

# St Monica Catholic Church

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**Easter**

**Sunday**

**April 4th**

**2021**

**“This is the  
Day the Lord  
has made; let  
us rejoice and  
be glad!”**



*“We are called to welcome and assist all to the compassionate love of  
Jesus through the Eucharist.”*

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Beloved of St. Monica!

As we travel through this most Holy Week, we encounter unconditional love. Holy Thursday we opened our hearts to the truth. Jesus washes our feet and then kisses them. He is gazing into our eyes.

*“Unless you eat my body and drink my blood, you will have no life in you.”*

He invites us, “Come to the feast of heaven and earth. Come to the table of plenty. All who hunger and thirst for love, joy, peace and justice will be satisfied.”

Jesus takes bread and shares, *“Take this all of you and eat of it. This is my Body which will be given up for you.”* Then Jesus takes a cup of wine, *“Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant which will be given up for you and for all. Do this in memory of me.”*

The dead body of Jesus was placed in the tomb after it rested in his mother’s arms. The last and final plague of hatred has descended upon us. But for those of us who have the Blood of the Lamb in the Eucharist traced on our lips, death has passed over us.

All of the world is protected by the blood and water flowing from the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Because we love Jesus, we feel just a tiny bit of the pain from the sword that has pierced his Mother and our Mother.

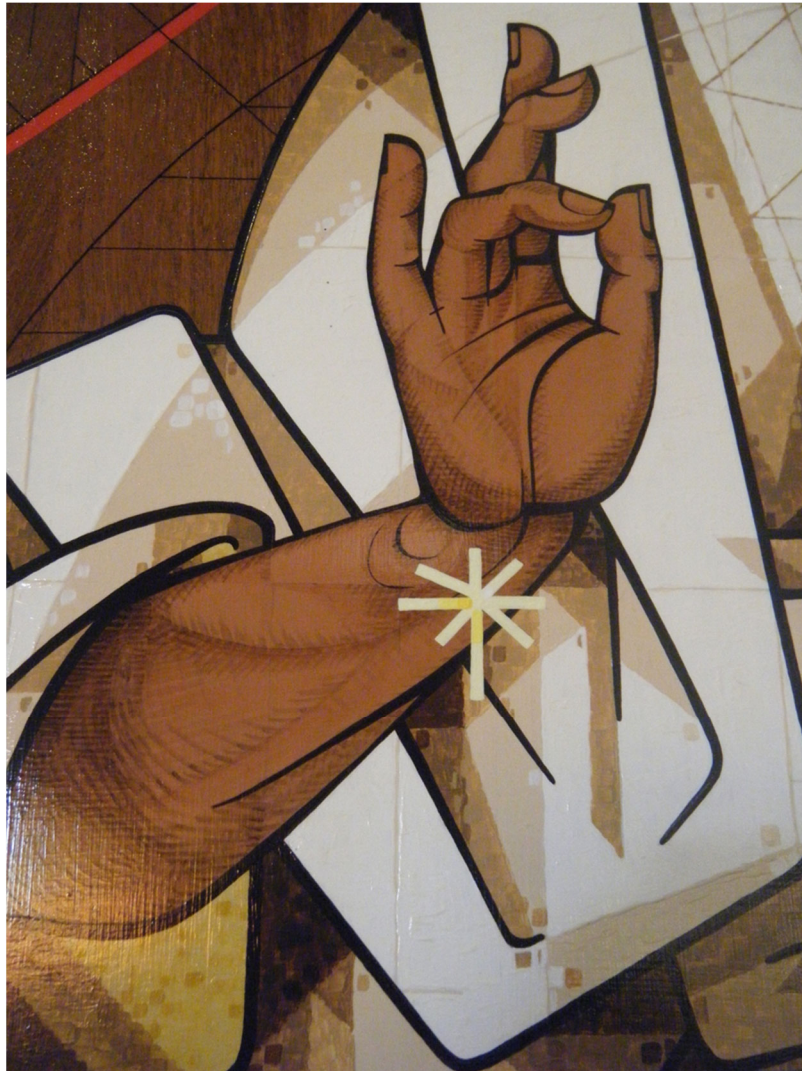
What a gift! What an outpouring of love which none of us can imagine.

Jesus is love. On Good Friday he is the Lamb of God that has been prepared for us. This has been a very long year since the last Passover. Many have gone before us in the sure and certain hope that they have been saved by Jesus. We welcome Zethan Farmer through baptism, confirmation and Eucharist to be a full member of our loving community.



When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'

May this be the best Easter ever. Let's go to Jesus today.  
Happy and Blessed and Awesome Easter,  
Father Ron Moses +



The good stewardship of our parishioners at St. Monica Church makes all that we do possible!



# STEWARDSHIP

MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY



Have you filled out your Covenant Card for 2021?

It is available on our website, at the entrance to the church, and in the Parish office.

It really helps us keep our records current and to determine the needs of the parish

Thank you for taking the time

**Responses Received: 77**  
**Still needed: 157**

**God Bless**

## Nominate a Friend Weekend

Do you know someone that has a beautiful voice?  
Nominate them for the choir.

Do you know someone who is a Financial Wiz?  
Nominate them for the Finance Council

All Ministries and Councils are looking for new members to really help our parish to grow.

More details coming soon



## The St Monica Food Pantry

Volunteers always needed



Every Thursday  
From 9:00 am to ?  
Making Bags

Every Saturday Morning  
from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

## WEEKLY OFFERING

**March 20 & 21**

Offertory: \$ 5,035.00

Outreach to Poor: \$ 75.00

Building Fund: \$ 2,307.00

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# Grow Strong in Your Faith

With Karen Lee



# REJOICE!

We have just journeyed through 40 days in the desert of Lent and walked the Passion of Christ during Holy Week. But today we celebrate the incredible joy of Easter! Do you feel like a weight has been lifted off your shoulders? That is because Jesus has taken away the heavy burden of our sins. We rise out of bed knowing that this is indeed a glorious day!

Can you only imagine how the apostles must have felt when they discovered that Jesus had truly risen from the dead that first Easter morning? Let's use imaginative prayer to go deep into the Gospel of St. John and get a sense of what it must have been like to be there. Read John 20:11-18 below out loud. Then reread it to yourself until it becomes familiar. Now read it again, only this time choose to be someone in the scene (Mary Magdalene, Jesus, an angel, or someone looking in) and imagine yourself there as the story unfolds.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been. <sup>13</sup> And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid him." <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni,"<sup>[a]</sup> which means Teacher. <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me,<sup>[b]</sup> for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and what he told her.

Today, even after 2,000 years, those words still bring tears of happiness to our eyes, making our hearts and souls rejoice! Go forth today and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ our King and Savior. He is risen! Hallelujah!



# faith Formation



**FORMED**

PICK OF THE WEEK

April 4, 2021

LEARN

## FORMED NOW: EVANGELIZING MILLENNIALS

After his Resurrection, Christ told his disciples to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation" (Mk 16:15). To continue this evangelical work today, we have to adapt to diverse audiences. In this series, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss how to reach one of those audiences—millennials.



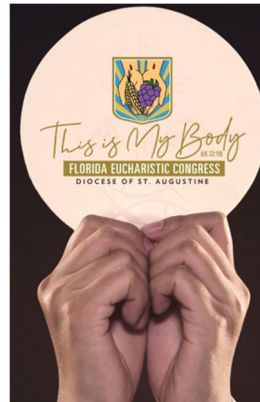
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## Mark Your Calendars!



The 2021 Eucharistic Congress is scheduled for **June 4-5** at Queen of Peace (Gainesville) and St. Joseph (Jacksonville) parishes.

For details, visit [FloridaEucharist.org](https://FloridaEucharist.org).

## Youth Ministry Schedule

Saturday April 17 Meeting	6 to 8
Saturday May 1 Food Pantry	8:30 AM
Saturday May 17 Farewell Party	6 to 8

LEADING TEENS  
**LIFE**  **TEEN**  
CLOSER TO CHRIST



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ST. MONICA RELIGIOUS ARTICLES AND GIFT SHOP IS NOW OPEN ON SUNDAY!

Located in the Parish office  
Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00PM

**Sundays from 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

**\*New item\***

St Monica Face Masks \$6.00



## Little Children's Church

A nursery service during the Sunday  
9:00 AM Mass

Open to children Ages 1 to 4

Volunteers needed

**\*Protecting God's Children Required\***



## UPCOMING *Events*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

# Ladies Guild

Election of Officers Meeting  
Tuesday April 6 at 11:00 AM

Masks & Social Distancing Required

## Music Fest Resurrection & Joy

April 10, 2021  
At 2:00 PM



# worship & prayer

## Prayer Requests

Louise Egan, Sue Wilson,  
Fred Lininger, Shirley Delaney  
Edna Blandford, Andy Hall, Gary Rummel,  
Adrienne Fennell, Frank Comer, Pam Mathes,  
Val Thayer, Larry Beaton, Quinn Soucey, Katie Thayer,  
Hoyt Muir, Joe Iovino, Bernice Rich, Brian Tomlinson,  
Diane Kinnon, Ken Lininger, Tony Wheeler

Please call the office at 386-325-9777 if you know  
someone that needs prayers.

## This Week's Daily Readings

**Monday:** Reading 1, *Acts 2:14, 22-32*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11*  
Gospel, *Matthew 28:8-15*  
**Tuesday:** Reading 1, *Acts 2:36-41*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22*  
Gospel, *John 20:11-18*  
**Wednesday:** Reading 1, *Acts 3:1-10*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9*  
Gospel, *Luke 24:13-35*  
**Thursday:** Reading 1, *Acts 3:11-26*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9*  
Gospel, *Luke 24:35-48*  
**Friday:** Reading 1, *Acts 4:1-12*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27*  
Gospel, *John 21:1-14*  
**Saturday:** Reading 1, *Acts 4:13-21*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21*  
Gospel, *Mark 16:9-15*  
**Sunday:** Reading 1, *Acts 4:32-35*  
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24*  
Gospel, *John 20:19-31*  
Reading 2, *First John 5:1-6*

## MASS Intentions

### Saturday, April 3

+ Grace Simbulan

### Sunday, April 4

Parishioners  
+ Grace Simbulan

### Tuesday April 6

+ Isabelle Theriault

### Wednesday, April 7

+ Louis Colasante

### Thursday, April 8

Patrick Mahoney

### Friday, April 9

+ Louis Colasante

The Pope's Monthly  
Intentions for April:



### *Fundamental Rights*

We pray for those who risk their lives while  
fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships,  
authoritarian regimes and even in democracies  
in crisis





The snake in the hallway was one unusual “honeydew.”

You've probably heard of honeydews, especially if you've been married. They come with the vows – “I do's” become “honey do's” or for the purposes of this column, honeydews:

“Honey, do the dishes”

“Honey, do me a favor and gather up the laundry.”

“Honey, do the vacuuming.”

And so on. In this case, it was “Honey, do something about the snake in the hallway.” Unfortunately, I was not home and unable to accommodate my wife.

There are times honeydews go unanswered, just as there are times prayers seemingly go unanswered. We must consider what we ask in prayer and we must consider our honeydews. Prayer shouldn't always be a request for a favor; honeydews are the same.

Consider:

“Honey, do you want to go for breakfast after Mass?”

“Honey, do you want to visit our boy or do you want a nap first?”

“Honey, do I tell you often enough how I thank God for you?”

None of these got the snake out of the hallway. Laura managed to trap the snake in a bucket and two days later, a friendly fellow parishioner set it free.

Be grateful to anyone who can answer a honeydew.

BY ANDY HALL

## Apply Now for the Catholic Student Assistance Fund

To encourage and support families who choose a Christ-centered education, Bishop Felipe Estévez has established a new Catholic Student Assistance Fund – available to children and their families in need and want to attend any of the 30 Catholic schools in the Diocese of St. Augustine.

Depending on the needs of the family, students may receive assistance with tuition, academic fees, or rural transportation fees. Students can apply for this new assistance through the current financial aid process, conducted through the Office of the Superintendent. Applications for this assistance are currently being accepted for the 2021-2022 school year.

For details, call (904) 262-0668 or email [scnway@dosafll.com](mailto:scnway@dosafll.com). You can also visit the Diocese website at [DOSAFLL.com](http://DOSAFLL.com)

Don't Forget to send pictures of your seedlings to Mrs. Karen Lee at: [Adultformation@stmonicacatholicchurch.com](mailto:Adultformation@stmonicacatholicchurch.com) so that they may be featured in our bulletin over the next couple of weeks!



*“He has made everything beautiful in its time...”*



A Journey into the Heart of the Iraq War with Navy Chaplain Father Ron Moses Camarda.

On Sale Now on the St. Monica Webpage or in the Parish Gift Shop

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# SCHEDULES

## Live Stream Schedule:

Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30 PM

Mass Sunday 9:00 AM

Bible Study Tuesday 6:15 PM

Rosary Friday 7:45 AM

Friday Morning Mass & Adoration  
9:00 AM

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## Mass Schedule

### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

### Drive Thru Blessings

Sunday 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM

### Daily Masses

Tuesday 5:30 PM

Wednesday-Friday 8:30 AM

### Confessions

Saturday 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM

Or by appointment

### Healing Mass

First Saturday of the Month 10:00 AM

Ministry  
Schedule

### Saturday, April 10 @ 4:30 PM

Ushers: Bill Black, George Schiffbauer  
Eucharistic Minister: Catherine Maus  
Lectors: Cris David, Mary Crawford  
Altar Server: David Aptt

### Sunday, April 11 @ 9:00 AM

Ushers: Tom Hiss, Eddie Dubeck  
Eucharistic Minister: Frank Fraize  
Lectors: Cheryl Meis, Stephany Huskey  
Altar Server: Ansley Hall

### Sunday, April 11 @ 11:00 AM

Ushers: Betty Poteet, Arthur Costa  
Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Costa  
Lectors: Rita Lambert, Pam Mathes  
Altar Server: Abel Velez



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