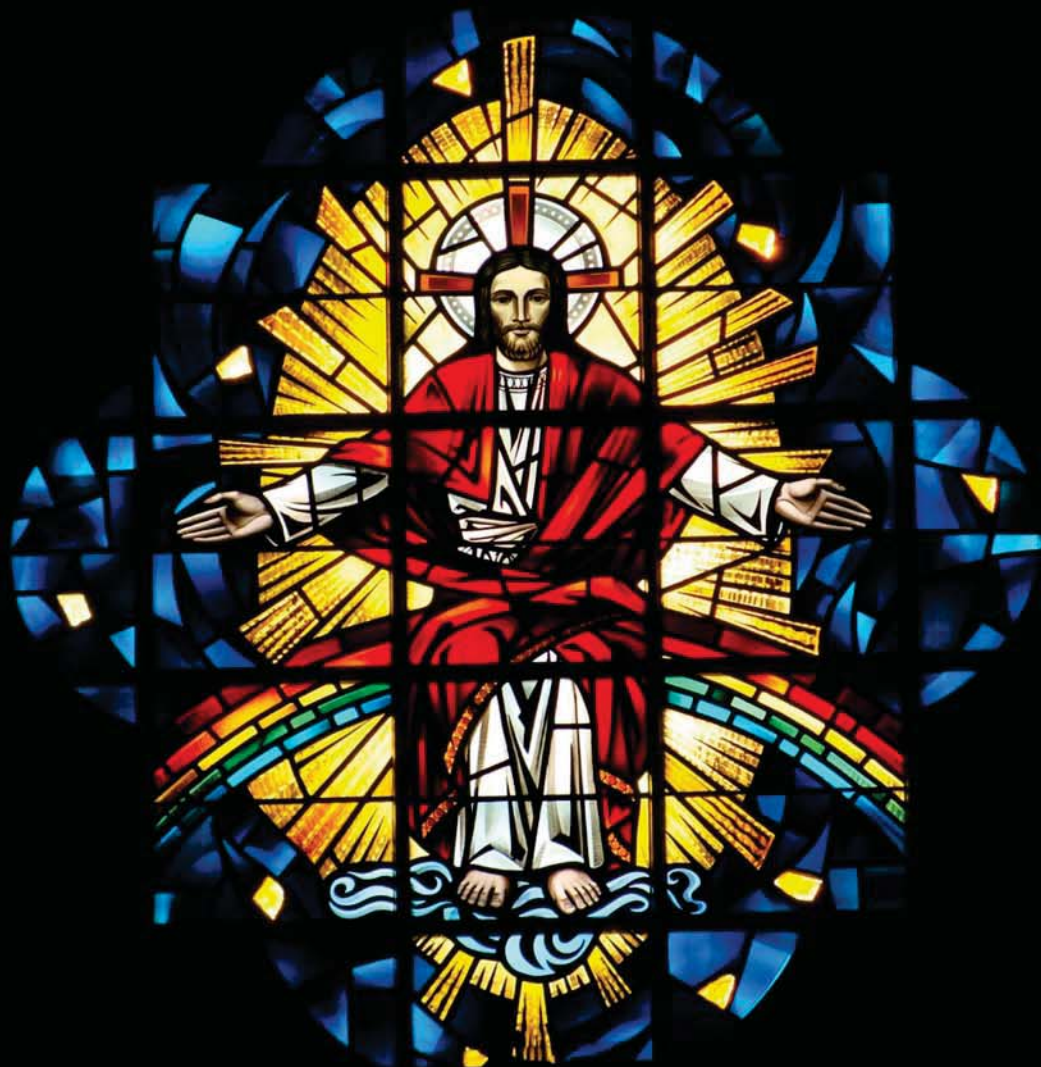


# METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

*You have but one master, the Christ.*

Matthew 23:10



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## CALLING THE FATHERS

Though they were Moses' successors, the Pharisees and scribes exalted themselves, made their mastery of the law a badge of social privilege. Worse, they had lorded the law over the people (see Matthew 20: 25). Like the priests Malachi condemns in today's First Reading, they caused many to falter and be closed off from God.

In a word, Israel's leaders failed to be good spiritual *fathers* of God's people. Moses was a humble father-figure, preaching the law but also practicing it - interceding and begging God's mercy and forgiveness of the people's sins (see Exodus 32: 9-14; Psalm 90).

And Jesus reminds us today that all fatherhood - in the family or in the people of God - comes from our Father in heaven (see Ephesians 3: 15).

He doesn't mean we're to literally call no man "father." He himself referred to Israel's founding fathers (see John 7: 42); the apostles taught about natural fatherhood (see Hebrews 12: 7-11), and described themselves as spiritual fathers (see 1 Corinthians 4: 14-16).

The fatherhood of the apostles and their successors, the Church's priests and bishops, is a spiritual paternity given to raise us as God's children. Our fathers give us new life in baptism, and feed us the spiritual milk of the gospel and the Eucharist (see Peter 2: 2-3). That's why Paul, in today's Epistle, can also compare himself to a nursing mother.

God's fatherhood likewise transcends all human notions of fatherhood and motherhood. Perhaps that's why the Psalm chosen for today includes one of the rare biblical images of God's maternal care (see Isaiah 66: 13).

His only Son has shown us the Father (see John 14: 9) coming to gather His children as a hen gathers her young (see Matthew 23: 27). We're all brothers and sisters, our Lord tells us today. And all of us - even our spiritual fathers - are to trust in him, humbly, like children on our mother's laps.

*O*ur Lord's words teach us that though we labour among the many distractions of this world, we should have but one goal.

For we are but travellers on a journey without as yet a fixed abode; we are on our way, not yet in our native land; we are in a state of longing, not yet of enjoyment.

Do you wish to know what we will have there? The Lord himself tells us when he says of his servants, Amen, I say to you, he will make them recline and passing he will serve them.

— St. Augustine —



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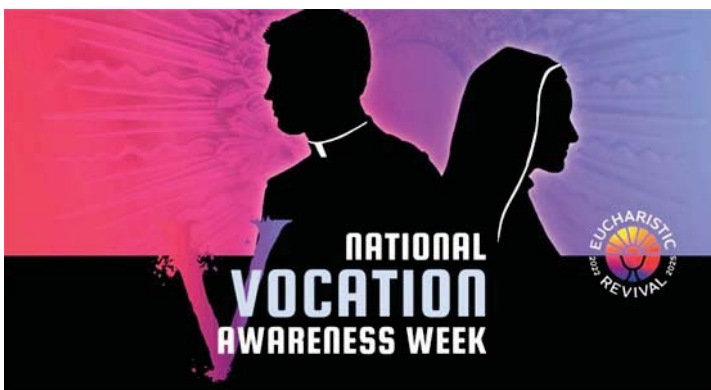
Reminder that reservations for the November 25th Shrine Pilgrimage must be made by November 12th. The cost is \$50/pp. Please call 978-314-8353 to reserve your seat.

Congratulations to our Fall Craft Fair Winners. Thank you to all attendees who purchased raffle tickets to support our Parish!

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Richard De Francesco  
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**HOSPITALITY/REFRESHMENTS**

Please join us for refreshments  
 this Sunday, November 5th  
 at St. Monica School Hall  
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If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Karl at the office, extension 35 or email [faithformation.stlm@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.stlm@gmail.com)

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**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**  
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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON***Ps 38 (37): 22-23*

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

**ENTRANCE HYMN***At the Lamb's High Feast*


1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our vic -  
2. Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dark an - gel  
3. Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, Sin a - lone can

1. to - rious King, He has washed us in the tide  
2. sheathes his sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go  
3. this de - stroy; From sin's pow'r do thou set free

1. Flow - ing from his o - pen side; Praise we him, whose  
2. Through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose  
3. Souls new-born, O Lord, in thee. Hymns of glo - ry,

1. love di - vine Gives his sa - cred Blood for wine, Gives his  
2. blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread; With sin -  
3. songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise: Ris - en

1. Bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
2. cer - i - ty and love Eat we man - na from a - bove.  
3. Lord, all praise to thee With the Spir - it ev - er be.

**PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA***Refer to Pew Card***FIRST READING***Mal 1: 14b-2: 2b, 8-10*

A great King am I, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations. And now, O priests, this commandment is for you: If you do not listen, if you do not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, says the LORD of hosts, I will send a curse upon you and of your blessing I will make a curse. You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction; you have made void the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts. I, therefore, have made you contemptible and base before all the people, since you do not keep my ways, but show partiality in your decisions. Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM***Ps 131 (130): 1bcde, 2, 3*


R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor are my eyes haughty;  
I busy not myself with great things, nor with things too sublime for me.

Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted my soul like a weaned child.  
Like a weaned child on its mother's lap, so is my soul within me.

O Israel, hope in the LORD,  
Both now and forever.

SECOND READING*1 Thes 2: 7b-9, 13*

Brothers and sisters: We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Mt 23: 9b, 10b*

✠. You have but one Father *in* heaven \*  
and one master, *the* Christ.

GOSPEL*Mt 23: 1-12*

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

CREED*Refer to Pew Card*COMMUNION ANTIPHON*Ps 16 (15): 11*

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

## 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.





COMMUNION HYMN*Shepherd of Souls*

1. Shep-herd of souls, re-fresh and bless Your cho-sen pil-grim flock
2. We would not live by bread a-lone, But by your word of grace,
3. Be known to us in break-ing bread, But do not then de-part;
4. Lord, sup with us in love di-vine; Your bod-y and your blood,



1. With man-na in the wil-der-ness, With wa-ter from the rock.
2. In strength of which we trav-el on To our a-bid-ing place.
3. Sav-ior, a-bide with us, and spread Your ta-ble in our heart.
4. That liv-ing bread, that heav'n-ly wine, Be our im-mor-tal food.

POSTLUDE AT ST. MONICA*Mr. Bush*RECESSIONAL HYMN*Sing with All the Saints in Glory*

1. Sing with all the saints in glo-ry, Sing the res-ur-
2. Oh, what glo-ry, far ex-ceed-ing All that eye has
3. Life e-ter-nal! heav'n re-joic-es: Je-sus lives who
4. Life e-ter-nal! O what won-ders Crowd on faith; what



1. rec-tion song! Death and sor-row, earth's dark sto-ry,
2. yet per-ceived! Ho-liest hearts for a-ges plead-ing,
3. once was dead; Join with all the heav'n-ly voic-es;
4. joy un-known, When, a-mid earth's clos-ing thun-ders,



1. To the form-er days be-long. All a-round the
2. Nev-er that full joy con-ceived. God has prom-ised,
3. Child of God, lift up your head! Pa-tri-archs from
4. Saints shall stand be-fore the throne! Oh, to en-ter



1. clouds are break-ing, Soon the storms of time shall cease; In God's
2. Christ pre-pares it, There on high our wel-come waits; Ev-'ry
3. dis-tant a-ges, Saints all long-ing for their heav'n, Proph-ets,
4. that bright por-tal, See that glow-ing fir-ma-ment, Know, with



1. like-ness, peo-ple wak-ing, Know the ev-er-last-ing peace.
2. hum-ble spir-it shares it, Christ has passed th'e-ter-nal gates.
3. psalm-ists, seers, and sa-ges, All a-wait the glo-ry giv'n.
4. you, O God im-mor-tal, Je-sus Christ whom you have sent!

## ST. MONICA PARISH

### Saturday, November 4

9:00am FIRST SATURDAY MASS  
4:00pm Roland & Irene Silva

### Sunday, November 5

9:00am Yvonne Lacoste  
Charlie & Rose Hanafin  
Donald C. MacMillan  
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Francis Faucher  
12:00pm Benjamin LaTorre  
Helen Lariviere

### Saturday, November 11

9:00am VETERANS DAY MASS  
4:00pm For the Parishioners of  
St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

### Sunday, November 12

9:00am Basil Arasi  
Anthony D'Iorio  
Betty Pollard  
Richy Gallagher  
Paul Delli Colli  
12:00pm Aline Duncan  
Valorie Duncan  
Mr. & Mrs. Mecleor Raza

## ST. LUCY PARISH

### Saturday, November 4

4:00pm Salomeja Rembisz

### Sunday, November 5

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

### Monday, November 6

9:00am Bruce Beverley

### Tuesday, November 7

9:00am Yvonne & Roland Soucy

### Thursday, November 9

9:00am George O. Ferguson

### Friday, November 10

9:00am Dick Doherty

### Saturday, November 11

4:00pm VETERANS DAY MASS

### Sunday, November 12

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Tues	11/07/23	Fr. Thomas Oates	Luis Alberto Piceno
Wed	11/08/23	Msr. John R. McLaughlin	Edward Rodriguez
Thurs	11/09/23	Pope Francis	Daniel Waldron
Fri	11/10/23	Fr. Edward McCabe	Ulises Diaz
Sat	11/11/23	All Military Chaplains	Mateus Martin



## PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Nora N., Brian J., Michelle, Marlene, Kay, Jim, Carlos S., Bill R., Patrice K., Jason, & Matt W.

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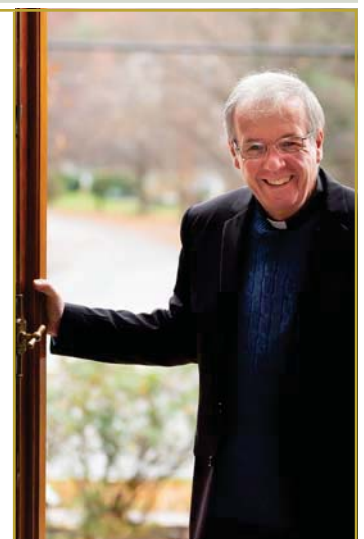
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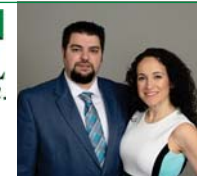
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