



Church of St Monica

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JUNE 28, 2015

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The synagogue official and the woman with the hemorrhage are convinced that God “*formed man to be imperishable*”—an imperishability that begins now in their present plight. How can they be so sure? Because they have encountered Jesus Christ, to whom they hand themselves over in their certainty. God made the human person in “*the image of his own nature.*” It is to that relationship with the Infinite that this man and this woman appeal with infinite hope, convinced that the Lord will draw them clear, preserve them from the pit, and change their mourning into dancing...which he does.

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

We will celebrate the Fourth of July holiday 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

SUNDAY THE OFFICE IS CLOSED

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 — God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — Your abundance should supply the needs of the others (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15).

Gospel — Your faith has saved you (Mark 5:21-43 [21-24, 35b-43]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34: 2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135: 1b-6; Mt 9:14-17;

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12: 7-10; Mk 6: -16a

Remember your loved ones by dedicating in their honor the Sanctuary Light or Altar Bread

This Week's Sanctuary Lamp in loving memory of
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Rev. Lazarus Sequeira



SATURDAY (JUNE 27): WEEKDAY
5:30 PM Maureen Duran

SUNDAY (JUNE 28): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Father's Day Intention
9:00 AM Kate Welling
10:30 AM Thelma Navallasca
12:00 NOON St Monica's Parishioners

MONDAY (JUNE 29): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Father's Day Intention
12:00 NOON Rose & Joseph Stack

TUESDAY (JUNE 30): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Janet Holsey
12:00 NOON The McHugh Family

WEDNESDAY (JULY 1): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM In Thanksgiving
12:00 NOON Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY (JULY 2): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
12:00 NOON Edward Hendrickson

FRIDAY (JULY 3): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Priests of St Monica
12:00 NOON Mr & Mrs Owen Bradley

SATURDAY (JULY 4): WEEKDAY
12:00 NOON Thanksgiving for Guardian Angels

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers:

Lorrie Hamilton,
Warren Duffield, Stan Tice, Zachary Libow,
Gustavo Andrade, Joan, Jim Marron

and those wounded in Military Action.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

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

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Dina Connallan

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Welcome to St. Monica's!*

*The music for today's Eucharist can be found
in our hymnal on the following pages:*

Entrance Hymn <i>City of God</i>	371
Penitential Rite	112
Gloria	*
Responsorial Psalm <i>I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.</i>	615
Gospel Acclamation	168
Offertory Hymn <i>Blest Are They</i>	359
Sanctus	*
Memorial Acclamation	*
Great Amen	*
The Lord's Prayer	120
Lamb of God	*
Communion Hymn <i>Healer of Our Every Ill</i>	468
Recessional Hymn <i>God's Blessing Send Us Forth</i>	369

**from the Mass for New Era
for texts, see pew card*

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

These two stories are quite touching, perhaps because they involve so much touching—forbidden touching, as a matter of fact.

The father starts it off by falling at Jesus' feet and begging Jesus to help his dying daughter: "*Come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live*" (Mark 5:23). Only touching her will do. Then, as Jesus is passing through the crowd, a woman suddenly appears on the scene, reaching out to Jesus and saying to herself: "*If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured*" (5:28). Jesus knows immediately that he's been touched: "*Who has touched my clothes?*" he asks (5:30). And the disciples wryly observe that the crowd is...well, crowding him...so how can you ask "*Who touched me?*" It is important to remember that because the woman was bleeding, a condition that made her "*unclean*" according to the law of Moses, her touch would have made Jesus unclean. However, her touching Jesus has the opposite effect: the bleeding stops and she is made clean once again. When word comes that the little girl is dead, Jesus calls on the father to set aside fear and put on faith. Arriving at the house, Jesus goes in and takes the child by the hand and says, "*Little girl, I say to you, arise!*" (Mark 5:41). Sixteen times in Mark's Gospel Jesus touches or takes someone by the hand. She does arise and he tells them to bring her some food. Again, touching her would have made Jesus unclean, but instead his touch cleanses her of death's hold.

Two desperate people—a dying girl and a bleeding woman. Jesus touches them and they both touch him—the woman through her own faith, the little girl through the faith of her father. It seems that healing depends on a flow between healer and the one being healer.

The great news is that God allows a proxy.

LIVING GOD'S WORD

Today we might pray for those who are in need of the healing touch of Jesus, and for those who care for them and suffer with them.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The premier poet of the English language, Geoffrey Chaucer, introduced one of his most beloved characters, the "*Wife of Bath*," by this telling remark: "*Husbands at church door she had five.*" Four times widowed, she was setting off on a pilgrimage, notably without number five. The church door is a curious detail, pointing to the fourteenth-century wedding custom of marrying on the porch of the parish church. The goal was to give maximum publicity to the consent of the groom and bride, and so consent was moved from the bride's home to a public venue. The priest would stand in the doorway and begin by sprinkling the couple with holy water. He needed to make sure they weren't too closely related and give them some instruction. He would direct the groom to pay the bride's family a dowry, and then announce the monetary amounts to the interested passersby. Only then would the guests enter the church for the wedding Mass, during which the bride and groom would hold lighted candles.

The gradual move from home to church and the shift from the bride's father to the priest's authority helped to protect the freedom of brides who weren't quite as confident as the Wife of Bath.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Peter and St. Paul (+67?)

This solemn feast was already celebrated in the *Depositio Martyrum*, as early as 354 and on this same date at a time when St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican was still under construction.

In the time of St. Ambrose (339-397), the solemnity was celebrated in three station churches and also with a vigil liturgy, but in the seventh century the liturgy was celebrated on two different days, with the feast of St. Paul assigned to June 30. In some of the Eastern Churches the double feast was celebrated on June 28. According to ancient tradition, Simon, whose name was changed to Peter (meaning rock), died by crucifixion with his head near the ground, as was the Roman custom for the crucifixion of slaves. Recent excavations confirm that the martyrdom of St. Peter, around the year 67, took place on the Vatican hill, where the basilica of Constantine was constructed. Paul of Tarsus, whose name was originally Saul, was a Pharisee and a persecutor of Christians. He converted to Christianity after his extraordinary experience on the road to Damascus (Ac 9:1-19).

After his second imprisonment at Rome he was beheaded (around the year 67, according to Tertullian) not far from the basilica that was given to the care of monks in the sixth century.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR CHURCH?

We are looking for volunteers to help us with various ministries in our parish. Right now we need volunteers to the following categories:

Acolytes: They prepare the altar and sacred vessels, and serve at the altar (Weekdays and Sundays)

Eucharistic Minister: They assist the parish and the priest at Mass distributing communion and sharing cups (Weekdays and Sundays).

Ushers & Greeters: These are our parish ambassadors who welcome all who enter our parish. They assist at Masses on Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation, and on special Feast Days.

If you wish to participate in any of the above ministries, please give your name and contact details to one of the fathers or call church office (212-288-6250).



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June 10, 2015

Rev. Peter M. Colapietro
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Dear Father Peter,

On behalf of the Pregnancy Help Board of Directors and Staff, we cannot thank you enough for all the lovely baby gifts we received from St. Monica's baby shower. We wish to express our deepest appreciation to you, Father Peter and all the compassionate parishioners who provided so many beautiful items.

It is a blessing for us here at Pregnancy Help to have supporters like you. These gifts could well be the only gifts our mothers receive.

Again, thank you for being a part of this mission. We ask that you continue to pray for women who are experiencing a crisis pregnancy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathy Gonzalez', written over a horizontal line.

Cathy Gonzalez
Client Services Coordinator