



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Lk 21:27-28

Thanksgiving clearly has its roots in the recognition of God: it always was and is now about thanking God for the blessings He bestows upon us. That it also has its roots as a national holiday should be a reminder to us as Americans that our national origins are rooted in God, too. As Catholics, we know that on Thanksgiving we should maintain a prayerful sense of gratitude to the Lord, the origin of all that is good. Below is an excerpt from a sermon that St. Charles Borromeo once gave to the priests of his diocese that has shaped how I see service in a parish. Nevertheless, his words can be helpful to anyone who seeks to make his or her discipleship more faithful and fruitful, whether in church or in life. As we enter into Advent and look for ways to prepare for the Coming of Christ, a holier life really is the best way to show our thanks to God for the blessings that He has given us.

FROM ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO:

I admit that we are all weak, but if we want help, the Lord God has given us the means to find it easily.

One priest may wish to lead a good, holy life, as he knows he should and to reflect heavenly virtues in the way he lives. Yet he does not resolve to use suitable means, such as penance, prayer, and the avoidance of evil discussions or harmful friendships. Another priest complains that as soon as he comes into church to celebrate Mass, a thousand thoughts fill his mind and distract him from God. But what was he doing in the sacristy before he came into the sanctuary? How did he prepare? What means did he use to collect his thoughts and to remain recollected?

If a tiny spark of God's love already burns within you, do not expose it to the wind, for it may get blown out. Keep the stove tightly shut so that it will not lose its heat and grow cold. In other words, avoid distractions as well as you can. Stay quiet with God. Do not spend your time in useless chatter.

If teaching and preaching is your job, then study diligently and apply yourself to whatever is necessary for doing the job well. Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise.

Are you in charge of a parish? If so, do not neglect the parish of your own soul; do not give yourself to others so completely that you have nothing left for yourself. You have to be mindful of your people without becoming forgetful of yourself.

My brothers, you must also realize that for us churchmen nothing is more necessary than meditation. We must meditate before, during, and after everything we do. The prophet says: I will pray, and then I will understand. When you administer the sacraments, meditate on what you are doing. When you celebrate Mass, reflect on the sacrifice you are offering. When you pray the office, think about the words you are saying and the Lord to whom you are speaking. When you take care of your people, meditate on the Lord's blood that has washed them clean. In this way, all that you do becomes a work of love.



The Parish would like to extend its thanks to Father Marc Montminy for offering some inspiring words to our parish leaders & ministers at our first Connect: Leadership & Ministry Gathering. It was a great morning that included Holy Mass, refreshments, and a reflection by Fr. Marc on evangelization. We'd also like to thank Mary Camuso, Deb Blood, Nancy Godbout and everyone else who helped us make the day a success. I hope you'll consider coming to our Spring event!



NO FAITH FORMATION

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

ST. LUCY & ST. MONICA ULTREYA

Tuesday November 30, 2021 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

St. Lucy Church Hall

All St. Lucy and St. Monica parishioners are invited to take part in a monthly Ultreya. This Spanish word means "Onward!" "Persevere!" "Hang in There!" Words of encouragement to each other as we travel on life's journey. Ultreya this month will be begin with Prayer Service and singing and includes voluntary sharing in small intimate and confidential groups, fellowship and refreshments that signify Christian hospitality.

Our guest speaker this month is Elle Andrews. She will offer a personal witness of what life was like before Cursillo and how it is now after the Cursillo experience.

Come support our dear friend! All parishioners are invited to come and share in this monthly evening of praise and worship. please feel free to invite a friend to join you!

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:

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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



On Saturday, November 13th, we celebrated the **Mass of Remembrance**, during which the loved ones of those whose funerals we offered at both parishes over the past year, gather to remember and pray for their beloved deceased.

Requiescat in pace



HOLIDAY SEASON METHUEN CATHOLIC MASS TIMES & EVENTS

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

Holy Mass “is the sum of Christianity, the soul of faith, the center of the Catholic religion, wherein are beheld all her rites, all her ceremonies, and all her Sacraments; in fine, it is the compendium of all the good and beautiful to be found in the Church of God.”

-St. Leonard
of Port Maurice

Thanks to the Men's Guild for Sponsoring our Mass for Veterans, celebrated at St. Lucy's on Saturday, November 13th at 4:00pm .



THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- NO Faith Formation
- AA 7pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church followed by Rosary
- Rosary For Priests Prayer Group 6 pm Gethsemane Chapel
- Ultreya 7:00-8:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

- Prayer and Study 10am - 12 pm (Zoom)
- Scripture Study on Book of Revelation Repeated 2pm St Lucy School House
- Eucharistic Adoration 5:30-6:30pm St. Lucy Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church followed by Rosary | Men's Guild distributes bread
- AA 6:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall
- Study on the Creed 6:00-7:00pm (Zoom)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

- Parent/Teacher Conferences | No School
- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church followed by Rosary
- Eucharistic Adoration 2:00-5:00pm Gethsemane Chapel
- Confessions 4:00-5:00pm Gethsemane Chapel

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

- First Saturday Mass 9am St. Monica Church
- Faith to Fitt 8 am St Lucy Schoolhouse
- 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
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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!

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

Treasures of the Church

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

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

See www.treasuresofthechurch.com for more information

OFFERTORY | NOV 13 & 14

St. Monica - \$8,106.⁰⁰

St. Lucy - \$4,585.⁰⁰

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 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.

TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

Until further notice, our parish office hours are:

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

Fridays | 9:00am-2:00pm

BAPTISMS 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm St. Monica's | 3rd 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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INTROIT*Psalm 25: 1-2*

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me never be put to shame.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

1. O come, O come, Em - ma - nu - el, And
2. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, Who

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
2. or - der all things might - i - ly; To us the path of

1. ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2. knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall

come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

PENITENTIAL ACT*Refer to Pew Card***FIRST READING***Jeremiah 33:14-16*

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her:

“The LORD our justice.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14*

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior, and for you I wait all the day.

2. Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

3. All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him, and his covenant, for their instruction.

SECOND READING*1 Thes 3:12-4:2*

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen. Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

ALLELUIA*Psalm 85:8*

☩ Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL*John 18:33b-37*

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

PROFESSION OF FAITH*Refer to Pew Card***SANCTUS - MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION - AGNUS DEI***Refer to Pew Card***COMMUNION ANTIPHON***Psalm 85: 13*

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

COMMUNION HYMN*Come, Lord Jesus*

1. When the dark-ness clos - es in, Come, Lord Je - sus!
2. Wise and fool - ish, still we wait. Come Lord Je - sus!
3. Come to us, O liv - ing Lord, Come, Lord Je - sus!



1. Cour-age fails and hopes grow dim. Lord Je - sus, come!
2. Is our Bride-groom at the gate? Lord Je - sus, come!
3. Come with jus - tice like a sword. Lord Je - sus, come!



1. Clear the shad-ows from our sight; set our trou - bled —
2. At his voice, our hearts have stirred, list - 'ning for his —
3. Come in word and wine and bread; come a - gain that we



1. world a - right. Fill our eyes with ra - dian - t light. Lord Je - sus, come!
2. heal - ing word, Con - fi - dent our cries are heard. Lord Je - sus, come!
3. poor be fed. Raise your ser - vants from the dead. Lord Je - sus, come!

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*People, Look East*

1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad, though earth is bare. One more
3. Stars, keep the watch when night is dim. One more
4. An - gels, an - nounce on this great feast, him who



1. crown - ing of__ the year. Make your house fair as you are
2. seed is plant - ed there: give up your strength the seed to
3. light the bowl__ shall brim. Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
4. com - eth from__ the East. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley



1. a - ble. Trim__ the hearth__ and set__ the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
2. nour - ish. That__ in course__ the flow'r__ may flou - rish. Peo - ple, look
3. wea - ther, bright__ as sun__ and moon__ to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
4. hum - ming with__ the word,__ the Lord__ is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



1. East and sing to - day: Love, the Guest, is on__ the way.
2. East and sing to - day: Love, the Rose, is on__ the way.
3. East and sing to - day: Love, the Star, is on__ the way.
4. East and sing to - day: Love, the Lord, is on__ the way.

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ST. MONICA PARISH

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

Saturday, December 4

4:00pm Ron & Irene Silva

Sunday, December 5

9:00am Charlie & Rose Hanafin
Leo & Patricia Deschamps
Will & Dorothy Barnes
Antoinette & Nemetallah Khalife
Laura Graver
Joseph O'Neil
11:00 AM For the Parishioners of St. Monica
& St. Lucy Parishes

ROSES FOR LIFE FOR THIS WEEK

Theresa A. Rickley

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINAR.
Sunday	11/28/21	Fr. Baldemar Garza	Alejandro Pena Diego
Mon	11/29/21	Fr. Marc Bishop	Matthew Harrington
Tues	11/30/21	Fr. Eric Velasquez	Johnathan Saniuk
Wed	12/01/21	Fr. Francis Glynn	Brian Daley
Thurs	12/02/21	Fr. Paul Flammia	Dong Pham
Friday	12/03/21	All Xavierians	Marcelo Ferrari
Sat	12/04/21	Fr. John Paris	David Joanis

ST. LUCY PARISH

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

Monday, November 29

9:00am Arthur M. Mahoney

Tuesday, November 30

9:00am For Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston

Thursday, December 2

9:00am Robert Higgins

Friday, December 3

9:00am Charles Athanasia

Saturday, December 4

4:00pm Domenic & Mary Rotonelli
Guiseppe & Francesca Bevilacqua

Sunday, December 5

10:00am Real Taschereau & Bertrand LeBlanc
Adeline DiBurro
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Paul, Meli, Sr.
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Please pray for **Ray R.** and **Sandra P.**

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