

# METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

JUNE 01  
2025



"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first  
and the last, the beginning and the end."

Revelation 22:13

7<sup>TH</sup>  
SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

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**A New Pentecost**

Dear Parishioners,

In the first few months in Methuen, I spoke about the need to evangelize. Technically speaking, evangelizing is announcing the Good News of the Gospel to those who know nothing about Jesus, but in its broadest sense, it also means announcing God's Good News to all who need Jesus, especially those who, for one reason or another, have strayed from their practice of the Catholic faith. During this moment of the history of the Church, we are called to a New Evangelization, but for that we need also a new Pentecost, you and I need to be continuously transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the months of November, December, and January, I set a goal of recruiting members for the evangelization committee; currently, the committee is made up of about fifteen people. From February to the present, we have met once a month with the evangelization committee for training. Looking to the future, this is the plan we want to follow:

**One Plus One Mission (June-September).** With the word “mission” I mean the very task of reaching out to people who need God to invite them to meet Jesus. The Evangelization Committee aims to invite those who have strayed from the faith to an experience of encounter with Christ through the Christ Life Program. The goal of this mission is for each of us to invite one person to join the program and, therefore, to join the parish community of our collaborative.

**Christ Life Program: Discovering Christ (September-November).** At the end of September, the evangelization committee we will run this program, which will teach a series of topics to help attendees have a personal encounter with Christ or renew their encounter if they have had one. The program consists of a dinner in small groups, a video lesson, and a moment of reflection on the topic received. The program lasts seven weeks and will take place on Tuesdays from 6:30 pm to 8 pm in the Parish Hall of St. Lucy's. During springtime we will run the second part of the program and later the third one.

The One Plus One Mission will be the instrument to reach out to those we want to invite to the program. This mission has a very simple methodology, and it consists largely of praying for half an hour every day to thank God for making us part of this task, for those carrying out this mission, and for all those who will be invited to the Christ Life program, along with the personal invitation we must make. This is the program that the missionaries will follow:

FIRST MONTH (Sunday, June 1st to Saturday, June 28th): Prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God. Each missionary will pray for half an hour daily to give thanks to God for the gift of faith, the church, and being part of the mission of the salvation of the world.

SECOND MONTH (Sunday, June 29th to Saturday, July 26th): Prayer for the mission and the missionaries. During this second month we will continue with our prayer, but the intention will be to pray for those who will carry out the mission. Asking the Lord to empower us and with His gifts.

THIRD MONTH (Sunday, July 27th to Saturday, August 30th and after): Prayer for those who will receive the mission and reaching out to them.

I am writing to you about this project for two reasons: firstly, to let you know what the collaborative is doing. We are a community of faith, a community of brothers and sisters, so we must be all aware of the good things we are doing. Secondly, to request your support. During this summertime, please remember to pray for this project of Evangelization. Later in the summer we will publicize the Christ Life program, and we will ask you to invite people to it. Right now is time to pray as the apostles did in the upper room, is time to pray and ask God to send forth the Holy Spirit like He did at Pentecost so we can also do what the apostles did: announce the Love of God to all who are in need.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Marcos Pena  
Administrator

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION JUNE 8 - SEMINARIANS (PENTECOST)

Next week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit [www.VocationsBoston.org](http://www.VocationsBoston.org).

### 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, June 7th | St. Monica Church  
Rosary to follow in Gethsemane Chapel

### 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)

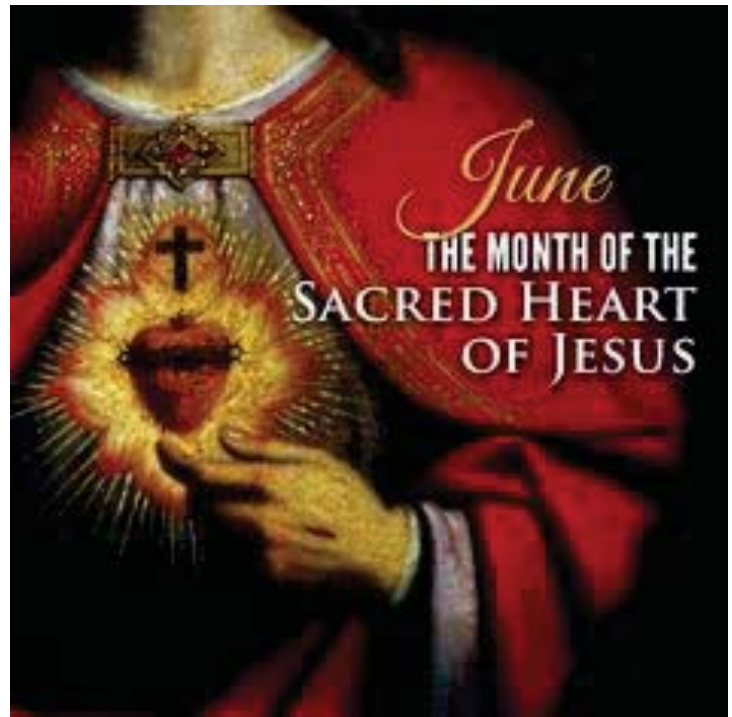


Did you know that St. Monica's Sunday masses are available on cable TV? Replays are on Fridays at 7:30 am and Sundays at 5 pm. **Beginning on June 4**, Comcast HD1072 will have the masses along with FIOS 33 & HD channel 2133. The mass is online at those same times on [methuentv.org](http://methuentv.org) - Select WATCH next to "Community TV"



The Knights of Columbus will be leading the monthly Rosary for St. Monica School parents in the Chapel this Wednesdays, June 4.

All parents of students are welcome to attend. Just stop in before picking up children from school. The Rosary will begin at 1:15pm. Rosaries & prayer cards will be provided.



### HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

Beginning **this weekend**, we will celebrate Spanish masses 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!**

### ¡AYÚDANOS A CORRER LA VOZ!

Comenzando este fin de semana, celebraremos misas en Español en la parroquia St. Monica:

**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!**



METHUEN CATHOLIC  
ST. MONICA & ST. LUCY PARISHES  
**CORPUS CHRISTI**  
*Celebration*

The Feast of Corpus Christi celebrates the gift of the Body and Blood of Our Lord present in the Eucharist. It proclaims our union with God and each other through this Most Holy Sacrament. From a desire to celebrate our union with God and each other *together*, and after lengthy deliberation with the pastoral council, we have decided to celebrate a single Sunday Mass at St. Monica's on June 22. This single Mass will enable all of our parishioners and visitors to come together to celebrate our common faith in the Eucharist and then proclaim that faith in a Solemn Procession through the streets of Methuen. Mass will start at 10:30am, followed immediately by the procession. (We will celebrate our Saturday 4:00pm masses at both parishes as usual). Please join together to proclaim our faith and devotion to Our Eucharistic Lord through this Sacred Celebration.

**COLLABORATIVE PICNIC.** Following the Procession, we invite everyone to a picnic at St. Monica's. The parishes will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. We invite parishioners and guests to bring their favorite sides, desserts, drinks, and paper products. Please contact Christine (978-683-1193) in the office to let us know what you will bring. Grab a lawn chair and join us on Sunday, June 22 to celebrate our faith and community!

*-Fr. Marcos*

June 22, 2025  
10:30 am - Mass  
11:30am - Procession  
12:30pm - Collaborative Picnic  
St. Monica Church  
212 Lawrence St. | Methuen



### THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

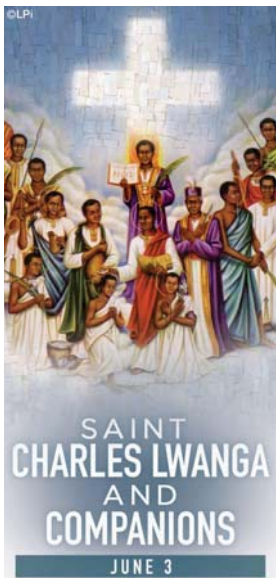
## Saints Marcellinus and Peter

DIED CIRCA 304 | FEAST DAY — JUNE 2



**M**arcellinus was a priest and Peter an exorcist in Rome's Christian community. They were arrested and imprisoned during a persecution by Emperor Diocletian. In prison, they converted many people, including their jailer and his family. They were condemned to death and beheaded, supposedly in secret, in a nearby wood. But their executioner disclosed the deaths after his conversion. Pope St. Damasus I wrote an epitaph for their tomb, over which Emperor Constantine later built a church in which he buried his mother. This pope also reported that he learned the details of their martyrdom from the executioner himself. Marcellinus and Peter are among the saints named in the Roman Canon of the Mass.

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MAY 17 & 18

**St. Monica - \$6,887.00**

**St. Lucy - \$4,275.00**

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 Mashed Potatoes, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Canned Pasta, Soups, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Canned Baked Beans. 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.

**GETHSEMANE CHAPEL AT ST. MONICA CHURCH**  
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**BAPTISMS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Monica's | 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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OPENING SONGJesus Christ is Risen Today

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,  
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
 3. But the pains which he en-dured,      Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Our tri - um-phunt ho - ly day,  
 2. Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King,  
 3. Our sal - va - tion have pro-cured;      Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Who did once up - on the cross,  
 2. Who en-dured the cross and grave,  
 3. Now he reigns a - bove as King,      Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Suf - fer to re - deem our loss.  
 2. Sin - ners to re - deem and save.  
 3. Where the an - gels ev - er sing.      Al - le - lu - ia!

FIRST READING*Acts 7: 55-60*

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and Stephen said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out in a loud voice, covered their ears, and rushed upon him together. They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them"; and when he said this, he fell asleep.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Psalm 97: 1-2, 6-7, 9 (1a, 9a)*

**℟. The Lord is king, the most high o - ver all the earth.**

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;  
 let the many islands be glad.  
 Justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

The heavens proclaim his justice,  
 and all peoples see his glory.  
 All gods are prostrate before him.

You, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth,  
 exalted far above all gods.

SECOND READING

Rev 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: "Behold, I am coming soon. I bring with me the recompense I will give to each according to his deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are they who wash their robes so as to have the right to the tree of life and enter the city through its gates. "I, Jesus, sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let the hearer say, "Come." Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water. The one who gives this testimony says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

## Alleluia

*℟. I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.*

GOSPEL

Jn 17: 20-26

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

OFFERTORY HYMNIn Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song, This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm  
through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace. When fears are stilled, when strivings  
cease. My Comforter, my All in All. Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness.  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died. The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live, I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day. Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory. Sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am  
His and He is mine. Bought with the precious blood of Christ



COMMUNION HYMNJesus My Lord My God My All

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 dear - I ought?  
 To my with, my di - dear - est King;  
 The vic - tim of my 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 HYMNCrown 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.

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.



## ST. MONICA PARISH

### Saturday, May 31

9:00am Andrew Radar  
Lee Lucas  
Joseph Reitano  
Steve Lori  
John Smerdon

4:00pm Francis T. Roberge

### Sunday, June 1

9:00am Charlie & Rose Hanafin  
Louise Ann Roy

12:00pm Tomas Baez  
Patricia Mundry  
Demetrio Faunillan

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

### Friday, June 6

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

### Saturday, June 7

9:00am FIRST SATURDAY MASS

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

### Sunday, June 8 - PENTECOST

9:00am Marianna Zielinski  
Diane Margosian  
Leo Hamel  
Gerard Hamel  
Kevin Waterworth  
James Minor  
Albert Desjardin

12:00pm Michael Mansour

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

## ST. LUCY PARISH

### Saturday, May 31

4:00pm Vincent & Mary Rizzo  
Jennie & Vito Milone

### Sunday, June 1

10:30am For the Parishioners of  
St. Lucy & St. Monica

### Monday, June 2

9:00am Stanley Piskadlo

### Tuesday, June 3

9:00am Aline Duncan  
Valorie Duncan  
Mr & Mrs Hurley Duncan  
Mr & Mrs Mecleor Raza

### Wednesday, June 4

9:00am St. Odilia for favors received

### Thursday, June 5

9:00am Andrew & Isabel Mulvaney

### Friday, June 6

9:00am Salomeja Rembisz

### Saturday, June 7

4:00pm Gerturde & Joseph Sarro

### Sunday, June 8

10:30am Deceased Members of the BVM Sodality  
Harriet & Bill Despres  
Isidore Trovato



## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
Sun	06/01/25	Fr. David Joanis	Br. Vladimir Guadalupe Huber OCD
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Tues	06/03/25	Fr. Charles Madi Okin	Chris Silebi RMS Boston
Wed	06/04/25	Fr. Jason Worthley	Isaac Velazquez RMS Boston
Thurs	06/05/25	Fr. Richard Cannon	Liam Warner SJS Boston
Fri	06/06/25	Fr. Christopher Letizia	Deacon Zachary Sullivan SJS Worcester
Sat	06/07/25	Fr. William English	Worcester Presbyteral Ordination

### PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Maureen S., Russell R., Kristin M., John S., Michael B., Robert L., Victor T., Carolyn, Adrienne M., Terry, Chris C., Phyllis T. & Patrice K.

Please pray for those whose funerals we recently offered. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



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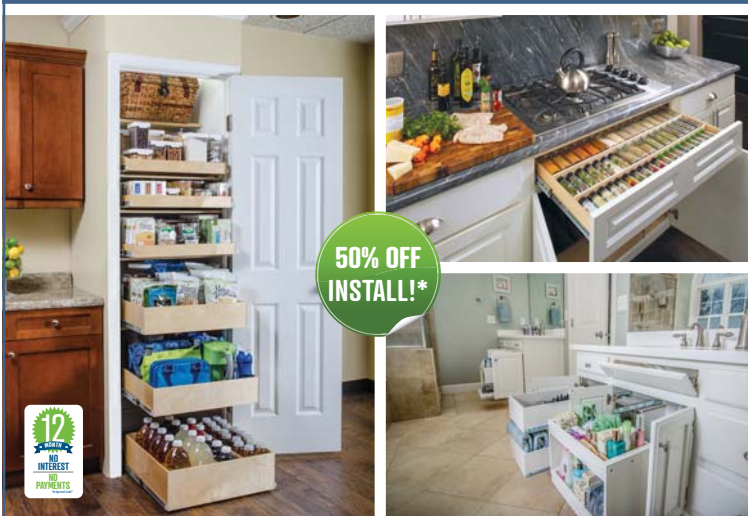
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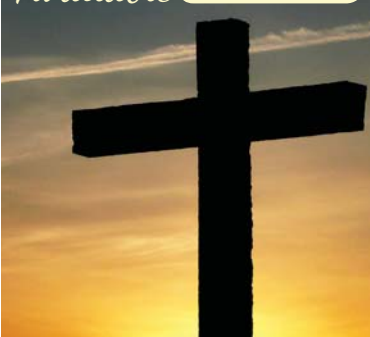
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