

METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

Nov 21

2021



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,

*King of the Universe*

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king." - Jn 18:37a

Today is the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Its official name is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and it is celebrated in honor of Our Lord Jesus Christ as Lord of all creation (the physical world, and the spiritual world, as well).

Scientists estimate that the physical universe has a diameter of about 93 billion light years. A light year is about 6 trillion miles. Multiply 6 trillion by 93 billion and you'll find the size of the universe in miles, an almost unbelievably large number. Some scientists say that it is much bigger and that what we know as the universe is only a small portion of what it really is.

But Jesus is the Lord and King of it all. He is the reason for its existence. The Gospel of John records that, "All things were made through him. All things were made for him. And without him, nothing was made."

The creation account in the Book of Genesis states that, "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good." The universe is a very good creation and Christ is the King of it all. The amount of praise and honor that is his due, we cannot even imagine, but let us do the best we can with our weak human abilities. Let us always keep in mind how great and powerful he is and how good all of creation is, by honoring him at every moment, by respecting our world and other peoples, and by living our lives in imitation of Christ. Let us love him as he loves us.

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year. Advent is a time of preparation for the Feast of Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Bethlehem. How do we prepare for that?

First, by trying to better grasp what it really means for Christ to become a human being and be born in a stable and laid in a manger. "And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us." The word of God, the second person of the Trinity, left his throne in heaven and became one of us. God became man. We cannot imagine how much lower we are than God, but he humbled himself and became lower than the angels and lived on earth with us. That is the love that he has for mankind.

He made himself a little lower than the angels, and by doing so, raised us up to a dignity even higher than the angels. Jesus became one with us so that we could become one with God. That we can become one with God is something that is almost unbelievable but is what Christ has accomplished by becoming one with us.

The second way to prepare for Advent is by realizing why Christ became one of us. Only he was worthy to make the sacrifice necessary for the forgiveness of all our sins. Only he could show us the proper way to live. He humbled himself to become man and to show us how to live by imitating him. He was meek and humble of heart, and we should try to imitate his meekness and humility. That is not an easy thing to do. It takes work and dedication, but that is one of the things that Advent is all about. He was also poor, and he suffered much on earth for our sake. Let us follow his example and treat the poor with the respect they deserve as our brothers and sisters. And let us comfort the suffering in any way that we can.

At the same time, Advent is a time of joy as Christmas comes closer and closer. It is a time of rejoicing for most of us. But we all know others for whom it is not a happy season. Some grow depressed during this time of year. Let us pray for them and for their happiness and let us practice becoming more and more like Jesus during this Advent season. And let us become more and more enthusiastic, knowing that he is ever nearer as we strive to become even closer to him.

Peace and all good things,  
Deacon John Kobrenski

**THANKSGIVING MASSES**

Thursday, Nov 25

St. Monica Church | 9am

St. Lucy Church | 9am

*SVdP will distribute bread at St. Monica's Mass and the Men's Guild will distribute bread at St. Lucy's*

**THANKSGIVING WEEK OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Nov 22 | 11:30am-4:30pm

Tuesday, Nov 23 | 9:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday, Nov 24 | 9:00am-12:00pm

Thursday, Nov 25 (Thanksgiving Day) | Closed

Friday, Nov 26 | Closed

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Friday, Nov 26

We will NOT have Exposition /Adoration or confessions on Friday, Nov 26 at Gethsemane Chapel. We will resume Eucharistic Adoration on the following Friday, December 3.

**NO FAITH FORMATION**

There will be no faith formation on Sunday, November 28. We will resume our meetings the following Sunday, December 5th with Confirmation 1 & 2 meeting at 12:45pm at St. Lucy's. Thank-you.



Next Sunday, November 28th is the First Sunday of Advent, which begins the new liturgical year. The Advent season is a time of penance and joyful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. We not only remember his first coming 2000 years ago but primarily we prepare for his return in glory by preparing our hearts to welcome him more perfectly into our lives right now. Let us pray together that God's will be done in our lives. Amen.

**PROJECT BETHLEHEM**

Again, this year in support of Lazarus House in Lawrence we will be collecting gift cards for families in need. They are requesting gift cards from:

MARKET BASKET  
WALMART  
TARGET  
STOP/SHOP



The denominations they are requesting are **\$25.00 or under** (*multiple donations made be in small amounts*)

A box will be located in the front foyer of St. Lucy's Church at morning mass from 8:30-9:30am and at weekend Masses from November 27th through December 13th.

Realizing these are difficult times for all of us, whatever you can do to brighten another family's holiday will be greatly appreciated.

Any questions please call Annette Autiello | 508-783-1544

Thursday, November 25  
**THANKSGIVING DAY**

St. Lucy | 9:00am  
St. Monica | 9:00am

Wednesday, December 8  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

St. Lucy | 9:00am  
St. Monica | 6:00pm

Monday, December 13  
**FEAST OF ST. LUCY**

St. Lucy | 5:30pm  
*(followed by refreshments)*

Sunday, December 19  
**LESSONS & CAROLS** *including Christmas Pageant*

St. Monica | 4:00pm  
*(followed by refreshments)*

**Friday, December 24**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**

St. Lucy | 3:00pm, 5:00pm, & 10:00pm  
Methuen Music Hall | 4:00pm  
St. Monica | 4:00pm

**Saturday, December 25**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**

St. Monica | 9:00am  
St. Lucy | 10:00am  
*no 4:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass*

Sunday, December 26  
**HOLY FAMILY**

St. Monica | 9:00am | 11:00am  
St. Lucy | 10:00am

Saturday, January 1  
**MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD**

*(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)*  
St. Monica | 9:00am

## HOLIDAY SEASON METHUEN CATHOLIC MASS TIMES & EVENTS



**EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS***Treasures of the Church*

Monday, November 29  
 Sts Mary and Joseph Parish | 6:00pm  
 40 Main St.  
 Salem, NH 03079

You are invited to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 Relics will be shown. Some as old as 2,000 years.

Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, S. Mary Magdalene, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska.

There will also be a fragment of the Veil that belonged to Our Lady and some of the largest remaining pieces of the Wood of the True Cross in the world.

See [www.treasuresofthechurch.com](http://www.treasuresofthechurch.com) for more information

**THE WEEK AHEAD**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- Faith Formation Grades 3-8 St Lucy's Church 12:45 - 2:45
- AA 7pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church followed by Rosary
- Baptism Preparation 6:00-7:30pm St. Lucy Schoolhouse
- Boy Scouts Meeting 7:00-8:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church followed by Rosary
- Rosary For Priests Prayer Group 6 pm Gethsemane Chapel

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- Parish Offices Open Half Day 9:00am-12:00pm
- Prayer and Study 10am - 12 pm St. Monica Ranch House
- Scripture Study on Book of Revelation Repeated 2pm St Lucy School House
- NO Adoration St. Lucy Church

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 (Thanksgiving Day)

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church followed by Rosary | Men's Guild distributes bread
- Mass 9 am St. Monica Church | SVdP distributes bread
- AA 6:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- NO CLASS on the Creed 6:00-7:00pm (Zoom)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church followed by Rosary
- NO Eucharistic Adoration
- NO Confessions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- Faith to Fitt 8 am St Lucy Schoolhouse
- St. Monica School Christmas Fair 9am-6pm St. Monica School Hall
- Bettor's Anonymous 2pm St. Monica SVDP Hut
- Scripture Study on Book of Revelation 2 pm St Lucy School House

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Once again this year, in place of an Advent Tree with tags and gift requests, we are going to offer Target or Wal-Mart gift cards to the children we serve in our ministry. If you would like to participate in our Nativity Program for 2021, we will have designated boxes as you enter the church each week where you can leave a gift card in any denomination you choose. You may also mail gift cards directly to the Parish Office:

**St. Vincent de Paul Nativity Program**  
**254 Merrimack Street**  
**Methuen, MA 01844.**

As always, thank you for your generosity and support of our programs. The families we serve truly appreciate the assistance your donations provide. God bless you!

**PARISHES CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

will take place on December 19th, 2021 at 4:00pm at St. Monica Church as part of Lessons and Carols.

If your child(ren) would like to participate in the pageant, contact to Karl at 978-683-1193 or [faithformation.stlm@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.stlm@gmail.com).

We are also looking for volunteers to assist our pageant director this year. Please reach out to Karl if you think you can help. Thanks!

**OFFERTORY | NOV 6 & 7**

St. Monica - \$8,629.<sup>00</sup>

St. Lucy - \$6,919.<sup>00</sup>

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 Instant Rice, Soups, Canned Spaghetti, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, and Canned Fruits. *Donations can be dropped off anytime at the entrances to St. Lucy and the side door of Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church.*

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Mondays @ 10 am. Please email all bulletin notices to [faithformation.stlm@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.stlm@gmail.com).

**TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS**

Until further notice, our parish office hours are:

**Monday-Thursday | 11:30am-4:30pm**

**Fridays | 9:00am-2:00pm**

**BAPTISMS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 1:00pm St. Monica's | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 11:30am at St. Lucy's

**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 & 11 am St. Monica | 10 am St. Lucy

MON/TUES/THURS/FRI 9:00 am St. Lucy

FIRST SATURDAY 9 am St. Monica

**CONFESSIONS**

3 - 3:45 pm both parishes Sat

4 - 5pm Gethsemane Chapel

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

2 - 5 pm Friday Gethsemane Chapel

5:30 - 6:30 pm Wednesday St. Lucy Church

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Friday 9:00am-2:00pm

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**INTROIT***Revelation 5:12*

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honor.

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN***To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King*


1. To Je - sus Christ, our sov - 'reign King, who  
 2. Thy reign ex - tend, O King be - nign, to  
 3. To thee and to thy Church, great King, we

1. is the world's sal - va - tion, All praise and hom - age  
 2. eve - ry land and na - tion. For in thy king - dom,  
 3. pledge our hearts' ob - la - tion, Un - til be - fore thy

1. do we bring and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion.  
 2. Lord di - vine, a - lone we find sal - va - tion. Christ Je - sus,  
 3. throne we sing in end - less ju - bi - la - tion.

Vic - tor! Christ Je - sus, Rul - er! Christ Je - sus, Lord and Re -  
 deem - er!

**PENITENTIAL ACT — GLORIA***Refer to Pew Card***FIRST READING***Daniel 7:13-14*

As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

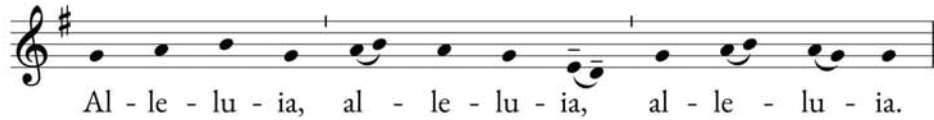
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM***Psalm 93: 1, 1-2, 5*


**R. The Lord is king; he is robed in maj - es - ty.**

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| 1. The LORD is king, in splendor robed; robed is the LORD and girt about with strength. | 2. And he has made the world firm, not to be moved. Your throne stands firm from of old; from everlasting you are, O LORD. | 3. Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed; holiness befits your house, O LORD, for length of days. |
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**SECOND READING***Revelation 1:5-8*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

**ALLELUIA***Mark 11:9, 10*

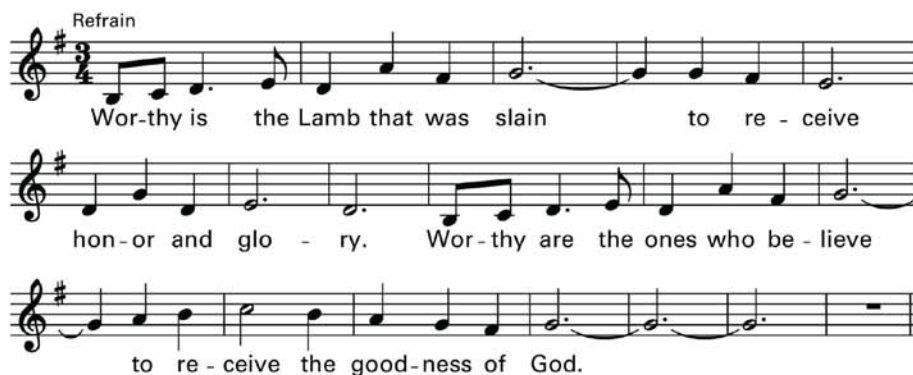
☩ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is them kingdom of our father David that is to come!

**GOSPEL***John 18:33b-37*

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

**PROFESSION OF FAITH***Refer to Pew Card***SANCTUS - MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION - AGNUS DEI***Refer to Pew Card***COMMUNION ANTIPHON***Psalms 29: 10, 11*

The Lord sits as King forever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**COMMUNION HYMN***Worthy Is The Lamb*

1. Worthy are you, O Paschal Lamb. Wisdom and strength belong now to you. You laid down your life and died upon the cross: we've become a people of hope.

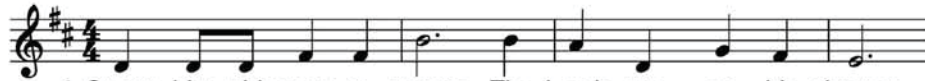
2. Worthy are you, O Bread of Life. Salvation and joy belong now to us. By conquering death and rising to new life, we've become a people of praise.

3. Worthy are you, O Risen Christ. Wonders and signs, revealing your might. Your power and glory shine upon our lives: we've become your light for the world.



**PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL**

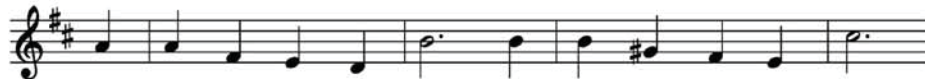
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,  
 be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.  
 May God rebuke him we humbly pray;  
 and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,  
 by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who  
 prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**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;



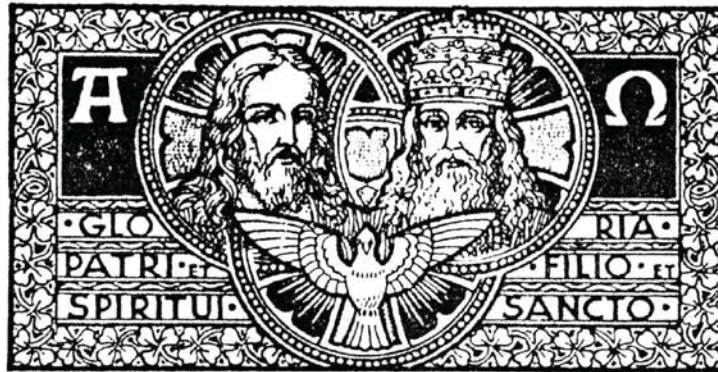
1. All king-doms of the earth re - sound In praise of him a - lone.
2. Who on the third day did a - rise And hope to sin - ners gave.
3. Crown him the King, to whom is giv'n The won - drous name of Love.



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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## ST. MONICA PARISH

### Saturday, November 20

4:00pm Don Lavigne & Yvette Moran

### Sunday, November 21

9:00am Richard & Margaret McCarron  
Amy Augustonovich  
Robert Higgins  
Peter & Joza Zelic  
Tony & Neva Zelic  
Nikola Zelic  
Mara Kovacevic

11:00 AM Deceased Members  
of the Knights of Columbus

### Thursday, November 25 (Thanksgiving Day)

9:00am Thanksgiving Day Mass

### Saturday, November 27

4:00pm Virginia Barry

### Sunday, November 28

9:00am Nancy Tardif  
Amy Augustonovich  
Sandra Faccadio  
Christine Marchand  
Kenneth Tisbert  
George William LaFland  
Fred J. Rapisardi

11:00 AM Frank Doran

### ROSES FOR LIFE FOR THIS WEEK

Theresa A. Rickley

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINAR.
Sunday	11/21/21	Fr. Linh Nguyễn	Edward Rodriguez
Mon	11/22/21	Fr. William Devine	Aaron Arbizo
Tues	11/23/21	Fr. Lambert Nieme	Jeremy Wagner
Wed	11/24/21	Fr. William Kelly	David Pineda
Thurs	11/25/21	Fr. Karlo Hocurscak	Alexander Charow
Friday	11/26/21	Fr. Robert Doherty	Lucas daCosta
Sat	11/27/21	Fr. George Morin	Aaron Yohe

## ST. LUCY PARISH

### Saturday, November 20

4:00pm Angelo, Jack, & Jenny Maimone

### Sunday, November 21

10:00am John & Ann D'Agata  
Evelina Mollica  
Stephanie Abraham  
Mary & Vincent McCarthy  
Brianna McCarthy  
Joseph Lambert  
Nina Berryman

### Monday, November 22

9:00am Manny Gianni &  
Christine Gianni Eldridge

### Tuesday, November 23

9:00am Bertrand LeBlanc & Real Taschereau

### Thursday, November 25 (Thanksgiving Day)

9:00am Thanksgiving Day Mass

### Friday, November 26

9:00am No Intention

### Saturday, November 27

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

### Sunday, November 28

10:00am Maria L. DiFruscia  
Nicholas Maucieri  
Deceased Members of the Sons  
of Italy of Methuen  
Sharon Forgetta  
Robert "Bobby" Deshaies, Sr.  
Luz Maria Puentes  
Maria Arasi  
George A. Baker, Jr.  
Dr. Ralph Belmonte

### BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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### PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **Shirley L., Shannon R., Ray R.,**  
and **Sandra P.**

Please pray for **Barbara Hardy** and **Frances Lannan** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. May their souls and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

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