



# Church of St Monica

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*INCORPORATING THE PARISHES OF ST MONICA, ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY AND  
ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY*

## 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

### *DISCIPLESHIP AND WEALTH*

Sometimes we get the idea that having material wealth is a bad thing. We may convince ourselves that it is the poor who are favored. In today's readings, we discover that material wealth alone does not keep us from discipleship. We will see that there are other gifts more important than material wealth, but even so, it is how we use our gifts that matters most.

Today's scriptures point to the value of the gifts of wisdom, trusting in God, and letting our actions reflect the love of God from within. It is not gold that causes us to fall, but rather the desire for gold above all other things. From the readings in Wisdom and Hebrews, we find the source of God's gifts in our lives. Wisdom is more valuable than worldly possessions. In Hebrews, we are challenged to look at our own values and admit honestly what controls our lives.

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#### **PASTOR:**

Rev. Donald C. Baker

#### **ASSOCIATES:**

Rev. Joe A. Francis

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#### **IN SUNDAY SERVICE:**

Rev. Richard Arold

#### **ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:**

Mr. David Schaefer

#### **CANTOR & LEADER OF SONG:**

Mr. Joseph Neal

#### **BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:**

By Appointment only.

Please contact a member of the parish staff well in advance.

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

5:00 PM on Saturdays

Anytime by appointment

#### **COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND:**

Anyone who cannot attend church because of illness or age, please contact the parish office, so that arrangements can be made to bring communion to you.

#### **MASSES**

**Sundays:** 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM &

12 NOON (Principal Liturgy & Choir)

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM

**Weekdays:** 7:30 AM & 12 NOON

**Saturdays:** 12 NOON

St Stephen of Hungary: Sundays 11:30 AM (until further notice)

October 11th, 2015

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Columbus Day

Monday, October 12th

There will be one mass

at 12 Noon

The rectory office will be closed

### **NEW OFFICE HOURS**

Monday 9 AM to 5 PM

Tuesday 9 AM to 7 PM

Wednesday 9 AM to 7 PM

Thursday 9 AM to 7 PM

Friday 9 AM to 2 PM

Saturday: 10 AM to 2 PM

The Rectory Office is closed on Sundays

Rectory Office will be closed for lunch daily from 1 PM to 2 PM

### **SPECIAL DEVOTIONS**

#### **Rosary**

Weekdays after the 7:30 AM and Noon Masses and on Saturday after the 12:00 Noon mass

#### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Every Friday after the Noon Mass to 3 PM, with Benediction following the Divine Mercy Chaplet

#### **Devotions**

Miraculous Medal on Mondays after each Mass

#### **Divine Mercy**

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed each weekday afternoon at 3 PM

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. All good things together came to me in her company (Wisdom 7:7-11).

**Psalm** — Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** — Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

**Gospel** — It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday:** Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
- Friday:** Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
- Sunday:** Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Children's Day
- Monday:** Columbus Day
- Wednesday:** St. Callistus I
- Thursday:** St. Teresa of Jesus
- Friday:** St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; National Boss Day
- Saturday:** St. Ignatius of Antioch; Sweetest Day



**Banns of Marriage**

**III Raymond Gonzales  
Marcy Lopez**

**Remember your loved ones  
by dedicating, in their honor, the  
weekly  
Bread & Wine, or Sanctuary Light**

**SATURDAY (OCTOBER 10): VIGIL**  
5:30 PM The Canning Family)

**SUNDAY (OCTOBER 11): 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
7:30 AM John Geosits  
9:00 AM Joan Laurain  
10:30 AM Sam & Anne Lepore  
12 NOON Parishoners of St Monica, St Stephen of Hungary and St, Elizabeth of Hungary

**MONDAY (OCTOBER 12): Columbus Day**  
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**TUESDAY (OCTOBER 13):**  
7:30 AM Mary Anne Potter  
12 NOON Werner Heitsch

**WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 14): OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**  
7:30 AM Eileen Coyne  
12 NOON Madeline & Peter Hogan Sr

**THURSDAY (OCTOBER 15): Saint Teresa of Jesus**  
7:30 AM John Whelan  
12 NOON Lori Kramer

**FRIDAY (OCTOBER 16): WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM Nora Collins  
12 NOON William P Mullin

**SATURDAY (OCTOBER 17): Saint Ignatius of Antioch**  
12 NOON Denise Cigliano

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

**Please remember in your prayers:**  
Kathleen Reddington, Stan Tice  
and  
those wounded in Military Action

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

*Isabel Thompson, Jose Alma,  
Neva Sanchez*  
"I've gone to prepare a place for you."  
Please pray for our deceased parishioners and friends.

*If you wish to add the names of your loved one to the prayer list, please notify the rectory: (212) 288-6250. or e*

**THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

In all our thoughts and actions we ought to remember the presence of God, and account all lost in which we think not of God.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

## TODAY'S HYMNS

### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

#### 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	*
Gloria	*
Responsorial Psalm	660
<i>Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	168
Offertory Hymn	420
<i>O Sanctissima</i>	
<i>At noon: Panis Angelicus (C. Franck) sung by Joseph Hunt &amp; the choir</i>	
Sanctus	*
Memorial Acclamation	*
Great Amen	*
The Lord's Prayer	120
Lamb of God	*
Communion Hymn	437
<i>Taste and See</i>	
Recessional Hymn	279
<i>I Danced in the Morning verses 1, 2, &amp; 5</i>	

*\*from the Mass for a New Era  
(at noon: from the Mass of Celebration)*

*for texts, see pew card*

# Just a word

From Your Pastor 10-11-15

The Chinese say, "Every journey of a thousand miles begins with a first step". These past few months have been filled with first steps second steps (even some missteps – sorry about those).

Still this weekend is an official first step. At 2pm on Sunday Bishop John O'Hara will come and install me as your 13th pastor.

I have had many people ask me what an installation is for. After all, I have been here now for two months! And it's true: Officially I became your pastor on August 1st, 2015. That is what it said on my letter of appointment. However our church likes us to celebrate the appointment liturgically (liturgy being, after all, what we do in church) with the representative of the bishop presiding, because they want me to stand before you and promise that I will care for you, minister to you, administer the parish goods, and will faithfully teach and preach to the Catholic faith.

Afterwards there will be a big party over in the school auditorium at St. Stephen's on 82nd St. between First and York. All are invited to attend.

#### Ministry meetings

After our successful meeting with all the ministers last week (we had over 30 ministers who came to that meeting) we set up a series of refresher sessions for the ministries to get us all on the same page and begin to see to it that we all do the same things the same way at mass.

ALL lectors will meet on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00pm.

ALL Eucharistic Ministers will meet on Thursday, October 15th at 7:00pm.

ALL Altar Servers will meet on Saturday, October 17th at 1:00pm.

All meetings will be in the church, but come through the rectory on Tuesday and Thursday as the main church doors will be closed.

For those who were not able to attend last Saturday's meeting there will be some paperwork to fill out.

Fr. Joslin Joseph

By the time you read this we will have a new priest! Fr. Joslin Joseph SSP will arrive on the 8th. Fr. Vincent, who has been "holding the place" of Fr. Joslin until he could get his visa squared away, will be leaving us on the 15th. Thank you Fr. Vincent and welcome Fr. Joslin!

-Fr Baker

## Invitations, News, Thoughts and

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How did the church deal with “daily sins” in the first five centuries? As devout and observant as they were, our early fathers and mothers in faith could not have been all that different from us. Maybe they looked the other way when the grocer threw an extra fig in the shopping basket, or had a wandering eye for the widow next door, or had a taste for too much ale, or didn’t let the truth get in the way of a good story. First of all, there was the Eucharist. The words are familiar: “This is the cup of my blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sin.” Especially by participating in Communion from the cup, forgiveness was achieved. Eucharist was, and remains, the sacrament of reconciliation *par excellence*, the sign and source of unity with Christ.

There were other helps along the way: “fraternal” correction, or the course corrections we offer one another in love, prayer, fasting, works of mercy. St. Augustine listed endurance of suffering, forgiveness of insults, and added the praying of the Lord’s Prayer in the liturgy. He felt that the public praying of the Our Father on Sunday and its daily use in private prayer was an essential remedy and the reason why everyone was not a candidate for canonical penance. Inherited from Augustine’s practice, the Lord’s Prayer in our Communion Rite still has the same purpose, preparing us for receiving and becoming the Body of Christ.

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### HELPING OUR POOR AND HOMELESS

Let us listen and follow in the words of Pope Francis, as he encourages us to help those less fortunate.

Jan Hus Presbyterian Church & Neighborhood House can use our help. With an extremely active Homeless Outreach Advocacy program, providing a food pantry and many other social services, they need your help. From clothing, to laundry detergent and non-perishable food, any donations would be appreciated.

All donations may be left at Jan Hus Church located at 351 East 74th Street (x 1st & 2nd Avenues). For more information, visit their website at <http://www.janhush.org/homeless-outreach-advocacy-program/>



### Feast of St Teresa of Avilla

(Teresa of Jesus)

Thursday, October 15th

Teresa lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Reformation and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent. The gift of God to Teresa in and through which she became holy and left her mark on the Church and the world is threefold: She was a woman; she was a contemplative; she was an active reformer.

As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man’s world of her time. She was “her own woman,” entering the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. Like Jesus, she was a mystery of paradoxes: wise, yet practical; intelligent, yet much in tune with her experience; a mystic, yet an energetic reformer. A holy woman, a womanly woman.

Teresa was a woman “for God,” a woman of prayer, discipline and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical and graceful. A woman of prayer; a woman for God.

Her writings, especially the *Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*, have helped generations of believers.

In 1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: Doctor of the Church. She and St. Catherine of Siena were the first women so honored.

### MASS INTENTIONS

At the Offertory of the Mass, the prayers of the church on earth are united with the church in heaven. An appropriate way to remember our beloved dead is through the offering of a Mass intention. What better way for us to show our loved ones just how much they mean to us. The 2016 Mass Book is now open.

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# SAVE THE DATE

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22ND



# CHRISTMAS

# BAZAAR

10 AM to 5 PM

*At The Church of St Monica- Auditorium*

**413 East 79<sup>th</sup> Street**

*Want to Help?*

*We're looking for donations of new merchandise / gift cards / electronics/*

*Dinners and services to raffle off.*

*We're also looking for elves to help us get everything ready.*

*Want to help, or join the fun?*

*Call the parish rectory at (212) 288-6250*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**