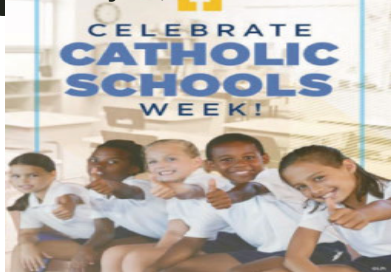


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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open
8:00 am—5:00 pm. Mon.,
Tues. & Thurs & 8:00
am— Noon on Wed. & Fri.

MASSES: 7 days a week

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

and 10:45 a.m.

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: We, the parish of St. Monica, work to create a Christlike family, welcoming all people where one encounters a loving God, by serving the spiritual, educational and social needs of the community.

BAPTISM: Please make arrangements in advance. Baptisms are performed on Sundays, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. Mass. Pre-Baptismal instruction is required for parents. Please call the Parish Office for time of next scheduled class.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Adults and school-age children seeking full membership in the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist can make an appt. to continue their conversion process by calling the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION: Opportunities to celebrate God's forgiveness in one's life are available on Saturday afternoons from 3:15-3:45 p.m. Individual appointments with a Priest can be arranged.

MATRIMONY: The Diocese of Cleveland requires a 6-month preparation period for marriage. Call the Parish Office to set your wedding date and plan your celebration.

CONFIRMATION: Any adult or high school student needing Confirmation, please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Celebrated upon request. Call the Parish Office to make arrangements with one of our Priests.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please call the Parish Office to register.

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Provides Catholic education for students K-8. School hrs.: 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. *Before & After Care* available. Mrs. Lisa Oriti, *School Principal*

EUCCHARIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Parish Team and Staff Members visit the homebound on a monthly basis. If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive communion, call the Parish Office.



LITURGY SCHEDULE
Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 30

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 People of the Parish

10:45 Dorothy Perchinske

Monday, January 31

Saint John Bosco, Priest & Religious Founder

8:00 James Baroni, Anthony & Josephine Russo & Edward & Elizabeth Baroni

Tuesday, February 1

Weekday

8:00 Ellen & Tom

Wednesday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 Judy Podwojski

Thursday, February 3

Weekday

8:00 John Flaherty, Barbara Flaherty & Ann Gotsky

Friday, February 4

Weekday

8:00 Ray Nadolski

Saturday, February 5

Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

3:15 Confessions

4:00 Dennis Woloszynek

Sunday, February 6

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 People of the Parish

10:45 Living & Deceased of the Terri & Ray Hanzlick Family

Pastoral Scene

The Journey of 1000 Miles

My first weekend at St. Monica Church took place on the First Sunday of Advent 1999. At the Masses that weekend, I briefly spoke some words of introduction, which began with a quote for the ancient Chinese philosopher, Lau Tzu: *“The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”*

Over the last 22 years, we have journeyed far and well together. We reached a number of summits and struggled through a few valleys. We made a lot of new dear friends, and together we’ve said goodbye to some loved ones as well. Although I only planned on being at St. Monica Church for a short time, I’m thankful that we’ve been together this long, and am truly grateful for all your kindness and support throughout the years.

The weekend before I began my ministry here, I clandestinely attended Mass. As I sat in the back of the church, I was astounded by how many people greeted me and made me feel welcome even though they didn’t know me.

St. Monica parish is an incredibly wonderful community! As a family of believers, you truly model what a parish community is all about. You worship well together. You work and play well together. And, while every family has a little fracas from time to time, the kindness and compassion that you show toward each other in general is unparalleled in any other of my experiences.

That all being said, we’ve come to a fork in the road, our paths now seem to be pointing in different directions – and the time has come to go our separate ways. Please know that this community will always be in my thoughts and prayers.

My wish for you comes from the Book of Numbers (Nm 6:24-26): *“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”*

Until our paths cross again -
Godspeed,
Bob Soeder.

Please keep in your prayers the following members of our Parish Community:



Allen Yakich, Charles Seufert, Patricia Votava, Michael Walker, Marianne Toma, Anthony Lupica, Madison Jacob, Mike Wyrzykowski, Jan Angus, Larry Piechowiak, Toni Oden, Veronica Mayak

The names will remain in the bulletin for two weeks. Please call the parish office if your name or a loved one’s name needs to be added to the list. If you have a special intention you would like remembered in prayer, please call Lillian Neptune (216) 662-5464.



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the families and friends of: **Christine Amino** who were recently buried. May they, and all of our dearly departed, rest in peace.

A Letter of Reference from the Poor

"Nobody gets to heaven without a letter of reference from the poor!" Is an axiom attributed to James Forbes, The pastor of Riverside Church in New York City. James Forbes based this statement on Matthew 25, the famous text about the Last Judgment where Jesus tells us that when we stand before the great King on the day of judgment, we will be asked only one set of questions and they all will have to do with how we treated the poor.

Since there was no surprised outcry at what Jesus preached in Matthew 25, this belief must have been imbedded in the history of Israel. It so intrigued me that I decided to go back to the Old Testament to learn how those in Israel cared for those they considered 'the poor'. It was an instructive journey!

Until the Israelites entered Canaan – the promised land – they were slaves themselves– they were 'the poor' and owned nothing! Once Israel conquered Canaan however, the land was divided among eleven of the twelve tribes who would serve as stewards of the land, but not its owners. Leviticus specified that the land belonged to God, and the Israelites were only its tenants.

God set specific guidelines that would govern their stewardship and the prophets preached God's message, namely: *"The quality of your faith will be judged by the quality of justice in the land. And the quality of justice in the land will always be judged by how "widows, orphans, and strangers" are faring while you are alive.* "The phrase, "widows, orphans, and strangers", was code for the three weakest, most-vulnerable groups in society at the time.

Leviticus further specified what was to be done to provide food for the most vulnerable. Farmers were to leave the edges of their fields unharvested, should not pick up produce which was dropped (gleanings), and should not harvest any over-looked produce that had been forgotten when they harvested the majority of a field. Leviticus added that in vineyards, some grapes should be left un-gathered. Olive trees were to be harvested only once, and whatever remained on the trees was left for widows, strangers, and orphans to pick. In the eyes of the great prophets of Israel, as well as for Jesus, we will ultimately be judged, religiously and morally, on how the poorest of the poor fared while we were alive.

What Jesus asks of us is simply that we see the poor as our brothers and sisters. As one who was present after the 10:45 Mass on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, I was greatly impressed with the gifts donated for the less fortunate of the parish. Sponsored by the Vincent De-Paul Society the gifts reflected donations from many individuals throughout the parish. Kudos to both groups!

When I look at poverty in the world, I ask myself what can one person do in the face of all the global issues of injustice that beset us? My answer came from a very holy friend who said, "Make sure that you always have at least one concrete poor person in your life to who you are specifically attending. A single letter of reference from the poor is better than no letter at all."

Sandwich Saturday

Join us Saturday **February 5th**, beginning at **9:00 am** in the lower level of the Parish Office. Any questions, call the Parish Office, 216-662-8685. All are invited to join the fun.



Good Samaritan Fund

In the month of February you will be receiving a new envelope in your packet entitled: **The Good Samaritan Fund**. This monthly envelope will be used to assist the families of our parishioners with their tuition payments for Catholic Education, and to help parish families who have special financial needs.

We would greatly appreciate your support of this worthwhile fund which has been in place for several years to continue helping our parishioners. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Fr. Thomas Haren

Bakeless Bake Sale

Again, this year we will be holding our Bakeless Bake Sale. Envelopes will be passed out at the February meeting and then collected at our March meeting. Envelopes will also be available in Church and at the Parish Office in case you or someone you know couldn't make it to the meeting to get one. Your Bakeless Bake Sale donations can also be turned in through the Church collection basket, dropped off at the Parish Office, or given to any Guild Board member. If you don't get one of our envelopes, just make sure your envelope is clearly marked "Guild Bakeless Bake Sale." Also, if you choose to write a check, please make it payable to "St. Monica Guild." Thank you in advance for your participation in this fundraiser, and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact either one of us.

Religion Question of the Week

(Answer on page 4)

In the Old Testament, who were the two children of Jacob and Rachel?

Did You Know?

Did you know that St Benedict Catholic School has one of the 67 Pre-Schools in the Diocese of Cleveland?

One Liner: "In God we trust; all others pay cash."

 **ActivitiesCALENDAR**

MONDAY, January 31

4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
 4:15 p.m. Walking Group (J)
 7:00 p.m. HN Board Meeting (F)

TUESDAY, February 1

2:00 p.m. Senior Board Meeting (F)
 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
 6:30 p.m. Guild Board Meeting (F)

WEDNESDAY, February 2

3:00 p.m. Living Stations Practice (g)
 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
 7:00 p.m. G.A. Mtg. (+)

THURSDAY, February 3

3:00 p.m. Living Stations Practice (+)
 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
 6:00 p.m. Set up Sandwich Saturday (J)
 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (F)

FRIDAY, February 4

3:00 Set up Junior High Dance (c/g)
 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)

SATURDAY, February 5

9:00 Sandwich Saturday (J)
 11:00 a.m. Reconciliation & 1st Communion Prep (F)
 6:00 p.m. Junior High Valenines Dance (c/g)

SUNDAY, February 6

10:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts (c)
 7:00 p.m. A.A. (AR)

STEWARDSHIP

January 23, 2022

Sunday Offering.....	\$ 5,228.00
St. Monica Fund.....	\$ 235.00
Misc. Special Envelopes.....	\$ 107.00
Latin America/El Salvador.....	\$ 459.00

Please continue to mail in your donations, donate online or drop off at the office. You can also drop your donation in the baskets in church. Thank you for your continued support.

Collection for the Church in Latin America

Thank you for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$459.00 which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/latin-america and click "How to Give." Your gift makes a difference!

Fashion Show/Luncheon Update

Tickets are now available for our Fashion Show/Luncheon on April 10, 2022! Price is \$25 per ticket with menu choices of Chicken Marsala, Roast Beef or Baked Whitefish with salad, vegetable, rolls, dessert and beverage. Celebrate the Sunshine with us (*Tout est Jaune!*) for a great meal and fun time! You can purchase tickets at our Guild meeting and/or by contacting Marlyn Praznik at 216-218-2482. Get your tickets early for the best table selection!

Answer to This Week's Religion Question

In the Old Testament, who were the two children of Jacob and Rachel?

Answer: Joseph and Benjamin



"Bring it to the Bin!"



Items accepted in your recycling containers:

-  Newspapers  Mail  Phonebooks
-  Office and School Paper
-  Magazines  Catalogs
-  Brown Paper Bags  Cardboard
-  Hard and Soft Bound Books



Impact the Earth!
Community Recycling!



Sunday Grief Support Groups

3rd Sunday of each month

3 pm In-Office

5 pm Virtual Meeting

*Please join us for an hour of sharing, listening, learning,
and healing along your grief journey.*

Your RSVP is greatly appreciated. Please RSVP to rabrams@decem.org or 216-930-4866.

2022 Meeting Dates

January 16	July 17
February 20	August 21
March 20	September 18
April 24	October 16
May 15	November 20
June 26	December 18

Locations

(Cemetery Offices)

St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon

Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron

Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park

Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland

All Saints Cemetery, Northfield

All Souls Cemetery, Chardon

The CCA follows guidance set by the [CDC](#), the [State of Ohio](#), and the [Diocese of Cleveland](#) regarding COVID-19 protocols.



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION
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February 2022 - Jesuit Retreat Center Programs & Retreats

Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134. <https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org>

February Sabbath Days - a Personal Retreat Day.

Tuesday, February 10 from 8:30am - 3:30pm. Come and spend a day of renewal and prayer at the Jesuit Retreat Center. You will have access to the wonderful spaces both inside and outside the retreat center. We'll set aside one of our small group/spiritual direction rooms for your personal use. We'll provide a nutritious and simple lunch, along with endless coffee or tea. You are welcome here... Cost: \$50

February Morning Prayer for Women. Monday, February 14 from 9:30 - 11:00am. Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C., this prayer group will refresh your spirit and help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Just bring your Bible and come as you are! Cost: \$10

Ignatian Themes - Praying with Ignatius of Loyola.

Friday, February 25, 5:00pm - Sunday, February 27, 11:00am. *Presented by Bill Hobbs and Fr. Paul O'Connor, SJ.* Through his own experience of prayer and reflection after his conversion, Ignatius of Loyola came to the belief that each person could have a direct experience and intimate relationship with God. During the weekend, through presentations, small and large group conversation, and time for individual and collective prayer, you will have the opportunity, in a welcoming and prayerful environment, to become more aware of our ever-present God and to assist you in finding God in all things. Cost: \$200

The Temptations of Jesus - A Sacred Art Retreat.

Saturday, February 26 from 9:00am - 12:00pm. *Presented by Lee MattanoPalencar.* "Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil." We, too, are in the wilderness and are tempted by the devil. And, we are led by the Spirit... Together, as we pray and reflect on the Word and beautiful images, we will see how Jesus, by his example in wisdom, faith, and hope, leads us from the wilderness into his arms and those of his ministering angels. Cost: \$30

Cinema and Conversation: Walking the Camino - Six Ways to Santiago. Monday, February 28 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Join us at Jesuit Retreat Center each month for films that inspire and entertain. *Walking the Camino - Six Ways to Santiago* tells the story of walking the ancient 500-mile pilgrimage across northern Spain known as 'The Camino de Santiago'. Free will offering.

St. Ignatius High School is offering a brief introduction to Latin, French, and Mandarin languages and their cultures for young men in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. The courses are held on Saturdays. The Mandarin course runs from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., the French course runs from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. and the Latin course runs from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. The sessions begin Saturday, February 12th and end on Saturday, March 5th. The courses are FREE!!! Register online at www.ignatius.edu/grade_school. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Joseph Zebrak at 651-0222 ext. 2453 or e-mail jzebrak@ignatius.edu before the courses begin.



**THEOLOGY * ON * THE
ROCKS * WEST
FOR ADULTS 40 & OVER**

Monday, February 14 – 7:00pm
NEW LOCATION: LA CENTRE 25777 DETROIT ROAD
Speaker: Jennifer Ricard,
Executive Director of *Theology of the Body Cleveland*



This month we invited Jennifer Ricard to join us and share an introduction to Pope John Paul II Theology of the Body. **Human Love & the Divine Plan.** How we are created in the image of God and what our calling, as physical beings here on Earth, is to fulfill God's unique and beautiful design for us.

***** **NEW LOCATION*******

La Centre 25777 Detroit Road in Westlake- right off of 190. Cost is \$15 per person- includes light appetizer - Cash bar. Pay online or at the door- Be sure to RSVP either way. **Register in advance** at: www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west

Join us every Thursday at 6:00 pm in Church as we pray the Rosary. All are invited.



ST. MONICA GUILD
THE GRAPEVINE 2022



Board Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 1 - 6:30 p.m.

Jennings Social: Wednesday, Feb. 16 – 1:30 p.m.

Membership Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 17 - 6:30 p.m.

“Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing.”

~St. Therese of Lisieux

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

SUE KOLO – 216-536-7680 / 330-467-5972

February is the month in which we traditionally celebrate Valentine’s Day. On the 14th of the month, we give cards, flowers, or candy to those we love. We might even go out for, or make, a special dinner to share. We love these people every day, but we try to do something special for them on this designated day in keeping with a long-celebrated tradition. I was thinking maybe this year, if you don’t do something already, you might think of something special you could do to celebrate the unconditional love that God gives to us every day. God first loved us and showed us the greatest love through His Son, Jesus Christ. Whatever it is you decide to do that shows God how much you love Him, it doesn’t necessarily have to be done on Valentine’s Day. **Any day is a good day to do something special for the One you love.**

Now, I would just like to say I am sorry our January meeting was canceled. I was getting messages that some members would not be coming because of the weather, and the forecast for that evening was not good. So, for the safety of all our members who might have tried to venture out, I felt it was best to cancel. I hope to see you all at our February meeting and that it will be much better weather. Wishing you all a very **Happy Valentine’s Day!**

God Bless and Stay Safe!

Sue

PROGRAM

DIANE HOJNOWSKI – 440-232-2962

Unfortunately, Old Man Winter had caused us to miss out on what I am sure would have been a wonderful meeting with Garfield Heights Mayor, Matt Burke. Hopefully, we can get him to agree to another time to come and entertain us with his singing. You can be sure he will be asked to come back.

All aboard! Our February guest speaker will be Daniel Prhne, who has been a volunteer on the Cuyahoga Valley Railroad for 10 years. I am sure he has interesting stories to tell and will keep us informed about anything new with the railroad. The Cuyahoga Valley Railroad is a treasure in our own backyard. Maybe he will entice someone to become a volunteer too! **All are welcome to join us on Thursday, February 17th, at 6:30pm in the St. Benedict School Cafeteria.**

BAKELESS BAKE SALE

KATHY ZACK – 216-650-2158 / MARYLOU KRAWCZYK – 216-407-7152

Again, this year we will be holding our **Bakeless Bake Sale**. Envelopes will be passed out at the February meeting and collected at the March meeting. Envelopes will be available in Church or at the Parish Office (if you can't make the meeting). Donation envelopes can be returned in the Church collection basket, dropped at the Parish Office, or given to any Guild Board Member, **just be sure to mark your envelope ATTENTION GUILD BAKELESS BAKE SALE**; additionally, **if you choose to write a check, please make it payable to St. Monica Guild**. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy or MaryLou. Thank you in advance for participating in this fundraiser.

FASHION SHOW/LUNCHEON

MARLYN PRAZNIK – 216-218-2482



Come Celebrate the Sunshine!
at
Our 36th Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show

Purchase your ticket for the **St. Monica Guild Fashion Show/Luncheon on April 10, 2022**. Ticket price is \$25. Menu choice of Chicken Marsala, Roast Beef or Baked Whitefish, with salad, vegetable, roll, dessert and beverage. Celebrate the Sunshine with us (Tout est Jaune!) for a great meal and fun time! **Tickets can be purchased at our Guild Meeting and/or by contacting Marlyn.**

Get your tickets early for the best table selection!

SUNSHINE

BARB OKUROWSKI – 216-406-3731

Please remember to let me know if there is a member you think might need a little cheer. Stay warm and healthy. **Happy Valentine's Day!**

TRAVELING MADONNA

RITA STANOWICK 216-662-1513 / ROSEMARY WELICH 216-410-5003

The Traveling Madonna is visiting with Rita Stanowick through the month of January. She will then travel to the home of Janie Dahlhausen to visit for the month of February, and continue her travels in March for a visit with Petie Sigmund. If you would like to schedule a visit to your home, please call Rita Stanowick or Rosemary Welich.

JENNINGS SOCIAL

LAURA MUROWSKY- 216-587-2172

I'm sorry to say we had to cancel our January Jennings Social due to lack of volunteers and inclement weather. The residents/friends so look forward to us visiting and sharing an hour of fun with them! If you are interested in helping, we meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, we start at 1:30 p.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. **You must be fully vaccinated (2 shots), and must wear a mask.** If you have any questions, please contact Laura Murowsky (216)587-2172 or Sue Kolo (216)536-7680. Hoping to see some new faces join us!

WISHING ALL OUR MEMBERS A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Zack	Feb. 4 th	Kathy Rowinski	Feb. 5 th	Betty Jacob	Feb. 5 th
Rita Toronski	Feb. 6 th	Rosemary Welich	Feb. 8 th	Alice Stachowiak	Feb. 12 th
Nancy Simpson	Feb. 12 th	Ruth Polak	Feb. 13 th	Marva Drozell	Feb. 13 th
Sue Kovach	Feb. 16 th	Jan DiNardo	Feb. 24 th		

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Editor: Sue Medvetz

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

The word of the LORD came to me, saying: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you. But do you gird your loins; stand up and tell them all that I command you. Be not crushed on their account, as though I would leave you crushed before them; for it is I this day who have made you a fortified city, a pillar of iron, a wall of brass, against the whole land: against Judah's kings and princes, against its priests and people. They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 71:1-6, 15, 17

I will sing of your salvation.

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, and deliver me; incline your ear to me, and save me.

Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety, for you are my rock and my fortress. O my God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked.

For you are my hope, O Lord; my trust, O God, from my youth. On you I depend from birth; from my mother's womb you are my strength.

My mouth shall declare your justice, day by day your salvation. O God, you have taught me from my youth, and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds.

SECOND READING 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13

Brothers and sisters: Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in human and angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL Lk 4:21-30

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(JOURNEYSONGS)

ENTRANCE CHANT 709 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us your humble dwelling; All your faithful mercies crown. Jesus, source of all compassion, Love unbounded, love all pure; Visit us with your salvation, Let your love in us endure.
2. Come, almighty to deliver; Let us all your life receive; Suddenly return and never, Never more your temples leave. Lord, we would be always blessing, Serve you as your hosts above, Pray, and praise you without ceasing, Glory in your precious love.

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PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS instrumental

COMMUNION CHANT 710 Ubi Caritas

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

1. We gather together in the love of Christ; let each one be glad in him and rejoice. Our God is alive, the God of love is near; so love one another with a heart sincere.
2. We, the many, become one body as the Spirit binds, and we seek to be one in Christ and one in heart and mind.
3. Then, joined with the blessed, filled with hope and grace, dear Lord, in great glory may we see your face. Our joy none can measure, joy that knows no end, resounding from endless age to age. Amen.

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1. With one voice the angels sing songs that make creation ring. Prophets hear and call us to live in spirit and in truth.
2. God the Father, Elohim, voice of thunder, spirit, wind: breathe on me your very life; grace will make the darkness bright.

Word of God, enthroned, dwell in us forever more. Love has come to show the way. Hallelujah, peace be with us. Love has come to show the way.

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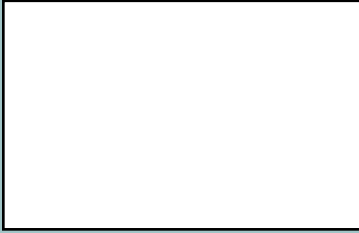

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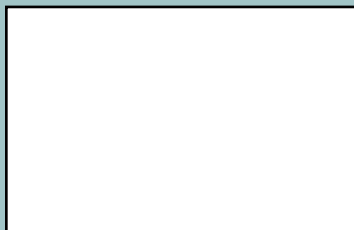
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