



Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 24: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

“Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.”

-First Reading

Sirach 3>2-6, 12-14
The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. Sirach ran a school for young people in Jerusalem. In today’s passage, he advises his students on the proper way to honor their parents.

-Second Reading

Colossians 3.12-17
The letter to the Colossians was written around the year 80 A.D. a major concern in this letter is how the Christian community appears to outsiders. The author offers guidelines so that Christian families will live in such a way that others will notice the difference.

“Happiness is to be found only in the home and in the family circle where God is loved and honored, and everyone loves and helps and cares for the other.”

-St. Théophane Vénard

Mass Schedule & Intentions:

| Date | Time | Int | Name |
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| Sat. 12/28 | 9:00am (Stonyford) 5:00pm | | -All Souls |
| Sun. 12/29 | 9:00am 12:00pm | | 100-year birthday celebration for Mary Couto + Eleuteria Carrillo + Jose de Jesus Ocampo + Maria de Jesus Arias |
| Mon. 12/30 | 7:30am | | -All Souls |
| Tues. 12/31 | 7:30am | | -Liturgy |
| Wed. 01/01 | 4:00pm | | -All Souls |
| Thurs 01/02 | 7:30am | | -All Souls |
| Fri. 12/03 | 7:30am | | -All Souls |

The Feast of the Holy Family

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, in their faithfulness to God’s word and their unity in God’s love, are the model for all Christian families. The Church celebrates this day, not just to honor the holy family, but also to foster their emulation.

This day acknowledges the holiness of all families who commit themselves to live in the ways of God and embody the unity of Christ.

Let Us Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters:

Marvin Stites, Daniel Guldner, Charlie Hershkowitz, , Mary Couto, Gene Koon, Mike Niehues, Casey Moore, Canella Edgerly, Concepcion Ramirez, Olivia Ramirez, Florencia V., Janna Alves, for those with health complications, for the homeless and for all the intentions of the families not listed.



We Pray to the Lord.

St. Monica Parish News & Announcements:

- Complimentary YLI and Knights of Columbus calendars are here! Pick up your calendar at the Vestibule
- Parish Office will be closed January 1st, 2020 as it is Mary, Mother of God, a holy day of obligation.



Instead of our regular daily mass schedule held in the chapel we will be having Mass at the main church.

Masses will be 9:00 am in English 12 noon in Spanish.

Also, known to us as our New Year Mass.

One of the greatest joys of Christmas is having your whole family by your side to celebrate it with you. I wish you and your entire family a



Did you get your Little Blue Books?

How to use the Little Blue Book



Six minutes a day. That’s what you’re asked to give during these next 43 days — the 24 days of the Advent season, and the 19 days of the Christmas season.

Pick up yours today in the Vestibule and at every exit of our Church.

Did you Know about the Twelve Days of Christmas?

The Catholic Church celebrates the season of Christmas over a span of twelve days. The twelve days of Christmas begin on December 25 and end on January 5, the day before the feast of the Epiphany (which celebrates the day when the magi discovered Jesus). These two important feast days and the twelve days of Christmas give us time to celebrate Jesus’ birth at Mass and discover how we can bring his love to people in our everyday lives.

“The Twelve Days of Christmas” is a popular Christmas song. In the sixteenth century, the religious wars in England made it dangerous to be a Christian. The well-known song was used to teach children about the Catholic Church. Although the lyrics may sound like nonsense, the song actually contains hidden references:

A Partridge in a Pear Tree
Jesus

Two Turtle Doves
The Old and New Testaments

Three French Hens
The Three Theological Virtues:

Faith, Hope, and Love

Four Calling Birds
The Four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

Five Golden Rings
The First Five Books of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

Six Geese A-Laying
The Six Days of Creation

Seven Swans A-Swimming
The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord

Eight Maids A-Milking
The Eight Beatitudes:
1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
6. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
8. Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Nine Ladies Dancing
The Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control

Ten Lords A-Leaping
The Ten Commandments:
1. I am the Lord your God: You shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord’s day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.

Eleven Pipers Piping
The Eleven Faithful Apostles: Peter, Andrew, James the Elder, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the Younger, Simon, and Jude

Twelve Drummers Drumming
Twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles’ Creed:

1. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
2. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
3. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
4. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
5. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
6. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
7. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
8. the holy catholic Church,
9. the communion of saints,
10. the forgiveness of sins,
11. the resurrection of the body,
12. and life everlasting. Amen.

Thank you for your generosity and your contribution to Saint Monica Parish!

December 22, 2019:
Weekend Mass Offerings: \$2,725.50

Second collection
Religious Retirement Collection: \$574.00