

METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

JULY 27
2025



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

KNOCK
AND THE DOOR
WILL BE OPENED
TO YOU.

LUKE 11:9

ST. LUCY CHURCH | 254 MERRIMACK ST.

ST. MONICA CHURCH | 212 LAWRENCE ST.

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, July 26

9:00am Leonard Slye

4:00pm Andrew Radar, Lee Lucas, Steve Lori,
Joseph Reitano, and John Smerdon

Sunday, July 27

9:00am Patrick Joyce & Peter Joyce
Gregory Geneus (living), and in
thanksgiving to All Saints and the
Holy Spirit for favors received

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

5:00pm Por los feligreses de Santa Mónica y
Santa Lucía

Friday, August 1

6:00pm Por los feligreses
de Santa Mónica y Santa Lucía

Saturday, August 2

9:00am FIRST SATURDAY MASS

4:00pm Diana English Kimball

Sunday, August 3

9:00am Yvonne & Rene Lacoste, Thomas &
Patricia Waterworth, Charlie & Rose
Hanfin, and Marilee Ralph

12:00pm George J. Abdullah, George P.
Abdullah, Georgette Abdullah, and
Georgette M. Abdullah
Kathy O'Neil (living)
Kathy Axford (living)

5:00pm Por los feligreses de Santa Mónica y
Santa Lucía

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, July 26

4:00pm Wendy Matheson

Sunday, July 27

10:30am Maria Arasi, Ralph Gallo, the Holy
Souls in Purgatory, the Victims of
Human Trafficking and Abuse
Beth Monaco (living)

Monday, July 28

9:00am Gerald Clavette

Tuesday, July 29

9:00am Douglas Hamel

Wednesday, July 30

9:00am George Rovinski

Thursday, July 31

9:00am William Beck

Friday, August 1

9:00am Bruce Beverley

Saturday, August 2

4:00pm For the Parishioners of
St. Lucy & St. Monica

Sunday, August 3

10:30am The Holy Souls in Purgatory,
and the Victims of Human
Trafficking and Abuse

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.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SAT 4 pm (VIGIL) both parishes

SUN 9 am | 12 pm | 5 pm (Spanish) St. Monica
10:30am St. Lucy

CONFESSIONS WEDNESDAYS 6:00 pm St. Lucy

FRIDAYS following 6:30 Mass (Spanish) St. Monica

SATURDAYS 9:30 -10:30 am St. Monica | 3:00 - 3:45 pm both parishes

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MON - FRI 9 am St. Lucy

FRIDAYS 6 pm (Spanish) St. Monica

SATURDAYS 9 am St. Monica

“... Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” We hear these words in the Gospel today, but just what do they mean? Do we get whatever we ask for? Or do we always find what we are looking for? Do we always find the door open to our ambitions and dreams?

The answer is quite simple. No, we don't. But why? Jesus promised us that we could ask and receive. But very often, we are like children who don't know what we're asking for.

Saint Augustine writes: “Pray for temporal goods...and rest in the knowledge that they come to us from him who knows what is best for us. Did you ask and not get what you wanted? Trust in your Father. If it would have been good for you, you would have received it. Before God, you are much as a little child is before you. All day long, the child cries his eyes out so that you will give him a knife to play with. You wisely refuse his plea and pay no attention to his wailing. When your child demands to ride a horse, you won't let him. The child doesn't know how to ride and may get injured or even killed as a result. You deny him in little things so as to preserve more important things. You want the child to grow up safely and possess all his own goods without danger.”

After telling us that we can ask and receive, Jesus goes on to say, “What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg?” He will never replace what we ask for with something that would harm us. And unfortunately, even though we can't see it at the time, we ask for lots of things that aren't good for us.

In Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer at the beginning of this Gospel, Jesus teaches us to ask for our daily bread; he'll give us what we need. God always knows our needs better than we do. And since he loves us, we should always accept that whatever happens to us is his will and, therefore, a sign of love.

But Jesus also tells us that we should continue to make our requests even when it seems that they are not being answered in the way we desired. When the friend asks for three loaves of bread in the Gospel reading and is refused because the person, he is asking is already in bed with the doors locked, Jesus says, “I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.” Notice the reference to whatever the friend needs, not necessarily to what he is asking for. Keep asking. God will always give us what we need, even if it takes many prayers and many years. God loves us and will always do what is best for us in his eternal plan for our good.

“If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask?” God is all good. Any good that we do, He can outdo to an infinite degree. He looks upon each of us with an infinite love and has planned our eternal happiness before the world was even created. He is a good Father and will answer every one of our prayers some way, if not with what we want, then surely give us what we need, the Holy Spirit.



Yes, I CAN...We are in need of Soups, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Pancake Mix and Syrup. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the entrances to St. Lucy Church and the side door of Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church.

RISE

LET US BE ON OUR WAY

2025-2026 THE CREED Whole Community Catechesis in the Methuen Collaborative



ABOUT

RISE is the brand new Whole Community Catechesis initiative for the Parishes of St. Monica and St. Lucy in Methuen, MA. This initiative serves the life-long faith formation needs of parishioners and guests of ALL AGES, seeking to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church.

It is required for families with students in Sacrament Preparation and highly encouraged for those individuals and families in our OCIA, OCIC, Baptism Preparation, and Adult Confirmation Programs.

For parishioners without children who would like to register, please use the registration form on the facing page. Bring the completed form and payment to the office M/T/Th/Fr between 9am-1pm or drop the completed form and payment in the offertory basket at mass.

Be sure to select one of the two meeting options!

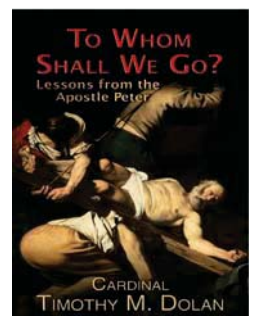
For families with children please register through our website methuencatholic.org

THE PRESENTATION OF MARY ASSOCIATES is hosting its annual book discussion for 2025-2026. This year we are reading *To Whom Shall We Go? Lessons from the Apostle Peter* by Archbishop Timothy Dolan. This book discussion presents the words and actions of St. Peter, clearly showing how his life, with all its strengths, weaknesses, joys, and sorrows offer an example for all of us. We meet after the 9:00am Mass at St. Lucy's.

Sept 18, October 9, November 13, December 11,

January 8, February 19, March 19, April 9, May 14, June 11

For more information or to get the book/sign up please call Maureen Slattery (978) 683-0589 or Mary Quinn (978) 289-3615





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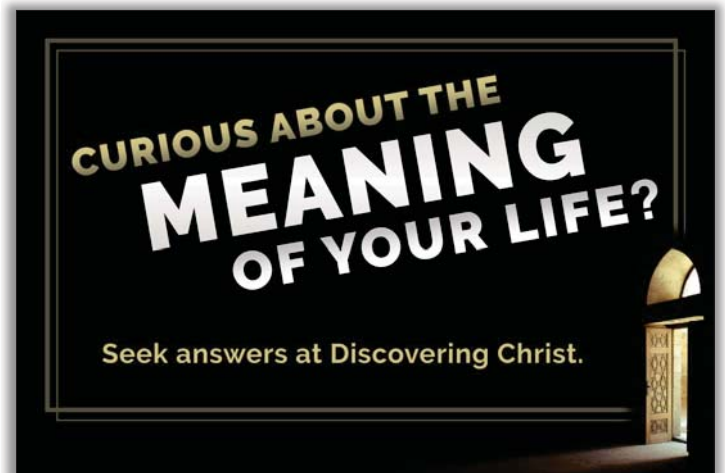
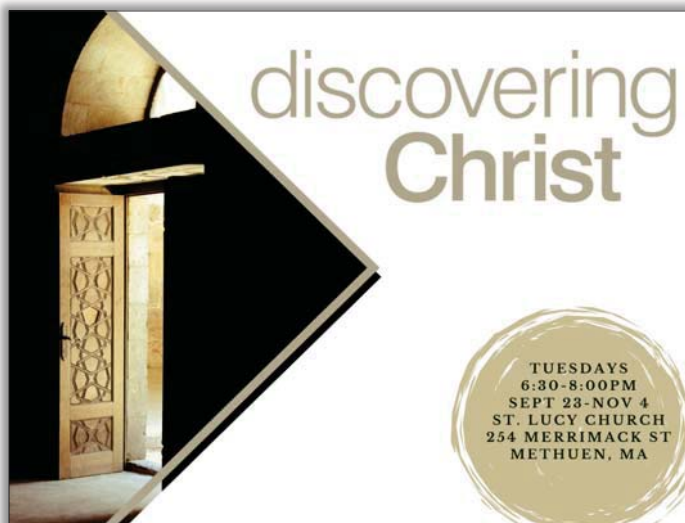
\$60/person \$100/2 people \$120/3+ people \$40/Seniors

Dates: Sept 13 & 14 | Oct 11 & 12 | Nov 8 & 9 | Dec 13 & 14

Jan 10 & 11 | Feb 14 & 15 | Mar 14 & 15 | Apr 11 & 12

SESSIONS

- ☐ Saturdays 5:00-7:00pm (St. Lucy's)
- ☐ Sundays 10:00am-12:00pm (St. Monica's)



If you would like to learn more or register for Discovering Christ, please contact Karl in the Office at 978-683-1193 or via email at faithformation.stlm@gmail.com

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

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, August 2nd | St. Monica Church Rosary to follow in Gethsemane Chapel

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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)



SAVE THE DATE ST. LUCY PARISH FALL CRAFT FAIR

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Please pray for Antoine Hajjar & Constance Maccarone whose funerals we recently offered. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
Sunday	07/27/2025	Fr. Gregory Vozzo	Br. Joseph-Teresa Steger OCD SJS
Monday	07/28/2025	Fr. Eric Cadin	David Bardales SJS Providence
Tuesday	07/29/2025	Fr. Robert Labrie	Alden Bronson SJS Boston
Wednesday	07/30/2025	Fr. Peter Schirripa	Alexander DeTirado RMS Boston
Thursday	07/31/2025	All Jesuits	Joseph Jasinski SJS Boston
Friday	08/01/2025		Rafael Rubio RMS Boston
Saturday	08/02/2025		Chris Silebi RMS Boston

PLEASE JOIN US!

Spanish masses are now being celebrated at St. Monica Church

Sundays at 5:00pm

Fridays at 6:00pm

Following the Friday evening Mass, there will be Adoration and Confessions in Spanish.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

¡POR FAVOR, ACOMPÁÑENOS!

Ahora se celebran Misas en español en la parroquia de Santa Mónica

Domingos a las 5:00pm

Viernes a las 6:00pm

Después de la Misa del viernes por la tarde, habrá adoración y confesiones en español.

¡TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS!

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Mondays @ 10 am. Please email all bulletin notices to parishoffice.stlm@gmail.com.

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OFFERTORY | JULY 13 & 14

St. Monica - \$6,959.00

St. Lucy - \$4,124.00

Weekly Offertory needed to sustain parish operations: St. Monica - \$10,000 | St. Lucy - \$6,000

Thank you for continuing your generous contributions to the mission of our parishes.

Reading 1**Genesis 18:20-32**

In those days, the LORD said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out."

While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the LORD remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer and said: "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?"

The LORD replied, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Abraham spoke up again: "See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?" He answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there."

But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty."

Then Abraham said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there."

Still Abraham went on, "Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?" The LORD answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty."

But he still persisted: "Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?" He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8**

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.
I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple
and give thanks to your name.
R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Because of your kindness and your truth;
for you have made great above all things
your name and your promise.
When I called you answered me;
you built up strength within me.
R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar.
Though I walk amid distress, you preserve me;
against the anger of my enemies you raise your hand.

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Your right hand saves me.

The LORD will complete what he has done for me; your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Reading 2**Colossians 2:12-14**

Brothers and sisters: You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

And even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

Alleluia**Romans 8:15bc**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You have received a Spirit of adoption, through which we cry, Abba, Father.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel**Luke 11:1-13**

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples."

He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.'

I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

PROCESSIONAL SONGHere I Am to Worship

Light of the World
 You stepped down into darkness,
 Opened my eyes, let me see
 Beauty that made this
 heart adore You,
 Hope of a life spent with You

Here I am to worship
 Here I am to bow down,
 Here I am to say that You're my God
 You're altogether lovely
 Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me

OFFERTORY HYMNSeek Ye First

*1.

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
 3. You do not live by bread a - lone,
 4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,

and seek his right - eous - ness,
 but by ev 'ry word
 there am I in their midst;

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;
 that comes forth from the mouth of God;
 and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION HYMNJesus My Lord My God

1. Je - sus, my Lord, my God, my All,
2. Had I but Mar - y's sin - less heart,
3. O! see up - on the al - tar placed

How can I love thee as I ought?
To love thee with, my dear - est King;
The vic - tim of di - vin - est love!

And how re - vere this won - drous gift,
O! with what bursts of fer - vent praise,
Let all the earth be - low a - dore,

So far sur - pass - ing hope or thought?
Thy good - ness, Je - sus would I sing.
And join the choirs of heav'n a - bove.

Sweet Sac - ra - ment, we thee a - dore! O make us love thee
more and more! O make us love thee more and more.

RECESSIONAL HYMN10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul.
Worship is holy name. Sing like never before.
Oh my soul, Ill worship your holy name

You're rich in love And You're slow to anger
Your name is great And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find

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.

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