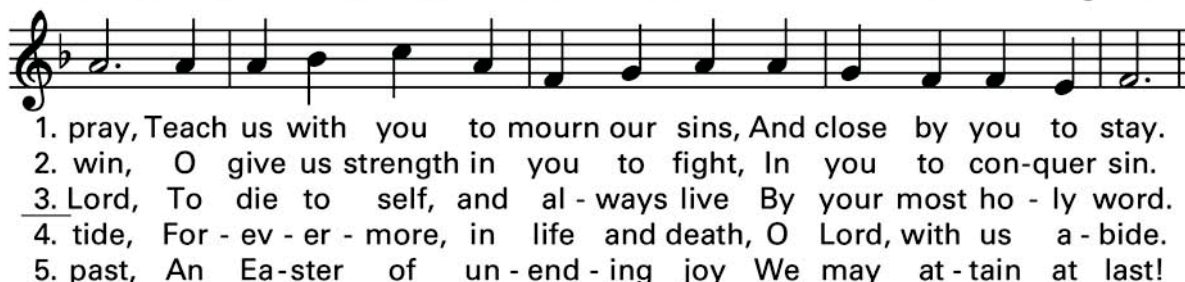
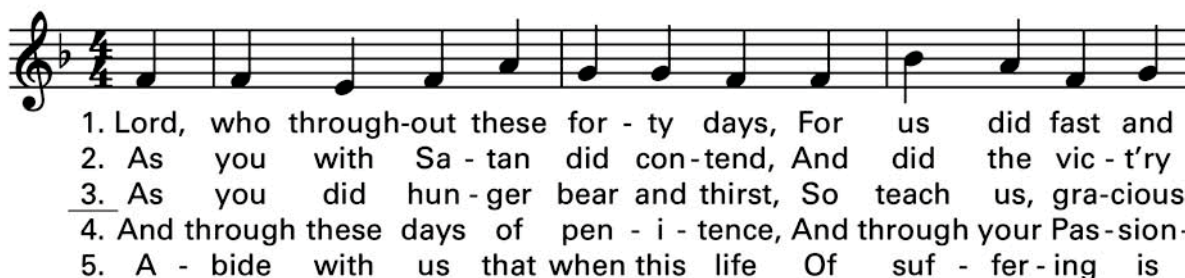
As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

CREED*Refer to Pew Card*COMMUNION ANTIPHON*Mt 17: 5*

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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*Transfigure Us, O Lord*RECESSIONAL HYMN*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, March 4

9:00am FIRST SATURDAY MASS
4:00pm Catherine Morin

Sunday, March 5

9:00am Amy Waterworth
Michael Tourmel
12:00pm Peter & Johan MacIsaac
Johanna MacIsaac
Sarah MacIsaac
Melanie Lipof

Saturday, March 11

9:00am Yvonne & Roland Soucy
4:00pm Catherine Goff

Sunday, March 12

9:00am Karen D'Ambrosia
Devin Melia
12:00pm Arthur & Emilda Gagne



ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, March 4

4:00pm Manuel Melo

Sunday, March 5

10:30am Jamie Legere
James Mahoney
Arthur & Helen Mahoney
Stanley Piskaldo

Monday, March 6

9:00am The Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 7

9:00am Scott Dietrich
Christian Maggio

Thursday, March 9

9:00am Colette Lebel

Friday, March 10

9:00am Perry, Clara, Steven & Beverly Autiello

Saturday, March 11

4:00pm Joseph Indoccio

Sunday, March 12

10:30am Deceased Members of BVM Sodality
William York & Deceased Members
of the York Family
Mary Walsh

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
Sun	03/05/23	Fr. William Leonard	Luca Azzani
Mon	03/06/23	Fr. R. Michael Guarino	Chris Barton
Tues	03/07/23	Fr. John Galvin	Alden Bronson
Wed	03/08/23	Fr. John Ahern	Alexander De Tirado
Thurs	03/09/23	Fr. John Kiley	Joe Jasinski
Fri	03/10/23	Fr. Paul Phinn	Diego Mendoza
Sat	03/11/23	Fr. Michael Hobson	David Pineda

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