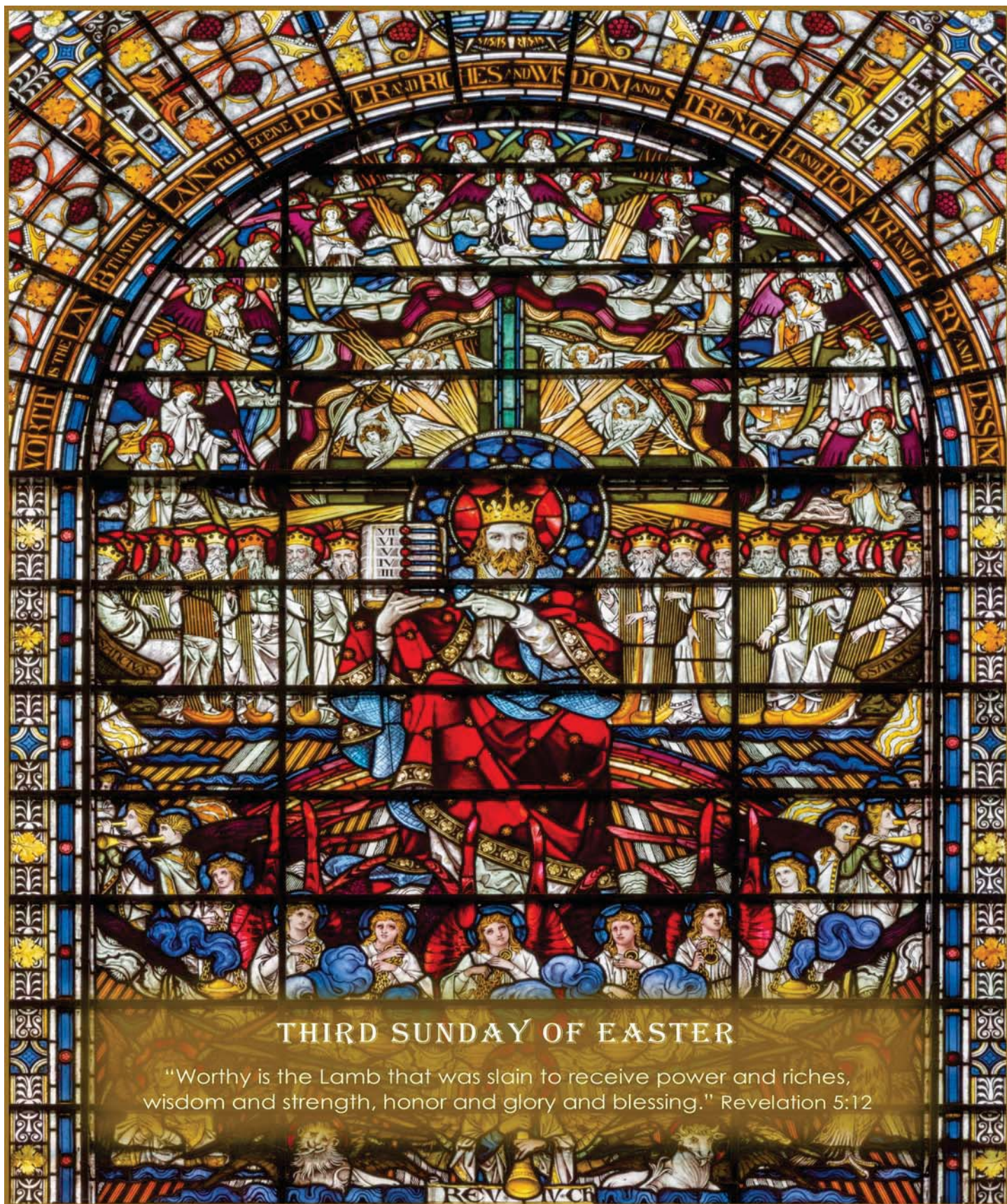


METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

MAY 04
2025



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." Revelation 5:12

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Pope Benedict XVI wrote in his encyclical *God is Love*, that “Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” (no. 1) Nothing illustrates this more than the story of the early church detailed in the Book of Acts. The Book begins with the Ascension of Jesus (40 days after his Resurrection) in which he again promises the Holy Spirit. Shortly thereafter, we learn that the early church—under the direction of Peter—chooses a new Apostle, Matthias, to take Judas’ place. Then we find that Jesus’ disciples remain in Jerusalem, in obedience to Our Lord’s final command. Also in obedience to Our Lord, they engage in a nine-day-period of intense prayer as they await the outpouring of the promised Holy Spirit. This event changes them; it changes everything. They are filled with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and power from on High. They are made new just as we have been made new.

We must look at this story with fresh eyes. There is no evidence that the Apostles knew that the Spirit would show up in nine days. In fact, they did not know when or how he would make himself known. We can imagine, with all that had taken place over the previous forty days, how much their trust must have been tested. We human beings—especially nowadays—hate to wait. The small community of believers might have been tempted to think that they were wasting time, that they weren’t doing anything productive. They had the memory of Jesus and the remarkable things they had seen and heard since they had been called; they had each other; and they had the promise of the now Ascended Lord. I sometimes wonder if everyone remained in that upper room. I wonder if I would have stayed. Would I have been impatient with the Lord and left by day four or five and missed out on this gift of the Holy Spirit? How long can God ask someone to wait for him? God is never late. He always shows up at exactly the right moment.

The Power which the Apostles received serves a purpose, then and now: to witness to the fact of Jesus’ Resurrection (Acts 1:22) and his saving power. The Apostles knew their mission, but they certainly did not know from day-to-day what God would accomplish or who he would put in their path. The stakes for them were also, dare I say, much higher than they are for us today. For example, today’s first reading depicts the Apostles’ arrest and bold proclamation of the Gospel to the Sanhedrin, the very group of men who had put Jesus to death a few weeks earlier. I do not have any such threat to my life today (though many, many Christians throughout the world do). Do I hide my faith because I’m afraid—not of losing my life—but of losing some opinion of my family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or even a stranger? How can I proclaim Christ when I’m nervous to make the sign of the cross in public or pray for God’s blessing on my meal at a restaurant or in the cafeteria at work or school? Do I limit the power of the Holy Spirit when I give in to that fear?

The lessons offered to us in the Book of Acts are not history lessons, at least not primarily. They are a powerful testimony to the work of the Holy Spirit—the Spirit of Christ—who works in the church today. He is at work in the sacraments, the Scriptures, and the hearts and minds of all believers. He is given to us for the sake of our mission. We too must be convinced of our mission and boldly proclaim Christ in word and deed. We must trust that Christ has indeed anointed us for our mission to family, friends, co-workers, and people we have not yet met. And we must dedicate ourselves to prayer so that we can “activate” that power, that grace of God in our daily lives.



Celebrating
ALL OF OUR
FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

HOSPITALITY/REFRESHMENTS

Please join us for refreshments

Sunday, May 18th

St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
following the 10:30am Mass

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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SATURDAYS 8AM

**St. Lucy's
Lower Church
Hall**

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)



HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

Beginning **June 1st**, 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!

A partir del 1 de junio, 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!

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. Comcast 22 / FIOS 33 & HD channel 2133. The mass streams at those same times on methuentv.org - Select Live Stream - "Community TV"

**ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
SCRIPTURE CLASS**

Please note that the Scripture Class scheduled for April and May has been cancelled. Classes will resume in the fall.

We thank you for your understanding and look forward to gathering again later this year for study and fellowship.



Are you-or someone you know-seeking peace after an abortion? Project Rachel Ministry extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a *Come to the Waters of Healing* one-day retreat on **Saturday, May 10 | 9am-5pm**. For more information on retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

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**EUCCHARISTIC
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St. Lucy Church

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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.



PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

FISHING
CATCH
BOAT

JUMPED
DRAGGED
BREAD

CHARCOAL
APPEARED
RAISED

J E S U L B R E A D T
R C A T C H A R T R O
I H S D P L E A S A L
N A G F I S H I N G H
E R T S H O R S O G F
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T L H A P N I L F R O
M A P P E A R E D C A
N J E S D N J O N H E

DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

Tuesday evenings 6-6:30pm

Rosary Prayer Group for Priests | Gethsemane Chapel
all are welcome to attend

Wednesday mornings 9:30-11am (ZOOM)

Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet & book discussion.
Contact Bonnie Doherty at bonnieocds@gmail.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Lucy Church

Thursday evenings 6-7pm (ZOOM)

Rosary for world peace & individual intentions
followed by Evening Prayer.

Contact Bonnie Doherty at
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturdays 9:30am-2:30pm
Gethsemane Chapel



The Knights of Columbus will be leading the
monthly Rosary for St. Monica School parents in
the Chapel on Wednesdays, May 14 and 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. Rosary prayer cards will be
provided.

Come by and pray for your own personal intentions!

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.

APRIL 20 - EASTER - CLERGY BENEFIT

St. Monica - \$6,265.00

St. Lucy - \$4,879.00

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, Cereal, Rice, Canned Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Soups, Boxed Spaghetti, Peanut Butter & Jelly. 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.

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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 SONGAll Creatures Of Our God and King


1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voic - es,
 2. Great rush - ing winds who are so strong, You clouds a - bove that
 3. Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for your
 4. Dear moth - er earth, who day by day Un - folds your bless-ings
 5. All you with mer - cy in your heart, For - giv - ing oth - ers,
 6. And e - ven you, most gen - tle death, Wait - ing to hush our
 7. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, And wor-ship him in

1. let us sing: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with
 2. sail a - long, O — praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing morn, with
 3. Lord to hear, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Fire so in - tense and
 4. on our way, O — praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! All flow'rs and fruits that
 5. take your part, O — sing now! Al-le - lu - ia! All you that pain and
 6. fi - nal breath, O — praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! You lead back home the
 7. hum - ble - ness, O — praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise God the Fa - ther,

1. gold - en beams, Soft sil - ver moon that gent - ly gleams, O praise him!
 2. praise re - joice, Stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice, O praise him!
 3. fierce - ly bright, Who gives to us both warmth and light, O praise him!
 4. in you grow, Let them his glo - ry al - so show: O praise him!
 5. sor - row bear, Praise God, and cast on him your care: O praise him!
 6. child of God, For Christ our Lord that way has trod: O praise him!
 7. praise the Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One: O praise him!

1-7. O praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card*FIRST READING*Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41*

When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, “We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man’s blood upon us.” But Peter and the apostles said in reply, “We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.” The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 30 (29): 2a; ¶ 2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a, 13b*


R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have res - cued me.

I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.
 O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld; you preserved me from among those going down into the pit.

Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.
 For his anger lasts but a moment; a lifetime, his good will.
 At nightfall, weeping enters in, but with the dawn, rejoicing.

“Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me; O LORD, be my helper.”
 You changed my mourning into dancing; O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.

SECOND READING

Rev 5: 11-14

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever." The four living creatures answered, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

ALLELUIA

Jn 20: 29



V. Christ is risen, creator of all; he has shown pity on all people.

GOSPEL

Jn 21: 1-19

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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OFFERTORY HYMN

Beautiful is Your Love

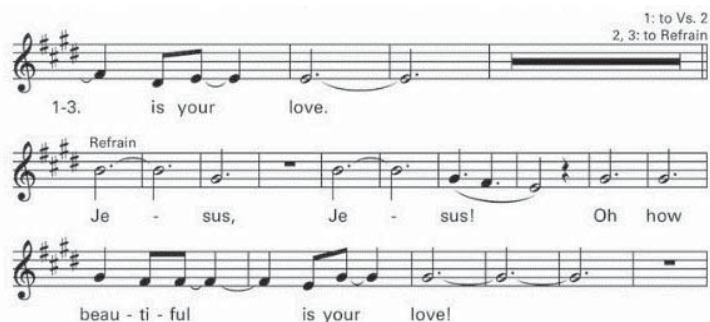


1. Oh how beau - ti - ful is your love for me.
 2. Oh how won - der - ful is your of - fer - ing:
 3. So mi - rac - u - lous is your sac - ri - fice:

1. Oh what joy is mine in this mys - ter -
 2. Lamb laid down for me on com - pas - sion's
 3. bod - y bro - ken here that I might have

1. y. I will not fear the dark, here in the
 2. tree. How could I turn a - way from the
 3. life. Take ev - ery - thing I own; let me be

1. pres - ence of your heart. Oh how beau - ti - ful
 2. mer - cy of your face? Oh how won - der - ful
 3. yours a - lone. So mi - rac - u - lous



1: to Vs. 2
2, 3: to Refrain

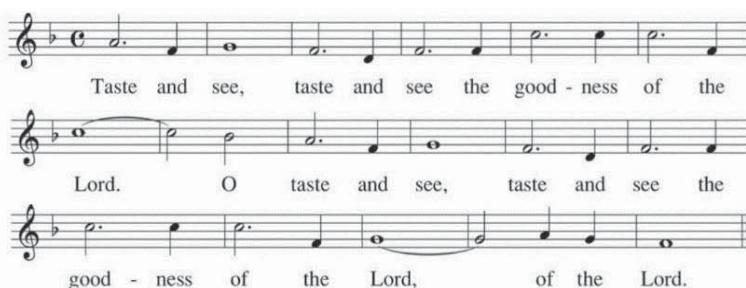
1-3. is your love.

Refrain

Je - sus, Je - sus! Oh how
 beau - ti - ful is your love!

COMMUNION HYMN

Taste and See



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the
 Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
 good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

How Can I Keep From Singing



1. My life flows on in end-less song A -
 2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I
 3. What, though my joys and com-fort die, The
 4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A

bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. I hear the real though
 hear that mu - sic ring-ing; It sounds and ech - oes
 Lord, my sav - ior liv - eth. What though the dark-ness
 foun - tain ev - er spring-ing. All things are mine since

far - off hymn That hails a new cre - a - tion.
 in my soul; How can I keep from sing-ing?
 gath - er 'round? Songs in the night it giv - eth.
 I am his; How can I keep from sing-ing?

No storm can shake my in-most calm, While to that rock I'm
 cling - ing. Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,
 How can I keep from sing-ing?

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, May 3

9:00am FIRST SATURDAY MASS

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

Sunday, May 4

9:00am Phillip & Jeanette Hamel
Richard Hamel
Charlie & Rose Hanafin
Shirley Giuffrida
Deceased Members of
the DiNoto Family

12:00pm Theresa Witkos
Robert & Annette LaPiana
Fred J. & Jenny Bonaccorsi
Joseph F. Bonaccorsi
Roland & Eleanor Marchman

Saturday, May 10

9:00am Michael Mansour

4:00pm Alice Indoccio
Connie Zampelli
Ruth Cady
Mary Serpa
Ida Makovitch
Gloria Royer

Sunday, May 11

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

12:00pm Rhonda & Jack Calligandes (living)
Mark Duncan (living)
Richard Duncan (living)
Valorie Duncan
Michael LaCroix (living)

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, May 3

4:00pm Sandra Bouchard

Sunday, May 4

10:30am Francis Covey, Sr.
Francis Goff, Jr. & Family
Ann Marie Mears
Sandra Keefe
John Ford
Marie Underhill

Monday, May 5

9:00am Jeffrey Clarke

Tuesday, May 6

9:00am Joel Jackson

Wednesday, May 7

9:00am David Abru (living)

Thursday, May 8

9:00am Alfio Greco & Greco Family

Friday, May 9

9:00am Ann & Thomas Thornton

Saturday, May 10

4:00pm William G. Klier

Sunday, May 11

10:30am Deceased Members of the BVM Sodality
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Carmela DiDonato
Michaelangelo Iuvara
Michael Kersey
Joseph Caruso

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Wed	05/07/25	Fr. John MacInnis	David Bardales SJS Providence
Thurs	05/08/25	Fr. John Delaney	Alden Bronson SJS Boston
Fri	05/09/25	Fr. Oscar Pratt	Alexander DeTirado RMS Boston
Sat	05/10/25	Fr. Anthony Cusack	Joseph Jasinski SJS Boston



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Russell R., Kristin M., John S., Michael B., Robert L., Victor T., Barbara S., Carolyn, Adrienne M., Terry, Chris C., Joy M., William T., Chris B., Kathy P., Jeff H., Phyllis T. & Patrice K.

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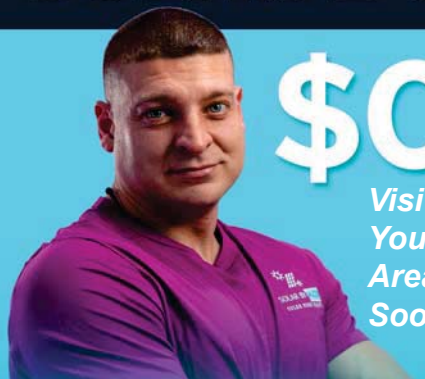
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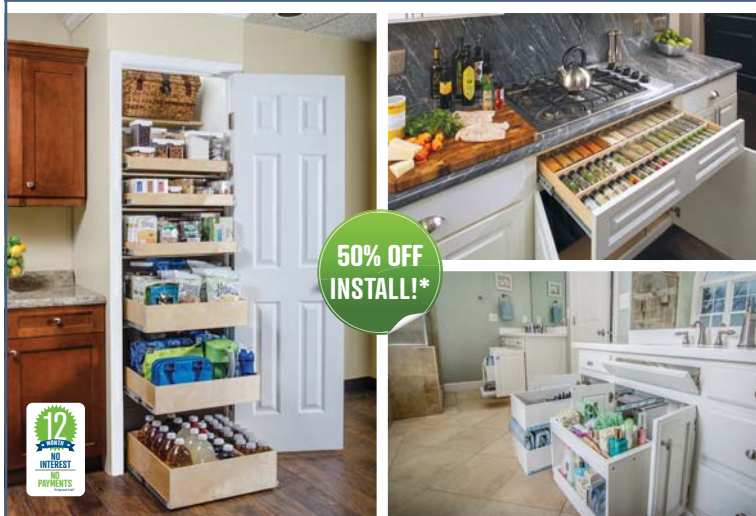
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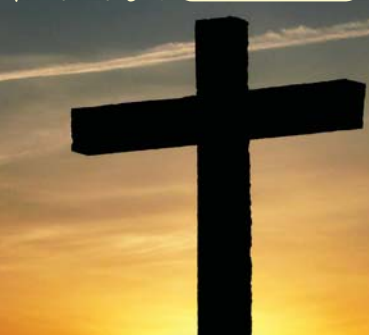
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