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THEN JESUS SAID TO HER IN REPLY, "O WOMAN,
GREAT IS YOUR FAITH! LET IT BE DONE FOR YOU
AS YOU WISH." —MT 15:28

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM THE PASTOR

School season approaches, and St. Monica School will be open!

Our principal, Mrs. Donna Henderson, and the whole staff are working feverishly to make sure we meet or exceed all the protocols necessary for a safe and healthy environment. We are, also, providing educational options in the realm of online learning to maximize our academic excellence during the seemingly unending extension of the impact of Corona. Additionally, you should know that we made improvements to the facility itself and academic courses. On a people level we have been blessed to have received an apprentice principal, Mr. Dan Simard, from the Archdiocese's principal training program. This is a great sign of confidence in our school staff as well as a great opportunity for us to utilize Dan's skill as an extra set of hands in the work to be done this year. Welcome to Methuen, Dan!

The beginning of the school year becomes emblematic of the fact we have to start getting back to normal life. This necessity applies to the parishes, too, though at a much more measured pace. For example, we are not currently able to bring Communion to the homebound or to a nursing home in any fashion. This is, as you can immediately grasp, one more burden for those who are the most burdened by isolation. However, it is consistent with the current protocols of safety to allow one member of a household who is a faithful Catholic to bring Communion to another member of that same household who is also a faithful Catholic. So, a married couple that prior to COVID always came to Sunday Mass, but now only one of whom can come for reasons of safety, they fall into this

category. The spouse that is able to attend Mass could bring Communion after that Mass to their spouse. To make a point of this: someone outside of their home and/or not themselves a consistently practicing Catholic would not be able to bring Communion to them. I understand that this is a very limited circumstance, but it is a start to build off on as time goes on.

My hope is that in the not too distant future, you will routinely see Extraordinary Ministers receive a pyx containing the Blessed Sacrament from the priest during Mass and sent on their way before the Final Blessing to bring Communion to the homebound. This method reaches out to the isolated, ties them to our worship and to our community, and maintains reverence of the Blessed Sacrament. A "new normal," as they say, and a new model; and now is a good time to get started. Please see one of the priests or deacons after Mass if you fall into this category, and, hopefully we can begin limited Communion outreach in September.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday/Tuesday

9:00am St Lucy Church

Thursday/Friday

9:00am St. Monica Church

(not Gethsemane Chapel)

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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

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ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, August 15

4:00pm Susan D. Simone

Sunday, August 16

9:00am *Multiple Intentions*

Yvette Moran & Don Lavigne
Manuel and Fernanda Cordeiro
Chouinard Family

12:00pm Ronald E. and Renald J. Rochette

Thursday, August 20

9:00am Yvonne Soucy

Friday, August 21

9:00am Ann Gallant

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, August 15

4:00pm Bernadette Sweeney

Sunday, August 16

10:00am *Multiple Intentions*

Dorothy Boragine
Lucy Boragine
Doris Dailey

Monday, August 17

9:00am Joanne Grella

Tuesday, August 18

9:00am Perry, Clara, Steven, &
Beverly Autiello



GOSPEL

A woman begged Jesus to cure her daughter who was possessed by demons. This lady believed that Jesus could cure her daughter. He cured her daughter because of her faith. Ask God to help someone you know who is very sick. Ask God to help the homeless find jobs so they can pay for a place to live. Ask God to help you and your sisters and brothers play without fighting. He will help because of your faith.



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



PRAYER

Jesus, I believe you can help.

Part-time Special Education Teacher Position Available

St. Monica School, Methuen, MA

The Special Education Teacher will work with individual or small groups of students to reinforce areas of the curriculum taught by the primary content teacher or will work on developing the skills necessary for students to access to curriculum at grade level (i.e., literacy skills, numeracy skills, language skills, organizational skills, retention skills, social skills, etc.).

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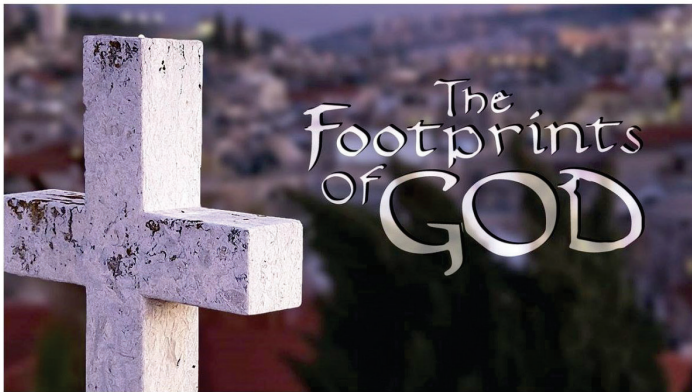
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Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree, preferably in a core content area
- Preferred: licensed as a Special Education teacher or completion of all requirements for licensure
- Experience teaching school aged children
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- Ability to work cooperatively in a professional setting
- Perseverance and the ability to motivate students to achieve a goal
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Donna Henderson
Principal
St. Monica School
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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **Marguerite Petrillo** and **William Hutton** 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
8/16/20	Fr. Brian Flatley	Nicholas Stano
8/17/20	Fr. Albert Stankard	Francis Trewin
8/18/20	Fr. Eugene Tully	Michael Dickson
8/19/20	Fr. John Murray	Javier Padilla
8/20/20	Fr. William Kennedy	Rodrigo Martinez
8/21/20	Fr. Wayne Blechner	Peter Schirripa
8/22/20	Fr. Patrick Armano	Alphonsus Quang Vu

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Deacon John Kobrenski	Permanent Deacon
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Donna Henderson	St. Monica School Principal
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Karl Jackson	Director of Faith Formation
Eric Berthiaume	Music Director - St. Monica
Sharon Waning	Choir Director/Lead Cantor - St. Lucy
Dan Bolster	Weekend Organist - St. Lucy
Kevin Fitzgerald	Facilities Manager (St. Lucy)/RCIA Coordinator

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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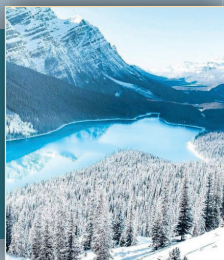
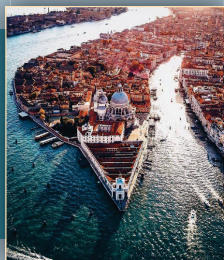


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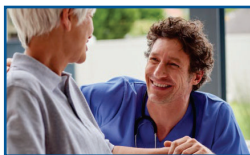
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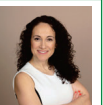
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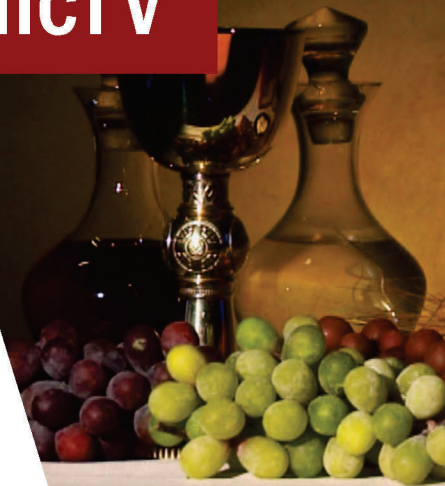
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