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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Jesus silences the murmurers, *"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him."* What does it mean to *"listen to the Father"*? It means being attentive to the needs and desires of our own humanity. If Elijah had not been brought to the point of starvation, he would not pray as he does today.

What the doubters in the Gospel find so far fetched—*"I am the bread that came down from heaven"* is in fact exactly what they need in order to be drawn to the Father's love. That is why *"Christ loves us"* by *handing himself over for us "as a sacrificial offering."*

PASTOR:
Rev. Donald C. Baker

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: 9:00 AM & 5:30 PM (Vigil)

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 15, 2015 is the
Feast of the Assumption (Holy day of obligation)
We will have an evening
Mass on Friday,
August 14th, 2015 at
5:30pm

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 9:00
AM 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 — After resting and taking nourishment twice, Elijah is strengthened to walk to the mountain of God, Horeb (1 Kings 19:4-8).

Second Reading — Be sealed by the Holy Spirit of God so as to be imitators of God and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

Gospel — Jesus professes that he is the living bread and whoever eats this bread will live forever (John 6:41-51).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

**Remember your loved ones
by dedicating in their honor
The Sanctuary Light and or Bread & Wine**



Mass Schedule

SATURDAY (AUGUST 8): VIGIL

5:30 PM Julio and Adelina Mosquera

SUNDAY (AUGUST 9): ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM Charles Judice
9:00 AM John and Theresa Lavallo
10:30 AM Herta Kapp-Caravello
12 NOON St Monica Parishioners

MONDAY (AUGUST 10): WEEKDAY

7:30 AM Les Disbrey
12 NOON In Thanksgiving

TUESDAY (AUGUST 11): WEEKDAY

7:30 AM Souls In Purgatory
12 NOON Edward Kraski

WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 12) WEEKDAY

7:30 AM Priests of St. Monica
12 NOON Werner Heitsch

THURSDAY (AUGUST 13): WEEKDAY

7:30 AM Lars Mattson
12 NOON John R. Flack

FRIDAY (AUGUST 14): WEEKDAY

7:30 AM John J. Moritz
12 NOON Paul Yoon (living)

5:30 PM Loretta Stephens (VIGIL MASS)

SATURDAY (AUGUST 15): FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

12 NOON St. Monica Paraishioners

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers:
Lori Kramer, Stan Tice,

and
those wounded in Military Action

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

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

Edward Tamily, Samuel Joseph Cadden, Sharon
Kavanaugh

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*19th 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 <i>Gather Us In</i>	403
Penitential Rite	112
Gloria	*
Responsorial Psalm <i>Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.</i>	633
Gospel Acclamation	168
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Sanctus	*
Memorial Acclamation	*
Great Amen	*
The Lord's Prayer	120
Lamb of God	*
Communion Hymn <i>Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All</i>	282
Recessional Hymn <i>Joyful, Joyful We Adore You</i>	309

**from the Mass for a New Era,
for texts, see pew cards***REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD**

The Passover bread that the Israelites made when leaving Egypt has no leaven in it so that it would not spoil and could continue to provide nourishment to them on the road.

Thus it is sometimes called bread for the journey. Of course manna also sustained them on their journey through the desert. And so did the Torah.

So deliciously nourishing is the Word Of God that some young Jewish children begin learning the Hebrew alphabet by licking honey place on each letter so that the Torah should always be sweet on the tongue."

The story of Elijah being nourished in the desert beautifully epitomizes the many ways in which God provides bread for the journey. For Christians, Jesus' words, works, and life given for us are the bread we crave.

He alone gives us the strength and courage to "*Be kind...(forgive) one another...and live in love*" (Ephesians 4:32, 5:2). And, oddly enough, we can find this ample nourishment from the Eucharist when all we a taste is a sip and a crumb.

LIVING GOD'S WORD

The nourishment Jesus gives is meant not to put us to sleep but to fuel us for action.

The selection from Ephesians seems to refer to the perfumed chrism with which the baptized "*were sealed for the day of redemption*" (Ephesians 4:30).

Will others smell the heavenly aroma of Christ's love on us and be drawn to him?

MAKE DEPOSITS

Friendship is like a bank account. You can't continue to draw on it without making deposits.

Adieu St Monica!

I do not have enough words to express my profound gratitude to the priests, staff, and parishioners of St Monica for all the fond memories over the past four years. St Monica was a home away from home. Thank you for accepting me as one of your own, helping me to grow as a person and priest, bringing meaning to my life and fulfillment to my priestly ministry.

I am ever grateful to Msgr Thomas A Modugno who accepted me into St Monica and to Fr Peter, Fr Joe and Fr Arold for their constant support and encouragement. I will miss this vibrant parish and all of its support team – staff in the office, David Schaefer and the choir, Joe Neal and his uplifting voice, Ushers, the Eucharistic ministers, Lectors, Servers, Volunteers, and of course, all of you faithful parishioners. I am sure our new parish (Monica-Stephen-Elizabeth) will soon become the most active and vibrant parish of the Upper East Side under the energetic leadership of Fr Donald Baker.

I leave St Monica on August 12 to take up my new responsibility as the Chief Editor of ST PAULS Publications in Mumbai (India). I request your continued prayers for the success of my priestly ministry in India. God bless you all!

Fr Joby Mathew, SSP

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In an age given to slogan T-shirts, one of the last bastions of “dressing up” is the wedding. Everyone seems to stretch toward the old ideal of “Sunday best” for these moments. In our tradition, clothing is immensely important. Coming out of the baptismal water, we are immediately vested with a white garment—the alb. “You have clothed yourself in Christ,” the new Christian is told, and a white garment is the token of being born into God’s family. Sadly, this is the last time most Christians wear this garb until their funeral, when the family spreads a pall as a reminder of baptismal identity.

Increasingly today, we are seeing the alb as the proper garb for liturgical ministers, men and women. In ancient Rome, sleeveless tunics of varying colors were worn by everyone, and so at baptism the new Christians could be expected to wear their new garb under their everyday clothes. Sleeves were a problem for ancient Romans, who thought they were a barbarian fashion. As is so often the case, eventually the barbarians won the day, and by the third century the long-sleeved garment worn by ministers today was familiar liturgical garb.

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WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

Please take the opportunity to visit our new and improved website at www.stmonicanyc.org for the latest pictures, information and updates about our parish community.

Also take the opportunity to like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stmonicanyc

WELCOME FR JOSEPH GNARACKATT

A warm welcome to Fr Joseph (Vincent) Gnarackatt, SSP from the Society of St Paul, India, for a fruitful ministry here at St Monica. Fr Joseph is not a new face to the parish. He served here two summer’s ago, sharing his pastoral and spiritual experiences with us. We wish him a pleasant stay and fruitful ministry at St Monica.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Celebrated every year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay--a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

VIGIL MASS FRIDAY
AUGUST 14th at 5:30 PM
SATURDAY MASS AT 12 NOON

SAINT MONICA

Saint Monica, born in 331, was married early in her life to Patricius, a pagan. Patricius had a violent temper and was said to have been of dissolute habits. Monica's good deeds and prayer habits annoyed Patricius, but it is said that he always held her in respect, however. Together they had three children who survived infancy: sons Augustine and Navigius and daughter Perpetua. Unable to secure baptism for them, she grieved heavily when Augustine fell ill. In her distress she asked Patricius to allow Augustine to be baptized; he agreed, then withdrew this consent after he made a full recovery.



But Monica's joy and relief at Augustine's recovery turned to anxiety as he wasted his renewed life being wayward and, as he himself writes, lazy. He was finally sent to school at Madaurus, in present-day Algeria.

While away at school, Augustine had become a Manichaean, a major Gnostic religion that was founded by the Iranian prophet Mani. Upon his return home he shared his views regarding Manichaeism with St. Monica, but she quickly drove him away from her table. However, she is said to have experienced a vision that convinced her to reconcile with him.

At this time she visited a certain (unnamed) holy bishop who consoled her with the now famous words, "*the child of those tears shall never perish.*" Monica followed her wayward son to Rome and Milan, where he had gone secretly. Here she found St. Ambrose and through him she ultimately had the joy of seeing Augustine convert to Christianity after 17 years of

resistance!

The Parish of Saint Monica was founded in June 1879 when Father John Treanor, the Pastor of St. Lawrence O'Toole (now the St. Ignatius Loyola Church) proposed to Cardinal John McCloskey, the Archbishop of New York, to create a new parish with jurisdictions covering the east side of Second Avenue between 72nd Street and 96th Street. The birth of St. Monica's Parish was a response to the expanding Catholic Church and became the fourth parish then to serve the Catholics of New York's Upper East Side. The "roots" of the Parish had been planted, and the appointment of Pastor James J. Dougherty as the First Pastor of St. Monica soon followed.

In 1880 Father Dougherty took over a local feed store located at 404 East 78th Street where he conducted weekly mass on the second floor. This was where he also baptized the first child of the Parish, William J. McGarry. In 1881 Father Dougherty purchased the property at 405-413 East 79th Street, where the current church and rectory stand today. The original church, began construction in 1881 and the church tower was completed in late 1883. Also during 1883, the Sisters of Charity, a group of woman dedicated to education and nursing, established a Catholic school with over 300 students in attendance.

In 1886 a rectory was commissioned and finished at the cost of \$14,000 (almost \$500,000 in today's terms). Pastor Dougherty and his three curators soon moved in.

COVER SHEET

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