

AUGUST 8, 2021



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST. MONICA PARISH

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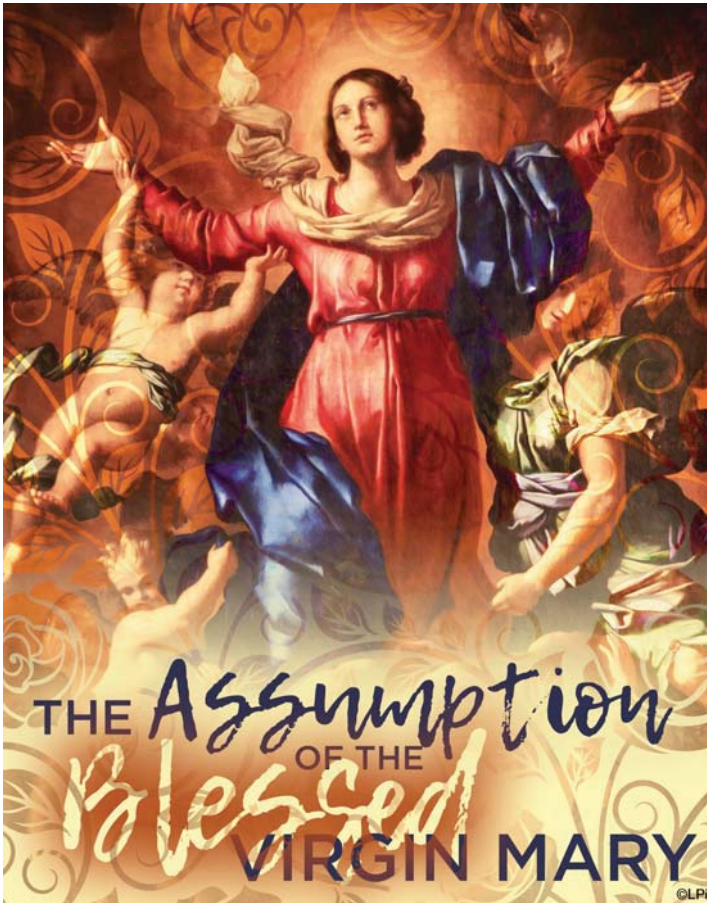
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DAILY MASS **MON/TUE/THURS/FRI** 9 am St. Lucy **FIRST SATURDAY** 9 am St. Monica
WEEKEND SAT 4 pm (Vigil) both parishes **SUN** 9 and 11 am St. Monica, 10 am St. Lucy

Welcome

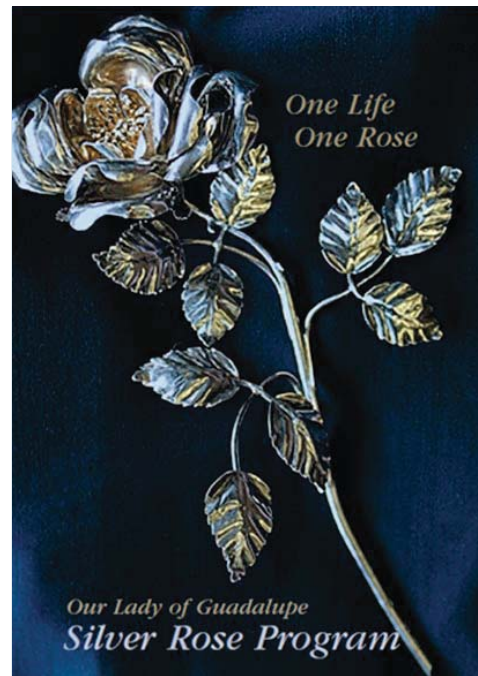


Join us to pray the Rosary!
 Saturday, August 14 at 11:00 am
 behind St. Monica Church



Cardinal Sean O'Malley will be celebrating the 11:00 am Mass at St. Monica's Church on Sunday, August 15th.

The Mass will conclude with a Eucharistic Procession and dedication of Gethsemane Chapel as a Eucharistic Chapel.



Silver Rose Prayer Service

The St. Monica Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Silver Rose Program at St. Lucy Parish after the 9:00 AM Mass on Tuesday, August 17.




Our Parish Offices are currently scheduling events and group meetings for the upcoming year. We ask group leaders to please submit their calendars to Karl Jackson

at faithformation.stlm@gmail.com by Monday, August 16th for inclusion on the parish calendar. Thank-you.

The Silver Rose Program is a Knights of Columbus sponsored Marian devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

A half hour prayer service will accompany the display of a Knights of Columbus Silver Rose.

All are welcome to attend Mass and the Prayer Service.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

And the next chapter begins...

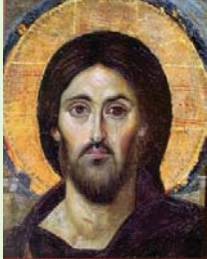
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We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*, a 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what he means for us as Catholics today.

We will begin the *Jesus* study on **September 1 at 6:00pm via Zoom**. Participants will view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri. Workbook and one year subscription to the video are available through ascensionpress.com for \$29.95.

For more information or to register, contact Bonnie Doherty, OCDS at 978-270-3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com. Once you register, you will be provided with the Zoom link. We hope you can join us!

THE FULFILLMENT of ALL DESIRE

A video series by Dr. Ralph Martin



Our parishioner Bonnie Doherty, OCDS is leading a study this summer on Zoom using the videos series "The Fulfillment of All Desire".

Upcoming videos:

Ralph Martin: 2021 Lenten Mission, Fulfillment of All Desire, 4 weeks
 Week 3: Session 3, 56:49 (8/11)
 Week 4: Session 4, 1:06:34 (8/18)

Please contact Bonnie at bonnieocds@gmail.com for the Zoom link.



19° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Yo soy el pan de la vida. Sus padres comieron el maná en el desierto y sin embargo, murieron. Este es el pan que ha bajado del cielo para que, quien lo coma, no muera". - Jn 6, 48-50

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MASS INTENTIONS

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, August 7

9:00am **First Saturday Mass**
4:00pm Salvatore Durso

Sunday, August 8

9:00am *Multiple Intention*
Francis J. Heymans
Alice Indoccio
Ida Makovitch
Mary S. Pelletier
Joan Coppola
11:00am Renald E. & Renald J. Rochette

Saturday, August 14

4:00pm Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Sunday, August 15

9:00am Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
11:00am Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, August 7

4:00pm Yvonne Soucy

Sunday, August 8

10:00am *Multiple Intentions*
William DeSantis
Jane Lewis
Mark Nichols
Anthony Calderone
Gilbert Fontaine
Alfio, Maria, & Antonino Reitano

Monday, August 9

9:00am *Living Intentions*
Iain and Sara Beauchamps
John & Marie Monte & Family
Kate Jackson

Tuesday, August 10

9:00am JoAnne Grella

Thursday, August 12

9:00am Krystyna Szablowska

Friday, August 13

9:00am Joseph O'Neil

Saturday, August 14


4:00pm Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, August 15

10:00am Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

19TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." John 6:51



Eucharistic Adoration
Fridays 2 - 5 pm
Gethsemane Chapel



Confessions
Fridays 4 - 5 pm Gethsemane Chapel
Saturdays 3 - 3:45 pm St. Monica Church & St. Lucy Church



SONGS & READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

INTROIT

Cf. Ps 73: 20, 19, 22, 23

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones forever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1. O God, our help in ag - es past, Our
2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or
4. O God, our help in ag - es past, Our

1. hope for years to come, Our shel - ter from the
2. saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is your
3. earth re - ceived her frame, From ev - er - last - ing
4. hope for years to come, Be now our guard while

1. storm-y blast, And our e - ter - nal home.
2. arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
3. you are God, To end-less years the same.
4. trou-bles last, And our e - ter - nal home.

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FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death saying: "This is enough, O LORD! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 78 (77): 3-4, 23-24, 25, 54



℣. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord.

☩ I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

☩ Glorify the LORD with me, Let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me And delivered me from all my fears.

☩ Look to him that you may be radiant with joy. And your faces may not blush with shame. When the afflicted man called out, the LORD heard, And from all his distress he saved him.

☩ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him and delivers them. Taste and see how good the LORD is; blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

SONGS & READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Brothers and sisters: Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ. So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

ALLELUIA

Cf. John 6:51



✠ I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

GOSPEL

John 6: 41-51

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven,' and they said, 'Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven?'' Jesus answered and said to them, 'Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: They shall all be taught by God. Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.'

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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Wisdom 16:20

The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

COMMUNION HYMN

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



1. Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord, Re - ceive the
2. Our lov - ing Sav - ior, Christ, the on - ly Son, Who by his
3. Let us ap - proach with thank - ful hearts sin - cere, And gain the
4. With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole, Gives liv - ing



1. ho - ly blood for you out - poured, Saved by that pre - cious bod - y
2. cross and blood the vic - t'ry won, Gave his own life for great - est
3. safe - guard of sal - va - tion here. God, who all faith - ful ser - vants
4. wa - ters to the thirst - y soul. The one e - ter - nal God, to



1. and that blood, Where - by re - freshed, we of - fer thanks to God.
2. and for least: Him - self the Vic - tim and him - self the Priest.
3. rules and shields, To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields.
4. whom shall bow All on the last day; he is with us now.

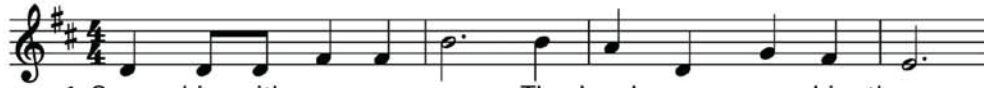
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PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Saint 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, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

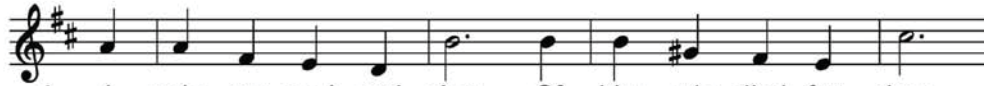
Crown Him With Many Crowns



1. Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his throne;
2. Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
3. Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Where an - gels sing a - bove;



1. All king-doms of the earth re-sound In praise of him a-lone.
2. Who on the third day did a- rise And hope to sin-ners gave.
3. Crown him the King, to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



1. A - wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
2. His glo - ry now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
3. Crown him with man - y crowns, As thrones be - fore him fall.



1. And hail him as thy ris - en King For all e - ter - ni - ty.
2. Who came e - ter - nal life to bring, Who lives, no more to die.
3. Through-out the earth his praise re-sounds For he is Lord of all.



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COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



GOSPEL

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compared himself to manna. A long time ago God's people ate manna in the desert, because there was no other food to eat. By sending manna falling from the sky every morning, God taught his people to trust him. Manna tasted good, and it kept them healthy. God took care of them and gave them all they needed. Then, hundreds of years later, God sent Jesus down from heaven, so people could have everlasting life with him.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus down from heaven so that we can look forward to living with you forever in heaven. Amen.

PUZZLE

Find and circle eight things that are different.



DRAW

Draw Jesus welcoming you inside the gates of heaven.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 8, 2021

- Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/
Jn 6:41-51
- Monday:** Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
- Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/
Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
- Friday:** Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15
- Next Sunday:** *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 8, 2021

- Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
- Tuesday:** St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Clare, Virgin
- Thursday:** St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
- Friday:** Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Are we willing to be taught by God? If we are, then we will begin to see things and make judgments using a Divine lens. Often, we perceive things with purely human eyes and reference points. When we do this, reality can lose its Divine spark and we miss what God is trying to say. When using human eyes exclusively, Jesus is at best perceived simply as a prophet who has some wise things to say. The human element has a difficult time seeing Jesus' divinity and recognizing him as the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven. We can easily get stuck on Jesus' human associations and overlook the marvelous wonders God wants us to see. If we really allow ourselves to be taught by God, we will then come to see the truth about Jesus and the abundant everlasting life God offers. Jesus becomes the key that unlocks all of our relationships: with God, others, ourselves, and creation. He, as the true and lasting bread from heaven, shows us the gifts of faith, hope, and love that God bestows on us. Through this divine lens we see that all life sparkles and glows with God's love.



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Stand
firm in
God's
grace

— 1 PETER 5:12 —

This week at our parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

- Mass 9 and 11 am St. Monica Church
- Mass 10 am St. Lucy Church
- Baptisms 1 pm St. Monica Church

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church
- Rosary Prayer Group 6 pm Gethsemane Chapel

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church
- Eucharistic Adoration 2 - 5 pm Gethsemane Chapel
- Confessions 4 - 5 pm Gethsemane Chapel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

- Baptism Prep Class 10 am St. Lucy School House
- Public Rosary 11 am St. Monica Church
- Confessions 3-3:45pm Gethsemane Chapel and St. Lucy Church
- Mass 4 pm both churches

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Mass 9 and 11 am St. Monica Church
- Mass 10 am St. Lucy Church
- Baptisms 12 pm St. Lucy Church

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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for F.G., Matt W., Grace P., Susan F., and Lorraine Daly.

Please pray for Joan Coppola and Peter Joyce whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

Please pray for a priest and a seminarian each day as they need our prayers!

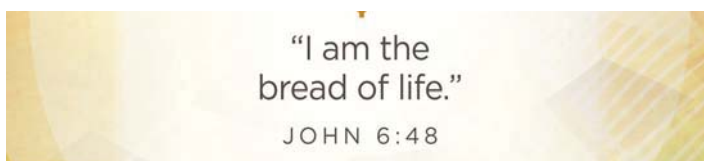
Day	Date	Priest	Seminarian
Sun	8/8	All Dominicans	Edward Rodriguez
Mon	8/9	Fr. Joseph McCarthy	Aaron Arbizo
Tue	8/10	Fr. Lawrence Rondeau	Jeremy Wagner
Wed	8/11	Fr. William Coughlin	Michael Dickson
Thurs	8/12	Fr. Donald Delay	David Pineda
Fri	8/13	Fr. James DiPerri	Alexander Charow
Sat	8/14	Fr. Vincent Mellone	Johnathan Saniuk

Roses for Life for this week

Theresa A. Rickley

Altar Bread for August

St. Monica Parish - Laura and Michael Cote



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Sharon Waning	Choir Director/Lead Cantor - St. Lucy
Kevin Fitzgerald	Facilities Manager (St. Lucy)/RCIA Coordinator

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

BAPTISMS 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm at St. Monica's and 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:00pm at St. Lucy's

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