



# Church of St Monica

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**JULY 5, 2015**

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The people of Jesus' "native place" begin to measure him based on their own inadequate preconceptions and presuppositions. Because they are "sated with contempt," they rule out the possibility of experiencing the "mighty deeds" of the Lord. How much better are those who, like Saint Paul, approach reality from the perspective of the thorn in their flesh, even boasting gladly of their weakness. For "power is made in weakness." The embrace of our weakness quells the rebellion of original sin and opens us to the wonder of the Prophet among us. God's grace is sufficient for us.

**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

Fourth of July holiday celebration on Monday, July 6th

One Mass Only at 12NOON

The office will be closed.

## 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** — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

**Second Reading** — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

**Gospel** — “Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?” (Mark 6:1-6a).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

**Remember your loved ones by dedicating in their honor this week's Bread & Wine and Sanctuary Lamp**

In loving honor of all the priests of St Monica Church.



**SATURDAY (JULY 4): WEEKDAY**  
5:30 PM Dario Morales

**SUNDAY (JULY 5): WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM Jerry Ryan  
9:00 AM Connie & Anthony Molesphbini  
10:30 AM Margaret & Martin McGowan  
12:00 NOON St Monica's Parishioners

**MONDAY (JULY 6): WEEKDAY**  
12:00 NOON Sandra Bujaki (22nd Anniversary)

**TUESDAY (JULY 7): WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM Ravi Jayawardna  
12:00 NOON The Driscoll Family

**WEDNESDAY (JULY 8): WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM Joseph McBride  
12:00 NOON Martin Pena

**THURSDAY (JULY 9): WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM Rev. Everett Hendrickson  
12:00 NOON Elizabeth Novak & Paul Deak

**FRIDAY (JULY 10): WEEKDAY**  
7:30 AM Frederick Stephens, Sr.  
12:00 NOON Thanksgiving to St. Agata

**SATURDAY (JULY 11): WEEKDAY**  
12:00 NOON Edward Hennessey

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Please remember in your prayers:  
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Kathleen Reddington,  
Stan Tice, Bruce Thomas, and  
Leon and Carolina Ferrier

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

*"I've gone to prepare a place for you."*  
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Simon Aragi, Dina Connallon  
Marguerite Smith and Joseph Seber

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

14TH 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	112
Gloria ( <i>recited; sung at noon</i> )	*
Responsorial Psalm	618
<i>Our eyes are fixed on the Lord pleading for his mercy</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	168
Offertory Hymn	378
<i>Lord, When You Come to the Seashore/ Pescador de Hombres</i>	
Sanctus	*
Memorial Acclamation	*
Great Amen	*
The Lord's Prayer	120
Lamb of God	*
Communion Hymn	88
<i>Come Adore/Tantum Ergo</i>	
Recessional Hymn	382
<i>I Danced in the Morning (verses 1, 2 4)</i>	

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

## REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

God describes the people to whom Ezekiel is being sent as “hard of face and obstinate of heart” (Ezekiel 2:4). They are a people who have rebelled and revolted against God, but still God persists in sending them a prophet: this time Ezekiel, last time Jeremiah, the time before that Isaiah, all the way back to Samuel and Nathan, Elijah and Elisha. Even today, God continues to send prophets to soften our faces and make yielding our own hearts.

Jesus found hardened faces and stubborn hearts when he went to his hometown. Impenetrable seems to be the best description. His words could not get through. He was proclaiming the kingdom of God, the presence of God among them, and they couldn't hear him. It all depended on what they saw and all they saw was the carpenter, questioning where he got such wisdom and how he did these mighty deeds. He was just the son of Mary! We know the family. Go figure.

And then we hear some of the saddest words in the Gospel: “So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them” (Mark 6:5). Why? Their lack of faith.

So Jesus started a new family. It began with the people whom we have been hearing about—the disciples, for all their struggles to believe in him right up to the very end, but also people like the woman with the hemorrhage, Jairus and his daughter, the man lowered through the roof, the fellow who had an evil spirit. The list goes on and on, down to our own day.

By baptism, we become part of the family, the new family whose bond is not based on blood, but on faith. The ever-recurring question is: Is he able to work any signs among us, or is he amazed at our lack of faith?

## LIVING GOD'S WORD

We pray that when we gather on Sundays we know ourselves as the family of Jesus, striving to hear the word of God and keep it. We pray that we might recognize in others the brothers and sisters of the Lord, the beloved children of God.

## TREASURES FROM TRADITION

In the sixteenth century, the Council of Trent, which was otherwise devoted to liturgical uniformity, was very tolerant of age-old marriage customs. The Council singled out “praiseworthy” customs and hoped they would be retained. The Second Vatican Council likewise asked for a careful evaluation of customs, admitting that not everything about wedding practice is “praiseworthy.” In our revised liturgy, all of the prayers consistently stress the equality of the partners. Some familiar customs do not match this insight.

Often, the groom remains hidden in a sacristy while the bride, accompanied only by her father, enters with her attendants. This is hardly equality, especially if it appears that her father is “giving her away” to her husband. This is a familiar enough scene, but increasingly couples are called to a different practice. Symbols and signs carry and communicate meaning. The challenge for couples today is to match the meaning to the symbol, and for the couple to be authentic in all they do and say on the day of their wedding.

Having bride and groom both take part fully and equally in the entrance procession is exactly the kind of “praiseworthy” practice we’ve both been looking for!

## A PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus. We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties: By your grace, may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves, and for all those who live in this blessed land. All this we pray through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### **ST MARIA GORETTI (1890-1902)**

This young girl was scarcely twelve years old, when she died in defense of her chastity at Nettuno, Italy, on July 6, 1902. She was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1950, and it is the first time in history that the mother of a saint was present at the canonization. Maria Teresa Goretti was born of a poor family and was uneducated, but she manifested a maternal spirit in caring for her four little brothers and the neighbors’ children while the adults were working in the fields. Her father died when she was ten years old, and one of the men who had worked with her father, Alexander Serenelli by name, had made several attempts to seduce Maria. Her refusal so angered him that he threatened to kill her, which eventually he did, stabbing her 14 times. Maria died in the hospital at Nettuno after forgiving her assassin. In 1910, during his 8th year in prison, Alexander was converted after a dream in which the young martyr presented him with a bouquet of flowers. He was released from prison in 1928 and after asking pardon of Maria’s mother, he received Communion with her at the Christmas Mass. Alexander was also present for the canonization of Maria Goretti in 1950. He spent his last years as a Franciscan tertiary with the Capuchins and died in 1970.

**From all of us at St Monicas'  
a Happy and Blessed Fourth of July.**



**I Pledge Allegiance to the flag  
of the United States of America,  
and to the Republic  
for which it stands,  
one Nation under God,  
indivisible,  
with liberty and justice for all.**