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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:

BY APPOINTMENT.

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

SACRAMENT

OF RECONCILIATION:

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD
AT 5:00PM ON SATURDAYS
AND ANYTIME BY
APPOINTMENT.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JANUARY 16, 2011

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Because God formed John the Baptist “*as his servant from the womb*,” John’s whole being is ordered to God. Thus, when John “*saw Jesus coming toward him*,” he instantly cried out, “*Behold, the Lamb of God*.” John immediately recognizes that Christ is the one for whom his heart has been made. That immediate correspondence between what he has been waiting for all his life and what he beholds in the Lamb of God leads him to “*testify that he is the Son of God*.” The miracle is that the same grace has been given to us. We are the ones who “*have been... called to be holy with all those... who call upon the name of the Lord*.” By professing the One “*who takes away the sin of the world*,” we become a light to the nations through whom God’s salvation reaches to the ends of the earth. As we glorify the Lamb of God, God shows his glory through us.

TODAY’S READINGS ...

First Reading — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]


SATURDAY: VIGIL

5:30 Caroline Armetta

SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME

7:30 Carlo Guarini

9:00 Allie Bujaki

10:30 Isaias Arce

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

MONDAY: ST. ANTHONY

7:30 Elizabeth Sandoz

9:00 Edward and Theresa Hogan (living)

12:00 Gretchen McCavley

TUESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Ashley Frangela

9:00 Mary Capobianco

12:00 Sheila Abrahamson

WEDNESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 John Lenz

9:00 Ken O’Brien (living)

12:00 John Wademan

THURSDAY: SAINTS FABIAN AND SEBASTIAN

7:30 Ann Carnicelli

9:00 Walter Ferber

12:00 Deceased Members of Jobbagy Family

FRIDAY: SAINT AGNES

7:30 Janice Stephen

9:00 Camille Morri

12:00 St. Agata

SATURDAY:

9:00 Mary Capobianco

CALLED TO BE HOLY...

With this Sunday we begin Ordinary Time. The readings tell us about God’s relationship with Israel and John the Baptist’s relationship with Jesus. Israel’s relationship with God is so close, so intimate, that it is through Israel that God’s “salvation [will] reach to the ends of the earth” (Isaiah 49:6). But we know from John the Baptist that for Israel to accomplish God’s will, it must also recognize that Jesus is the Son of God. During these weeks we also get to know Jesus. We begin to understand more deeply our relationship to Jesus and what that relationship means for us, who are “called to be holy” (1 Corinthians 1:2). © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)****Welcome to St. Monica's!***

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

Entrance Hymn	373
<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	
Penitential Rite	112
Gloria	113*
Responsorial Psalm	581
<i>Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	114
<i>The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.</i>	
<i>To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God.</i>	
Offertory Hymn	410
<i>Shall We Gather at the River?</i>	
<i>at noon: PASS IT ON (Kaiser/Schaefer)</i>	
<i>sung by Debbi Burdett & Joseph Neal with the choir</i>	
Sanctus	172*
Memorial Acclamation	173*
Great Amen	177*
The Lord's Prayer	120
Lamb Of God	178*
Communion Hymn	342
<i>Amazing Grace</i>	
<i>at noon: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (J.S. Bach)</i>	
<i>sung by the choir</i>	
Recessional Hymn	309
<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You</i>	

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

STEWARDSHIP ...

Trust is a key element for people who decide tithe. The decision to give back 10 percent to the Lord represents, especially at the start, an enormous act of faith. Most persons, even affluent ones, judge they do not have sufficient money to make ends meet and provide satisfactorily for the future. Consequently, to promise a weekly offering substantially above what has been one's custom requires a certain confidence that God will somehow care for one's needs in the days ahead.

Fortunately, the inspired word of Scripture offers explicit encouragement in this regard; promises from God that, if we are generous, if we step out in faith, we will never want and will be blessed in countless ways. The Old Testament book of Malachi succinctly makes this point:

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse,

That there may be food in my house,

and try me in this, says the LORD of hosts:

Shall I not open for you the floodgates of heaven,

to pour down blessing upon you without measure? (3:10).

Last Week's Collection: \$ 5732.00

Last Year's Collection: \$ 3981.00

FEAST OF FAITH...The Greeting

At several points during the liturgy, the presider greets us with the words, "The Lord be with you." These simple words are not like the greetings that we exchange all day long—our "good mornings," our "hellos" and "how are yous." This liturgical greeting has roots deep in the Old Testament. In the book of Ruth, the words "the Lord be with you" are spoken by Boaz to the harvesters who are laboring in his fields (2:4); in the book of Judges, an angel speaks similar words to Gideon (6:12), where they are words of promise: for soon Gideon will lead his oppressed people to victory and freedom. For us, the words become a greeting of peace, a prayer that the Lord will indeed be with us, and a reminder of his promise to be with us always, to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). Our response—"And also with you," soon to be "And with your spirit"—returns to the presider this prayer for the Lord's presence. As we know from the scriptures, a prayer for the Lord's presence is no small thing, for when God comes in our midst, God brings healing, grace, and challenge. God's presence transforms us.—*Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.*

PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS ...

Let us pray for our service men and women in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere in the world; may *Our Blessed Mother* watch over them and keep them from harm.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

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

- *Romans 14*

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

IN MEMORY OF ...

The weekly Sanctuary Light and the 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.

<p>The Burning of the Sanctuary Light In Loving Memory of Dr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Sabatini Requested by Anne Sabatini</p> <p>The Bread and Wine for the Celebration of the Eucharist Dr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Sabatini Requested by Anne Sabatini</p>
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MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES ...

Because of the popularity of this privilege, we will offer these memorials on a **weekly** basis. The offering will remain the same at \$35.00 per dedication. Please stop by or call the rectory (212) 288-6251 to make your reservation.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE FOR LIFE ...

In all the dioceses of the United State of America, **Saturday, January 22nd, 2011** shall be observed as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. The Mass “For Peace and Justice” (no. 21 of the “Masses for Various Needs”) should be celebrated with violet vestments as an appropriate liturgical observance for this day.

PILGRIMAGE/MARCH FOR LIFE ...

Join a pilgrimage to Washington, D.C on **Monday, January 24th, 2011** to commemorate the **38th Anniversary of Roe v Wade**, the Supreme Court Decision legalizing abortion. Hundreds of thousands will gather from throughout our nation to pray and publicly witness so that hearts and minds may be opened to the Gospel of Life and laws may be changed.

Join the Archdiocese of NY Family Life/Respect Life Office Bus leaving from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church – 457 West 51st Street (between 9th and 10th Ave) on Monday, January 24th. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered in the Church at 6:15am, bus departs at **7:00am sharp**.

Seats are available on a first-come, first served basis. Cost for the day-trip is \$40.

Please email: Sr.Margaret@Archny.org to register or call (212) 371-1011 ext.3195. For more information go to www.FLRL.org

LECTURE ...

The Dominican Priory and Church of Saint Vincent Ferrer invites you to the lecture in honor of the Church’s Common Doctor, **St. Thomas Aquinas, on Tuesday, January 25th 2011: *The Light of St. Thomas on the Theology of the Body.***

As you know, John Paul II’s magisterial catechesis on the spousal dynamism of the body has proven to be a wonderful contribution to the Church’s preaching and teaching ministry. At the same time, laymen, clergy, and scholars continue to debate its implications and applications. Father Thomas Petri, O.P., STD will discuss St. Thomas Aquinas’s anthropology of “embodied persons” as a way of illuminating our understanding of the “TOB.” Studying under Doctor John Grabowski, Fr. Petri was doctored in moral theology at The Catholic University of America. His presentation promises to deliver intellectual clarity as well as spiritual and moral relevance to all, regardless of previous familiarity with the thought of St. Thomas or John Paul II. As always, the lectures are free and open to the public, giving time for questions and reception afterward.

FORDHAM’S GRADUATE SCHOOL OF RELIGION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ...

Twenty Somethings and the Church – Lost ?

A conference sponsored by Fordham University, **Friday January 28th and Saturday, January 29th** at the Lincoln Center Campus. Speakers include Rev Jim Martin, SJ; Carmen Cervantes; Rev. Robert Beloin, and many others. For more information call (718) 817-4457 or lost@fordham.edu

EXPLAINING THE CONTEXT FOR MASS CHANGES ...

1). Why was there a need for a new translation?

The Missale Romanum (Roman Missal), the ritual text for the celebration of the Mass, was promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1970 as the definitive text of the reformed liturgy of the Second Vatican Council.

That Latin text, the edition typical (typical edition), was translated into various languages for use around the world; the English edition was published in the United States in 1973. The Holy See issued a revised text, the *editio typica altera*, in 1975. Pope John Paul II promulgated the third edition (*editio typica tertia*) of the Missale Romanum during the Jubilee Year in 2000.

Among other things, the third edition contains prayers for the celebration of recently canonized saints, additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers, additional Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Intentions, and some updated and revised rubrics (instruction) for the celebration of the Mass.

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

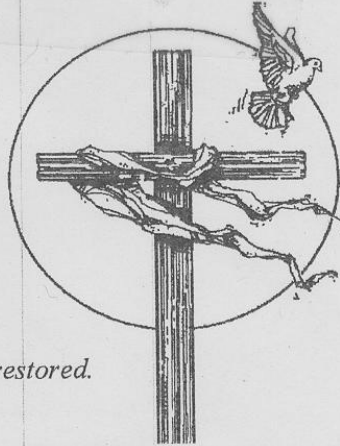
Rosary: Weekdays after the Noon Mass

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

Prayer for Christian Unity



*On this day, during the
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,
we pray that the unity of the flock of Christ may be restored.*

**Almighty and Eternal God,
You gather the scattered sheep of your flock,
and watch over those You have brought together.
Look kindly on all who follow Jesus, your Son.
You have marked us all with the seal of one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sin.
Now make us truly one, united in the fullness of Faith
bringing us together in the bond of mutual love and harmony.**

**Gracious Father,
We pray to You for your one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
Fill it with your Truth. Shower it with your Grace.
Enfold it in your Love. Keep it always in your Peace.
Where it is corrupt, reform it.
Where it is in error, correct it.
Where it has sinned, forgive it.
Where it is right, defend it.
Where it is in want, provide for it.
Where it is divided, re-unite it.
Assist it to continue being the channel of your Grace
for the redemption and salvation of all the world.
Do this for the sake of your Beloved Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**Dearest Lord Jesus,
You have built your true Church
upon the 'rock' of St. Peter and his confession of faith and love.
May nothing weaken it or divide our unity as your faithful disciples.
Bring all your sheep who have been separated to the safety of this flock,
which you shepherd through the successors of Peter until the end of time.
May we always be faithful and stay within this flock,
leading all other people to the salvation it offers in your name.**

**Most Holy Spirit of the Living God,
Enlighten and guide all of us who seek, under your inspiration,
to restore the unity of the community of believers,
in fulfillment of the prayer of Jesus, that all may be one. Amen.**