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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:

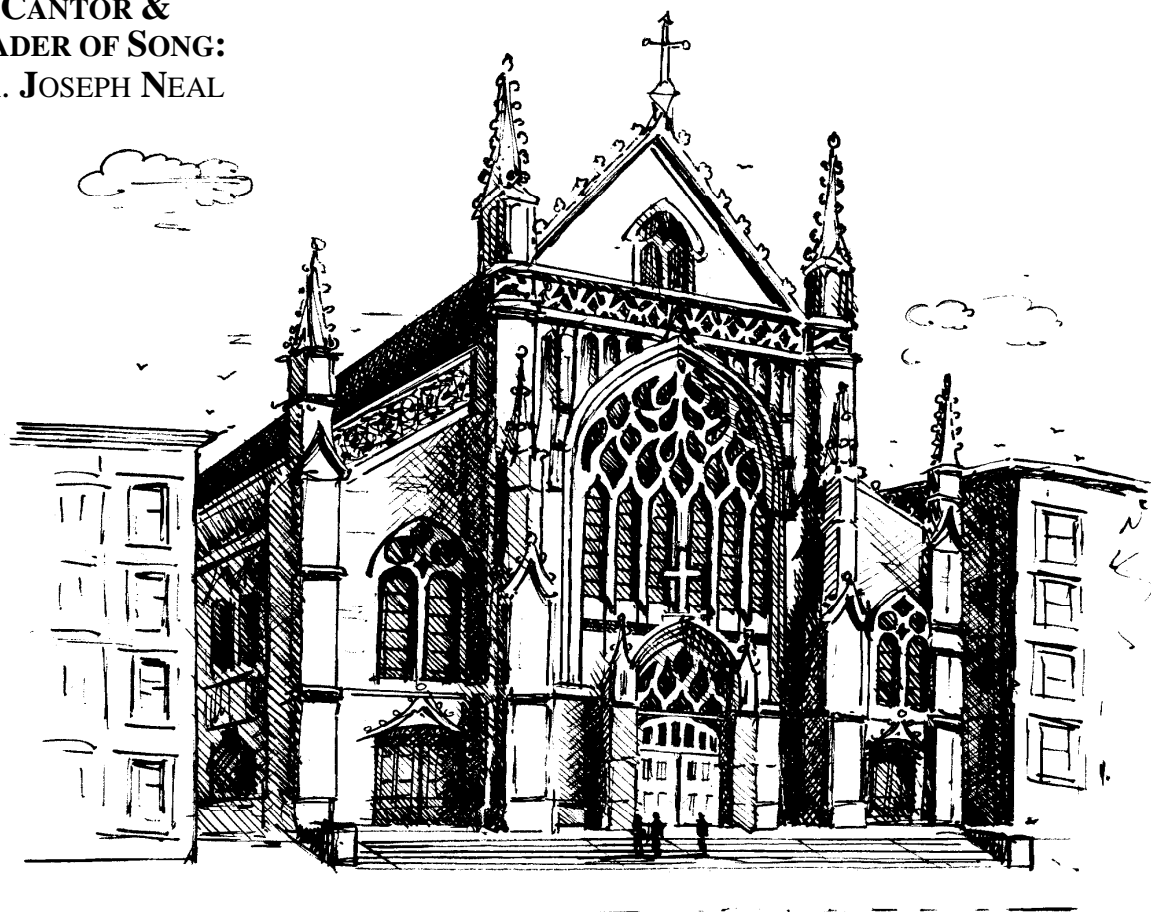
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PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER
OF THE PARISH STAFF
WELL IN ADVANCE.

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OF RECONCILIATION:

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD
AT 5:00PM ON SATURDAYS
AND ANYTIME BY
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Christ's parables today make this conjoined point: God in his providence will use even the apparent evil that attends us in life to some perfecting purpose; out of our littleness, our emptiness, our nothingness God's greatness will flower in an astonishing way. The parables verify that our God is the God who has "*the care of all*" – of every situation, every circumstance and every moment. God shows his might precisely when "*the perfection of (his) power is disbelieved.*" "*The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness.*" We can cave in to our weakness out of despair... or we can pray with faith, "*Power, whenever you will attends you.*"

TODAY'S READINGS ...

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46] ...


SATURDAY: VIGIL

5:30 Nancy Basile

SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME

7:30 Henry and Mary Glasson

9:00 Sonia Abella

10:30 Helen, John Flack and Family

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

MONDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Msgr. Thomas A. Modugno (living)

9:00

12:00 John Telesco

TUESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Joey & Gay Canning (living)

9:00 Johanna Stephens

12:00 Anna Auriemma

WEDNESDAY: ST. APOLLINARIS

7:30 All clergy

9:00 Istran Csiki

12:00 Dr. A.J. Sabitini

THURSDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Special Intention

9:00 Maddalena Giambrone

12:00 Emiliano Simpao

FRIDAY: ST. MARY MAGDALENE

7:30 St. Joseph

9:00 Camden Trammell

12:00 Joseph Flynn (3rd ann)

SATURDAY: WEEKDAY

9:00 Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Frazzetta family

GOOD SEEDS ...

Today Jesus continues to speak to his followers using parables. What a rich treasure we are given today in three parables about the kingdom of heaven! The kingdom is likened to a man sowing good seed in his field, a mustard seed, and yeast mixed with flour. As they did last week, today the disciples press Jesus for an interpretation of one of the parables—the parable of the man sowing good seed. Lest we think that these parables are simply amusing little anecdotes, Jesus' interpretation should be seen for what it is—a warning. Wailing and grinding of teeth in a fiery furnace await those who are children of the evil one. This parable points to the struggle for today's believer. Sometimes, through sin, we sow weeds and prevent the love of Christ from blossoming. Let today's Gospel help put us back on track. Let us recommit ourselves to prepare for the last days, the harvest, by blossoming as the good seeds we were created in love to be. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

*16th 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	281
<i>Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty</i>	
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Responsorial Psalm	623
<i>Lord, you are good and forgiving.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	114
<i>Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.</i>	
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<i>Table Song (D. Haas)</i>	
<i>Sung by Joseph Neal</i>	
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<i>O God, Almighty Father</i>	

STEWARDSHIP ...

To live a life of authentic Christian stewardship, one of the best uses of time is to pray. A Christian steward is a prayerful person. Without a prayerful approach, most people couldn't make the leap of faith required by authentic Christian stewardship. And as with any other spiritual practice, you will not, cannot, advance far without prayerfulness. Stewardship requires reflection and contemplation that lead to mindfulness. You cannot deepen your stewardship without enhancing your faith; and, I dare say, vice versa.

To embark on a deepened spirituality of stewardship, turn in earnest to prayer. If you're stuck, if you don't trust, if the idea of a more serious commitment to stewardship calls up all sorts of fears, simply pray. If you're stuck for a prayer, try this stewardship prayer: *"God, grant me a grateful heart, a generous spirit, and faithful trust in Your abundant glory and grace."* Pray until you sense a shift. If you continue to pray, you can be confident that you will sense a shift. But you have to knock, to seek, to ask. *"Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find"* (Mt. 7:7)

Last Week's Collection: \$ 6,489.00

Last Year's Collection: \$ 5,753.00

FEAST OF FAITH ...***The Prayer Over the Gifts***

In the liturgy of the 1570 Missal, this prayer was called the "secret" prayer. It was "secret" not because its content was mysterious, but because it was prayed in silence by the priest, who only recited the conclusion aloud: . . . *per omnia saecula saeculorum*. With the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, we again hear these rich prayers spoken aloud. They remind us to prepare ourselves for what is to happen in the Eucharistic Prayer, for it is not only the bread and wine that will be transformed.

The Prayer Over the Gifts is a prayer for transformation, an expression, in a few words, of all that we hope that the liturgy will accomplish in our lives. We ask God to accept the gifts we present, and to change us even as God hallows the bread and wine. As we listen carefully to the Prayer Over the Gifts, we are reminded of what it is that we seek in the Eucharist: to be made holy; to be drawn closer to God; to come to eternal joy, unity, peace, and salvation.

—Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

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

—Romans 14

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

FORGIVENESS ...

And is God not more ready to pardon than we to sin?

—St. Catherine of Siena



NEW FACE OF FAITH CAMPAIGN

By now, all registered parishioners have received the information brochure on our "New Face of Faith Campaign."

There is much work to be done to restore the facade of the rectory to its *original splendor*.

I ask that you will give this request your prayerful consideration. As you know, a large part of our success depends on the generosity of those who love St. Monica's Parish.

With grateful appreciation and prayers,


Pastor

MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES ...

We have the opportunity to reserve the weekly Sanctuary Light and the Bread and Wine used for the Celebration of the Eucharist. Please stop by the rectory.



MASS OPENINGS ...

We have available dates for announced Masses for the remainder of this year.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH ...

St. Stephen of Hungary Parish is looking for teens to help run a summer week (July 18-22) of fun for little ones, ages 5-10 years old.

Games, arts, crafts, bible stories, activities from 10:00 am –to 12 noon.

After the kids leave, there will be a bbq lunch and time for teens to relax and hang out together for an hour or two.

Call Jayne at (212) 861-8500 ext 118 to sign up.

MT. SINAI MEDICAL CENTER ...

The Mount Sinai Medical Center – Department of Pastoral Care is currently seeking people who are willing to become Eucharistic Ministers. Any day of the week Monday through Sunday, any time of the day and hours can be flexible.

For more information, please call Phyllis at (212) 241-7262 and follow the prompts or email infopastoralcare@mountsinai.org

TOWARD HEAVEN ...

Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a person go to heaven. —*St. Camillus de Lellis*

A NOTE ...

The 2010 parishioner contribution statements will be held until August 1, 2011 only.

MASS PRAYERS AND RESPONSES ...

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and **on earth peace to people of good will.**

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ,

Only Begotten Son,

Lord, God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer,

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION ...

Beginning next year, a group will meet once a week to inquire into the Catholic faith, to come to know Jesus through the Gospels, to pray and to prepare for the Easter Sacraments.

This process is also open to those Catholic adults who have not received the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation.

For more information, please call (212) 288-6250.

SAINT APOLLINARIS ...

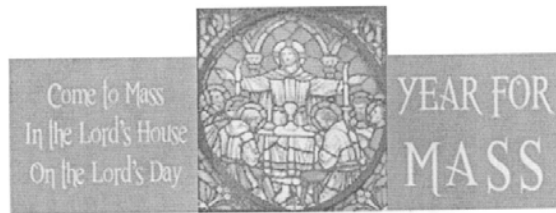
Early account report that Saint Apollinaris was ordained bishop to Ravenna during the reign of the Emperor Claudius. Renowned for his powers to heal in the name of Christ, he was frequently exiled, tortured, and imprisoned for the faith, and finally, martyred.

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE ...

Mary Magdalene was one of Christ's disciples and was present when he died. Early on the morning of the resurrection, she was, according to Saint Mark's account (16:9), the first to see the risen Lord. By the twelfth century particularly, devotion to Saint Mary Magdalene was widespread in the Western Church.

JUST A THOUGHT ...

When there is nothing left but God that is when you find out that God is all you need in your life.



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THE GLORIA

Ancient Hymn of Joyful Praise: The Gloria is a well-loved and very ancient hymn of joyful praise to God the Father and to His Son, the Lamb of God, prayed by those who are gathered in the Holy Spirit for the celebration of Mass. The Gloria begins with the words sung by the angels announcing the birth of the Lord as the story is told in the Gospel of St. Luke. It is sometimes referred to as "the great doxology," a term that comes from two Greek words, "doxa" meaning "praise" and "logos" meaning "word," so, literally, the Gloria is considered a "word of praise."

The Gloria at Mass: Because it is a hymn, whenever possible the Gloria, should be sung rather than recited. It is a part of all Sunday Masses with the exception of Sundays in Lent and Advent, the Church's penitential seasons. It is also found in major celebrations of the Lord, the Blessed Mother and some saints and may be used in other celebrations of special joy and solemnity, for example the installation of a diocesan bishop or the dedication of a church.

New Translation of the Gloria: The document *Liturgiam Authenticam* published by the Holy See in 2001, calls for a re-examination of translations to insure that they are exact and faithful renditions of the Latin original. The translation of the Gloria which has been in use since 1970 is essentially a paraphrase of the ancient Latin text, created in a time when paraphrasing was permitted as a style of translation. The new translation of the Gloria, while retaining as much of the former translation as possible, is much more literal, and has recaptured the fullness of this ancient song of praise.

Changes in the Gloria: In the new translation all of the changes are directed toward providing this more literal translation of the ancient text: The closing phrase of the opening line of the hymn in Latin, *hominibus bonae voluntatis* literally means to people of good will. In 1970 it was translated to *God's people on earth*, i.e. a paraphrase of

the Latin. The phrase *Lord God, heavenly King* in the 1970 translation was placed before the five invocations of praise which follow the first sentence, although in the Latin it came after them. In the new translation the Latin order has been restored. The five invocations themselves are paraphrased in the 1970 translation; in the new translation they are presented literally. The phrase shortened in 1970 to *Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God* has been restored to a complete translation of the Latin text: *Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father*. The three petitions which follow this phrase were combined into two in the 1970 translation; all three are found in the new translation. The remaining lines are the same in both the 1970 and new texts.

The new text of the Gloria reads:

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God almighty Father.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Only-Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen*