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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:

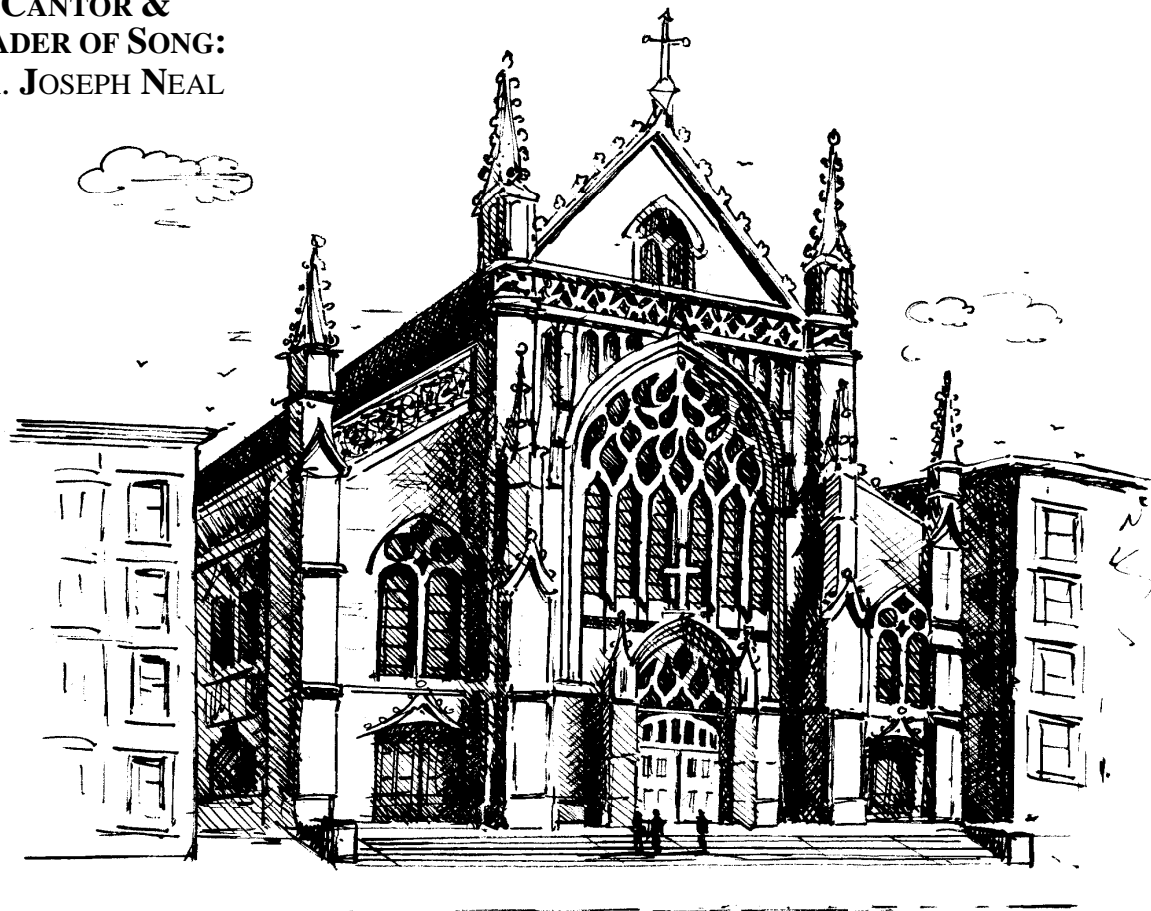
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PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER
OF THE PARISH STAFF
WELL IN ADVANCE.

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OF RECONCILIATION:

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD
AT 5:00PM ON SATURDAYS
AND ANYTIME BY
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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: OCTOBER 31, 2010

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Jesus intended to pass through Jericho, but stopped instead for someone who “*was seeking to see who Jesus was.*” Wisdom says that God rebukes offenders little by little, and reminds them of their sins so that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in him. Thus, Jesus stops, looks up, and speaks. And as Zacchaeus peers into the face of Jesus, he recognizes his “*Lord and lover of souls,*” In his soul he prays, “*You have mercy on all, and you overlook people’s sins that they may repent.*” The effectiveness of Christ’s mercy is seen in the fact that “*sinners drop from the trees like ripe fruit*” (Father Stephen Dominic Hayes, O.P.). May God “*powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith,*” especially when we stray. Even in those moments, may we always seek the son who “*has come to seek and to save what was lost.*”

TODAY’S READINGS ...

First Reading — LORD, you love all things that exist (Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2).

Psalm — I will praise your name forever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2).

Gospel — Zacchaeus, a tax collector, considered to be a sinner, is converted to the Lord (Luke 19:1-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Suggested: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40 or any readings taken from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17; 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

MassSchedule

SATURDAY: VIGIL

5:30 Mary and Hugh Maguire

SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME

7:30 Ann Burns

9:00 Joan Laurain

10:30 Jean Vale

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

MONDAY: ALL SAINTS

7:30 Mary Jane and Emile Russo

9:00 Tommy Russo

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**



TUESDAY: ALL SOULS

7:30 Faithful Departed

9:00 Faithful Departed

12:00 Faithful Departed



WEDNESDAY: SAINT MARTIN de PORRES

7:30 Canning and Frazzetta Families

9:00 Lillian Roohan

12:00 Ann Burns

THURSDAY: SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO

7:30 Erin Murphy (living)

9:00 Mary Crowley

12:00 Thomas Kingston (33rd ann)

FRIDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Joe Maniscalco (living)

9:00 Walter Ferber

12:00 David Schaefer (living)

SATURDAY: WEEKDAY

9:00 Carlo Guarini

GETTING TO KNOW US ..

Many of us, if we were asked whether or not the goal of our prayer and spiritual life was to get to know God better, would most likely answer, “Of course.” But how many of us would think that another purpose of our prayer and spiritual life was for God to get to know us better? We think of God as the One who views the whole universe as a grain of sand. How can God get to know us better? The author of Wisdom reminds us that the Lord is a “lover of souls” (Wisdom 11:26)—and lovers, if they do nothing else, are always seeking out their beloved, wanting to know them better, knowing yet overlooking their faults, wanting nothing but to love them more and more.

In today’s Gospel Jesus embodies this God whose imperishable spirit is in all things. Not only does he allow the extreme sinner Zacchaeus to speak with him, but Jesus seeks him out, up in a tree. And then—losing his head with love for his brother in the faith of Abraham—Jesus becomes a part of his life by insisting that Zacchaeus take him into his own house, the house he lived in through ill-gotten, sinful gains as a tax collector. Wisdom and Luke both tell us that God is willing to walk right into our frail sinfulness in order to know us better, love us more, and bring us in forgiveness to salvation. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

*31st 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:***

Entrance Hymn	281
<i>Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty</i>	
Penitential Rite	112
Gloria	160*
Responsorial Psalm	670
<i>I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	168
God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, So that everyone who believes in Him might have eternal life.	
Offertory Hymn	
<i>Take Me Home (D. Haas)</i> <i>sung by Joseph Neal</i>	
Sanctus	103*
Memorial Acclamation	104*
Great Amen	105*
The Lord's Prayer	120
Lamb of God	188*
Communion Hymn	342
<i>Amazing Grace</i>	
Recessional Hymn	424
<i>For All the Saints</i>	

STEWARDSHIP ...*Gratitude Is Contagious*

I used to volunteer at a food line. Each Friday morning, I helped pack 250 brown-bag lunches for people who lined up humbly in the alley behind a magnificent Gothic cathedral. It didn't take a lot of talent. We volunteers filled sacks with sandwiches, a piece of fruit, a piece of string cheese, candy or cookies, a carton of milk, and some soul food – that is, a slip of paper printed with a Scripture verse.

At 10:30 am., we opened the doors, prayed a blessing and passed out lunches. My first day, I was astonished by the poverty of the people, mostly men, mostly mentally ill, mostly homeless. Most greeted me politely. Many thanked me. Several said, "God bless you," as they accepted their food. Most did not make eye contact with me, but some smiled. And in their smiles I thought I caught a glimpse of the smile of Jesus Christ, who in no uncertain terms called us to care for the poor.

After a few weeks, I began to recognize many of the faces in the food lines, and I learned some of their names, their stories. Of course, I had contributed money to my parish and to charitable organizations before, but I had never felt the dirty but warm hand of a man who slept winter nights beneath the bumper of a car. I had never looked at the holes in the toes of an elderly woman's boots as she shuffled through snow. At first, I was afraid I might be incapable of connecting with people who were unwashed, smelly, disheveled, sometimes drunk or drugged. But I quickly realized that these people are more like me than different. The guys like Peanut M&Ms in their sack lunches. A couple of them were accompanied by their beloved dogs. They have dreams, frustrations, and, despite their plight, a sense of humor.

One subzero February day, for example, I shivered in the alley talking with a middle-aged man who had survived on the streets for years. "Cold," I commented, trying to make conversation, my teeth chattering. "Ma'am," he said, "it's colder than a brass toilet seat on the shady side of an iceberg."

Together, we laughed. Then he showed me the ski mitten he had received as a Christmas gift from a parish Jesse tree. "Somebody out there cares for me," he said. In that instant, I wished the person who had contributed those mittens understood the hope they had given. When we give of our time, we draw near the community and become insiders in ways we can't achieve from a distance. Volunteering one's time permits this sort of touching insight into the plight of people in need. When we give of our time, we draw near the community and become insiders in ways we can't achieve from a distance.

Last Week's Collection: \$5,146.00

Last Year's Collection: \$4,789.00

PLEASE REMEMBER...

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

- Romans 14

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

*At the noon mass, from the Mass for St. Monica

TRY YOUR LUCK, BUY SOME RAFFLES ...

This year we will offer **TWO different raffles** to help support our annual fundraiser:

The first raffle: **37" Panasonic LCD/HDTV**

The second raffle: **12 piece fine china 'Opal Innocence Lenox Nativity' set.**

Tickets are \$10 00 each - the drawing will be at the bazaar on **Sunday, November 21st, 2010**. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses and during the week at the rectory. Good luck and thank you!

WE NEED HELP ...

Please remember to support our *Annual Holiday Bazaar*, on **November 20th and 21st**. We will need people to help with the set-up, to work the days of the fair, and to help with the cleanup after the event.

'Thank you' but we cannot accept clothing, new or slightly used.

We are also looking for bakers for our bazaar, cookies, cup cakes, brownies, and pies, for the 'kitchen table' would be a great addition. If you enjoy baking, please contact the rectory (212) 288-6251.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE ...



Our Food Drive has begun and will continue through to **November 19th, 2010**. As in the past years, we will be collecting items for the Yorkville Common Pantry.

All canned goods, such as soups, canned hams, spaghetti, rice, beans, etc. are needed and greatly appreciated. Containers will be available at the St. Joseph

FALL BEHIND ...

Please note that the information printed in last Sunday's bulletin regarding the time change was incorrect. **NOVEMBER 7th** is the beginning of daylight saving time, remember to set your clocks back **one hour**.

ANY CHANGES ...

You've notified your friends, you've notified your credit cards and you've notified the post office. Please don't forget to notify your church! This information helps us to keep our mailing lists current and also cuts down on the cost of return postage.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS ...

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests;
For Your unfaithful and tepid priests;
For Your priest laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields;
For Your tempted priests;
For Your lonely and desolate priests;
For Your young priest;
For Your dying priests;
For the souls of Your priest in purgatory.
But above all I recommend to You the priest dearest to me;
The priests who baptized me;
The priest who absolved me from my sins;
The priest at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;
The priests who taught and instructed me:
All the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.
O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart,
And Bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. AMEN

SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES (1579-1639)

November 3 ...

An old illustration pictures Martin de Porres, finger to his lips—"Shhhh!"—as several mice peek out of sacristy vestment drawers, preparing to join a rodent "procession" following him out of church! Martin's rescue of these unwelcome "guests," and statues depicting him, broom in hand, feeding a dog, cat, bird, and mouse from the same dish symbolize his life and sanctity. Initially denied entrance by the Dominicans because of "mixed race" (Spanish father, Panamanian mother), Martin cherished society's marginalized. For him, menial tasks, lovingly done, were sacred. Great and lowly alike feasted on his charity. Enemies were reconciled by this "poor mulatto" (his self-description), kind even to those whose racism demeaned him. Apprenticed to a surgeon-barber in his youth—thus patron saint of hair stylists and public health providers—Martin dispensed healing and dignity to Lima's poorest, serving in them the Christ he adored for hours in the Blessed Sacrament. By the time he died, all Peru called him "Martin the Charitable," a title even those of us who will never be called "saint" might still aspire to.
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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

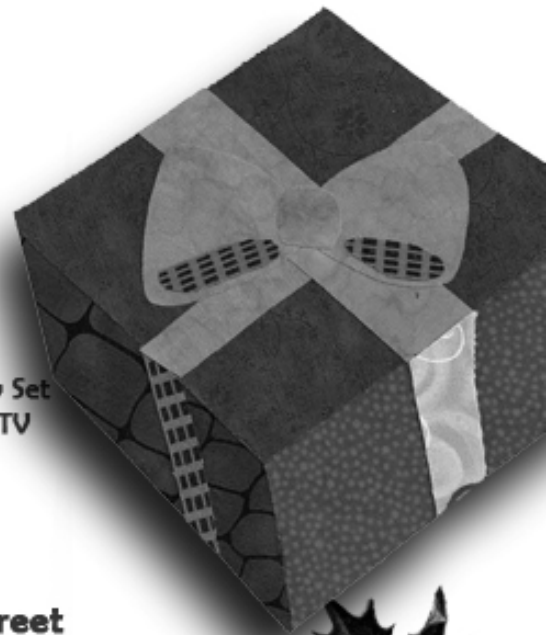
Church of St Monica's Annual Holiday Bazaar 2010

November 20th and 21st
Saturday 11am - 7pm
Sunday 9:30am - 4:30pm

Join the fun!
You can win weekend getaways,
electronics, dinners, sporting events,
and much more!

PLUS enjoy the best home
baked goods in town!

Chances to win:
-50/50 Raffle
-12 Piece Lenox Nativity Set
-37" Panasonic LCD HDTV



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