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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

HIGHLIGHTS APRIL 26, 2020





From the Pastor
Some Happenings Outside
of the Parishes

While we are largely away from one another in this difficult time, I thought you may find it helpful to hear what's happening in places beyond our own personal "shelter-in-place" locations. I am, as many of you know, an Air National Guard chaplain in addition to being the pastor of our wonderful parishes and school. Sadly, I am the only Latin-rite Catholic priest chaplain in the whole Massachusetts National Guard, Army or Air. As such, I have been tasked to visit various locations of military service that may be in need of a priest.

For example, the Boston Convention Center has been set up as a place to provide extra beds to treat COVID-19, particularly for the homeless population. An Army National Guard chaplain is assigned there and works tirelessly to meet the spiritual needs of every person, whether patient or medical personnel. My goal is to make myself available for a Catholic who would specifically need a priest or to just lighten the load a little bit in a general way for the chaplain.

There are two other locations that I visit that you may find particularly instructive. One is at Camp Curtis Guild in Reading. Every morning 30 trucks with a team of four soldiers, one being a medic, travel across the state to test all the residents of the nursing homes that are on their list for that day. The designation for this mission is "Task Force Shield" to highlight

the fact that the mission is to help protect our family members (maybe even yourself) who are nursing home residents.

Another location where I serve is at the Soldier's Home in Holyoke. That's the one put under military operation by the Governor due to a very serious Corona outbreak. My assignment is to visit on Sunday and to meet the sacramental needs of any resident (especially the very ill); to say Mass for the troops, which is also televised to the residents' rooms; and to counsel any person there who may want to see a priest. The situation there is very grave, but stabilized and improving due to the amazing dedication of those working there.

It's probably impossible to list all the difficult thoughts and emotions many of us are going through due to the isolation and fear surrounding this pandemic trial. However, there is great hope and consolation in the fact that many, many people are giving their all to serve those who are in the most need.



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Reminder: Our churches are open on the weekends for Eucharistic Adoration.

Saturdays

4:00 - 5:00 pm

St. Monica Church and St. Lucy Church

Sundays

7:30 am - 12:30 pm St. Monica Church 9:00 - 12:00 pm St. Lucy Church



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As a part of our Order-wide new 'Leave No Neighbor Behind' program, we invite you to join us online today for 50% off your first year of online membership. Discover the many ways you can step into the breach with us to serve others during this pandemic.

Support your brothers: Choose to join a local council and learn how you can be of assistance to the unserved needs of men in your community and their families.

Support your Parish: With Masses and events cancelled indefinitely, your parish needs help. Discover how your local council is stepping up to assist in this unique time of need.

Support your Community: At this time, many are finding themselves cut off and isolated - especially those without family and community support systems. Learn how your local council is serving its neighbors.

Feed the Hungry: Now more than ever, many in our communities are struggling and unable to provide adequate food to their families. Learn how your local council is supporting food pantries and soup kitchens to meet these needs.

Blood Drives: As the American Red Cross and state blood bank issue emergency calls for donations, knights are once again leading the charge in their parishes and communities to give the gift of life.

We invite you to take a moment and consider joining us. This is a time of extraordinary need, and we need men just like you to respond to Christ's call to serve our neighbors. Our communities are depending on us.

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SCHEDULE FOR THE UPCOMING WEEKS

April 2, 2020

SATURDAYS

CONFESSIONS

3:00-3:45PM ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH ADORATION

4:00-5:00PM ST. MONICA CHURCH & ST. LUCY CHURCH

SUNDAYS

ADORATION

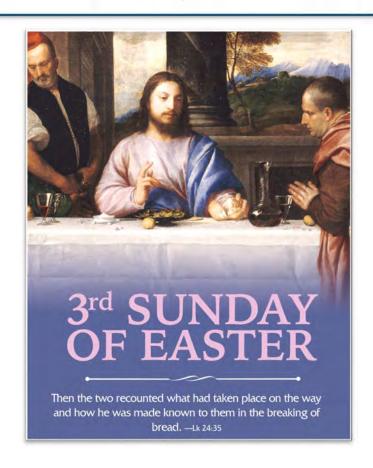
7:30AM-12:30PM ST. MONICA CHURCH 9:00AM-12:00PM ST. LUCY CHURCH

DURING THE WEEK

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION OR MASSES DURING THE WEEK.

BOTH CHURCHES WILL BE CLOSED.

HOWEVER, GETHSEMANE CHAPEL WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR VISITS WITH OUR LORD. with the exception of one hour from 9-10 AM for the filming of Mass.



WORSHIP APRIL 26, 2020

ST. MONICA PARISH

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

8:00 am James M. Hourihan

Joseph O'Neil

4:00 pm Jeanette and Philip Hamel

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

7:30 am Robert Barbieri **9:30 am** Nancy Tardif

Deceased members of the

Chouinard Family

11:30 am Gilbert Gagnon

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

8:15 am

MASS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY, MAY 1

8:15 am

SATURDAY, MAY 2

8:00 am First Saturday Mass

4:00 pm Yvette Moran and Don Lavigne

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 3

7:30 am Charles Booth Jr.

9:30 am Deceased members of the

Chouinard and DiNoto Families

11:30 am People of St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

ST. LUCY PARISH

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

4:00 pm Andrew and Isabel Mulvaney

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

9:00 am People of St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes

11:00 am Laura York

Louise Salmi Ann Marie Gallant Arthur Lavoie

MONDAY, APRIL 27

8:00 am Richard T. Muraco

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

8:00 am

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

8:00 am

SATURDAY, MAY 2

4:00 pm Francis Cronin, Mary Cronin,

Rev. Daniel F. Cronin, Mary Maddix, and

Francis Cronin Jr.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 3

9:00 am Deceased members of the

Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

11:00 am Fr. Gianni 50th Anniversary

THESE INTENTIONS WILL BE OFFERED AT THE PRIVATE MASSES SAID BY OUR PRIESTS.
THESE MASS TIMES ARE NOT AVAILABLE PUBLICLY.

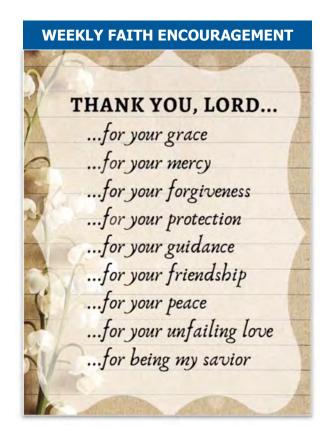


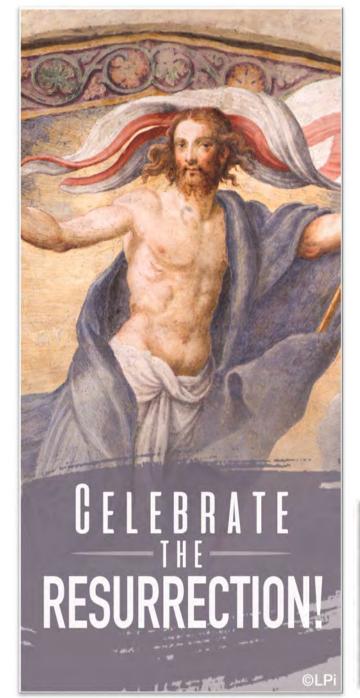
ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A fantastic way to unite ourselves to the Holy Mass during this time where we cannot receive the Eucharist is to offer a Spiritual Communion at the

usual moment of Holy Communion. Here is a beautiful version of this prayer:

O Lord Jesus, since I am unable at this time to receive you in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, I beg you to come spiritually into my heart in the spirit of your holiness, in the truth of your goodness, in the fullness of your power, in the communion of your mysteries and in the perfection of your ways. O Lord, I believe, I trust, I glorify you. I am sorry for all my sins. O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.





PRAYER CORNER

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!

Date		Priest	Seminarian
Sunday	4/26	Fr. Eric Velasquez	Peter Braam
Monday	4/27	Fr. Francis Glynn	Gustavo Neitzke
Tuesday	4/28	Fr. Paul Flammia	Aaron Sanz
Wednesday	4/29	Fr. William Cuddy	Desmond Conway
Thursday	4/30	Fr. Joseph White	Marcelo Ferrari
Friday	5/1	Fr. Joseph Kim	Joseph Thuy Van Nguyen
Saturday	5/2	Fr. Paul MacDonald	Ryan O'Connell

IN LOVING MEMORY

Roses for Life for this week Theresa A. Rickley

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2020

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;

St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Pius V, Pope

Friday: St. Joseph the Worker

Saturday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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

MARRIAGES Please call the Parish Offices at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.



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