



St. Monica

June 4, 2023

Catholic Church



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is
open 8:00 am—5:00 pm.
Monday - Thursday and
8:00 am— Noon on
Friday

MASSES: 7 days a week
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
and 10:45 a.m.
Monday-Friday: 8:00a.m.

Bulletin Announcements due to
srjoyce@saintmonicachurch.net
by NOON on Friday

PARISH CLERGY

Rev. John J. Mullee, **Pastor**
Rev. Theodore Marszal,
Senior Parochial Vicar
Stan Drozell, **Deacon**

PASTORAL STAFF

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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**

Sunday, June 4

The Most Holy Trinity

9:00 People of the Parish

10:45 Richard Lenczewski

Monday, June 5

St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 Sisters Kathleen Raines & Jacqueline Wilson

Tuesday, June 6

Weekday

8:00 Thaddeus & Irene Rowinski

Wednesday, June 7

Weekday

8:00 Living & deceased of Veronica Tabaj Family

Thursday, June 8

Weekday

8:00 Raymond Akuszcwski

Friday, June 9

Weekday

8:00 All Souls

Saturday, June 10

Weekday3

4:00 Terry Lew3

Sunday, June 11

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

9:00 Anthony Rosa & Josephine Acino

10:45 People of the Parish

Pastoral Scene

St. Benedict Catholic School

As we complete our eleventh year, I want to personally thank Fr. Miola, Fr. Mullee, our Board members, teachers, staff, parents, parishioners, and students for their contribution in making St. Benedict Catholic School an amazing place to learn and grow in our faith! We have traveled this journey together, and all that we have accomplished would not have been possible without your prayers and support.

This year, we were able to return to precovid normalcy. Our students attended several field trips, joined several competitions at the Diocesan level, and we had our first school performance since 2019! This was the first time for many of our students to collaborate with others inside and outside of the classroom since the start of the pandemic. We are proud of our staff members for making these opportunities available to our St. Benedict students.

Our students have been able to visit the zoo, bowling, Hale Farm, Rock River Nature Center, the history and science museums and go rock climbing. Th graders toured Columbus and our 8th graders had a wonderful trip to Washington DC! Being able to experience these field trips in person have created lasting memories for our students and staff.

St. Benedict students participated in several STEM based competitions this year with great success. In March, St. Benedict co-hosted the X-STREAM Mini-Games. This is an engineering and design based competition. Our students competed in either the Lego Design challenge or the Creative Cardboard Arcade challenge.

Our first grade students participated in the first Diocean sponsored Guppy Tank with the theme of "Ideas for Good." Students worked in small groups to identify areas of need in our school or local communities. They then brainstormed solutions for making a change and positive impact to those identified areas. The projects were focusing on improving our school playground, improving our cafeteria, and hosting a book swap event to encourage reading.

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Marriage Banns

II Arlene Dostie and Scott Charlton

Party at the Pavilion

Thursday, June 8th 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.



ActivitiesCALENDAR

Monday, June 5

- 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
- 4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J)
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Name Meeting & Cookout (p)
- 7:00 p.m. Coin Club Meeting (AR)

Tuesday, June 6

- 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
- 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (F)

Wednesday, June 7

- 3:00 p.m. Set Up Party at the Pavilion (p)
- 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
- 6:30 p.m. Guild Board Meeting (F)
- 6:30 p.m. G.A. Meeting (p)

Thursday, June 8

- 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)
- 4:15 p.m. Walking Class (J)
- 5:00 p.m. Party at the Pavilion (p)

Friday, June 9

- 4:00 p.m. Athletic Practice (g)

Saturday, June 10

- 8:30 a.m. Men of the Vine (ocu 1&2)
- 9:00 a.m. Syriac Orthodox Church (J)

Sunday, June 11

- 7:30 p.m. A.A. (c)

STEWARDSHIP

May 28, 2023

May 28th collection information will be in next weeks bulletin due to early bulletin publication Deadline

Please note our average weekly expenses are \$13,546.00

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.



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

- Lisa Bielawski, Gaylene Bielawski, Special Intention, Joanne Reddinger, Anne Buchwald, Nikki Avalon, Andon Siegmyer, Lisa Kuzniakowski, Special Intention, Terry Budd,

The names will remain in the bulletin for two months. 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 all who have recently died. May they and all of the dearly departed, rest in peace.



Party at the Pavilion
This Thursday, June 8th
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Don't Miss the Party
If You Do
We will Miss You



50th Anniversary of the Priesthood

The Ordination Class of 1973 will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary to the Priesthood this year.

Father Thomas Haren, a member of this class, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 11th, at 12:00 noon at St. Michaels Church in Independence, Ohio. All are invited to attend this special occasion.

ANNIVERSARY MASS



St. Monica Holy Name Society

It has been 2 years since I started my term as St. Monica HNS President, in the moment time seems to pass slowly, but looking back you think where does the time go. Many thanks to my current board and support from our members for the unending help they provided to me. I leave the presidency with a full heart.

Our new board, starting in September will consist of Dave Kolo - President, Ben Welich - Vice President, Joe Vishey - Secretary. I will remain on the board in the Treasurers role. Good luck to the new HNS Board for 2023-2024.

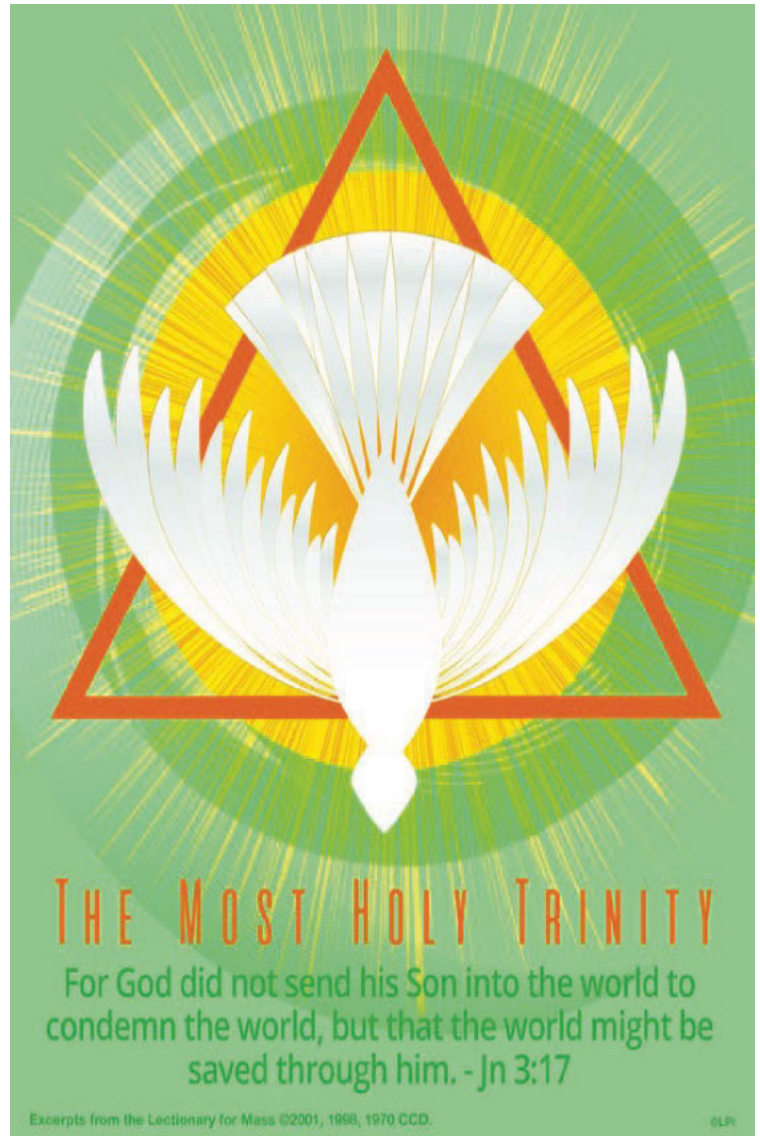
We continue to struggle with our membership numbers. I strongly urge the men of the parish to join our society. Please attend our final cookout at 6pm on June 5th in the parish pavilion, We also invite the members of the ushers and Tri-M to join us that evening.

Our current members continue to get older. In the past 2 years we have had (6) member deaths that we have held HNS prayer services for. May their souls rest in peace.

Please continue to support our Society and Church by purchasing \$1000 dollar raffle tickets and joining our 250 Club. Proceeds of these groups allows our organization to help fund maintenance projects in the parish.

Two summer programs our Society will support, The Right to Life Movement and the presence of Christ in the Eucharist at Communion, some Catholics only recognize it as a symbol which is untrue.

I would finally like to thank our membership body for allowing me to serve as your President, I will always work to keep our Holy Name Society in good standing. Thank you, Paul W. Lysobey.



Please Help Feed A Family Today: SVDP Race for Hunger Relief Matching Gift Appeal During the months of May and June

Please help us prevent hunger. The need is great.

Rising food costs and decreases in the government's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) have resulted in numerous additional families in need of hunger relief at our food pantries for the very first time.

This includes both seniors and working families.

But YOU can make a difference with your donation to our matching gift campaign.

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Donate at: svdpcle.org or mail your check to:
St. Vincent de Paul Society Race for Hunger Relief,
1404 East 9th Street-3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114.

Thank You!

Pastoral Scene continued

Several of our eighth grade students participated in the Northeast Ohio Pitch Competition presented by the Young Entrepreneurs Institute. The pitch challenge helps students to develop creativity, problem solving, critical thinking, and presentation skills. This competition prepares students for 21st century careers as it develops their workforce readiness skills. The competitors had to develop a business plan for a product or service and then record a pitch highlighting their product or service.

Outside of these wonderful STEM based competition opportunities, our students have been growing in their knowledge and skills in the classroom through the use of project based learning and technology. In our STREAM program students had the opportunity to use tools like BeeBot Robots, Sphero Robots, Bloxels Video Game Design, BreakoutEdu, Snap Circuits, 3D pens, Play Doh Touch, MakeyMakey, Make-Do and so much more! We look forward to participating in more STEM based competitions next year and continuing to prepare our students for their future careers!

As we look towards the 2023-2024 school year, several exciting projects will take place this summer. Our school library will be transformed to an exciting, cozy, and inviting reading environment. Our teachers will have the opportunity to bring their classes to this newly redesigned space to encourage and develop a love of reading.

An additional project in the building will take place in the Augustine Room found in the lower level of the main campus. This area will become a new and remodeled STEM classroom with a makerspace. This space will be utilized by our STEM and classroom teachers. Having this space available will allow for our students to use their creativity and imagination to work on projects that could lead to future competitions.

St. Benedict Early Learning Center and Daycare ended the school year strong! We started our school year with the theme of Kindness Counts, where students and staff were encouraged to be caught being kind. Kindness surely did overtake the Early Learning Center with 377 acts of kindness by the end of the year. We found that kindness was contagious and very habit forming. Congratulations and continue to show your kindness to others.

May also means graduations and transitions to new programs. We have 44 kindergarten students participating in graduation this year! 32 preschool students are either transitioning to our preschool two program or kindergarten in the fall. Our infants are growing by leaps and bounds by making the jump to our toddler program. It is amazing to see how much growth academically, socially, and physically happens with St. Benedict's littlest eagles throughout the school year. We are proud of our teachers and staff for making the Early Learning Center a nurturing environment for our students and families.

We look forward to continuing on our journey together as we grow in God's goodness and love.

Mrs. Oriti

**Join in the Fun and Fellowship
Party at the Pavilion**

Thursday, June 8th from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Free Entertainment provided by: The PopTarts
+ Food & Drinks + 50/50 Raffle + Fun for all!

Bring your lawn chairs and join us for the evening
(Picnic tables available at the pavilion.) Rain or Shine.

All are invited

Special thanks to all our Sponsors.





SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS



Please pray for the Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese

Please join us in praying for the following seminarians this week:

Monday: Christopher Martin

Tuesday: **Nathan Menkhaus** (parishioner)

Wednesday: William Reed

Thursday: Joseph Rohan

Friday: Zachary Smith

Saturday: Joshua Stecz

Sunday: Pray for All Parents of Priests

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We need your help!

It takes about 1,400 volunteers to make The FEST possible.

We need all sorts of help from setting up the grounds on the days before, to singing in The FEST Choir, to working one of the food or activity booths.

We need you.

Help us create an amazing day for our Diocese. Not only are you doing something amazing for others...volunteers get a FREE FEST 2023 T-Shirt, FEST lanyard, and bottle of water!

To learn more or sign up to help go to www.theFEST.us/volunteer.

Party at the Pavilion

THIS

Thursday

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.



**THE
POP
TARTS**

ANNUAL GLOBAL ROSARY RELAY FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS

The Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests will take place on June 16, 2023, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Each of the participating prayer location countries prays a particular mystery of the Rosary at a specific allocated time on the day in thanksgiving to God for our priests and to implore the protection and loving care of Our Lady, Mother of all priests, for all her priestly sons. (worldpriest.com)

JOIN US AT
OUR LADY OF LOURDES SHRINE
IN EUCLID, OHIO

JUNE 16, 2023 at NOON
in THE GROTTA

(in Church if weather is inclement)

WHERE WE WILL JOIN THE ROSARY RELAY
AM1260 THE ROCK will be broadcasting from the Shrine for those who cannot join in person.

The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart Diocesan Center will have the annual Mass of Reparation

to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 16th at 7pm at St. Therese Church, 5276 E. 105th Street, Garfield Heights.

All are invited to attend this special Mass on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to make public reparation to the Sacred Heart and ask Jesus' help for all our families, our Church, and our world.

We will pray the rosary at 6:30pm.

Call Donna 440.232.7725 or Marlene 216.447.9375 for more information. All are welcome!

ST. MONICA GUILD
THE GRAPEVINE 2023



Board Meeting: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 - 6:30 p.m.

HAPPY FLAG DAY - JUNE 14TH

Jennings Social: NO SOCIAL UNTIL SEPTEMBER

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS DINNER and

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: THURSDAY, JUNE 15 - 6:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

It has been my honor to serve as Guild President for the past two years. I am deeply grateful to the Ladies who came to meetings and shared their friendship and ideas and to those who helped in any way with our successful fundraisers. And I am equally grateful to those members who may no longer be physically able to come to our meetings and events, but still support us through their membership dues, purchases, donations and prayers. It takes all of us to make the St. Monica Ladies Guild the notable and vibrant presence that we are in our parish and community. A big thank you to the Standing Committee members for jobs well done! I hope to see many of you back next year. And a heartfelt thanks to the members of the Executive Board. You are a kind and supportive group of Ladies and it was truly an honor to work with each of you. Our last gathering for this year will be our Installation Dinner on Thursday, June 15th, when our next President, Mandy Corsi, and the rest of the new Executive Board will be officially installed. I know we can look forward to a wonderful year with these Ladies at the head table. Please join me in giving them your full support. I hope everyone has an enjoyable, healthy, and safe summer, and then we'll see you in September!

God's Blessings to you and yours,

Sue

PROGRAM

DIANE HOJNOWSKI – 440-292-6369

Thank you to all who attended our Rosary and May Crowning. A special thank you to Rita Stanowick, who for many years has been the caretaker of our Traveling Madonna, and who crowned our Blessed Mother this year. Congratulations to our newly elected Executive Board members who will be installed on Thursday, June 15th, at our Installation Dinner, which will be held in the St. Benedict School Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. Please contact me to purchase your dinner ticket by June 1st, so I can give the caterer a final count of those attending the Installation Dinner. I want to give a thank you to all my board members and guild members for all your help, support, and kindness during these past two years. A special thank you to Sue Medvetz, the Grapevine Editor, for all her help with my articles.

CARNATION SALE

KATIE MEDVETZ- 216-215-0344

I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who helped with the Carnation Sale. A big THANK YOU to everyone who purchased flowers and for the many donations we received additionally, making our fundraiser a huge success. Regretfully, we ran out of flowers after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Our net proceeds were \$500.43. Thank you for supporting our Guild!

ROSARY CHAIN

CHRISTINE PAYNTER 216-475-4205

Long time Guild member, **Ruth Balewski**, lost her husband **Chet**, on **May 11, 2023**. Ruth and Chet were very active parishioners of St. Monica. Chet was an Usher, a member of the Holy Name Society, as well as a member of the Catholic War Veterans. His wake was May 18, 2023, at Fortuna Funeral Home in Independence, Ohio. His funeral Mass was at St. Monica Church, on May, 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Please keep the Balewski family in your prayers, as well as all of our dearly departed members and their families.

SUNSHINE

BARB OKUROWSKI – 216-406-3731

Prayers and Sympathies were extended at the funeral home to member, **Ruth Balewski** on the loss of her husband, Chet. **Get well/Thinking of You** greetings were also sent to **Connie Nadolski**, who is convalescing at home from a fractured femur. Please keep Ruth and Connie in your prayers. May June bring you health, happiness and lots of sunshine. Please continue to keep me posted over the summer of any members in need of a **little extra sunshine!**

TRAVELING MADONNA

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

The Traveling Madonna visited with **Rosemary Welich (216-410-5003)** in **May**. She will be visiting in the home of **Viola Peterre (call Mary Lu 216-313-9723)** for the month of **June**, and will continue her travels to the home of **Bernadette Cermak (216-581-6070)** in the month of **July**. If you would like to schedule a visit to your home, please call **Rita or Rosemary**.

JENNINGS SOCIAL

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

Our last visit of this year to Jennings was on Wednesday, May 17th, and it was one of the largest groups that we have had the pleasure of visiting with this year. Thirty-four residents came to play Bingo and enjoy the fun and interaction with our volunteers. **Thank you to volunteers Laura Murowsky, Kathy August, Mary McFeely, and Dave Kolo for joining me that afternoon.** It is always nice to see the smiling faces of the residents who come to play, especially when they win a game of Bingo! And they do enjoy the sugar-free candy treats we provide as well. **Think about joining us when we start up our visits again in September.** Watch the September Grapevine for details. Have a great summer!



JUNE, JULY, AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Mileti	Jun 11 th	Denise Begin	Jun 20 th	Jean Boczar	Jul 1 st
Dolores Kozlowski	Jul 8 th	Diane McGiboney	Jul 9 th	Donna Miller	Jul 9 th
Sandy Rhoa	Jul 9 th	Katie Medvetz	Jul 21 st	Angie Noyes	Jul 21 st
Susan Carruozzo	Jul 22 nd	Bernadette Cermak	Jul 22 nd	Sheila Sillasen	Jul 22 nd
Dolores Elias	Jul 24 th	Nina Hubiak	Jul 26 th	Shirley Conetsco	Jul 29 th
Nina Olexa	Jul 30 th	Beverly Dikowicz	Aug 6 th	Sr. Marge Kalina	Aug 6 th
Betty Lamatrice	Aug 6 th	Betty Baker	Aug 7 th	Dorothy Frajter	Aug 7 th
Lynn Phipps	Aug 8 th	Joan Pletka	Aug 9 th	Joanne Majoros	Aug 14 th
Kathy Copus	Aug 17 th	Jane Dahlhausen	Aug 17 th	Marlyn Praznik	Aug 18 th
Barb Okurowski	Aug 19 th	Deborah Falacienski	Aug 20 th	Mary Lou Krawczyk	Aug 20 th
JoAnn Reda	Aug 20 th	Lillian Neptune	Aug 24 th	Therese Pruchnicki	Aug 24 th
Eileen O'Loughlin	Aug 27 th	Gretchen Silva-Glenn	Aug 29 th	Denise Kresevic	Aug 30 th

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO POST AN ARTICLE IN THE GRAPEVINE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE CONTACT SUE MEDVETZ AT (216) 662-8257 OR EMAIL MEDVETZS4791@ATT.NET. ARTICLES MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, AUGUST 15th, FOR THE SEPTEMBER GRAPEVINE NEWS

**FRIENDS, SUN, SAND AND SEA,
THAT SOUNDS LIKE SUMMER TO ME**

Editor: Sue Medvetz



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Thursday June 8, 2023 – The Pop Tarts



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ENTRANCE CHANT 448 Holy, Holy, Holy

FIRST READING Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai as the LORD had commanded him, taking along the two stone tablets.

Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD." Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out, "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship. Then he said, "If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company. This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Daniel 3:52-55

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers,
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever;
And blessed is your holy and glorious name,
praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,
praiseworthy and glorious above all forever.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blessed are you who look into the depths
from your throne upon the cherubim,
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

GOSPEL John 3:16-18

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

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