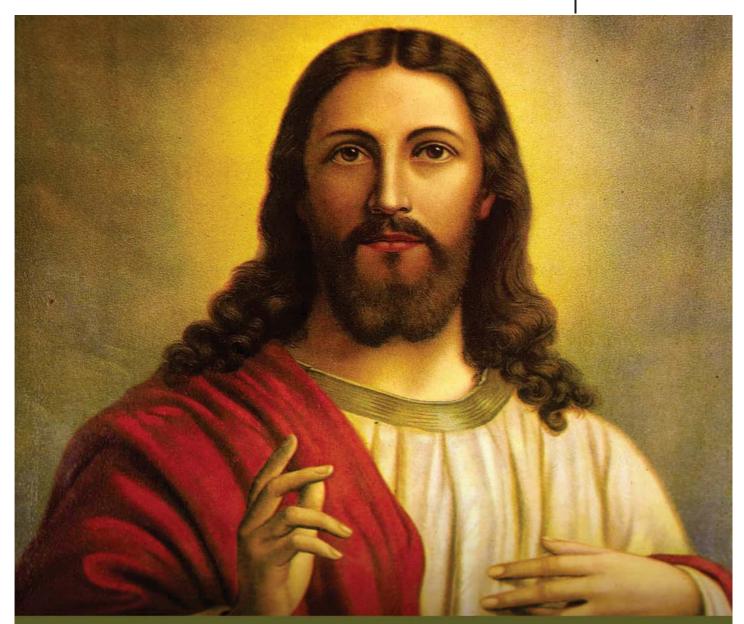
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"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:29-30

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, August 23 9:00am Michael Foley

4:00pm Deceased Members of the Finocchiaro

Family

Sunday, August 24

9:00am For the Parishioners of St. Lucy & St. Monica

12:00pm Eileen Fullen, Francis Manzer, Elaine Marie

Gaudet, Beth & Frank Monaco (living), Sharon & Randy Wetzel (living), Donna & Joe Vicari (living), David John Jutras (living)

5:00pm Por los feligreses de Santa Mónica y

Santa Lucía

Wednesday, August 27: FEAST OF ST. MONICA

6:00pm For the Parishioners of St. Lucy & St. Monica

Friday, August 29

6:00pm Por los feligreses de Santa Mónica y

Santa Lucía

Saturday, August 30

9:00am Antoinette & Nemetallah Khalife

4:00pm Arleen Larnard

Sunday, August 31

9:00am Otilia Gonzalez

Luis Dubois

Thomas & Rita Enright

Paul Gill

Phillip DeFusco

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

5:00pm Por los feligreses de Santa Mónica y

Santa Lucía

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, August 23

4:00pm Antonio & Evelina Mollica

Sunday, August 24

10:30am Jack Comerford

Monday, August 25

9:00am John McDermott

Tuesday, August 26

9:00am Andrew Radar

Lee Lucas Joseph Reitano Steve Lori John Smerdon

Wednesday, August 27

9:00am Paula Azucena

Thursday, August 28

9:00am Real Taschereau

Gerard Taschereau Bertrand LeBlanc Gail Taschereau

Friday, August 29

9:00am Alan Roderick

Saturday, August 30

4:00pm Batistina & Antonio Iannuccilli

Maria & Pasquale Brosco

Sunday, August 31

10:30am William Hitchmoth

Lillian & Joseph Rapazzo

MARRIAGES

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.

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.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SAT 4 pm (VIGIL) both parishes

SUN 9 am | 12 pm | 5 pm (Spanish) St. Monica

10:30am St. Lucy

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MON - FRI 9 am St. Lucy

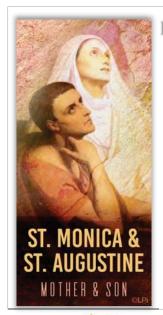
FRIDAYS 6 pm (Spanish) St. Monica

SATURDAYS 9 am St. Monica

CONFESSIONS WEDNESDAYS 6:00 pm St. Lucy

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

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



FEAST OF ST. MONICA

Wednesday, August 27
6:00pm Mass
St. Monica Church
Followed by an ice cream social hosted by the members of our collaborative youth ministry at the
St. Monica Ranch
All are welcome!



On September 6 and 7, Fr. Jim Ronan and Dr. Edward Hardiman will be visiting St. Monica and St. Lucy to celebrate the weekend masses and preach about the missionary activity of Rostro de Cristo. Rostro de Cristo was founded in 1989 by Fr. Ronan while serving in Ecuador as a Missionary of St. James the Apostle. Dr. Hardiman was one of the program's first volunteer missionaries and is currently the Head of School at St. John's Prep. Today, Rostro de Cristo supports and trains professionals (fellows) from the United States who dedicate a year or more to serving Haitian immigrants in Consuelo, Dominican Republic. Rostro de Cristo works in collaboration with the Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo (Scalabrini). Funds collected in the second collection will support Rostro de Cristo's mission. To learn more please visit: www.rostrodecristo.org.

El 6 y 7 de septiembre, el P. Jim Ronan y el Dr. Edward Hardiman visitarán Sta. Mónica y Sta. Lucía para celebrar las misas y predicar sobre la actividad misionera de Rostro de Cristo. Rostro de Cristo fue fundado en 1989 por el P. Ronan mientras servía en Ecuador como Misionero de Santiago Apóstol. El Dr. Hardiman fue uno de los primeros misioneros voluntarios del programa y actualmente es director de St. John's Prep. Hoy en día, Rostro de Cristo apoya y capacita a profesionales de los Estados Unidos que dedican un año o más a servir a los inmigrantes haitianos en Consuelo, República Dominicana. Rostro de Cristo trabaja en colaboración con las Hermanas Misioneras de San Carlos Borromeo (Scalabriana). Los fondos recaudados en la segunda colecta apoyarán la misión de Rostro de Cristo. Para obtener más información, visite: www.rostrodecristo.org.

Dear Friends.

Given the enormous humanitarian crisis unfolding in Gaza, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is asking dioceses to consider a special collection for relief efforts. Archbishop Henning supports this effort and is requesting that parishes consider taking up a special collection at our parish.

Given the growing immediate needs for food, shelter, and medical needs, St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes will hold our collection August 30/31.100% of the funds collected will go to support the work of the Catholic Near East Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). The request concerns their humanitarian work for those suffering the effects of war and famine in Gaza.

The parishes of the Archdiocese have been very generous in recent years when people across the globe and here in the United States are in need. Thank you for supporting our brothers and sisters suffering in Gaza.

God bless, Fr. Marcos Pena Pastor

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

The Monday Mass is moving to St. Monica Church
Beginning Monday, September 8th,
9:00am daily mass will be
celebrated at St. Monica's Church.
It will also serve as the weekly school mass.
All are welcome!

NEW DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

(starting Monday, September 8th)

ST. MONICA

Monday & Saturday - 9:00am Mass Monday - 6:00pm Spanish Mass

ST. LUCY

Tuesday - Friday - 9:00am Mass

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- Where St. Monica Ranch (former rectory)
- Cost \$25/month per youth
- Limited Space 20 Youth Max
- Learn More Sept 7th after 12 pm Mass at the St. Monica Ranch (former rectory)
- **Start Date** Sept 22nd, 2025





Call the Parish Office at (978) 683 - 1193 or Attend the Open House on Sept 7th to Sign Up!



Be Part of the Joy - Volunteer with Us!

Join our Don Bosco After-School Program team, inspired by St. John Bosco's belief in the transformative power of joy, friendship, and faith. Caring adults, college students, and high school junior and senior helpers can contribute their time and talents to help youth grow in faith, character, and joy.

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- Welcomers
- Encouragers
- Parent Liaisons
- Snack Coordinators
- Set-Up/Tear-Down Crew
- Sign-In/Sign-Out Support

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT

- Time: Choose a role that fits your availability — weekly, biweekly, or occasional.
- Duration: Program runs every Monday 2-5 pm from Sept to June (school calendar year)
- Training: Attend an orientation and complete parish requirements (e.g., CORI, VIRTUS).
- Teamwork: Arrive on time, work with other volunteers, and follow program guidelines.
- Heart for Youth: Bring a positive attitude and a willingness to engage with our middle school youth.

IF YOU CAN'T COMMIT YOUR TIME, YOU CAN STILL MAKE A BIG IMPACT!

Your donation can help us provide snacks, supplies, and activities that keep our program running strong.
Donations can be made at the parish office.

NOT SURE WHAT ROLE FITS YOU?

Come to our **Volunteer Info**Session on Sept 6th St. Monica
Ranch (former rectory) at 10
am to learn more, meet the
team, and explore ways you can
help —big or small.

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

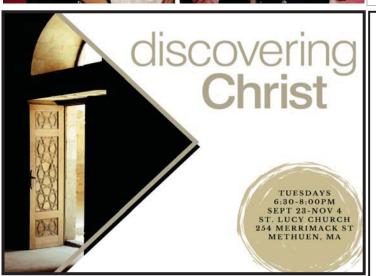
"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God, through faith, for all you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ" (Galatians 3:26-27)





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. We meet after the 9:00am Mass at St. Lucy's, starting Sept 18. 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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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



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Each RISE session includes:

A simple meal, a presentation and discussion for adults, and classes for children.

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- The registration form below and submit to the parish office.
- Go to our website methuencatholic.org
- Contact Karl in the Office at 978-683-1193 or via email at faithformation.stlm@gmail.com

Note: RISE Community is required for families with students in Sacrament Preparation.

RISE: COMUNIDAD

es una iniciativa para todos los feligreses para fortalecer la fe y fomentar amistades entre la parroquia. Las sesiónes son los domingos de 6:00 -7:00 pm después de la misa en español.

Cada sesión de RISE incluye:

Una comida sencilla, una presentación y charla para adultos y clases para niños.

¿Quires Unierte a esta iniciativa? Contacta el P. Marcos Peña al 978-683-1193

RISE COMMUNITY Name/Nombre:	2025–2026 THE CREED Whole Community Catechesis in the Methuen Collaborative/ Catequesis para doda la Comunidad		
Phone/Tele:			
Address/Direction:			
Cost/Costo: \$60/person	\$100/2 people	\$120/3+ people	\$40/Seniors
Dates/Fechas: Sept 13	% 14 Oct 4 & 5	Nov 8 & 9 Dec	13 & 14
Jan 10 &	11 Feb 14 & 15	Mar 14 & 15 Ap	or 11 & 12
SESSIONS			
Saturdays/Sabado	5:00-7:00pm (St. Lucy's)	
Sundays/Domingo	10:00am-12:00	Opm (St. Monica'	s)

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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Kathy O., Judy C., Cathy B., Gene B., MaryAnn M., Irina, C.M., Fred C., Luca S., Claude L., Rosario F., Kathy P., 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.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
Sunday	08/24/2025	Fr. Hung Tran	Anthony Nicolosi SJS Rochester, NY
Monday	08/25/2025	Fr. Richard O'Brien	Kennedy Ogujiuba SJS Boston
Tuesday	08/26/2025	Fr. William Palladino	Juan Ortega Bran SJS Boston
Wednes- day	08/27/2025	Fr. E. Paul Sullivan	Michael Castellon RMS Boston
Thursday	08/28/2025	All Augustines	Ulises Diaz RMS Boston
Friday	08/29/2025	Cardinal Sean (A-1970)	Gustavo Neitzke RMS Boston
Saturday	08/30/2025	Fr. Mateus Martin	Deacon Javier Padilla RMS Boston

Mass - Time Change

The Spanish Mass currently being celebrated on Fridays at St. Monica Church at 6:00 pm is moving to Mondays at 6:00 pm starting Sept 8th.

We will continue to have adoration and confessions in Spanish following the Monday Mass.

Cambio de horario de misa en español

La misa en español que se celebra actualmente los viernes en la Iglesia de Santa Mónica a las 6:00 pm se trasladará a los lunes a las 6:00 pm a partir del 8 de septiembre.

Continuaremos con la adoración y las confesiones en español después de la misa del lunes.

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

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OFFERTORY | AUG 10

St. Monica - \$7,012.00 St. Lucy - \$4,598.00

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

Isaiah 66:18-21

Thus says the LORD: I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory.

I will set a sign among them; from them I will send fugitives to the nations: to Tarshish, Put and Lud, Mosoch, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have never heard of my fame, or seen my glory; and they shall proclaim my glory among the nations.

They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots, in carts, upon mules and dromedaries, to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their offering to the house of the LORD in clean vessels. Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117:1, 2

R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. Praise the LORD, all you nations; glorify him, all you peoples! R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

For steadfast is his kindness toward us, and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever.

R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Reading 2

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Brothers and sisters, You have forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as children: "My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges."

Endure your trials as "discipline"; God treats you and some are first who will be last." as sons. For what "son" is there whom his father does not discipline? At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those

who are trained by it.

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

Alleluia

John 14:6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?"

He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.'

He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from. And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out.

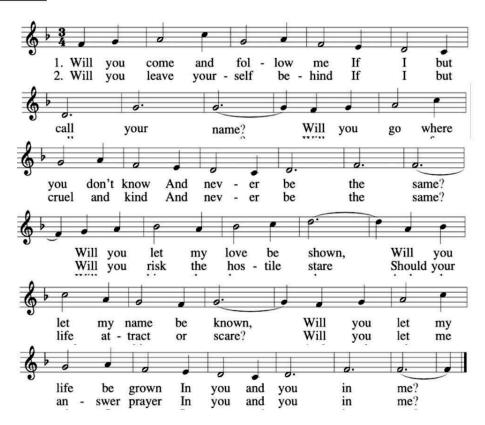
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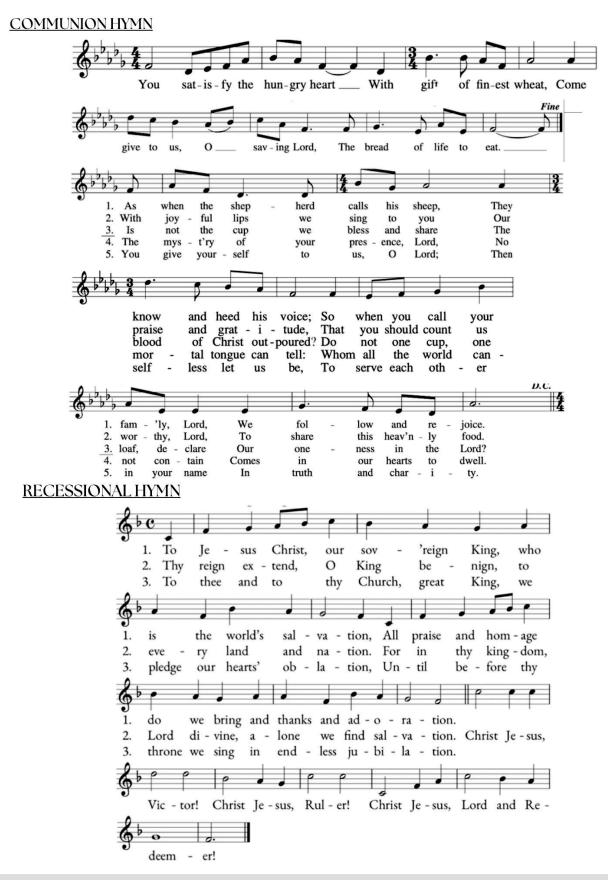
For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

PROCESSIONAL SONG



OFFERTORY HYMN





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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