



Our Lady of Fatima Church

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 2-3, 2017



When	Day of Week	Time	+	Intentions For
This Weekend's Masses	Saturday	5:00 PM	+	Joan Werlau by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Werlau
	Sunday	8:30 AM	+	Branden Shelton by Dora Orris
		11:00 AM	+	Alex Berlingieri by Madeline1
Weekday Masses		12:30 PM	+	Deceased Parishioners
	Monday	8:30 AM		NO DAILY MASS
	Tuesday	8:30 AM		No Intentions
	Wednesday	8:30 AM		No Intentions
	Thursday	8:30 AM		No Intentions
	Friday	8:30 AM		No Intentions
	Saturday	8:30 AM		No Intentions

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Next Weekend's Masses	Saturday	5:00 PM	+	Eleanor Abraham by Alexandro Abraham and Carmen Hammond
	Sunday	8:30 AM		Intentions of the Parishioners
		11:00 AM		Intentions of the Parishioners
		12:30 PM	+	Adelo Guevaro by Donna Cruz

Attendance and Collection	When	Attendance	Adults	Children	Collection
	Last Week	320	268	45	\$2,229.75
<i>We thank you for your continued support in helping the parish meet her financial obligations. This week the second collection is for the Building and Renovation Fund</i>					

This Week's Ministry	Day of Week	Date	Time	Minister of the Word	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers
	Saturday	9/2	5:00 PM	Marie Murphy	Marie Murphy, David Bugger
	Sunday	9/3	8:30 AM	Meghan Holt	Catrina and Dan Dabroski
9/3		11:00 AM	Marlene Conklin	Rosemary Genesee, Sue Benken	

Next Week's Ministry	Day of Week	Date	Time	Minister of the Word	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers
	Saturday	9/9	5:00 PM	Pat Spignardo	Gloria Carroll, Pat Spignardo
	Sunday	9/10	8:30 AM	Robert Smith Jr	Richard Mott, Pat Sciascia
9/10		11:00 AM	Susan Benken	Cathi Castillo, Susan Arduino	

Pray For The Sick	Religious Education News	Heirs 2 Christ Youth Ministry
<p>We ask your prayers for: Nick Berlingieri, Dora Capella, Devin Chandler, Tina Clausen, Nick Costa, Danielle Costanzo, Bob Cunningham, Lawrence Fanell, Mae Ferrara, Esther Harris, Ali Hygerni, Amor Lasini, Terrance Mahoney, Lilly McKinley, Gina Medici, Ettore Naclero, Jeremy Orlando, Robert Smith Jr., Theresa Smith, Jacqueline Triguero, Judy Warwick, Kyle Way, Robert Werlau and all those now serving in the Armed Services and for all parishioners or family members who are ill or seeking God's peace of mind.</p> <p>If you know someone who is homebound, in the hospital or in a local nursing home that would like prayer please contact the rectory.</p> <p>*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HEALING MASS</p> <p>The Third Sunday of each month a special healing Mass is offered at St. Mary's in Marlboro at 4:00pm. The next sceduled Mass is Sunday, September 17, 2017</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Registration</p> <p>Registration forms are available for the 2017-2018 year at the back of the church. Please complete the forms and return them in the collection basket or by bringing them to the Parish office M-F, 9am - 3pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Teachers/Aides</p> <p>If you are currently a teacher or an aide in the program we need your confirmation that you wish to continue.</p> <p>If you are interested in serving as a teacher, a substitute, or an aide, we need your help</p> <p>Please contact Catrina in the Parish Office and advise her as soon as possible.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Schedule</p> <p>The full schedule is being formulated but we know the first classes will be on Sunday, September 17th from 9:30am - 10:45am.</p>	<p>If you LOVE Camp Veritas, here's an opportunity to spend a weekend with the Camp Veritas feeling. The fee for this event will be paid by H2C for existing members.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FEARLESS! Retreats for Teens in Grades 8-12</p> <p>Disciples, what is required of you? <i>Courage and Endurance!</i> As St. Paul said, "Run so as to win!" Fearless Ministries (formerly Youth 2000 NY) is pleased to present 3-day retreats for teens in grades 8-12. This experience at the foot of the Cross will highlight Jesus' call to holiness and will highlight the incredible life of the saints. The \$45 fee includes meals and lodging. The next retreat will be on September 15 -17, at John A. Coleman Catholic High School near Kingston, NY; Pre-registration is required online at www.fearlessretreats.com. For additional information, visit our website or contact Jennifer Edwards at fearlessretreats@gmail.com or 845-866-1689.</p>

SAINT OF THE MONTH

Saint Monica

Feastday: August 27

Patron of Wives and Abuse Victims

Birth: 331

Death: 387

Saint Monica, also known as Monica of Hippo, is St. Augustine of Hippo's mother. She was born in 331 A.D. in Tagaste, which is present-day Algeria.

When she was very young, she was married off to the Roman pagan Patricius, who shared his mother's violent temper. Patricius' mother lived with the couple and the duo's temper flares proved to be a constant challenge to young Monica. While Monica's prayers and Christian deeds bothered Patricius, he is said to have respected her beliefs.

Three children were born to Monica and Patricius: Augustine, Navigius, and Perpetua. Unfortunately, Monica was unable to baptize her children and when Augustine fell ill, Monica pleaded with Patricius to allow their son to be baptized.

Patricius allowed it, but when Augustine was healthy again, he withdrew his permission. For years Monica prayed for her husband and mother-in-law, until finally, one year before Patricius' death, she successfully converted them.

As time passed, Perpetua and Navigius entered the religious life, but unfortunately Augustine became lazy and uncouth. This greatly worried Monica, so when Patricius died, she sent the 17-year-old Augustine to Carthage for schooling. While in Carthage, Augustine became a Manichaeon, which was a major religion that saw the world as light and darkness, and when one died, they were removed from the world of matter and returned to the world of light, which is where life comes from.

After Augustine got his education and returned home, he shared his views with Monica, who drove him from her table. Though it is not recorded how much time passed,

Monica had a vision that convinced her to reconcile with her wayward son.

Monica went to a bishop, who told her, "the child of those tears shall never perish."

Inspired, Monica followed Augustine to Rome, where she learned he had left for Milan. She continued her pursue and eventually came upon St. Ambrose, who helped her convert Augustine to Christianity following his seventeen-year resistance.

Augustine later wrote a book called *Confessions*, in which he wrote of Monica's habit of bringing "to certain oratories, erected in the memory of the saints, offerings of porridge, bread, water and wine." When Monica moved to Milan, a bishop named Ambrose told her wine "might be an occasion of gluttony for those who were already given to drink," so she stopped preparing wine as offerings for the saints.

Augustine wrote: "In place of a basket filled with fruits of the earth, she had learned to bring to the oratories of the martyrs a heart full of purer petitions, and to give all that she could to the poor - so that the communion of the Lord's body might be rightly celebrated in those places where, after the example of his passion, the martyrs had been sacrificed and crowned."

After a period of six months, Augustine was baptized in the church of St. John the Baptist at Milan. The pair were led to believe they should spread the Word of God to Africa, but it the Roman city of Civitavecchia, Monica passed away.

Augustine recorded the words she imparted upon him when she realized death was near. "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled."

She was buried at Ostia, and her body was removed during the 6th century to a hidden crypt in the church of Santa Aurea in Osta, near the tomb of St. Aurea of Ostia.

In 1430, Pope Martin V ordered her relics to be brought to Rome and many miracles were reported to have occurred along the way. Later, Cardinal d'Estouteville built a church

to honor St. Augustine called the Basilica di Sant'Agostino, where her relics were placed in a chapel to the left of the high altar.

Her funeral epitaph survived in ancient manuscripts and the stone it was originally written on was discovered in the church of Santa Aurea in 1945.

Douglas Boin translated the tablet's Latin to read:

"Here the most virtuous mother of a young man set her ashes, a second light to your merits, Augustine.

As a priest, serving the heavenly laws of peace, you taught [or you teach] the people entrusted to you with your character. A glory greater than the praise of your accomplishments crowns you both - Mother of the Virtues, more fortunate because of her offspring."

Fun Fact

The city of Santa Monica, California is named after Monica, as were the "weeping" springs outside the city.

St. Monica Prayer

St. Monica,

I need your prayers.

You know exactly how I'm feeling because you once felt it yourself. I'm hurting, hopeless, and in despair. I desperately want my child to return to Christ in his Church but I can't do it alone.

I need God's help.

Please join me in begging the Lord's powerful grace to flow into my child's life.

Ask the Lord Jesus to soften his heart, prepare a path for his conversion, and activate the Holy Spirit in his life.

Amen.

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Oración de Santa Mónica

St. Monica, Necesito tus oraciones. Sabes exactamente cómo me siento porque una vez lo sentiste tú misma. Estoy doliendo, desesperanzado y desesperado.

Deseo desesperadamente que mi hijo regrese a Cristo en su Iglesia, pero no puedo hacerlo solo.

Necesito la ayuda de Dios.

Por favor únete a mí a rogarle a la

Gracia poderosa del Señor que fluya en la vida de mi hijo.

Pídele al Señor Jesús que suavice su corazón, prepare un camino para su conversión y active el Espíritu Santo en su vida.

Amén.

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TODAY'S GOSPEL TEACHING

Jesus is that righteous and truly good man dreamed of by Plato and foretold by the Old Testament. Joined to His Divinity, His Humanity is entirely untouched by defect or evil. It was His goal in life to heal and restore our fallen humanity. This, He knew, would cost Him His life. It was through His Priestly offering of Himself that this would be accomplished. Jesus is savior, priest and victim. All the sacrifices of the Old Testament pointed towards the one definitive sacrifice of Calvary. The priesthood of the Old Testament was a foreshadowing of the high priesthood of Christ when at last He came. John the Baptist spoke for them when he said of Jesus "He must increase, I must decrease."

Pride and its consequences, dislocation and violence, are at the heart of humanity's rebellion against God. Pride, dislocation and violence have become the inherited spiritual traits of the human race. Only God has the power to heal such disaster, and only someone fully human could do it meaningfully. It was to heal us from the inside, as it were, that Jesus took on our humanity and suffered such a terrible death. God could have restored and healed everything by a simple act of will, but out of love for us, what can be termed solidarity, God became one of us and lived out the consequences to the full.

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LA ENSEÑANZA DEL EVANGELIO DE HOY

Jesús es el hombre justo y verdaderamente bueno, que fue predicho por el Antiguo Testamento y del cual Plato soñaba. Junto con su Divinidad, Su Humanidad estaba libre de defecto o maldad. Era su meta en la vida sanar y restaurar nuestra humanidad caída. Él sabía que ésto le

costaría Su vida. Era a través de este ofrecimiento que lo lograría. Jesús es salvador, sacerdote y víctima. Todos los sacrificios mencionados en el Antiguo Testamento señalan al sacrificio definitivo del Calvario. El sacerdocio del Antiguo Testamento era presagio del santo sacerdocio de Cristo cuando por fin llegó. Juan El Bautista hablaba de esto cuando dijo que "Él debe aumentar, y yo debo disminuir".

El orgullo y sus consecuencias, dislocación y violencia, están en el centro de la rebelión de la humanidad contra Dios. Estas se han convertido en los rasgos espirituales heredados por la humanidad. Solo Dios tiene el poder de sanar tal desastre y solo alguien humano lo podría hacerlo significativamente. Era para sanarnos desde adentro, que Jesús se apropió de nuestra humanidad y sufrió una muerte tan terrible. Dios podría haber restaurado y sanado todo simplemente con Su voluntad, pero por amor a nosotros, por ser solidario con nosotros, Dios se convirtió en uno de nosotros y vivió las consecuencias completamente.

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"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him take up his cross and follow me."

We might hesitate to consider the application of all this to our lives. However, Jesus makes it clear in His teaching what the application of "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him take up his cross and follow me." Left to ourselves, this would be a daunting, even impossible, task. However, through the help of Grace we can respond generously to this challenge. The Sacrament of Baptism conforms us spiritually to the cross and death of Christ, so we already have a disposition to follow Him. The Eucharist makes present His sacrificial death on Calvary, so that we can be strengthened by the power of Christ Himself. Through His victory over suffering and death, we are given the strength to bear our own cross. When we fail in His calling, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is there to heal us and restore us.

Does this mean we should seek out suffering and sorrow? Surely not! We are here to flourish, but in doing so

suffering will inevitably come our way. It is how we react to it that is crucial. We can accept and integrate it as part of our vocation to be fully human, or we can avoid it and resent it. In trying to become a fully good person we will come up against many difficulties. Some will be rooted in our own sins, others will be external temptations and difficulties. However, it is to this great vocation that Jesus is summoning us today.

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"Si alguien quiere ser mi seguidor, que tome su cruz y me siga"

Podemos dudar al considerar la aplicación de todo esto a nuestras vidas. Sin embargo, Jesús deja claro en su enseñanza lo que la aplicación de "Si alguien quiere ser mi seguidor, que tome su cruz y me siga". Para nosotros solos, esto sería una tarea desalentadora, incluso imposible. Sin embargo, gracias a la ayuda de la Gracia podemos responder generosamente a este reto. El sacramento del bautismo nos conforma espiritualmente a la cruz y a la muerte de Cristo, así que ya tenemos una disposición para seguirlo. La Eucaristía hace presente Su muerte en el Calvario, para que podamos ser fortalecidos por el poder de Cristo mismo. A través de Su victoria sobre el sufrimiento y la muerte, se nos da la fuerza para llevar nuestra propia cruz. Cuando fracasamos en Su llamado, el Sacramento de la Reconciliación está allí para sanarnos y restaurarnos.

¿Significa esto que debemos buscar el sufrimiento y el dolor? ¡Claro que no! Estamos aquí para florecer, pero al hacerlo, el sufrimiento inevitablemente vendrá a nuestro camino. Es la forma en que reaccionamos a ello que es crucial. Podemos aceptarlo e integrarlo como parte de nuestra vocación para ser plenamente humanos, o podemos evitarlo y resentirlo. Al tratar de convertirnos en una persona completamente buena, nos enfrentaremos a muchas dificultades. Algunos estarán arraigados en nuestros propios pecados, otros serán tentaciones externas y dificultades. Sin embargo, es a esta gran vocación que Jesús nos está convocando hoy.