

Church of Saint Monica Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Saint Stephen of Hungary

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 7th, 2019

Office Hours

Our Offices are open:

Mo. 9am – 5pm
Tu.-Th. 9am – 7pm
Fri. Closed
Sat. 10am -2pm
Sun. Closed

Our offices close for lunch:

1pm – 2pm daily

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 12:00pm Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm

Monday – Friday: 7:30 & 12:00pm

Confessions:

Saturday 5:00 – 5:30pm and by appointment

Our church is open: 7am – 4pm daily for private prayer

Vespers (evening pray) 5:10pm Fridays in Parish Center Chapel



St. Stephen of Hungary School

Pre-K through 8th Grade Catholic Parochial School

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Principal:

Ms. Kelly Burke

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Interested in admissions to our parish school?

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Roman Catholic Parish of St. Monica, St. Elizabeth of Hungary and St. Stephen of Hungary opens its doors to welcome and embrace all in our community. We strive through worship, hospitality and service to receive those seeking a spiritual home. In the midst of diversity of thought, life style, nationality, economic status and age, we endeavor to live as a community of faith and invite you to join our family - a family seeking to know and love Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you (Isaiah 66:10-14c).

Psalm -- Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).

Second Reading -- May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 6:14-18).

Gospel -- Jesus sends out the seventy-two (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]).

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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: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37; or 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY 5:30PM	July 6th Vigil <i>Fr. Carlyle Blake</i>
SUNDAY 8:00AM	July 7th Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Megan, Matthew, Sara & Ryan (Living)</i>
10:00AM 12NOON 5PM	<i>Angolina Bajada</i> <i>All Parishioners</i> <i>Maria Skrapits</i>
MONDAY 12NOON	July 8th Weekday <i>Frank Fredo</i>
TUESDAY 12NOON	July 9th Weekday <i>Margaret Theresa Scibelli</i>
WEDNESDAY 12NOON	July 10th Weekday <i>Geraldine Corvo</i>
THURSDAY 12NOON	July 11th St. Benedict <i>Joan Crimmins</i>
FRIDAY 12NOON	July 12th Weekday <i>Bob Swain</i>
SATURDAY 12NOON	July 13th Weekday <i>Victor Vensas</i>

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions
Thursday:	St. Benedict
Saturday:	St. Henry; Blessed Virgin Mary

*If you wish to add the name of a loved one to the prayer list, please notify the parish center:
(212) 288-6250*



**Living
our
Faith**

God Appears in the Ordinary

Greetings!

God make ordinary things sacred, Water. Bread. Water. Bread. Wine. Oil. These are simple items, yet they are transformed by God to impart to human beings the gift of God's own life. These gifts attain their highest purpose through God's Transforming action.

We are human beings, which is to say that-unlike the angels-we are embodied. Our material means that we have need things we can touch, taste, hear, and smell.

That is why we need sacraments, which are visible signs of visible realities. God reaches us through the material world because that is where we can be reached. God comes to us through the ordinary, and in so doing, the ordinary becomes sacred.

To help children understand this, parents and grandparents should reflect first in how they have encountered God's presence. Perhaps you have experience of feeling the God's presence in nature or over coffee with a close friend.

Perhaps we have heard God's voice in an unexpected way, through encouragement or challenge, in moments of suffering and gratitude. God speaks to us in a variety of ways. The sacraments are privileged moments of encounter, yet Pope Francis reminds us that each moment of our lives is an opportunity to grow in holiness.

God is always inviting us.

These moments when we feel God breaking through the ordinary become more take apparent when we take time to notice them. You might write down one thing for which you are grateful each day. You may take five minutes to review the day's events to see where God's presence was most apparent. Over a meal with the ones you love, already a place of sacred encounter, you might converse about how God is acting in each of our lives in ways big or small. Making this part of your regular family routine can yield big results in terms of seeing God's action busting through the ordinary because, in large part, we only notice what we are looking for.

Put down the phone. Make time for silence. Look there and to listen for his voice. God is always inviting us one another in the eye. It is through the world that God comes to us . It is our task to watch for God. We are called to the Lord's table and to the dinner table, to the waters of Baptism and the water we pour for the one on need. We are called to recognize that we are always in the presence of God



K-8 Religious Education

- **We're on break** for the summer....
- **Registration** for next year is now open! Stop by the parish center and check this item off your summer "to do" list.

Next year: K-8 Religious Education and Adult Faith Formation will resume in September at the same time (10:15-11:45am) as the past three years.

Adult Faith Formation (Sunday Morning program) is on summer break – see you in September!

Summer Adult Faith Formation Opportunities:

- **Roots and Reasons:** Exploring and Affirming Our Religious Identity Today – An Adult Faith Formation Series with Fr. Jim Dugan, SJ, August 7, 14, and 21. See details elsewhere in the bulletin.
- **Evening Prayer** – every Friday at 5:10pm in the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapel (in the Parish Center on E. 80th Street).

Adults who are thinking about becoming Catholic, or

- **Catholic adults who have missed First Communion and/or Confirmation – It's never too late!** Contact Maryann Tyrer, Pastoral Associate, to discuss our adult initiation process. You can begin the process any time throughout the year.

Want to volunteer? Yes, we need more volunteers for the fall on Sunday mornings, please! Many different opportunities are available, with various time commitments – Contact Maryann to discuss how your gifts might meet our needs.

Traveling? Need to find a Catholic Church? Use <https://masstimes.org> to find a nearby church and Mass times. You can also download their app!

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

After all weekday masses

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 Friday afternoon at 3 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

5:00 PM on Saturdays Anytime by appointment

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:

Please call the rectory office for more information.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

If you know of anyone who cannot attend church because of illness or age, and would like to have communion brought to them, please contact the parish office, so that we can arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to bring communion to them.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers

**HELENA JOHNSON,
GLENN ALLEN
&
ALBERT WALSH**

ALL VICTIMS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

*Please pray for our deceased parishioners
and family members*

**Lourdes Polanco,
Msgr. John McCarthy,
Rev. Robley Wilson,
Peter Jellison, Donina Moreira
&
Yolande Szimis**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Processions are life's journey distilled. We move with companions, aware that Christ accompanies us, as we move to the altar for Communion or to the font for baptism, or carry a loved one to a place of rest. In Europe, the season of pilgrimage is beginning now, and tens of thousands of people are moving by foot on well-worn paths. Some take as long as six weeks to walk the last few hundred miles of the medieval pilgrimage route to the Shrine of St. James the Apostle in Compostella, in northern Spain.

Those who make the journey by foot, hiking, or by bicycle, have a kind of passport stamped at villages and monasteries on the road. When they present this document at the cathedral, they are given the emblem of a pilgrim, the scallop shell of St. James. High over their heads at Mass, a huge botafumero twirls clouds of sweet incense through the cathedral. Cynics say it is to mask the odor of smelly feet. The pilgrims know better. Seeing through the clouds the happy faces of those they met along the road, they recognize a foretaste of the welcome into heaven, and the joy of meeting loved ones in the Kingdom of God.

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Bread & Wine



This Week's Bread & Wine
In Memory of
Mary McBride

Offered by
Kitty O'Donoghue

Sanctuary Lamp



This Weeks' Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
The Halpin Family

Offered by
Kitty O'Donoghue

Summer Program-Fr. Dugan

COMING ON WEDNESDAYS,
AUGUST 7, 14, and 21 – 7:00-8:30 pm,
ST. MONICA CHURCH, PARISH CENTER

**“ROOTS AND REASONS: EXPLORING AND AFFIRMING OUR RELIGIOUS
IDENTITY TODAY”**



Fr. Jim Dugan, S.J., will return to the Church of St. Monica this summer and offer a program of three one and a one-half hour (1.5) Wednesday evening (7:00-8:30 pm) encounters on August 7, 14, and 21 in the Parish Center (406 East 80th Street, NYC).

He invites you to join him and those interested to explore contemporary issues in society and the church in order to affirm a more authentic and purposeful understanding of our human, religious, spiritual, Judeo-Christian and Catholic identity by consulting the Old Testament and the New Testament. In addition, we will engage in a dialogue about our individual and shared identity as God's people.

If you wish to attend, please register with the
Parish Office and Parish Center
(212) 288-6250

Just a word

From your Pastor July 7th, 2019

Baptisms on Sunday

As is often the case with religions membership can be tied to a particular ethnic or cultural group – For generations it was presumed that if you were Irish you were Catholic, Swedish you were Lutheran, Greek you were Orthodox, etc. this was true in the ancient world as well, where to be a Roman citizen required honoring the Gods of the state, and to be a Jew meant being a member of God’s covenanted people. With Judaism women were born into the covenant; however, male children had to be brought into the covenant through circumcision. Non -Jews could convert, but the same rules applied – one had to become a Jew in order to be a member of god’s chosen people.

Christianity, however, changed this. Although it began as a Jewish sect, due to the work of important Jewish converts such as Paul, Christianity exploded across the empire. Unlike other religions, Christianity was not tied to a specific ethnicity. Christians were “called out” of all the peoples of the world (in Greek *ek -kaleo* – “call out”. This is the root of words such as *ecclesial* and *ecclesiastical*, as well as the word used in Romance languages for church – *ecclesia*).

No one was “born” a Christian. All people had to be “re-born” into the New Covenant made in Jesus’ blood. This happens in baptism. In baptism we are healed of that separation from God that all people are born into which Catholics call “original sin”. Brought into a relationship with the Church, the Spirit that moves the Church becomes ours. As we grow our parents and our godparents (should) teach and model what that relationship with God in the Church looks like.

Given that baptism replaces circumcision for Christians, the debates that still rage between Christians about whether children can be baptized are really beside the point. In the early Church children were baptized with their families when the father accepted baptism. That is because baptism was understood as God’s work, not ours. Ours was the response to that work. It still is.

Baptism is fundamental to the existence of the Church. It should not be celebrated - it should be CELEBRATED! When I arrived at St. Monica’s, baptisms were celebrated on demand. They were almost always private affairs. However, the number of baptisms began to climb when St. Stephen of Hungary School was merged with St. Monica. As a result, we instituted a pattern of Baptismal services at St. Monica, alternating between Saturday services and Sunday celebrations during mass.

Four years later, we recognize that it is time to tweak that schedule. As of July 1, we are moving the two Saturday baptismal services to SUNDAYS. There will still be an opportunity to baptize children four out of five weeks in a month. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays, baptisms will still be celebrated at Sunday mass. However, on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, baptisms will be celebrated in a service (not a mass) at 1:30 pm.

There will be no more Saturday baptisms because of something else that we expect to grow in our church. Marriages. Many marriages are celebrated on Saturdays and we have already had scheduling problems with conflicts between marriage plans and baptismal services. We hope that this practical change will alleviate this.

But there is a more basic aspect to this change: Sunday is the day of the resurrection. This is why Christians worship on Sundays, and why baptisms, through which new Christians are brought into God’s new people, are especially appropriate to be celebrated on this day.

Father Baker