

Church of St Monica

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Jesus declares that our righteousness must surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees. In what does that righteousness consist? "Before man are life and death; good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him." In particular, if someone has anything against us, we are to choose to take the initiative and "go first and be reconciled." Such a predilection for mercy is "what God has prepared for those who love him." The wisdom that Saint Paul speaks "to those who are mature" is a wisdom that revels in such reconciliation. "If you trust in God," choosing life, good, and mercy, "you too shall live" – you shall live the life of the Blessed Trinity.

PASTOR:
Rev. Peter M. Colapietro

ASSOCIATES:
Rev. Joe A. Francis
Rev. Joby Mathew

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)
Weekdays: 7:30 AM & 12 NOON
Saturdays: 12:00 PM & 5:30 PM (Vigil)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, February 18th

ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be four masses:
**7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,
12:00 NOON, 6:00 PM**

Ashes will be administered during all masses.

OFFICE HOURS

WEEKDAYS:
9:00 AM - 7:45 PM

SATURDAYS:
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SUNDAYS:
10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Rosary
Weekdays after the Noon Mass and on Saturday after the 12:00 NOON mass

Holy Hour
First Friday of each month after the Noon Mass

Devotions
Miraculous Medal on Mondays after each Mass

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalms — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



Mass Schedule

SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 14): VALENTINE'S DAY
5:30 PM Joyce Linton

SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 15): 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 AM Timothy Curtin
9:00 AM Ruth Farley
10:30 AM Helen, John Flack & Family
12:00 NOON St Monica's Parishioners

MONDAY (FEBRUARY 16): WEEKDAY
12:00 NOON Deceased Members of the Doherty Family

TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 17): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Mary & Walter Ferber
12:00 NOON Anne Lestoff

WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 18) ASH WEDNESDAY
7:30 AM Curran Family
9:00 AM Gail Kirwan
12:00 NOON St Monica's Parishioners
6:00 PM St Monica's Parishioners

THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 19): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM The Frazzetta Family
12:00 NOON John Formica
6:00 PM Worthy Vixamar (Living)

FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 20): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Leona Vitolo
12:00 NOON Carmella Pomponio
6:00 PM Frederick Stephens, Jr.

SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 21): STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS
12:00 NOON Ruth Farley

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers:

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Alive Frehill, Warren Duffield, Olympia Panigotis,
Marcelle Ferrier

and those wounded in Military Action

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

"I've gone to prepare a place for you."

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Vivian Migliore, Kevin Schaefer, Barbara Donahue

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.

TODAY'S HYMNS

SIXTH 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	594
<i>I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble and you fill me with joy of salvation.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	114
<i>A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people.</i>	
Offertory Hymn	
<i>PANIS ANGELICUS (Cesar Franck) Sung by Joseph Neal</i>	
Sanctus	*
Memorial Acclamation	*
Great Amen	*
The Lord's Prayer	120
Lamb of God	*
Communion Hymn	449
<i>I Am the Bread of Life</i>	
Recessional Hymn	167
<i>Alleluia</i>	

**from the Mass For A New Era.
(at noon: from the Mass of Celebration)
for texts, see pew card*

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

These first days of Jesus' ministry present him preaching, teaching, and healing to bring people to know that God is near. His message and his deeds bring people back to full life in the community. By casting out demons and curing the sick he restores to full humanity those suffering from possession and illness. Today we find Jesus confronting a condition that must have been even more excruciating—leprosy.

To be a leper was to be cut off from others in all ways. You were cast out of the community, isolated, doomed to live in deserted places, no longer part of the human family, unable to participate in any social events, and considered unfit to worship God. It was assumed that if you had leprosy, you had sinned in some way. Your life was summed up in the words the Law of Moses told you to cry out whenever anyone came near, "Unclean, unclean!"

For Jesus to touch a leper meant that in the eyes of others he also became unclean and unfit to associate and worship with others. Even so, when a leper asked for healing, Jesus was unequivocal in his reply: "I do will it. Be made clean" (Mark 1:41). It is easy to hear in his response the authority of the Son of God, set on giving glory to his Father. Yet Jesus, ever respectful of the law, sent the man to the priest, as commanded in the book of Leviticus. In Jesus, pity took precedence over the law, but did not abolish it.

LIVING GOD'S WORD

Jesus, you came to bring us into deeper communion with the Father and one another. Give us the courage to reach out, as you did, to those in need of our compassion and help. Let us not be afraid of the opinions of others when we see that good can be done. Amen.

PRESIDENT'S DAY—FEBRUARY 16TH

Monday, February 16th is **President's Day**. There will be only one mass, at 12:00 NOON. The church office will be closed.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 18th is **ASH WEDNESDAY**. There will be four masses held that day:
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NOON, and 6:00 PM

Ashes will be administered at all masses. Starting on Thursday, February 19th, and continuing through Lent until Wednesday, April 1st, there will be a 6:00 PM mass every **WEEKDAY**.

BROTHERS OF THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PAUL

A book exhibit will be held at St. Monica's on Saturday, February 21st and Sunday, the 22nd. The Priests and Brothers of the Society of Saint Paul will bring a large selection of religious books that serve children and adult religious interests. The Paulines will also have a selection of religious articles. They accept checks, major credit cards, and cash.

TAX NOTES

In order to be credited for the year 2014, ALL envelopes and contributions must be received before February 1st, 2015.

Those parishioners wishing to receive a printed record of your contributions for the year 2014 **MUST** notify the Parish Office. Statements are mailed by request **ONLY**.

Please contact Joe Rodriguez at the Parish Office at (212) 288-6250 to request your contribution record.

SECOND COLLECTION

PETER'S PENCE

This weekend, February 14th and 15th, 2014 we will have a second collection, **Peter's Pence**. This collection helps the neediest of our brothers and sisters in the Lord throughout the world.

Your gift helps the Holy Father support victims of war, natural disasters, and others requiring assistance.

OLD PALMS

Ash Wednesday is February 18th, any parishioners who have old palms from Palm Sunday, 2014 are encouraged to donate them in order to create ashes for Ash Wednesday.

A donation pot will be placed near the lectern in the front of the church. Donations are welcome any day of the week.

RCIA PROGRAM MEETING

The next **RCIA Program** meeting
will be held

Thursday, February 19th
from

7:30pm—8:30pm

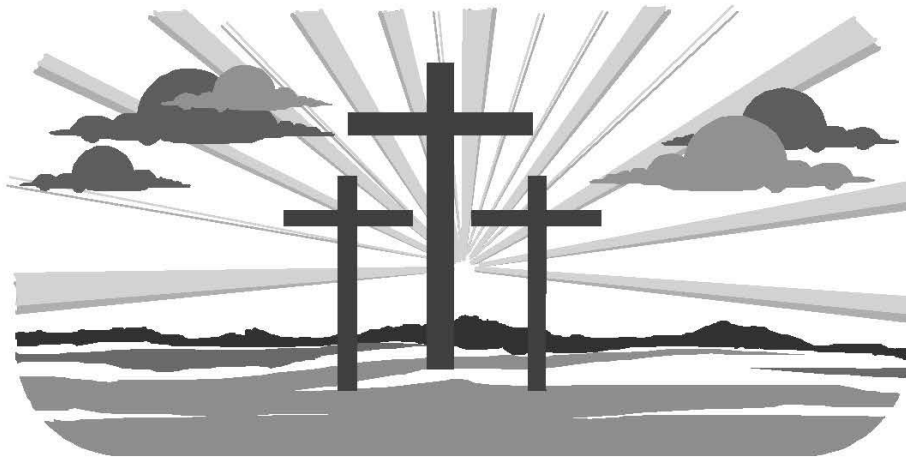
in the church rectory.

BIBLE STUDY

Holy Week and Liturgical Lessons

Dates: *Tuesdays*
February 24th
March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

Time: 7:00 to 8:00 pm



ALL ARE WELCOME

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