

This week is World Mission Sunday. We are called through our Baptism to be part of the Church's missionary efforts through prayer, self-sacrifice, and support of the Mission Church through material aid.

This year, Pope Francis asks us to respond to that call, saying, "Here I Am, Send Me!" To "send" ourselves, we can:

- PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work
- OFFER financial HELP and CHARITY through the World Mission Sunday collection for The Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

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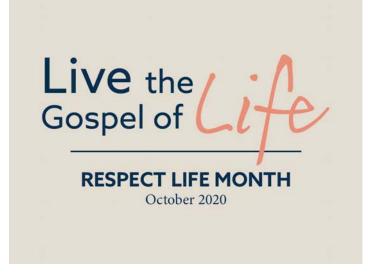


Join us for a Bible Study on Wednesdays at **6:00 pm** beginning on October 28 via Zoom.

Enjoy studying and learning about the Bible and meeting new and old friends while staying safe in the comfort of your own home.

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation is offered by Ascension Press with presenter Jeff Cavins and our group will be facilitated by Bonnie Doherty. You will need to order a workbook for \$35 which also includes streaming video access for one year. Come join in a study that will bring us through Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter following the Bible from Genesis to the end.

Contact Bonnie Doherty for more information and to register: bonnieocds@gmail.com or 978-270-3366 (cell). Bonnie will send out a Zoom link the week before class begins to all who have registered.



Virtual Baby Bottle Drive to support local Pregnancy Care Centers

To donate, please visit

- pccfriends.org/events/baby-bottlecampaign
- or send a check to Pregnancy Care Center
 158 Mammoth Rd., Lowell, MA 01854

The Pregnancy Care Center offers, loving, free and confidential, support to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. The goal of the PCC is to journey alongside women to let them know they are not alone. Additionally, we provide sexual integrity education, post abortion counseling and material assistance (baby items/food). The services are free, thanks to support from individuals and local churches.

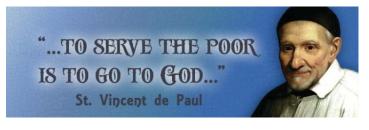
The PCC has locations in Haverhill, Lawrence and Lowell. This is an opportunity for you and your family to respect life.

Mass Intentions

We will be opening the books for Mass intentions on November 1st. Call the office at 978-683-1193 to request a Mass.

CORI Forms

In order to serve in ministry in the parishes, volunteers need to complete a CORI Form. Please call us at 978-683-1193 and speak with Karl to schedule a time to stop by the office and complete your CORI form. CORIs must be completed by next week.



Yes I Can Program

We are in need of peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix and syrup, canned beans, soups, Hamburger Helper, rice and mashed potatoes.

We will have food collection baskets available in both churches in the usual locations. You may also drop off food at the side door of Gethsemane Chapel during the week, but food donations are not to be left at the main door or entranceway of the chapel. Thank you for your generosity!

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I am the LORD, there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not. (Is 45:1, 5)

Psalm:

Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

Second Reading:

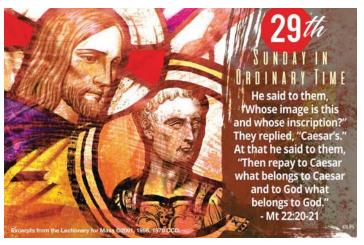
For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction. (1 Thes 1:1-5b)

Gospel:

At that Jesus said to them,

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21b)

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Readings & Observances for this week

Readings for the week of October 18

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8,

9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/

Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab,

4c-5 [3b]/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12,

13-14 [cf. 9]/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

[cf. 3]/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12,

18-19 [5b]/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab,

5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab,

4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47,

51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Observances for the week of October 18

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

World Mission Sunday

Monday: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac

Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Thursday: St. John Paul II, Pope

Friday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest Saturday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Priesthood Sunday





Matthew 21:33-43 • 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time





GOSPEL

When you grow up and earn money, you will have to pay taxes. Taxes pay for many good things that keep us safe and healthy. When you grow up in your faith, you will want to give God some of the money you earn, because all you have is a gift from God.



God, teach me to use money wisely so my community and my church can grow.





Draw a picture of yourself putting money in the collection at church.

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Saturday, October 17

4:00 pm Donald Stewart

Sunday, October 18

9:00 am Multiple Intentions

Chouinard Family

Yvette Moran & Don Lavigne

Krystyna Szablowska

Helen Dobeck Eileen Gaudiano **Carly Casten Bobbi Maline**

11:00 am Deceased Priests of the

Archdiocese of Boston

Thursday, October 22

9:00 am Krystyna Szablowska

Friday, October 23

9:00 am Gerard Taschereau

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, October 17

4:00 pm John Mugavero

Sunday, October 18

10:00 am Multiple Intentions

Nina Coco Robie & Russell Robie

Pasquale Petralia Rachel Carroll Martin McDonough Thomas Walton, Jr.

Monday, October 19

9:00 am Manny Gianni &

Christine Gianni Eldridge

Tuesday, October 20

Michael Poirier 9:00 am

Prayer Group

Every Wednesday at 10:00 am on Zoom. Contact Bonnie Doherty for

the link to join. bonnieocds@gmail.com



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UPDATED SCHEDULE September 6, 201 PLEASE USE MAIN ENTRANCE ONL

SATURDAYS

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

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SUNDAYS SUNDAY MASS

9:00 & 11:00 AM 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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

12:00 - 3:00 PM GETHSEMANE CHAPEL

CONFESSIONS 2:00 - 3:00 PM

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If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie at (978) 270 - 3366 or at the email above.

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Jim M., Daniel R., Lori B., and Eddie.

Please pray for Therese Angelone whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at St. Lucy's. May her 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
10/18/202	Fr. Joseph Mozer	Diego Valdez
10/19/202	Fr. Richard Cornell	Colin McNabb
10/20/202	O All Passionists	John O'Dowd
10/21/202	Fr. Gerald Souza	Andrew Rondell
10/22/202	Fr. Richard DeVeer	Giovanni Argote
10/23/202	Fr. John J. Connolly	David Campo
10/24/202	O All Claretians	Gabriel Hanley

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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

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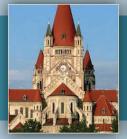


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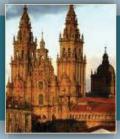
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