

JULY 25, 2021

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. John 6:11



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WEEKEND SAT 4 pm (Vigil) both parishes **SUN** 9 and 11 am St. Monica, 10 am St. Lucy



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St. Oscar Romero said, “We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord’s grace to enter and do the rest.”

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord’s grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life’s adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God’s creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ’s Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

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Last Sunday, Fr. Colarusso blessed our new St. Lucy Candle Shrine. The doors will be open Monday to Friday mornings and on Saturdays and Sundays during Masses. Please come by to visit and say a prayer. Also, be on the lookout for opportunities to choose new saints for the Shrine and opportunities to donate to enhance it.



I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

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PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord,
for the comfort of Your presence:
even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family
and for having blessed me with a long life.
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,
for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me.
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith,
make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,
to never stop dreaming
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness
and help me to live life to the full
in each moment that You give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day,
even until the end of the age.

Amen.



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A video series by Dr. Ralph Martin



Our parishioner Bonnie Doherty, OCDS is leading a study this summer on Zoom using the videos series "The Fulfillment of All Desire".

Upcoming videos:

Ralph Martin: 2021 Lenten Mission, Fulfillment of All Desire, 4 weeks

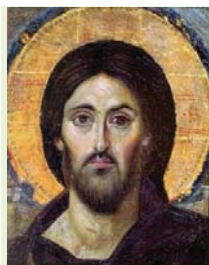
Week 1: Session 1, 1:08:33 (7/28)

Week 2: Session 2, 1:09:32 (8/4)

Week 3: Session 3, 56:49 (8/11)

Week 4: Session 4, 1:06:34 (8/18)

Please contact Bonnie at bonnieocds@gmail.com for the Zoom link.



Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as

Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be? We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*, a 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what he means for us as Catholics today. We will begin the *Jesus* study on September 1 at 6:00pm via Zoom. Participants will view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri. Workbook and one year subscription to the video are available through ascensionpress.com for \$29.95.

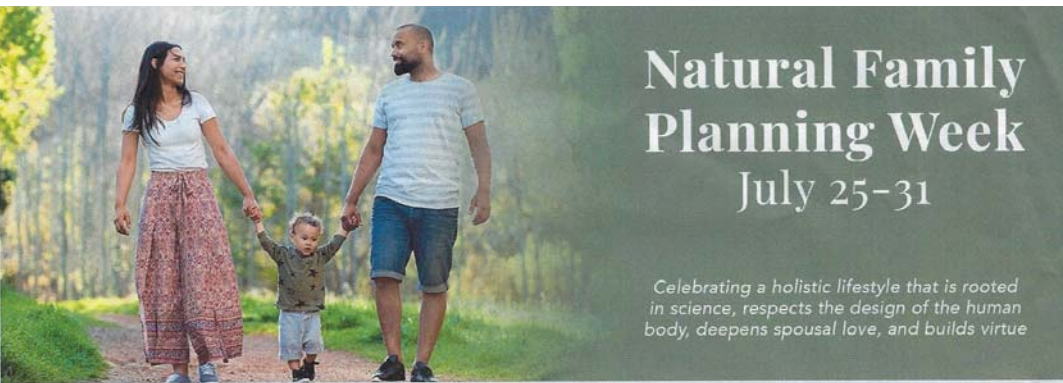
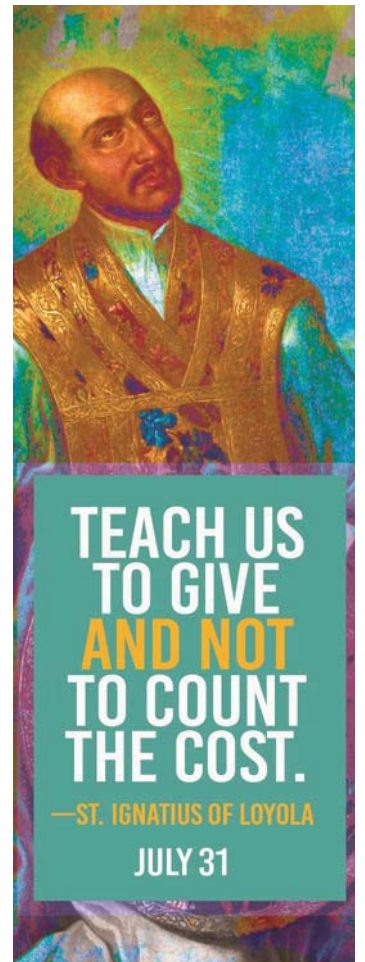
For more information or to register, contact Bonnie Doherty, OCDS at 978-270-3366 or bonnieocds@gmail.com. Once you register, you will be provided with the Zoom link. We hope you can join us!

Readings for the week of July 25, 2021

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sun: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Observances for the week of July 25, 2021

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Martha
Friday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtual Rosary for Couples Struggling with Infertility, Difficult Pregnancies, or Infant Loss

Monday, July 26, 2021 | 7:30 PM | Register at bitly.com/VirtualRosary2021

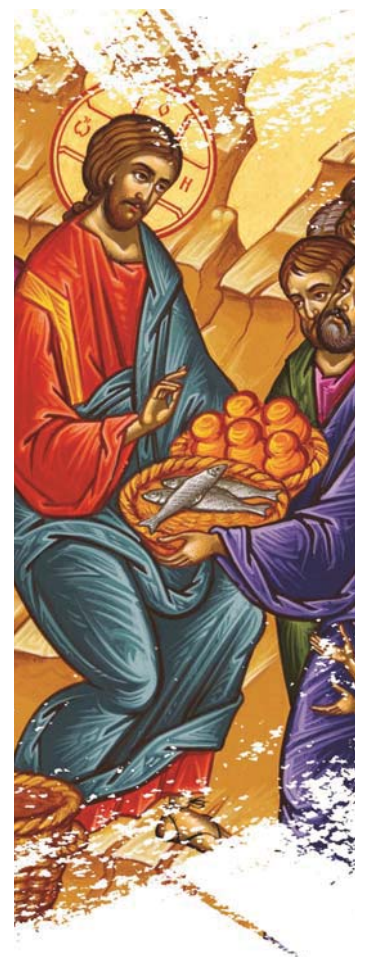
Join Fr. Ed Riley and the Family Life team as we pray for couples struggling with infertility, difficult pregnancy, or infant loss on the Feast of Sts. Anne and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All are welcome to join us in prayer. Register via Zoom [here](#).



Method Match: How to Choose a Natural Fertility Awareness Method That Works for You

Wednesday, July 28, 2021 | 7:30 PM | Register at bitly.com/MethodMatch2021

Join us for an interactive webinar that will help you navigate the crowded field of fertility awareness methods, apps, and tools with certified NFP instructors, Mikayla Dalton and Christina Valenzuela, and GYN, Dr. Patricia Jay. These experts will help you and your spouse sift through the options and discover a method that works for you. Whether you're new to natural fertility management or a veteran looking to make a method switch, this webinar is for you! Register [here](#).



ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, July 24

4:00pm Rose & Salvatore Filetti

Sunday, July 25

9:00am *Multiple Intention*

Nancy Tardif

Mark Nichols

11:00am Christine Lugo

Saturday, July 31

4:00pm Maria Laird & Cheryl Laird

Sunday, August 1

9:00am *Multiple Intention*

Dick Doherty

Charlie & Rose Hanafin

11:00am Arlene Potenza

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, July 24

4:00pm Emily Belair

Sunday, July 25

10:00am *Multiple Intentions*

Marie Longo

Maria Arasi

Patrick Joyce

Monday, July 26

9:00am Joseph O'Neil

Tuesday, July 27

9:00am *Living Intentions*

Norton Family

Nora Blanchette

Bruce Beverley

Susan McGee

Thursday, July 29

9:00am Michael Mulligan

Friday, July 30

9:00am Bertrand LeBlanc & Real Taschereau

Saturday, July 31

4:00pm Charles Piro

Sunday, August 1

10:00am *Multiple Intentions*

Michael Leo Jewett

Daniel & Edith Cross

Charles & Frances Cross

Fr. Lawrence Sheehan

Fr. Laurier Lamarche



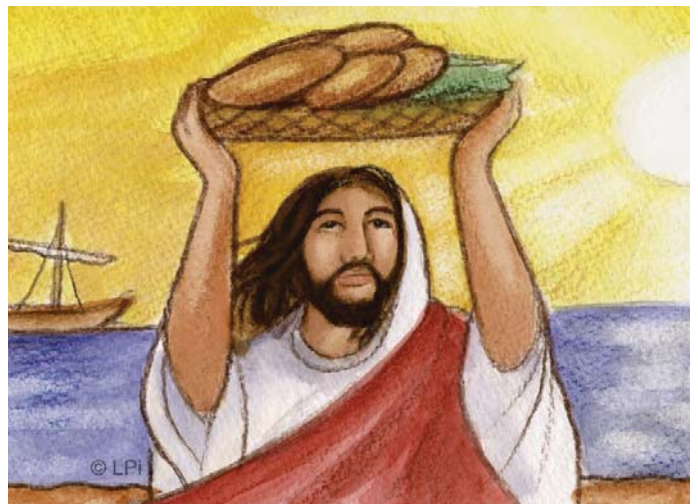
GOSPEL

Jesus seemed to be surrounded by crowds a lot, didn't he? That's because no matter where he went, he helped people, he healed them, and he taught them about God. In today's Gospel reading, one crowd was following Jesus all day, and now they were getting hungry for dinner. Instead of sending them back home, Jesus showed everybody's God's amazing power. Jesus took a boy's lunch and made more than enough food for everybody to eat.



PRAYER

Dear God, help me always to remember that you have the power to give us more than we need. Amen.



SONGS & READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

INTROIT

Cf. Ps 67

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King

1. To Je - sus Christ, our sov - 'reign King, who
2. Thy reign ex - tend, O King be - nign, to

1. is the world's sal - va - tion, All praise and hom - age
2. eve - ry land and na - tion. For in thy king - dom,

1. do we bring and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion. Christ Je - sus,
2. Lord di - vine, a - lone we find sal - va - tion. Christ Je - sus,

Vic - tor! Christ Je - sus, Rul - er! Christ Je - sus, Lord and Re -
deem - er!

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FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the firstfruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people to eat.' But his servant objected, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' Elisha insisted, 'Give it to the people to eat.' 'For thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18

℟. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he an-swers all our needs.

☩ Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

☩ The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

☩ The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-6

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

SONGS & READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

ALLELUIA

Cf. Luke 7:16



✠ A great prophet has risen in our midst. God has visited his people.

GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, 'Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?' He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?' Jesus said, 'Have the people recline.' Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, 'Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.' So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, 'This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.' Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

COMMUNION HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, And with fear and
2. King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, As of old on
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van-guard
4. At his feet the six-winged ser - aph; Cher - u - bim with

1. trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
2. earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture;
3. on the way, As the Light of Light de - scend - eth
4. sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the Pres - ence,

1. For with bless - ing in his hand Christ our God to earth de -
2. In the Bod - y and the Blood He will give to all the
3. From the realms of end - less day, That the pow'rs of hell may
4. As with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

1. scend - eth, Our full hom - age to de - mand.
2. faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
3. van - ish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
4. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

SONGS & READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

PRAYERTO ST. MICHAEL

Saint 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, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee,
2. All thy works with joy sur - round thee,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing,

1. God of glo - ry, Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like
2. Earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays, Stars and an - gels
3. Ev - er - bless - ing, ev - er - blest, Well - spring of the

1. flow'rs be - fore thee, Prais - ing thee, their Sun a - bove.
2. sing a - round thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
3. joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!

1. Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of
2. Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow'r - ing mead - ow,
3. Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er, All who live in

1. doubt a - way; Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness,
2. flash - ing sea, Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain,
3. love are thine; Teach us how to love each oth - er,

1. Fill us with the light of day.
2. Call us to re - joice in thee.
3. Lift us to the joy di - vine.

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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **Robyn Hurst, Tricia R., Jackie L., Cindy, Frank G., Francis, Nathan, F.G., Matt W., and Grace P.**

Please pray for **Claire Larkin Condon** whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at St. Monica's. May her soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

Please pray for a priest and a seminarian each day as they need our prayers!

Day	Date	Priest	Seminarian
Sun	7/25	Pope Francis	Joseph Ferme
Mon	7/26	Fr. Joseph MacCarthy	Vincenzo Caruso
Tue	7/27	Fr. Francis Daley	Jose Ignacio Montero
Wed	7/28	Fr. Francis Cloherty	Rafael Milla
Thurs	7/29	Fr. Gerald Fraser	Gerson Garcia
Fri	7/30	Fr. Peter DeFazio	Giovanni Argote
Sat	7/31	All Jesuits	Gabriel Hanley

Roses for Life for this week

Theresa A. Rickley

Sanctuary Candle for July

St. Monica Parish - Donald Stewart

Altar Bread for July

St. Monica Parish - Maria Laird & Cheryl Laird

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays 2 - 5 pm
Gethsemane Chapel



Confessions

Fridays 4 - 5 pm Gethsemane Chapel
Saturdays 3 - 3:45 pm St. Monica Church & St. Lucy Church



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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.

BAPTISMS 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm at St. Monica's and 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:00pm at St. Lucy's

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