



Palm Sunday

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!

Mark 11: 9

Acronyms can be revealing or silly. Or, they can be poignant like the acronym CAPE Catholic. We are a CAPE Catholic if we only attend Holy Mass on Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Easter. It is tempting to be a CAPE Catholic because we recognize the solemnity of those holy days, but we should strive to recognize the holiness of each Sunday, and the supreme dignity of each Sunday Mass and help others to do the same.

The acronym PALM Catholic is a much better concept to embrace - People Aiming to Love More. PALM Catholics are those who are willing to imitate Jesus in the beautiful hymn from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians - "Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

In imitation of Jesus' humility and obedience, we also must humble ourselves and willingly lay ourselves down, prostrate before Our Lord, and go wherever He leads. This surrender lies at the heart of being a PALM Catholic.

For example, our former governor back in the 50's, Christian Herter, who didn't live up to his first name. Running for re-election, he arrived late to a barbecue. As he moved down the serving line, he received one piece of chicken. The Governor said to the serving lady, "Excuse me, do you mind if I get another piece of chicken? I'm very hungry."

The woman replied, "Sorry, I'm supposed to give one piece to each person." He repeated, "But I'm starved," and again she said, "Only one to a customer." Herter decided to use the weight of his office. So he said, "Madam, do you know who I am? I am the governor of this state." And she answered, "Do you know who I am? I'm the lady in charge of chicken. Move along, Mister."

In the past I have counseled that it is so much more pleasant to humble oneself than to be humbled. But if we are humbled by others and bear it for Jesus, then we are walking those difficult steps of Calvary with Him.

St. Josemaria said, "Don't wish to be like a gilded weather-cock on top of a great building: however much it shines, and however high it stands, it adds nothing to the solidity of the building.

Rather, be like an old stone block hidden in the foundations, underground, where no-one can see you: because of you the house will not fail."

Palm Sunday is a day of great joy and great sorrow. Jesus rides triumphantly into Jerusalem on a colt to "Hosannas!" Shortly thereafter, He is struggling up to Calvary.

Mary was also in Jerusalem, celebrating her last Passover as the Christian faith begins. Close to her Son, she experienced great joys and great sorrows. With humility, obedience and love she will also accompany us in our joys, struggles, and sorrows. She will help us to stand steady in little things and to increase our love for Jesus. In this Holy Week, there is no more privileged place to be than by Our Mother's side.

THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Good Friday, March 29th
&

Easter Monday, April 1st.

We will re-open on
Tuesday, April 2nd at 9am.

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory for ages 18-59.

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal, and to avoid snacks. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards. Exemptions are allowed for pregnant women and those who need regular meals for medical reasons.

ULTREYA

Tuesday, March 26th 7 - 8:30 PM

St. Lucy Church Hall

All Are Welcome!

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 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, CJ Jewer, 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!



Celebrate *Holy Week*



We will have Ice Cream Sundaes after the Easter Vigil at St. Monica’s.

All parishioners are invited to join us.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION

As we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion, we are reminded that Lent is coming to close and the Resurrection is nearing. In one week, we will celebrate Easter Sunday. Pray that the Lord allow you to accompany him serenely during these Easter mysteries and you may emerge from them renewed in faith, hope and charity.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Saint Vincent de Paul (Holy Thursday)

On Holy Thursday please help us to continue sharing our physical “bread” with a contribution, while we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist, our “Spiritual bread.”

When I hear the cry of the poor, O Lord,

Let it be an invitation, not a plea;

Let it come to me like a choir of angels,

Beckoning me forth to serve with joy,

Sharing Your love with gladness of heart. Amen.

God Bless you and all who surround you for your empathy, prayers and support.

Holy Land Shrines (Good Friday)

The Good Friday collection supports the sacred places and the educational, charitable and peace-seeking ministries of the Church in the Holy Land.

Clergy Trust (Easter Sunday)

Next week, at all Easter Masses, our only collection will be to support 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

HOSPITALITY/REFRESHMENTS

Please join us for refreshments

Sunday, March 24th

St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

After the 10:30am mass

Sunday, March 24th & April 7th

St. Monica School Hall

After the 9am mass

Holy Week Choir

There is a final rehearsal during Holy Week on Wednesday, March 27th at 6pm.

Musical Blessings,

Brink Bush

Director of Music



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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SEASON

March 24 | Palm Sunday

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

March 28 | Holy Thursday

9:00am Morning Prayer and Rosary (St. Lucy Church)

7:00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (St. Monica Church)

March 29 | Good Friday

9:00am Morning Prayer and Rosary (St. Lucy Church)

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (St. Lucy Church)

7:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (St. Lucy Church)

March 30 | Holy Saturday

9:00am Morning Prayer and Rosary (St. Monica Church)

10:00am Confessions (Gethsemane Chapel and St. Lucy Church)

March 30 | Easter Vigil

8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass (St. Monica Church)

March 31 | Easter Sunday

8:00am Mass (St. Lucy Church)

10:30am Mass (St. Lucy Church)

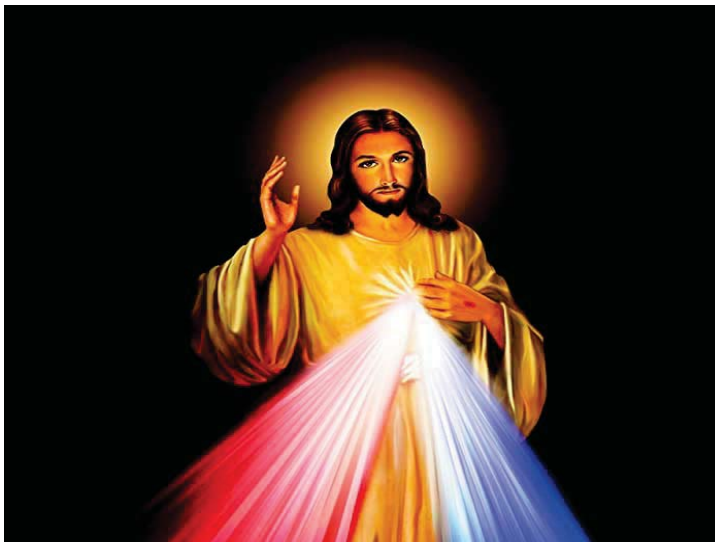
9:00am Mass (St. Monica Church)

12:00pm Mass (St. Monica Church)

April 6 and 7 | Divine Mercy Sunday

Regular Weekend Mass schedule

2:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion (St. Monica Church)



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The novena begins on Good Friday and continues to Divine Mercy Sunday. Pamphlets are available in the magazine racks in both churches.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 7th**

Celebrate with us with a service at St. Monica Church beginning at 2pm.

- ◆ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- ◆ Recitation of the Rosary
- ◆ The Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- ◆ Confessions
- ◆ Veneration of the image of Divine Mercy


WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

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- 📅 July 26-28
- 📍 Mass Mutual Center - Springfield, MA

Contact Information:

To sign up or for more information please contact
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WORTHY
is the Lamb that was slain

REVELATION 5: 12

The Knights of Columbus Men's Group will be reviewing the book "What Makes Us Catholic" by Thomas H. Groome on Wednesdays, March 13, April 10 and on May 8, at 7 PM.

Men of the Parish are encouraged to join us!

Contact Bob Beaudry at "ERBeaudry@aol.com" if interested in participating and for more details."



OFFERTORY MARCH 9 & 10

St. Monica - \$7,630.⁰⁰

St. Lucy - \$4,679.⁰⁰

Weekly Offertory needed to sustain parish operations: St. Monica - \$10,000 | St. Lucy - \$6,000

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Yes, I CAN... We are in need of cereal, rice, mashed potatoes, jelly, pasta sauce, pancake mix, syrup, canned fruit, instant rice & soups. 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.

<p>GETHSEMANE CHAPEL AT ST. MONICA CHURCH Open 7 days/week from morning rush hour until 7pm</p>	<p>CHAPEL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ST. LUCY CANDLE SHRINE Open Mon-Fri 9am-7pm , Sat & Sun 9am-5pm</p>
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BAPTISMS 2nd Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Monica's | 3rd Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Lucy's
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.

<p>MASS SCHEDULE</p> <p>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</p>	<p>CONFESSIONS</p> <p>SAT 3-3:45pm at both parishes</p>
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest.

GOSPEL

Holy Week Book p. 35

ENTRANCE HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor



1-5. All glo-ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem-er King!

1-5. To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho-san-nas ring.

1. You are the King of Is - ra - el, And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing you on high;
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore you went:
4. To you be - fore your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise:
5. Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

1. Now in the Lord's Name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
2. And mor - tals, joined with all _ things Cre - a - ted, make re - ply.
3. Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
4. To you, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
5. Great source of love and good - ness, Our Sav - ior and our King.

FIRST READING - PSALM - SECOND READING

Holy Week Book p. 41

PASSION READING

Holy Week Book p. 44

SANCTUS - MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION - AGNUS DEI

Refer to Pew Card

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 26: 42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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*O Sacred Head Surrounded*

- 1a. O Sa - cred Head, sur - round - ed By crown of pierc - ing thorn!
 2a. In this, your bit - ter pas - sion, Good Shep - herd, think of me
 3a. What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank you, dear - est friend,
 *1b. O Sa - cred Head, sur - round - ed By crown of pierc - ing thorn!
 2b. O Love, all love tran - scend - ing, O Wis - dom from on high!
 3b. O Je - sus, we a - dore thee, Up - on the cross our King!



- 1a. O bleed - ing Head, so wound - ed, Re - viled and put to scorn!
 2a. With your most kind com - pas - sion, Un - worth - y though I be:
 3a. For this, your dy - ing sor - row, Your mer - cy with - out end?
 1b. O bleed - ing Head, so wound - ed, Re - viled and put to scorn!
 2b. O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, Sur - ren - dered up to die!
 3b. We hum - bly bow be - fore thee, And of thy vic - t'ry sing!



- 1a. The pow'r of death comes o'er you, The glow of life de - cays,
 2a. Be - neath your cross a - bid - ing, For - ev - er would I rest,
 3a. Lord, make me yours for - ev - er, A loy - al ser - vant true,
 1b. No come - li - ness or beau - ty Thy wound - ed face be - trays,
 2b. Was e'er a love so won - drous! That from his heav'n - ly throne
 3b. Thy cross is our sal - va - tion, Our hope from day to day,



- 1a. Yet an - gel hosts a - dore you, And trem - ble as they gaze.
 2a. In your dear love con - fid - ing, And with your pres - ence blest.
 3a. And let me nev - er, nev - er Out - live my love for you.
 1b. Yet an - gel hosts a - dore thee And trem - ble as they gaze.
 2b. God should de - scend a - mong us To suf - fer for his own.
 3b. Our peace and con - so - la - tion When life shall fade a - way.

RECESSIONAL HYMN*Lift High The Cross*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim, Till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



1. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, The
 2. Each new - born serv - ant of the Cru - ci - fied Bears
 3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, As
 4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: Praise



1. hosts of God in conq - 'ring ranks com - bine.
 2. on the brow the seal of him who died.
 3. thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 4. to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Through St. Faustina, the Merciful Savior has given the aching world new channels for the outpouring of His grace. These new channels include the *Image of The Divine Mercy*, the *Feast of Mercy* (Divine Mercy Sunday), the *Chaplet*, the *Novena to The Divine Mercy*, and prayer at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, *the Hour of Great Mercy*.

Although these means of receiving God's mercy are new in form, they all proclaim the timeless message of God's merciful love. They also draw us back to the great Sacrament of Mercy, the Holy Eucharist, where the living Lord, who suffered and died on the Cross and whose Heart was pierced with a lance, pours forth His mercy on all mankind, and grants pardon to all who draw near and honor Him. As Jesus told St. Faustina: **My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners...[I]t is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the tabernacle as King of Mercy.** (*Diary*, 367)

IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

In 1931, our Lord appeared to St. Faustina in a vision. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the Heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. She gazed intently at the Lord in silence, her soul filled with awe, but also with great joy. Jesus said to her: **Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory** (*Diary*, 47, 48). **I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You** (327). **I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world** (47).

What do the rays in the image represent? **The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him** (299). **By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works** (742).

These words indicate that the Image represents the graces of Divine Mercy poured out upon the world, especially through Baptism and the Eucharist.



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

A novena is typically nine days of prayer. The Chaplet can be said anytime, but the Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena. He promised, **"By this Novena (of Chaplets), I will grant every possible grace to souls."**

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, March 29 and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7. Join us at 2:00pm in St. Monica Church for the Divine Mercy Devotions. Please help yourself to the pamphlets provided in the rear of the churches and chapel to assist with praying the Divine Mercy Novena. You can find more information here

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, March 23

9:00am Gerardo & Mattia D'Andra
Vincent Minicucci
4:00pm Francis T. Roberge

Sunday, March 24 - PALM SUNDAY

9:00am Austin Michael Willette
Cheryl Laird
Jean Guy Dulac
12:00pm For the Parishioners of
St. Monica & St. Lucy

Thursday, March 28 - HOLY THURSDAY

7:00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Saturday, March 30 - HOLY SATURDAY

9:00am Morning Prayer & Rosary
10:00am Confessions
8:00pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31 - EASTER SUNDAY

9:00am Easter Sunday Mass
12:00pm Easter Sunday Mass

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Mon	03/25/24	Fr. Gabriel Troy	Deacon Matthew Harrington
Tues	03/26/24	Fr. Guy Sciacca	Deacon David Joanis
Wed	03/27/24	Fr. Huy Nguyễn	Deacon Christopher Letizia
Thurs	03/28/24	Fr. John Hackney	Holy Thursday
Fri	03/29/24	Fr. Israel Rodriguez	Good Friday
Sat	03/30/24	Fr. Robert Connors	Holy Saturday

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, March 23

4:00pm Melanie Klier

Sunday, March 24 - PALM SUNDAY

10:30am Lucy, Rose and Salvatore Sapuppo and
Deceased Members of their Family
Richard Loehnes
Alice Beverley

Monday, March 25

9:00am Manny Gianni
Christine Gianni Eldridge

Tuesday, March 26

9:00am Pasquale Petralia

Thursday, March 28 - HOLY THURSDAY

9:00am Morning Prayer & Rosary

Friday, March 29 - GOOD FRIDAY

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3:00pm Celebration of Our Lord's Passion
7:00pm Celebration of Our Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 30 - HOLY SATURDAY

10:00am Confessions

Sunday, March 31 - EASTER SUNDAY

8:00am Easter Sunday Mass
10:30am Easter Sunday Mass



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Maureen S., Gary R. Eddie R., Susana M., Joyce M., Donna V., Sharon P., Alan P., Joe V., Michelle O., Nora N., Brian J., Bill R., Patrice K., Jason & Matt W.

Please pray for those whose funerals we recently celebrated. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



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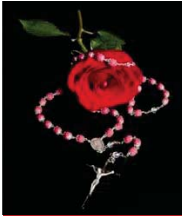


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