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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
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God says to Solomon, “ask something of me and I will give it to you.” “The Lord was pleased that Solomon” asked for an understanding heart instead of for long life or riches. For with such a request, God can work miracles. “All things work for good for those who love God.” The desire of Solomon is what characterizes the heart of the man who sells all he has to buy the treasure-bearing field. The desire of Solomon is what sets apart the merchant who risks his whole livelihood to buy what he judges to be the “*pearl of great price.*” They can make these sacrifices with certainty because that treasure, that pearl corresponds to the deepest longings of the “*understanding heart*” – it is Christ himself.

TODAY’S READINGS ...

First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalm — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21


SATURDAY: VIGIL

5:30 Francesco & Pasqualina Fredo & Family

SUNDAY: ORDINARY TIME

7:30 John Generoso

9:00 Ernest Bender (57th ann)

10:30 Rameersauv Sukhu

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

MONDAY: ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

7:30

9:00 Mr. Ortiz

12:00 Grace Rosky

TUESDAY: STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE

7:30 Special Intention

9:00 Robert Carmody

12:00 Tom Goray

WEDNESDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 Tony and Marie Canning (living)

9:00 Joey, Collette, Ciara and Madeline Freer (living)

12:00 Dr. A.J Sabatini

THURSDAY: WEEKDAY

7:30 St. Joseph

9:00 Bea O’Carroll (3rd ann)

12:00 Charles Horvath

FRIDAY: SAINT MARTHA

7:30 Charlotte Rogers

9:00

12:00 Thomas Egan

SATURDAY: WEEKDAY

9:00 Mary Alice Chiffreller

A SHARE IN GOD’S KINGDOM ...

Today concludes a three-week series of Gospel texts in which we have listened to a total of seven parables about the kingdom. The believer is asked to consider the request that God made of Solomon in today’s first reading: “Ask something of me and I will give it to you” (1 Kings 3:5). Today’s parables about the treasure buried in the field and the pearl of great price should prompt us to answer, “A share in your kingdom, O God!” Today we discover that the kingdom of God is beyond value, a priceless treasure. Unfortunately, our culture bombards us with things that it believes are priceless treasures—the bigger and better SUVs, anti-aging and anti-balding creams and salves, miracle diets, and so much more. Having a share in God’s kingdom and helping to bring about that kingdom are the greatest treasures that we can ever hope to gain. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

17th 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	444
<i>Alleluia, Sing to Jesus</i>	
Penitential Rite	112
Gloria	113
Responsorial Psalm	626
<i>Lord, I love your commands.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	114
<i>Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.</i>	
Offertory Hymn	291
<i>How Great Thou Art</i> <i>(verses 1, 3, 4)</i>	
Sanctus	172
Memorial Acclamation	173
Great Amen	177
The Lord's Prayer	120
Lamb of God	178
Communion Hymn	406
<i>Day Is Done</i>	
Recessional Hymn	287
<i>To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King</i>	

STEWARDSHIP ...

The habit of giving is part of your goodness as a witness to the Gospel message. On a practical level, the habit of giving through *Summer Stewardship* makes ministry happen.

It is tempting to think, "We're just one household, they won't miss our giving." Or "We'll make it up when we get back." Multiply that dozens or, perhaps, hundreds times over the course of a summer and you can see why *Summer Stewardship* is vital.

Last Week's Collection: \$ 4,281.00

Last Year's Collection: \$ 5,697.00

NEW FACE OF FAITH CAMPAIGN



The summer heat has arrived and the workers have hoisted the scaffolding. It will take 6 to 8 weeks to complete the restoration of the rectory façade.

Also, there will be some scaffolding in the church making repairs and changing light bulbs.

Please consider supporting our "New Face of Faith Campaign." The restoration work is costly, and everyone's help is needed.

Let us all remember from Matthew's Gospel **6:19-21**
Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven ... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

FROM THE PASTOR ...

There are many reasons to be thankful – we are thankful for our house guests over the years especially:

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, the newly appointed Archbishop of Philadelphia

Archbishop Charles H. Dufour, the Archbishop of Kingston in Jamaica

Bishop Jose S. Bantolo Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of San Jose De Antique, Philippines

May God bless them and send his angels to watch over them as they shepherd their people.

ONLY ONE ...

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.
—*St. Augustine*

FROLICSOME ...

Anyone who wishes to frolic with the devil cannot rejoice with Christ. —*St. Peter Chrysologus*

PLEASE REMEMBER...

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

- *Romans 14*

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

ST. JOACHIM AND ST. ANNE ...

By tradition Joachim and Anne are considered to be the names of the parents of Mary, the Mother of God. We have no historical evidence, however, of any elements of their lives, including their names. Any stories about Mary's father and mother come to us through legend and tradition. We get the oldest story from a document called the Gospel of James, though in no way should this document be trusted to be factual, historical, or the Word of God. The legend told in this document says that after years of childlessness, an angel appeared to tell Anne and Joachim that they would have a child. Anne promised to dedicate this child to God (much the way that Samuel was dedicated by his mother Hannah -- Anne -- in 1 Kings). For those who wonder what we can learn from people we know nothing about and how we can honor them, we must focus on why they are honored by the church. Whatever their names or the facts of their lives, the truth is that it was the parents of Mary who nurtured Mary, taught her, brought her up to be a worthy Mother of God. It was their teaching that led her to respond to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will." It was their example of parenting that Mary must have followed as she brought up her own son, Jesus. It was their faith that laid the foundation of courage and strength that allowed her to stand by the cross as her son was crucified and still believe. Such parents can be examples and models for all parents. Anne (or Ann) is the patron Saint of Christian mothers and of women in labor.

Prayer:

Parents of Mary, pray for all parents that they may provide the loving home and faithful teaching that you provided your daughter. Amen

SAINT MARTHA (first century) ...

Whether you find Martha Stewart admirable or annoying, she has the perfect patron saint. Luke describes Martha—saint, not Stewart—as “burdened with much serving” (Luke 10:40). About Mary, seated, listening to Jesus, Martha complained, “Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?” Jesus’ response, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things . . . Mary has chosen the better part” (10:41, 42), suggests to some the superiority of the contemplative life, leaving the rest of us, supporting families, earning livings, (helping others?), as “second-class” Christians. But Luke introduces Martha and Mary immediately after Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan, whom Jesus recommends as a model of practical compassion, concluding, “Go and do likewise” (10:37). Go and do! Sit and listen! Discipleship is never either/or but both/and. Jesus ministered in prayerful silence *and* hospitable service. Monastic calendars add Martha’s sister Mary and brother Lazarus, calling all three “hosts of the Lord,” recalling their welcome of Jesus to their home in Bethany, reminding us Whom we welcome whenever we extend summertime

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE CATHOLIC NEAR EAST ASSOCIATION...

Dear Friends,

God bless you and your sacrifice of \$837.00 made possible through the generosity of St. Monica’s parishioners for Lent. Your gift was immediately put to good use to help Christian Churches in the Near East.

You have joined the worldwide network of generous and compassionate men and women who support CNEWA. Catholic Near East Welfare Association is the Holy Father’s special agency to aid communities and churches in some of our world’s most troubled regions.

By giving to CNEWA, good folks like you help relieve the suffering poor in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe. You help build churches. You help prepare seminarians and novices for their lives of living ministry. And that is just the start.

Once again, thank you and the people of St. Monica’s for joining us, and thank you for your gift.

The Holy Father said, “*It is not enough to discover Christ – you must bring him to others.*”

Gabriel Delmonaco
U.S. National Director

QUOTES TO INSPIRE ...

You work hard to support the causes that are important to you, and you are not alone. Just listen to what some of the great authors, politicians, and activists of the world have to say about making a difference. Their words speak to the impact you – or any single – person can have on the world.

“Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.” Mark Twain

“Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.” Martin Luther King, Jr

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



THE NICENE CREED

1. In place of *We believe in one God* the translation now reads *I believe in one God*. The Latin term *Credo* with which the Creed begins is literally translated *I believe*. The newer translation emphasizes that there can be no *we believe* unless one can first say *I believe*. This translation also emphasizes that the proclamation of the Creed at Mass comes from the one Body of Christ, an understanding reflected in the words of St. Thomas Aquinas who wrote that the Church proclaims the Creed as a single person, made one by faith.
2. Another change in the language of the Nicene Creed is the use of the word *consubstantial* in place of the phrase *one in being*. The term *one in being* was adopted by the Anglican Church in the translation of the Creed by Thomas Cranmer at the time of the separation of the Church of England from the Roman Catholic Church. Following the Second Vatican Council, as part of collaborative ecumenical efforts to come to an agreement on some texts to be used in their liturgical celebrations, this translation, i.e. *one in being* was accepted by participating Christian churches, including our own for use in the Nicene Creed. However, as the accuracy of translations was examined in light of *Liturgiam Authenticam*, it was decided that the Roman Church would adopt the direct translation of *consubstantialem Patrem*, i.e. *consubstantial with the Father*. The reason for this is that, from the standpoint of theology, *one in being* does not accurately reflect the full meaning of *consubstantialem*, i.e. that Christ is of one nature, not simply one in being, with his Father.

The new text of the *Nicene Creed* reads:

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only-begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the
Father
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

[At the following words, up to and including : and became man, all bow.]

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate,
He suffered death, and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of
sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen