

METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

SEPT 21
2025

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE PERSON TRUSTWORTHY
IN SMALL MATTERS IS
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GREAT ONES.

— LUKE 16:10 —



ST. LUCY CHURCH | 254 MERRIMACK ST.

ST. MONICA CHURCH | 212 LAWRENCE ST.

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, September 20

9:00am Joseph Lavigne, Yvette Moran,
and Mike Milnes

4:00pm Eileen Pinard

Sunday, September 21

9:00am Thomas & Catherine Waterworth,
Morris Roy, Margaret Collins, Julie Morley,
and Leonard Pedneult

12:00pm Neil Perry, Robert & Elizabeth Pierce,
Richard Jaquish, John & Ida Manning,
Robert S. Pierce, and Constance Laudani

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

Monday, September 22

9:00am Manny Gianni
Christine Gianni Eldridge

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

Saturday, September 27

9:00am Antoinette & Nemetallah Khalife

4:00pm Flora E. Manning

Sunday, September 28

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

12:00pm Layla Evelyn Mahoney, Dorothy Foley,
Richard, Nicole, Faith, Hope & Alyssa
Pantaleo, and Greg L'Heureux

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

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, September 20

4:00pm Richy Gallagher

Sunday, September 21

10:30am Deceased Members of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sodality, Margaret J. Covey, Antonio DiFruscia,
Joseph DiCenzo, Joseph Mendes, Iracema
Leal, and Izilda Silva

Tuesday, September 23

9:00am Afam Ofedu

Wednesday, September 24

9:00am Real Taschereau, Gerard Taschereau,
Bertrand Le Blanc, and Gail Taschereau

Thursday, September 25

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

Friday, September 26

9:00am Deceased Members of the Jackson Family

Saturday, September 27

4:00pm Eileen Lannon

Sunday, September 28

10:30am Kathleen Dube
Dora Giuffrida



The Sign of the Cross



When we enter the church we bless ourselves with the Sign of the Cross. We begin and end each Mass with the Sign of the Cross. We mark our foreheads, lips and hearts with it at the Gospel. Indeed, we have made the Sign of the Cross so frequently in our lives that it is possible for us to lose hold of its importance as a prayer, in and of itself, honoring the blessed Trinity and identifying us as Christians.

While the Sign of the Cross is a simple gesture and a simple prayer it carries great meaning. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “The Christian begins his day, his prayers, and his activities with the Sign of the Cross: ‘In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.’ The baptized person dedicates the day to the glory of God and calls on the Savior's grace which lets him act in the Spirit as a child of the Father. The sign of the cross strengthens us in temptations and difficulties.” (CCC 2157)

The Sign of the Cross originated among people who were not far removed from Christ himself. In the fourth century St. Basil said that the apostles “taught us to mark with the sign of the cross those who put their hope in the Lord.” At the beginning of our baptism as children we were signed with the Sign of the Cross of Christ our Savior as we were received into the Church.

The sign of the cross is:

- an act of faith that brings us into God’s presence; we open ourselves to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- a way to renew our Baptism; a way to remind ourselves of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us.
- an affirmation of our decision to follow Christ; we are his disciples; we have the greatest happiness and true peace in belonging to him.
- a decision to accept our share in Christ’s suffering; Jesus stays with us in our suffering.
- a defense against the devil; a physical and verbal way of repelling demons who despise the cross of Christ.
- a means to overcome our faults and grow in likeness to Christ; we make the sign of the cross with faith.

Let us pray in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

FAITH FORMATION / EVANGELIZATION

Monthly Rosary for St. Monica School Parents



The Monthly Rosary for St. Monica School Parents will begin **Wednesday in the GETHSEMANE CHAPEL AT ST. MONICA CHURCH**

We will continue to pray each second Wednesday of the month from September through May and on the first Wednesday in June. **All parents, grandparents and friends of students are welcome** to attend prior to picking up their children from school.

The Rosary, led by the Knights of Columbus, will **begin at 1:15 PM**, prior to school dismissal. Rosaries and prayer cards will be provided. Come by and pray for your own personal intentions!

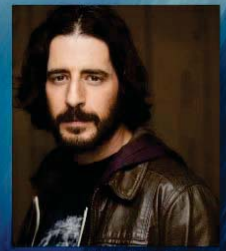
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October 4, 2025

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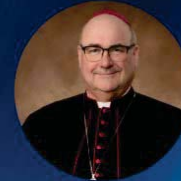
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The Archdiocese of Boston's Pro-Life Office, in collaboration with the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth and the Men of Divine Mercy Prayer Group, are excited to invite you to this special conference as we honor the sanctity and the beauty of life from the womb to the tomb and embrace the virtue of hope in all circumstances of every age and stage of life.

ST. MONICA

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

- SATURDAYS - 4:00pm (Vigil)
- SUNDAYS - 9:00 am & 12:00pm
- SUNDAYS - 5:00 pm (Spanish)

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

- MONDAYS - 9:00 am
- MONDAYS - 6:00 pm (Spanish)
- SATURDAYS - 9:00 am

ADORATION

- MONDAYS - 6:30 pm (following Mass)
- SATURDAYS - 9:30 -2:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

- MONDAYS - 6:30 pm
- SATURDAYS - 9:30 -10:30 am
- SATURDAYS - 3:00 - 3:45 pm

BAPTISMS

- 2nd Sunday of the month | 2:00 pm
- 1st Sunday of the month in Spanish | 2:00 pm

(Please call the Parish Offices at least 2 months in advance to schedule Baptisms.)

ST. LUCY

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

- SATURDAYS - 4:00pm (Vigil)
- SUNDAYS - 10:30am

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

- TUESDAYS - 9:00 am
- WEDNESDAYS - 9:00 am
- THURSDAYS - 9:00 am
- FRIDAYS - 9:00 am

ADORATION

- WEDNESDAYS - 6:00-7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

- WEDNESDAYS - 6:00-6:45 pm
- SATURDAYS - 3:00 - 3:45 pm

BAPTISMS

- 3rd Sunday of the month | 2:00 pm

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



Our Life-long faith formation program--RISE: Community--got off to a great start last weekend. However, we are still in need of help in several areas: hospitality, teachers for the kids (Prek/K/1st ; 2/3 ; 4/5 ; and high school), and facilitators for adult discussions. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Karl at 978-683-1193 or faithformation.stlm@gmail.com

MISA DE INSTALACIÓN

Los invitamos a acompañarnos en la celebración de la Misa de Instalación del Padre Marcos Peña Portillo como Párroco de las Parroquias de Santa Lucía y Santa Mónica.

*Sábado 11 de octubre de 2025
Misa de Instalación a las 4:00 pm
en la Iglesia de Santa Mónica
Y*

*Domingo 12 de octubre de 2025
Misa de Instalación a las 10:30 am
en la Iglesia de Santa Lucía*

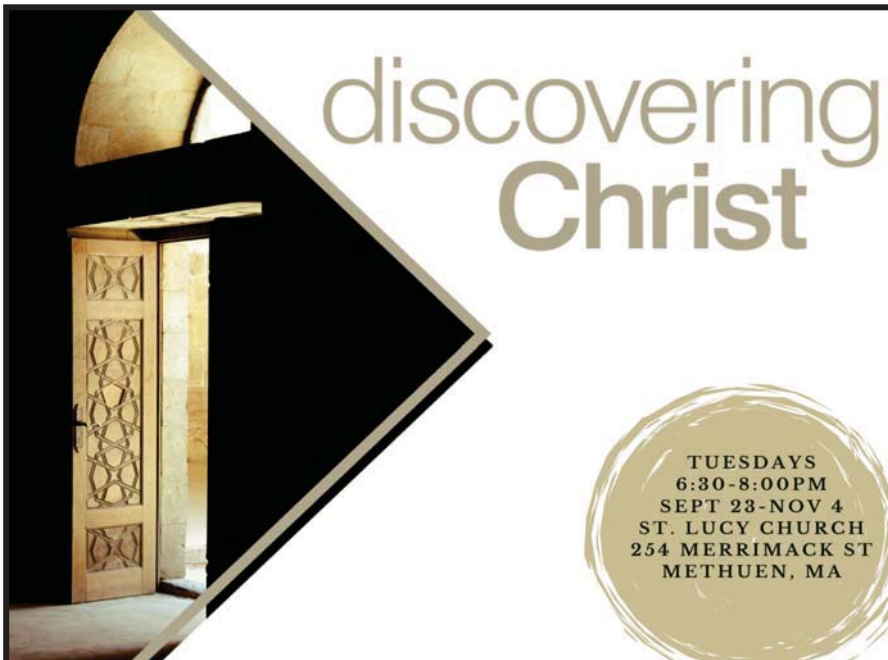
*Celebrada por el Obispo Robert Hennessey
A continuación, habrá un refrigerio*

INSTALLATION MASS

You are invited to join us as we celebrate the Installation Masses of Fr. Marcos Peña Portillo as Pastor of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes.

*Saturday October 11, 2025
4:00 pm Installation Mass
at St. Monica Church
AND*

*Sunday, October 12, 2025
10:30am Installation Mass
at St. Lucy Church
Celebrated by Bishop Robert Hennessey
Refreshments to follow*



CHRIST LIFE: DISCOVERING CHRIST

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

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Second collection: Clergy Trust

Next week's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org

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9:00-3:00**

Come join us for a fun-filled Saturday filled with great shopping AND special new events! We are expanding to include FIFTY VENDORS and NEW RAFFLES!

- **Interested Vendors** - contact Text or Call 978.884.8317 Debbie McCall to reserve a table.
- **Used Book Donations** - This year our Craft Fair will include a Used Book Sale! Family-friendly paperback and hard covered books can be dropped off at the Schoolhouse following mass from Oct 4th - Oct. 18th. It's a great opportunity to clean out any cluttered bookshelves!
- **Volunteers needed** - Help is needed at the Raffle Tables; Canned Food Drive; Popcorn Machine; Bakery Table; and our Book Sale. Please contact us if you can donate 1 or 2 hours on October 25th. Please call Judi at 978.314.8353



Thank you for your support!

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	09/21/2025	Fr. Matthew Conley	Rev. Mr. Diego Pena RMS
Monday	09/22/2025	Fr. Marcos Enrique	Rev. Mr. Johnathan Saniuk SJS Boston
Tuesday	09/23/2025	Fr. Paul Wargovich	Br. Joseph Teresa Steger OCD
Wednesday	09/24/2025	Fr. Pablo Gomis	Rev. Mr. Vincent "Jay" Zizza SJS Providence
Thursday	09/25/2025	Fr. Kevin Leaver	Lucas Azzani RMS
Friday	09/26/2025	Fr. Godfrey Musabe	Alden Bronson SJS Boston
Saturday	09/27/2025	Fr. Vincenzo Caruso	Alexander Charow SJS Boston

Grand Prize Raffle

Tickets for our annual Grand Raffle will be sold following Mass at St Lucy and St. Monica Churches on Saturday September **13th & 14th** and September **20th & 21st.**

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3rd Prize: \$100 Market Basket Gift Card
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PASTORAL STAFF

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OFFERTORY | SEP 2

St. Monica - \$6,241.00 St. Lucy - \$4,249.00

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**Amos 8:4-7**

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land! "When will the new moon be over," you ask, "that we may sell our grain, and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat?"

We will diminish the ephah, add to the shekel, and fix our scales for cheating! We will buy the lowly for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals; even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!" The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done!

Responsorial**Psalms 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8**

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, you servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD.
Blessed be the name of the LORD
both now and forever.
R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

High above all nations is the LORD;
above the heavens is his glory.
Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?
R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

He raises up the lowly from the dust;
from the dunghill he lifts up the poor
to seat them with princes,
with the princes of his own people.
R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Reading 2**1 Timothy 2:1-8**

Beloved: First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity.

This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all.

This was the testimony at the proper time. For this I was appointed preacher and apostle I am speaking the truth, I am not lying —, teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should

pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.

Alleluia**Cf. 2 Corinthians****R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.**Gospel****Luke 16:1-13**

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.'

The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.' He called in his master's debtors one by one.

To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.'

And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?

If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours?

No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

PROCESSIONAL SONG

Refrain



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,
O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.

Verses



1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing,
1. it's time to sing your song a - gain. What-ev - er may
1. pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,
1. let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

Refrain



Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways. Come fol-low
me, and I will give you rest.

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COMMUNION HYMN

Verses

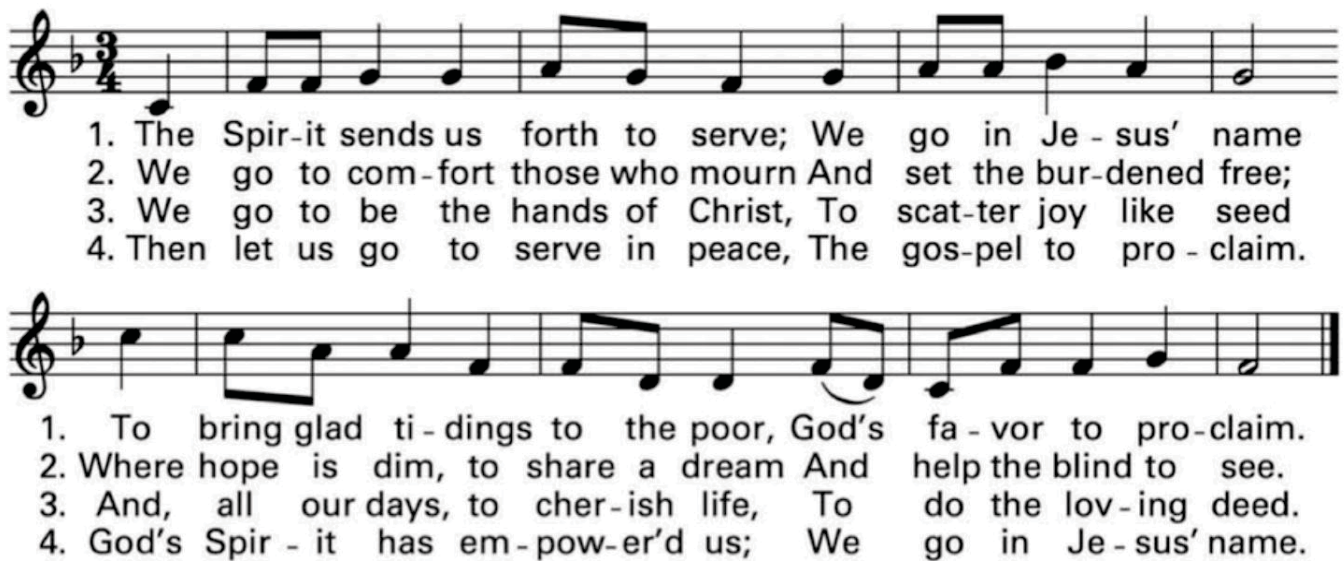


1. Je - sus, my Lord, my God, my All, How can I
 2. Had I but Ma - ry's sin - less heart, To love thee
 3. O! see up - on the al - tar placed The vic - tim

1. love thee as I ought? And how re - vere this
 2. with, my dear - est King; O! with what bursts of
 3. of di - vin - est love! Let all the earth be -

1. won - drous gift, So far sur - pass - ing hope or thought?
 2. fer - vent praise Thy good-ness, Je - sus, would I sing.
 3. low a - dore, 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 HYMN


1. The Spir-it sends us forth to serve; We go in Je - sus' name
 2. We go to com-fort those who mourn And set the bur-dened free;
 3. We go to be the hands of Christ, To scat-ter joy like seed
 4. Then let us go to serve in peace, The gos-pel to pro - claim.

1. To bring glad ti-dings to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro-claim.
 2. Where hope is dim, to share a dream And help the blind to see.
 3. And, all our days, to cher-ish life, To do the lov-ing deed.
 4. God's Spir - it has em-pow-er'd us; We go in Je - sus' name.

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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