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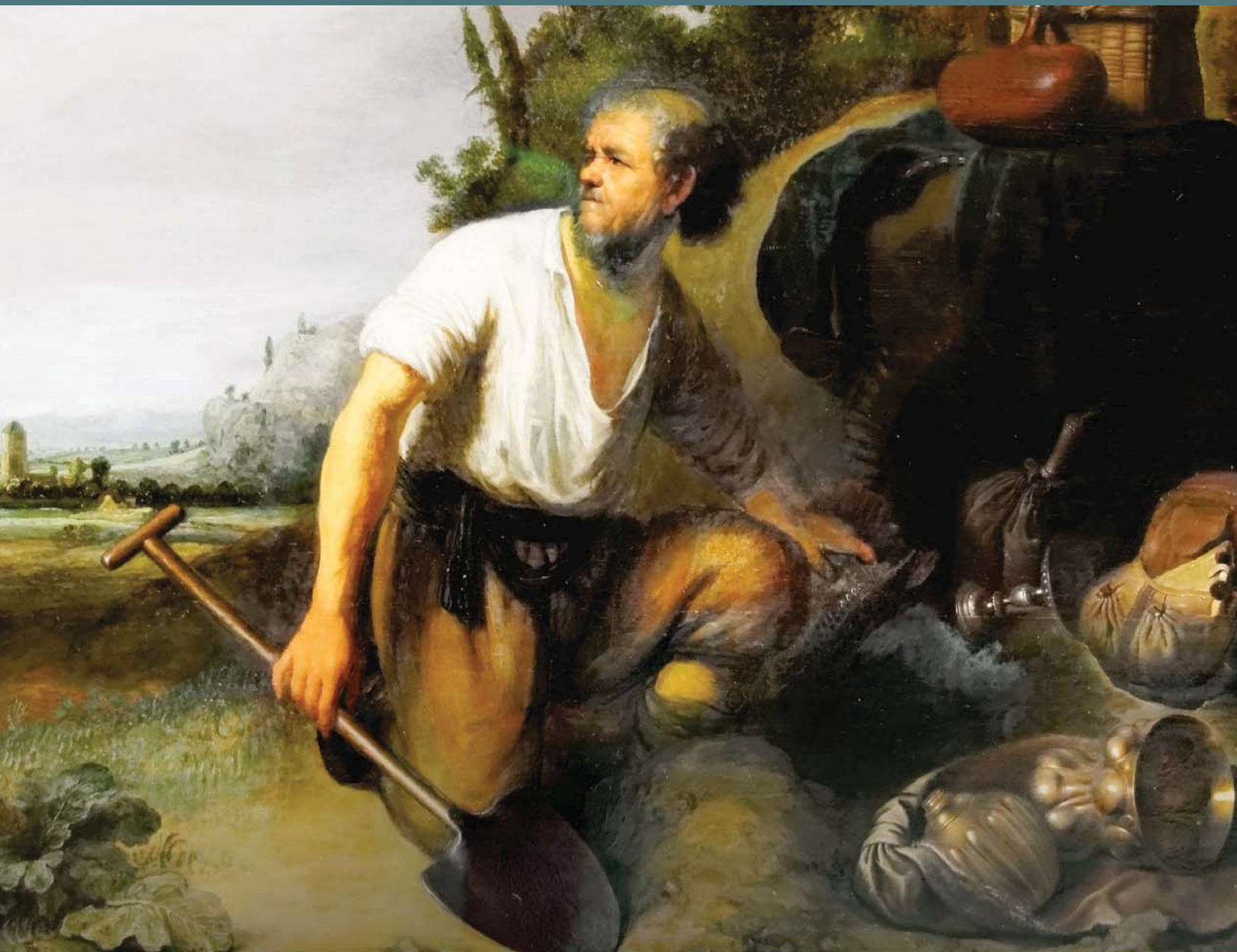
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# 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44

## UPDATES FROM THE PASTOR

Are things changing or staying the same? Are we opening up progressively or are we pausing? I'm getting confused. Irrespective of what the news and powers that be say week to week, as parishes we are at least *planning* to make progress.

One change that I definitely need to communicate to you is that of the daily Mass schedule, which you may have heard during the announcements. Due to the fact that more people are coming to daily Mass than Gethsemane Chapel can comfortably hold with the spacing restrictions, this week we will restore having daily Mass in the main churches. Similar to the old schedule, St. Lucy will host the daily Mass on Mondays and Tuesdays at 9:00am. St. Monica will do the same for Thursdays and Fridays, also at 9:00am. There will be no daily Mass on Wednesdays or Saturdays, nor will the daily Masses be video recorded, which is unfortunate because it worked out so nicely using the Chapel for that purpose. Happily, Gethsemane Chapel is still open for Eucharistic visitation everyday as before, though the main churches will remain closed, outside of the standard Mass times. Most of the restrictions that I mentioned are due to the cleaning requirements for the churches after any public worship service.

Lastly, we are still planning some improvements to our Baptism preparation program, outreach ministry, and facilities as necessary, but everything, as I mentioned earlier, feels paused until we hear of life being less restricted. Nevertheless, one thing that we all should be praying for is a greater sense of openness when school season arrives. Even though I like my summers to pass very slowly, that would be a great way to welcome the fall. God bless.

## NEW DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday/Tuesday**  
9:00am, St Lucy Church

**Thursday/Friday**  
9:00am, St. Monica Church  
(not Gethsemane Chapel)



### SATURDAYS

**CONFESSIONS** 3:00 - 3:45 PM  
ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH  
**VIGIL MASS** 4:00 - 5:00 PM  
ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH

### SUNDAYS

**SUNDAY MASS**  
9:00 AM & 12:00 PM ST. MONICA CHURCH  
10:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH

### MONDAY/TUESDAY

**DAILY MASS**  
9:00 AM ST. LUCY CHURCH

### THURSDAY/FRIDAY

**DAILY MASS**  
9:00 AM ST. MONICA CHURCH

### FRIDAY

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
12:00 - 3:00 PM GETHSEMANE CHAPEL

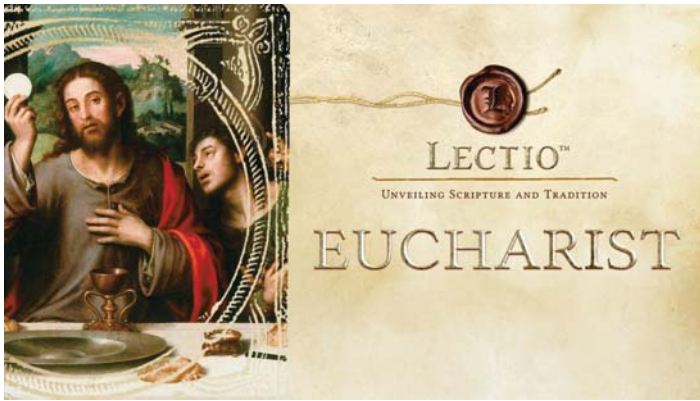
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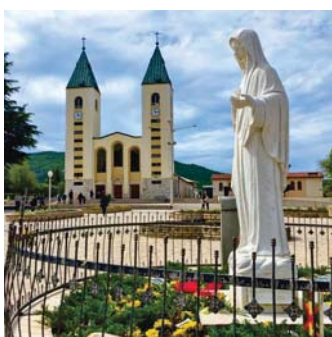
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MASS INTENTIONS

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, July 25

4:00pm Deceased Members of the Frappier and Plourde Families

Sunday, July 26

9:00am *Multiple Intentions*  
Nancy Tardif  
Krystyna Szablowska  
Deceased members of the Chouinard Family  
12:00pm Deceased Members of the Lamarche and Cross Families

Thursday, July 30

9:00am Warren Finniss

Friday, July 31

9:00am Timothy Jackson

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, July 25

4:00pm Deceased Members of the Lehane, Spampinato, Pisano, DiLamore, and Saitta Families as well as Joseph Scholik and Angelina and Nick Pisano

Sunday, July 26

10:00am *Multiple Intentions*  
Edwiga Rovinski  
Real and Gerard Taschereau  
Charles J. Piro  
Maria Arasi  
Patrick Joyce  
Angela Ianuccilli

Monday, July 27

9:00am Karen Tucker

Tuesday, July 28

9:00am Michael Mulligan

 Read the Gospel and Color



**Sharing the Gospel -**  
Your toys can break.  
Your books can tear.  
Your clothes can shrink and stain.  
Things don't last forever.  
The kingdom of heaven does last forever.  
It is like a treasure.  
Heaven is worth more than anything you own. In both

stories, the person who found the treasure sold everything else just to be a part of God's kingdom.  
**Prayer** - God, help me to love your kingdom more than the things I have.  
**Mission for the Week** - Put God's kingdom first. Read a Bible story every morning.

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

KINGDOM	HIDDEN	PEARLS
HEAVEN	FIELD	SOLD
TREASURE	FOUND	BOUGHT

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# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 2020

- SUN 7/26** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
- MON 7/27** Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35
- TUE 7/28** Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43
- WED 7/29** Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- THR 7/30** Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53
- FRI 7/31** Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58
- SAT 8/1** Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12
- SUN 8/2** Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 2020

- Sunday:** 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday:** St. Martha
- Thursday:** St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
- Saturday:** St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

When a merchant finally finds a priceless, perfect pearl, he sells all he has and buys it. He does this because that pearl matters to him. It has significance and brings a depth of joy like none other. What matters and is of importance to you? When what matters to us has something to do with the kingdom of God, God is delighted. His exuberant happiness is hard to contain because He knows that we are happy stumbling upon this beautiful wisdom. Ask God to help you discover this pearl of great price. There are many things competing for our attention every day. But not all of these things are important. We focus too much energy on the unimportant, superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really make a difference and have the greatest impact. Things all too easily become more significant than people, and our agendas become more essential than God's. We do not have to empty our bank accounts and totally detach from everything we have in order to serve God. But, we are asked to prioritize our lives and make what matters to God what matters most to us. In doing so, when we rise each day, we will be able to see what really needs our attention and embrace it with great joy!



*Delight  
in Him  
Always*

**PRAYER CORNER**

Please pray for **Frederick V.**

Please pray for **Christopher Walsh, Anna April, and Sandra Bouchard** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at St. Monica's. May their soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

Please pray for our priests/seminarians/vocations daily. Pick up a Pray for Our Priests calendar and a seminarian prayer card at the back of the church or just use this list each day. Our priests and seminarians need our prayers!

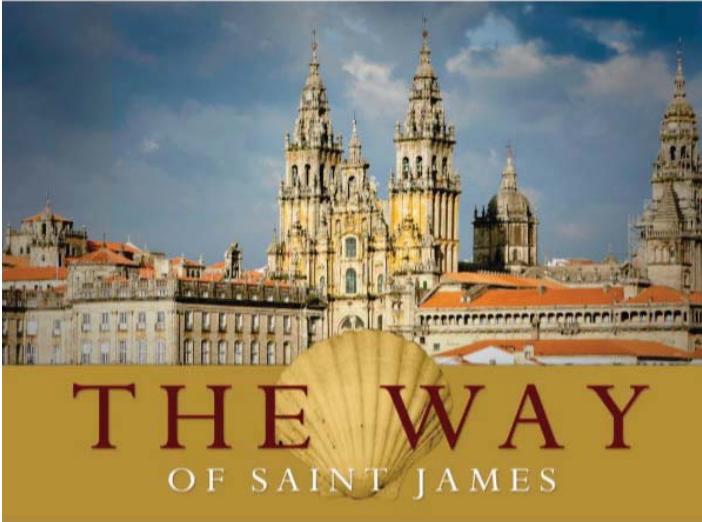
Date	Priest	Seminarian
7/26/20	Fr. Vincent Doolan	Deacon Joseph Hubbard
7/27/20	Msgr. Cornelius McRae	Deacon Matthew Norwood
7/28/20	Msgr. Francis McGann	Deacon Denis Nakkeeran
7/29/20	Msgr. Timothy Moran	Deacon Daniel Zinger
7/30/20	Fr. Gerard Petringa	Deacon Fernando Vivas
7/31/20	All Jesuits	John O'Dowd
8/1/20		Andrew Rondelli

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<b>Kevin Fitzgerald</b>	Facilities Manager (St. Lucy)/RCIA Coordinator

**BAPTISMS** Please call the parish office. **St. Monica:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of the month @ 1pm | **St. Lucy:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. of the Month @ 1pm

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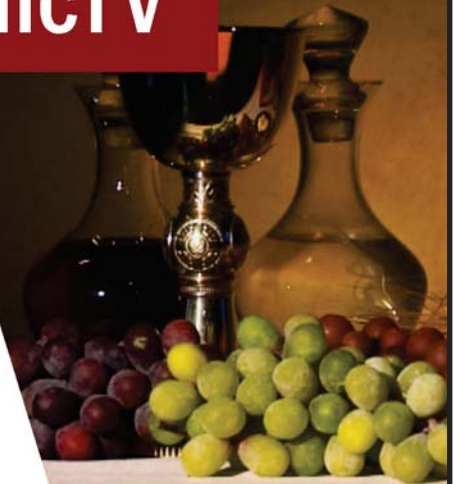
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