

SAINT MONICA PARISH

TO SERVE AS HE SERVED + TO LIVE AS HE LIVED + TO LOVE AS HE LOVED



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

Saint Monica is a welcoming Catholic faith community. Proclaiming the power of the Word of God, we join together in the celebration of the Eucharist and all Sacraments. We aim to follow Jesus Christ:

To Serve as He Served +
To Live as He Lived + To Love as He Loved

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday at 8:30 a.m.
Mon, Tues, Wed & Friday—6:00 p.m.
Thursday—7:00 p.m. in Polish

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sat 4:00 p.m.—English | 6:00 p.m.—Polish
Sun 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.,
Polish at 1:30 p.m.

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Prayed weekdays before the 8:30 a.m. Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — FEBRUARY 24, 2019

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ST. MONICA PARISH

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SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick

The special grace of this Sacrament offers the Lord's healing strength, peace and courage to anyone who is seriously or chronically ill, hospitalized or about to undergo surgery. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to have someone anointed.

Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated twice a month: the first and third Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. (some exceptions due to Holy Days and liturgical celebrations). Please call the Parish Office to register for the program and to set a date for the Baptism.

Marriage

Archdiocese of Chicago guidelines for marriage preparation ask that a minimum of six months be set aside for preparation for marriage. No firm date for a wedding will be set until the conclusion of the couple's first meeting with the parish minister. At least one of the engaged persons (or their parents) must be a registered and active parishioner of St. Monica. No Sunday weddings are scheduled.

Ministry to the Sick/Homebound

If you or a family member are in a local hospital or are homebound and would like to have a visit from a priest, please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Ministers of Care are also available to bring Communion to those who are confined at home and are unable to attend Mass, either temporarily or on a continual basis. Please call the Parish Office to schedule a visit.

Reconciliation (Confession)

Monday — Friday before the morning Mass (please ask for a priest in the sacristy)., Saturday from 3:00 to 3:50 p.m., and 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. (English and Polish). Individual confessions available by appointment.

MASSES

FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, February 25, 2019

8:30 A.M.— Healing for Loretta Beinhoff

6:00 P.M.— † Souls in the Purgatory

TUESDAY, February 26, 2019

8:30 A.M.— † Carmen Collazo

† Julius Krol

† Rosalie Gibboney

6:00 P.M.— Benefactors of St. Monica Parish

WEDNESDAY, February 27, 2019

8:30 A.M.— † Marzena Duda

6:00 P.M.— People of St. Monica Parish

THURSDAY, February 28, 2019

8:30 A.M.— † Julius Belluomini

† Antonia Borges

7:00 P.M.— *Mass in Polish*

FRIDAY, March 1, 2019 FIRST FRIDAY

8:30 A.M.— † Lena Minerva

† Amor Garcia

6:00 P.M.— † Elmer Campana

7:00 P.M.— *Pierwszy Piątek Miesiąca*

SATURDAY, March 2, 2019

4:00 P.M.— † Terina Marotta

† Roxana Malandrino

† Mary Dee

6:00 P.M.— *Mass in Polish*

† Maria Zaucha

SUNDAY, March 3, 2019

7:30 A.M.— † Edward & Theresa Wozny

9:00 A.M.— † Bernard Szulczynski

† Dorothy Alexovich

† Elisa Constantino

10:30 A.M.— Healing for Conchita Mamalio

† Celeste Losurdo - 7th Death Anniv.

12:00 P.M.— Birthday Blessings for Malaika Atiabet

† Patrick McManamon

1:30 P.M.— *Mass in Polish*



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER

MARIETTA MERANDA

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Amott Family	Dennis D'Amato	Beverly M. Millonzi
Mary Allegritti	Irena Dudek	Henrietta Pinkowski
Carole Bacarella	Carole Edwards	Dcn. Ed Podgorski
Carol Batjes	Mary Lu Forte	Sharon Petrozz
Alice Baxter	Richard Gonsiorek	Paula Riveron
Marilyn Bell	Gladys Garzon	Augie Sansone
Judy Biala	Monica Gathman	Tim Sheehan
Adam Burek	Roberta Gols	Bernadette Schmidt
Jo Buscemi	Edward L. Hausner	Harriet Skiba
Sylvia Boulahanis	Kerri Horan	Steve Skubski
Paul Bowers	Michael Kelly	Denise Slaski
Cindy Cisek	Timothy Kim	Helen Strzalka
Grace Cleys	Aimee Mayuga	Ida Traczyk
Joan Craig	Ruth Miner	Ralph Volgarino
Lucille Clark	Dolores Nieciecki	Laura Wysocki
Eugene Dunaj	Cathy O'Hara	Elizabeth Wright

and all the sick and aged of our parish...

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

US Army

Eric Ambriz
James Ambriz
Kurt Beyer
Tom Bobek
Daniel Clark
Michael G. Dobija
Justin Elazegui
Walter Fernandez
Robert Gullett
Andrew Kupinski
Jesus O. Lebron
Conner Mahoney
Jack Maksymec
Erik Malenock
Andrew Perez
Julio Rios
Michael Rivera
Andrew Thomas
Christopher Walsh
Michael Zadlo



US Army Reserve

Jason Adamczyk
Roman Gronke
Keith Maslon
Sean O'Grady

US Coast Guard

Christine Ambriz

US Air Force

Michael Brimie
Zachary Muldoon
Matt Olken
Michael Rice
Anthony Villalpando
Laurel Walsh
Kevin Valdez

US Marines

Vincent Bertucci
Gage Cygnar
Lukas Czynczyk
Dominic Davila
Caitlen Ferrarell
Benjamin Juhasz
Mathew Lynn
Steven Meyer
Kevin Rasmussen
Christopher Ryan

US Navy

Jeremy Bloom
Justin Chovanec
Zachary Corrado
Daniel Jarosz
Clay Presny
Riley Schoen
Steven Stancy
Richard Whitman
Nick Whitman

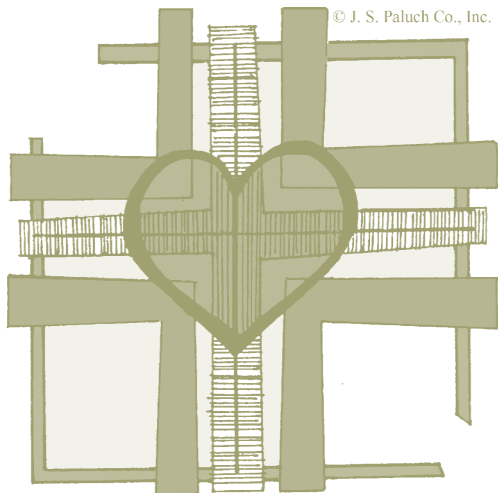
TREASURES

FROM OUR TRADITION

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service.

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DO NO HARM

We listen quite a while before we get to the punch line of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture's way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today's Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus' teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



New Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server Schedule (March 1—April 17)

is available at the organ as well as online.

If you are unable to attend the scheduled ministry, please request subbing online. For any additional questions, please contact Kamil Duda.

Saint Monica Academy

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR ASH WEDNESDAY SOUPER SUPPER!

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
7PM IN BEYENKA HALL**



We will be serving a simple meal of homemade soups, bread and beverages as well as sharing some reflections for this Lenten season. This event is free of charge but we will be accepting at-will donations.

Seating is limited so please RSVP to

moiraecahill@gmail.com

or (312)659-0232 by March 4

ST. MONICA ACADEMY

THE BOURBON STREET BALL

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019

6 PM - 12 AM

THE EDWARD HOTEL PENTHOUSE

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SEVENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

Our Gospel today continues Jesus Sermon on the Plain, in which we heard Luke's version of the Beatitudes. This week, Jesus gives us new commandments, telling us how to live and act in the world as his disciples, rooted in the radical love of God for humanity. It reminds us of his later speech about loving one another as he loves us, in other words with a God-like love, the kind we see in today's psalm about God's mercy. How else could we do as Jesus tells us by loving our enemies, which seems impossible, until we remember that God gave us the example of Jesus, who is like God but also like us? David understands this merciful love when he spares the life of his enemy in the first reading. Finally, Paul tells us that we will become like Jesus if we act as he did, as God does.

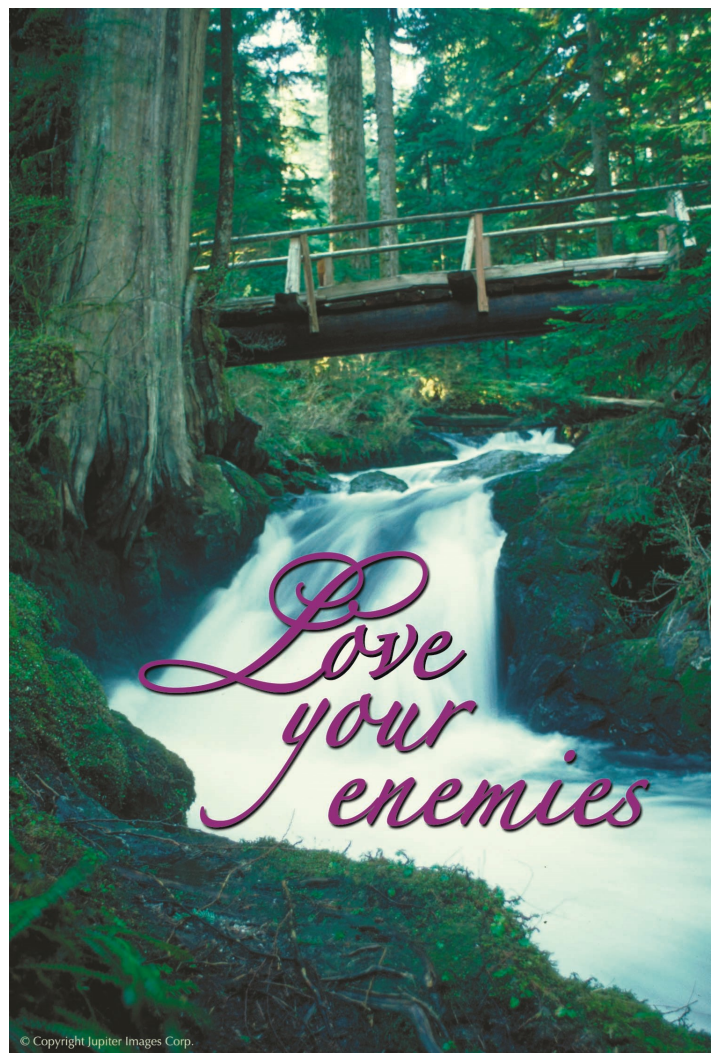
RADICAL LOVE

Have you ever read or heard anything about Jesus being called a radical? What such a statement ignores is that God has been a radical all through salvation history. What kind of superior being forgives the kind of unloving actions humankind has committed through the centuries? Answer: a God of radical mercy, kindness, love. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that, like himself, like God, we must love with God-like radical compassion, even those who are our enemies. Didn't Jesus give us an extreme example, forgiving those who put him to death? How difficult it is to be like God, like Jesus, forgiving, even loving, the very people who have treated us badly!

The first reading gives another example. David was under a death sentence by King Saul, who had become David's enemy through jealousy. Given an opportunity to murder Saul in his sleep, David chose to let him live, out of respect for God's will toward Saul. David recognized that the only way for him to do God's will was to love Saul, his enemy, enough to refrain from being judge, jury, and executioner.

BEARING A GOD-LIKE IMAGE

Today's psalm praises God for showing mercy toward us, even though we are weak-willed and consistently in need of forgiveness. God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked, too, and calls us to show this God-like mercy to all. In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he tells us that by living and loving as Jesus did, as new creatures, we will bear his image as well. That being the case, and knowing that we are all children of a merciful God, made in God's image and likeness, we take on the image of Jesus through God-like kindness and compassion. That word "radical" comes from the Latin word for root (*radix*)--we hear this truth every year during the season of Advent. One of the names of the Promised One, Jesus, is "Root" of Jesse--indeed, a radical from before his birth.



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COME, FOLLOW ME...
and share the Word

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

HOW YOUR GIFT WAS USED
2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

\$9,511,345	Parish and School Funding	Funds raised in excess of parish goals as well as support for parishes and schools serving financially challenged communities.
\$1,358,737	Parish Life	Programs to support parish vitality - evangelization initiatives, liturgy enhancements
\$564,730	Religious Education	Support for youth, young adult, campus and adult religious education ministries
\$503,667	Lay Formation	Continuing education for lay volunteers and staff serving parish communities
\$640,000	Catholic Relief Services	Assisting the poor and vulnerable overseas
\$499,915	Human Dignity and Solidarity	Activities promoting respect for life at all stages, immigration, Kolbe House prison ministry and Peace & Justice initiatives
\$483,552	Priest Education	Continuing education for seminarians and priests ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago
\$275,000	Parish Transformation	Programs to revitalize local parish communities
\$397,942	Family Ministries	Programs for marriage preparation, marriage support and family ministry
\$14,234,890	MINISTRIES TOTAL	
\$1,217,478	Cost of Appeal	Design, printing, postage, production, staff and vendors for the Annual Catholic Appeal
\$15,452,368	TOTAL USED	

This chart shows how your Annual Catholic Appeal funds were used in 2017 to support these many initiatives and programs.

The Annual Catholic Appeal supports the work of the Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

No money donated to the Annual Catholic Appeal has been, or will be, used to defray expenses related to misconduct issues.

SŁOWO

NA NIEDZIELĘ

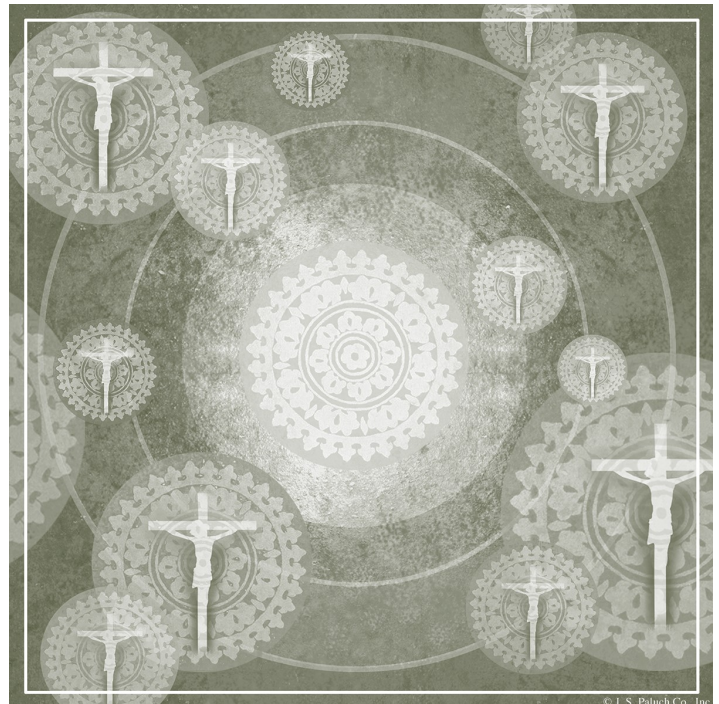
Stary Testament ukazuje Dawida jako niezwykle wzór wielkoduszności względem nieprzyjaciela. Ścigany przez Saula, który chce go zabić, młodzieniec pewnej nocy dostaje się do obozu swego przeciwnika. Król śpi na poście, jego włócznie znajdują się obok, wszyscy wokół śpią. Okazja jest korzystna, przyjaciel Abishai poddaje Dawidowi myśl zabicia króla. Lecz ten się nie zgadza; zabiera włócznie Saula i ucieka, a potem z daleka ukazując mu ją, woła „Dzisiaj Pan dał mi ciebie w ręce, lecz ja nie podniosłem ich przeciw Pomazańcowi Pana” (1 Sm 26, 23). Może chrześcijanin nie byłby zdolny do tego!

A jednak wielkoduszny akt Dawida, będący wyjątkiem w owym czasie, w którym panowało prawo odwetu, jest nieodmienną normą dla naśladowców Chrystusa. „Miłujcie waszych nieprzyjaciół; dobrze czyńcie tym, którzy was nienawidzą; błogostawcie tym, którzy was przeklinają, i módlcie się za tych, którzy was oczerniają” (Łk 6, 27–28). Jezus zna serce ludzkie zranione przez grzech. Wie, że wobec obelg, niesprawiedliwości, gwałtu, gwałtownie budzi się uczucie zemsty; ukazuje jednak przebaczenie nie jako akt heroiczny zastrzeżony dla świętych, lecz jako prosty obowiązek każdego chrześcijanina. Wymaga to głębokiego nawrócenia, prawdziwego wewnętrznego przekształcenia myśli i uczuć, lecz właśnie tego żąda Pan od swoich uczniów: „Jeśli bowiem miłujecie tych tylko, którzy was miłują, jakąż za to dla was wdzięczność? Przecież i grzesznicy miłość okazują tym, którzy ich miłują” (tamże 32). Chrześcijanin nie może działać tak jak grzesznicy lub ci, których nie oświeciło jeszcze światło Ewangelii, A właśnie w dziedzinie miłości i przebaczenia należy różnić się od nich. Dlatego Jezus nalega w sposób szokujący: „Jeśli cię kto uderzy w policzek, nadstaw mu i drugi... daj każdemu, kto cię prosi... Jeśli nie zawsze można te słowa zastosować dosłownie, nie należy ich jednak odrzucać — trzeba przyjąć głębokie znaczenie, które właśnie

wymaga, aby się powstrzymać od zemsty za zniewagę, aby być gotowym świadczyć do brodziejstwo każdemu, dając nawet więcej, niż się należy, aby raczej wyrzec się własnego prawa, niż spierać się z bratem. Ostatecznie chodzi tutaj o tę „większą sprawiedliwość” (Mt 5, 20), ożywioną miłością i kończącą się w miłości, z jaką Jezus przyszedł nauczać i którą pierwszy urzeczywistnił oddając życie swoje za lud buntowniczy i niewdzięczny, umierając za nas, „gdyśmy byli jeszcze grzesznikami” (Rz 5, 8). Człowiek naturalny,

przyrodzony, syn Adama, jako taki nie może zrozumieć tej nauki ani nią żyć. Aby stać się zdolnym do tego, musi odrodzić się w Chrystusie i w Nim przemienić się w człowieka duchowego. Jak nosimy w sobie — mówi św. Paweł — „obraz ziemskiego człowieka” — Adama — tak powinniśmy nosić obraz Chrystusa — „Człowieka niebieskiego” (1 Kor 15, 49). Pełnia tego nastąpi dopiero w chwale, lecz początek jest tutaj na ziemi, gdzie wierny przez chrzest otrzymał ożywiającą łaskę i Ducha Chrystusowego. Dzięki temu staje się zdolnym miłować, jak On miłował i nauczał.

**PANIE
JESTEŚ WIELKI I
MIŁOSIERNY**



ŚPIEWNIK

SIÓDMA NIEDZIELA W OKRESIE ZWYKŁYM

**Chrystus Pan karmi nas,
swoim świętym Ciałem,
chwalmy Go na wieki!**

Jak szczęśliwa Polska cała,

W niej Maryi kwitnie chwata,
Od Bałtyku po gór szczyty,
Kraj nasz płaszczem Jej okryty.

Matko Boska, Królowo Polska, O Pani nasza Częstochowska.

W Częstochowie tron swój wzniosła,
Wielka, można i wyniosła,
Lecz najczulsza z matek ziemi,
Cierpi razem z dziećmi swymi.

Psalm:

„Pan jest łaskawy, pełen miłosierdzia.”

Choćbym poznał wszystkie

tajemnice świata
Choćbym rozdał wszystko dla biednego
brata
Jednak bez miłości cóż mi to pomoże
Niczym wiedza, dobroć bez miłości Bożej.

Miłość jest cierpliwa, wszystko mężnie znosi
Nigdy się nie cieszy z niesprawiedliwości
Gniewem nie unosi się, nie pamięta złego
Pychą nie wywyższa się i nie szuka swego.

Miłość nie zazdrości, nie szuka poklasku
Z prawdą współweseli się,
czystość trwa w jej blasku
Miłość jest łaskawa, wiarę wszystkim daje
Wszystko też przetrzyma, nigdy nie ustaje.

Bóg w swym miłosierdziu,
które jest bez miary
ciągle nam rozdziela różnorakie dary
Jednak wśród rozlicznych łask,
które Bóg nam zsyła
Największą jest miłość, nigdy nie przemija.

Duchem całym wielbię Pana,
Boga, Zbawcę jedynego,
bo w Nim samym odnajduję
wszstką radość życia mego.

Wielbię, bo chciał wejrzeć z nieba,
na swą sługę uniżoną,
by mnie odtąd wszyscy ludzie
mogli zwać błogostawioną.

Sprawił we mnie wielkie dzieła
w swej dobroci niepojętej,
On wszechmocny, On najwyższy,
On sam jeden zawsze święty.

On który przez pokolenia,
pozostaje miłosierny,
webec tego, kto Mu służy,
i chce zostać jemu wierny!

On, który swą moc objawia,
gdy wyniosłość serc unia,
każdy zamiar może zburzyć,
który pychą mu ubliża.

W mocy Jego odjąć władzę,
a wydzwignąć pokornego,
wszystkich głodnych zaspokoić,
głodem wstrząsnąć bogatego.

On się ujął za swym ludem,
dziećmi wiary Abrahama,
pomny na swe miłosierdzie,
obietnicy swej nie złamał.

Serdeczna Matko, Opiekunko ludzi,

Niech Cię płacz sierot do litości wzubdzi!
Wygnańcy Ewy, do Ciebie wołamy,
zlituj się, zlituj! Niech się nie tułamy!

Do kogóż wzdychać mamy, nędzne dziatki?
Tylko do Ciebie, ukochanej Matki,
U której Serce otwarte każdemu,
A osobliwe nędzą strapionemu.

SUNDAY

COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 10TH

SUNDAY MASSES

ENVELOPES (Registered Parishioners)	\$ 6,492.00
LOOSE (Visiting/ Unregistered Parishioners)	\$ 2,007.00
SUNDAY MASSES TOTAL	\$ 8,499.00

E-Giving	\$ 1,295.00
Mailed Envelopes	\$ 459.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 20.00
Grand Total This Week	\$ 10,253.00

St. Monica Academy	\$ 1,838.25
Facility Maintenance Fund	\$ 282.00
Help for Church in Latin America	\$ 3.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 15.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 3.00
_____	\$ _____
Weekly Difference (\$ 9,700.00 Budgeted)	\$ + 553.00
Year-to-Date Difference	\$ - 20,350.14
Actual Weekly Collection-to-Date	\$ 299,749.86
Year-to-Date Goal	\$ 320,100.00

MONTHLY COLLECTIONS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY	February, 3	Regular Sunday Collection	Facility Maintenance
	February, 10	Regular Sunday Collection	School Development
	February, 17	Regular Sunday Collection	Annual Catholic Appeal
	February, 24	Regular Sunday Collection	None

DONATIONS ONLINE MADE EASY

Registered or unregistered, please visit:
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 & click „Donations”
 It's quick and easy...



YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. GOD BLESS YOU!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS
MAR 2	4:00 pm	M. ENRIQUEZ	C. LYONS M. ROLLE	N. MADAJ	E. BARROS T. & J. ROBACZEWSKI I. SEGO
	7:30 am	K. RONCHI	J. RONCHI	K. RONCHI	C. BOGDANAS L. COKELEY A. MAHER
MAR 3	9:00 am	L. CIESIELSKI M. P. COLLINS G. FRETT	B. O'DONNELL D. O'DONNELL	L. CIESIELSKI	C. FRAWLEY M. FRAWLEY F. OLIVERI
	10:30 am	M. NIMIETZ C. PETERSON G. PETERSON-GRABINSKI	A. RESEL R. ROSENBUSCH	M. NIMIETZ	M. & M. GHILONI J. OSTROWSKI
	12:00 pm	R. CATALANO D. SANBUENAVENTURA	R. M. WELTHER	D. SANBUENAVENTURA	F. & L. BANNON F. KHIRA


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