

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

5th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
"You are the light of the world."
- Mt 5:14a

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RENEW, REBUILD, AND REACH OUT: DISCIPLES IN HEARTFELT COMMUNION WITH JESUS CHRIST

DAILY MASS **MON, TUE, & WED** 8:00 am St. Lucy **THURS & FRI** 8:15 am St. Monica **SAT** 8:00 am St. Monica
WEEKEND SAT 4:00 pm (Vigil) both parishes **SUN** 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am St. Monica, 9:00 and 11:00 am St. Lucy

From the St. Monica Director of Music

Lent is a season of renewal: renewal of our baptismal commitment to Christ through a renewal (or taking up again) of the traditional practices of Lent. These include a liturgical focus of simplicity and solemnity. In this spirit, we look to renew some traditional musical practices that will enhance our Lenten worship while introducing us to the most ancient and long standing music that the Church has written for the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

We have already started implementing the use of entrance and communion **antiphons** into some of our weekend liturgies. **Antiphons** are short chants with texts based on the Psalms and other lines of scripture that match the liturgical theme for any given week of the year. They are used to accompany the "processional" moments known as the **Propers** of the Mass. For instance, an Entrance Hymn at Christmas differs in melody and text from a Communion Hymn that we would sing for the Feast of Corpus Christi. From the earliest centuries of the Church, Catholic choirs around the world sang these Latin texts for the Entrance, Offertory, and Communion portions of Mass, largely in chant form, at every liturgical celebration throughout the year.

Once the vernacular (English) was allowed to be used at Mass, there existed no liturgical music based on English translations of the Latin Mass Proper antiphons. As a result, we have become familiar today only with hymns being sung at the Processional, Offertory, Communion and Recessional portions of the Mass.

Throughout Lent at **St. Monica Parish**, starting on Ash Wednesday, we will begin to use these antiphons **in place of** our Processional Hymn and, for the simplicity of the Masses during Lent, we will have no music during the closing Recessional. The procedure will be similar to how we sing the Responsorial Psalm every week: the refrain will be played once through on the organ, then sung by the cantor alone, then the entire congregation will sing the refrain together. The cantor will then sing through the antiphon itself as the celebrant processes to the altar. After the antiphon is complete, the refrain will be sung by the cantor alone once more followed by the entire congregation singing the refrain together again.

While all this may be new, these antiphons are actually pre-set parts of the Mass of the day just like the Responsorial Psalm and Readings are set. More importantly, they add more scriptural context to the liturgy, bring us deeper in contemplation of God's Word, and allow us to participate more fully in the riches of our faith. We are blessed at St. Monica to be rediscovering these often-overlooked antiphons thanks to the faith and support of our pastor and wonderful music ministers.

Welcome

We're glad you're here!

New to our community? We're so happy you joined us this weekend and we'd love to have you worship with us regularly. Come discover the peace that comes from following our Lord Jesus.



5TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of
the world. A city set
on a mountain
cannot be hidden."
- Mt 5:14



Fr. Colarusso is away this weekend on guard duty serving our nation.

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY



JUMP INTO SPRING Raffle
 Tickets to benefit our Women's Day of Reflection and Pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine

in Stockbridge, MA. Tickets will be sold starting next weekend at all Masses at St. Lucy's. **Two weekends only.**

The prizes this year are:

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The prizes will be drawn on March 1st in the St. Lucy Lower Hall before our monthly meeting that day.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

YES I CAN PROGRAM - We are in need of rice sides, peanut butter, strawberry jelly, and mashed potatoes.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Bernadette

St. Bernadette and the Apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes



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Fridays beginning after the 8:15 am Mass until 5:30 pm in St. Monica Chapel

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Every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month
 6:00 - 7:00 pm in St. Lucy Church
Fridays 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel
Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45 pm
 St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church

 Read the Gospel and Color



 Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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|-------|------|--------|
| salt | city | shine |
| earth | hill | good |
| light | lamp | praise |

- satl s a l t
- lpam _____
- hlil _____
- lithg _____
- godo _____
- erhat _____
- perasi _____
- cyti _____
- sihen _____

Sharing the Gospel

When you love God, and you follow his example, it will show. You will be loving, patient, and kind. You will be honest and always do your best. You will work hard and share what you have. When you live for God, you make the world a better place.

Prayer

God, help me to make a difference in the world because I love you.

Mission for the Week

I will show others how to get to heaven by my words and actions.
(Song: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.)



Which picture name **begins** with this letter?
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

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ST. MONICA PARISH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00 am Living Mass
 In thanksgiving to St. Anthony
 Maxine Michalski
 Members of the Chouinard Family
 Kathy and Henry Cote

4:00 pm Dick Doherty

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:30 am Gilbert Dufresne

9:30 am Lionel Gingras
 Louise Fusco
 Deceased members of the
 Zappala Family
 Deceased members of the
 Chouinard Family
 Doris M. Walsh
 Raymond McAlea
 Alice Indoccio
 Eileen T. Dowd
 Anthony Mesiti

11:30 am Ann Murray

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:15 am Dick Doherty

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:15 am Real and Gerard Taschereau

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:00 am Eleanor Emery
 Joseph O'Neil

4:00 pm Parishioners of St. Monica and
 St. Lucy Parishes

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:30 am Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne

9:30 am Deceased members of the
 Chouinard Family
 Eulalia Aguiar
 Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro
 John K. Foster Jr.

11:30 am Joanne Grella

ST. LUCY PARISH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

4:00 pm People of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00 am Antonio and Battistina Iannuccilli

11:00 am Giuseppe Sangiorgio
 Polydore Bergeron
 Emilio Cozzone
 Filomena Grillo
 Raffaele Tammaro

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:00 am Helene Roderick and Alan M. Roderick

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00 am Richard E. Gerst

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00 am Janet Szostak

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

4:00 pm Edwiga Rovinski

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00 am Joseph S. Augeri

11:00 am Ryan Matthew Thistle
 Anthony and Lucille Bonanno
 Robert Rosemarino
 Concettina and Joe Privitera

Readings for the week of February 9

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

GIVE

ST. MONICA PARISH

Weekend of 2/2/2020:
 Regular Sunday Offering: \$9,981.00

There is only one collection this weekend and next weekend, our regular Sunday offering.

ST. LUCY PARISH

Weekend of 2/2/2020:
 Regular Sunday Offering: \$6,156.00

There is only one collection this weekend and next weekend, our regular Sunday offering.

Thank you for your generous contribution to the mission of our parishes.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- **SVdeP Quarterly District Meeting and Breakfast** 8:30 - 10:30 am St. Monica School Hall
- **Faith Formation at St. Lucy's**
- **Confirmation 1 Meeting** 12:45 pm
St. Monica School Hall

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- **First Penance Service** 12:30 pm
St. Monica School
- **8th Grade Faith Formation** 4:00 - 5:00 pm
St. Monica House
- **Rosary Prayer Group** 6:00 pm St. Monica Chapel

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- **Bible Study** 9:30 - 10:30 am St. Lucy Church Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- **Prayer and Study** (Join us in reading "The Way of Perfection" by St. Teresa of Avila)
10:00 am - 12:00 pm St. Monica House
- **Friendship Club** 1:00 - 3:30 pm St. Monica House

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- **Holy Hour: Adoration, Confessions, and Evening Prayer** 6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Lucy Church
- **Parish Council** 7:15 pm St. Lucy School House

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- **Adoration** beginning after the 8:15 am Mass until 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel
- **Confessions** 4:30 - 5:30 pm St. Monica Chapel

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- **Faith2fitt (Faith & Fitness)**
8 am St. Lucy School House
- **Choir Rehearsals** 2:30 pm St. Monica Church & 3:15 pm St. Lucy Church
- **Confessions** 3-3:45 pm St. Monica Chapel & St. Lucy Church

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- **Faith Formation at St. Monica's**
- **RCIA Class** 10:00 am St. Lucy School House
- **Baptisms** 1:00 pm St. Lucy Church

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **Lindy Lou.** and **B.D.**

Please pray for **Beatrice Adams, Evelyn Didio,** and **Eugene O'Brien** whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parishes. 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 and we should be praying for vocations!

Day	Date	Priest	Seminarian
Sunday	2/9/20	Fr. Gerald Osterman	Gabriel Hanley
Monday	2/10/20	Fr. Thomas Walsh	Robert LeBlanc
Tuesday	2/11/20	Fr. John Galvin	Leonardo Moreira
Wednesday	2/12/20	Msgr. Charles Bourque	Kevin Pleitez
Thursday	2/13/20	Fr. Jeffrey Archer	Steven Restrepo
Friday	2/14/20	Fr. Louis Palmieri	Paolo Strudthoff
Saturday	2/15/20	Fr. John Ahern	Maxwell Chukwudiebere

IN LOVING MEMORY

Roses for Life for this week
Theresa A. Rickley and John K. Foster Jr.

CONGRATULATIONS

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized;
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Marcus Lozano-Taylor

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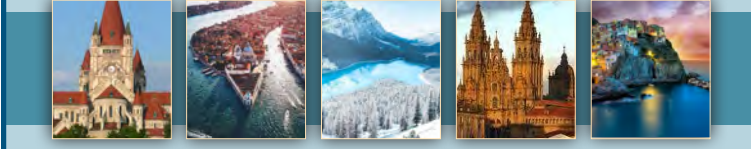


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