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7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM,
12:00 NOON PRINCIPAL LITURGY

WEEKDAYS &

FIRST FRIDAYS:

7:30AM, 9:00AM, 12:00 NOON

SATURDAYS:

9:00AM, 5:30PM VIGIL

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:

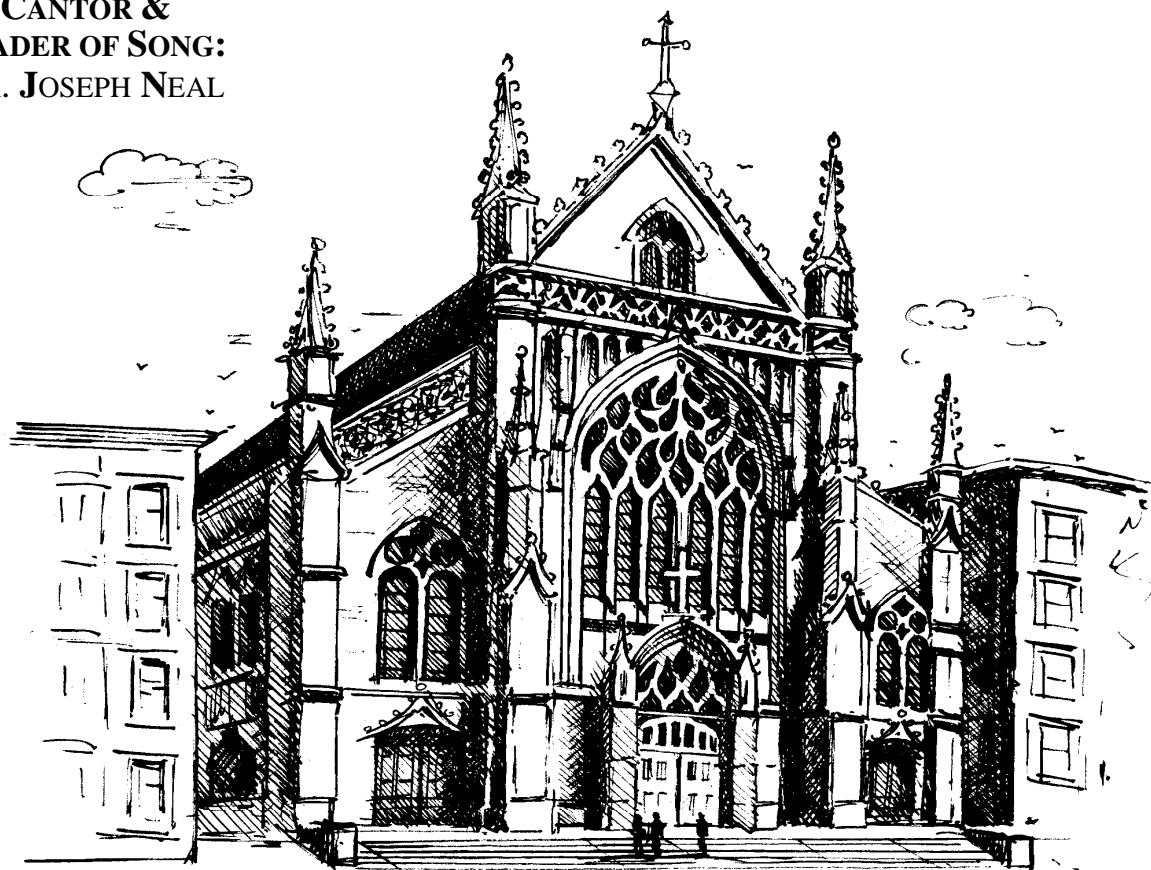
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OF RECONCILIATION:

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD
AT 5:00PM ON SATURDAYS
AND ANYTIME BY
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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: AUGUST 8, 2010

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It is the typical method of God to come to us in unexpected ways. That is why we must expect it. The night of the Passover was known beforehand to our father – so that “they might have courage” – but not the particular ways that God would rescue them from their enemies. In the Gospel, Christ is readying us for our Passover. We must be prepared, for the Lord will come when we do not expect, namely, at precisely those moments when we feel farthest from God. Do not be afraid; be ready to open to him. Blessed are those who live the unexpected. By such faith we receive the power to generate new life. As the Last Supper proves, Christ will reward our vigilance by waiting on us.

TODAY’S READINGS ...

First Reading — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God’s promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

Psalms — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — Because of his faithful obedience to God’s call, Abraham’s descendants number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Gospel — Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56


SATURDAY: VIGIL

5:30 Holy Souls

SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME

7:30 Christopher McDonough

9:00 Linda and Nono Osuji

10:30 John Henwood

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

MONDAY: ST. TERESA of the CROSS

7:30 Michael George (living)

9:00 Joyce Nower

12:00 Venerando Grasso

TUESDAY: ST. LAWRENCE

7:30 Josè Luis Litrenta (living)

9:00 Rev. Francis V. Ferrier (living)

12:00 Victor G. and Margaret Wademan

WEDNESDAY: ST. CLAIRE

7:30 Josè Luis Litrenta (living)

9:00

12:00

THURSDAY: ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL

7:30 Martha Lilia Arroyo Varela

9:00 Cecilia Dennett (living)

12:00 Virgilio Lim

FRIDAY: STs. PONTIAN AND HIPPOLYTUS

7:30 Pedro Antonio Litrenta (living)

9:00 Lars Mattson

12:00 John R. Flack

SATURDAY: ST. MAXIMILIAM MARY KOLBE

9:00 Stephen and Joseph Stack

GIVEN MUCH ...

“Much will be required of the person entrusted with much” (Luke 12:48). Whew! At least the Lord hasn’t entrusted me with much! Thank goodness that the work of the reign of God on earth has been entrusted to somebody else. This must be the “good news” of today’s Gospel, right? Wrong!

In the mentality that has come to be known as “keeping up with the Joneses” we can gear ourselves toward a comparison with those who have more or who have been given more, even by God. Unfortunately, nowhere does Jesus say: “Not much will be expected of those who have been given only a little bit.” Each of us, in our own way, has been given something, some gift or treasure that we can put toward the work of the reign of God. This is the vocation of Christian discipleship. Perhaps others seem to have been given more; evaluating this is not the disciple’s concern. The concern of each of us in the vocation for which we have been chosen is to take what we have been given, and consecrate it for the continued in-breaking of God’s kingdom of justice, joy, peace, and beauty. Then will we come to realize that we have indeed been given much. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

*19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)****Welcome to St. Monica's!***

*The music for today's Eucharist can be found
in our hymnal on the following pages:*

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STEWARDSHIP ...

Do we have a reverence for the earth as God's creation or do we think of it as a planet to be exploited? Do we use the earth's resources to serve others or only for our own comforts? These questions of stewardship define how we are honoring God. Stewardship is not just use of our time, talents, and treasure for our parish, but good stewardship is how we care for all of God's world and people. I thank you for being here this morning, as we gather to thank God for God's creation.

"The true purpose of tithing is to secure not the tithe, but the tither: not the gift, but the giver: not your money, but you ... for God."

Last Week's Collection: \$ 5,159.00

Last Year's Collection: \$ 3,502.00

PRAYER FOR CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS ...

Lord, in your love for the Church, you provide bishops, priests and deacons as shepherd for your people, and you call men and women to leave all things to serve you joyfully in religious life.

May those whom you have raised up as servants of the Gospel and ministers for your altars show forth dedication and compassion.

May those whom you have chosen to serve you as religious provide by their way of life a convincing sign of your kingdom for the Church and the whole world.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS ...

This weekend, the archdiocese has asked the churches to take up a special collection for the *Church in Latin America* and the *Catholic Home Missions*, which, though raising funds for corners of the world, have a similar purpose.

The *Church of Latin America* and the Caribbean is vibrant and rich in faith as well as growing in numbers as never before. It is, however lacking in material resources. This collection will enable (arch)dioceses, parishes, communities of religious, seminaries, and other Catholic institutions in these nations to continue training and forming priest, women and men religious, sick, and struggling brothers and sisters in the Lord as they deserve to be served.

The *Catholic Home Missions* is another national collection, the proceeds of which remain here in the US-our own sector of the Lord's vineyard. Many people in Appalachia, the Deep South, and the Rocky Mountain States struggle on a daily basis simply to survive. This collection will help parishes, schools and charitable institutions of the Church to provide for the needs of literally millions of needy families. Please be as generous as you can.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

Both in life and in death, we belong to the Lord.

- Romans 14

Please remember St. Monica's Church in your will.

The Burning of the Sanctuary Light

during the month of **August**

In loving memory of Jack and Billy Holmes
requested by Ann Burns

**The Bread and Wine for the
Celebration of the Eucharist**

during the month of **August**

has been donated by the generosity of a parishioner



The monthly Sanctuary Light and the monthly Bread and Wine used for the Celebration of the Eucharist may be reserved for your special intentions in memory of a deceased loved one, in

thanksgiving for a favor received, or for any other special need. The memorials will be noted in the bulletin each month. The monthly offering:

\$35.00 for the Sanctuary Light

\$35.00 for the Bread and Wine

Please call the rectory at (212) 288-6251 to make your reservation.

THOUGHTS AROUND THE BARBECUES' ...

O Lord, refresh our sensibilities. Give us this day our daily taste. Restore us to soups that spoons will not sink in, and sauces which are never the same twice. Raise up among us stews with more gravy than we have bread to blot it with and casseroles that put starch into our limp modernity. Take away our fear of fat, and make us glad for the oil that ran upon Aaron's bread. Give us pasta with a hundred fillings, and rice in a thousand variations. Above all, give us grace to live as true people, to fast till we come to a refreshed sense of what we have and then to dine gratefully on all that comes to hand. Drive far from us, O Most Bountiful, all creatures of air and darkness; cast out our fear of calories and the bondage of nutrition; and set us free once more in our own land, where we shall serve thee as thou hast blessed us-with the dew of heaven, the fatness of the earth, and the plenty of corn and wine. Amen

HOLIDAY BAZAAR ...

It's time to think "**HOLIDAY BAZAAR.**" We need everyone's help, donations to sporting events, (all NYC teams) the theater, weekend getaways, dinners etc.

Please remember us while on vacation and browsing through your favorite gift shop. The generous spirit of St. Monica parishioners is always very refreshing.

PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS ...

The staff who create the Sunday bulletin wish to thank the many neighborhood merchants who so generously support our endeavors. We hope that all parishioners will show their appreciation by patronizing these generous shopkeepers.

ASSUMPTION OF MARY ...



On **August 15th** Sunday, the **Feast of the Assumption**, we will celebrate our regular Sunday schedule of Masses, 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am and 12Noon.

On November 1, 1950, Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce,

declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were a few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However, by the thirteenth century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names (Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption) from at least the fifth or sixth century.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testament, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory. Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20 Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to belief in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven. (*This entry appears in the print edition of Saint of the Day*) *American Catholic.*

JUST A REMINDER ...

We thank those parishioners who give on a regular basis to the Sunday Offertory. Summer is especially difficult with many of our loyal parishioners and friends leaving the city for travel and vacation. Our attendance drops and so does the collection. We ask when and if it is possible to make up the week(s) that were missed.

We count on these collections for our monthly operating expenses. Thank you for all that you do for our parish.

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Weekdays after the Noon Mass
and on Saturday after the 9:00am

Holy Hour: First Friday of each month after the Noon Mass

Devotions: Miraculous Medal on Mondays after each Mass



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Dear Msgr. Modugno,

On behalf of Pregnancy Help, Inc., we would like to once again thank you along with Ms. Freer and your faithful parishioners for the beautiful baby gifts you provided. As a result, of your generosity, we can continue to help our mothers in need by offering baby showers and be a part of celebrating the birth of their child. It is a blessing for us here at Pregnancy Help, Inc. to have supporters like you. These gifts could well be the only things our mothers receive. In addition, your caring gestures make the difference in a young mother's attitude towards this monumental change in her life.

To date, we have seen over 12,800 clients, given numerous baby showers and rejoiced together over the births of children whose mothers had not "planned" their pregnancies.

We also would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your faithfulness in announcing the need for volunteers at our center. Our volunteers are involved in all aspects of our work – this is truly love at work - New Yorkers helping other New Yorkers.

Again, thank you for all your past support and continuous prayers for our clients.

Sincerely,


Cathy Gonzalez
Client Services Coordinator