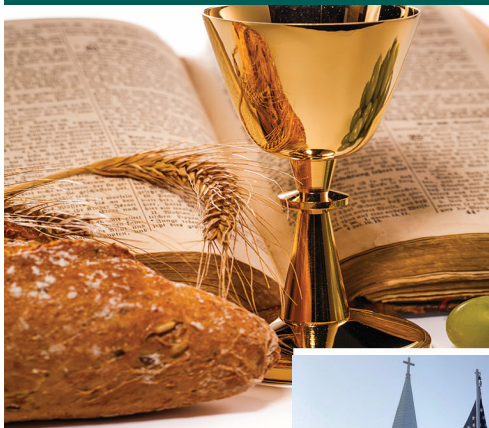


# St Monica Catholic Church

August 1, 2021

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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*The bread of God  
is that which comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world. John 6:33*

### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:00 AM

### \*Summer Weekday Masses\*

Wednesday-Friday 8:30 AM

### Confessions

Saturday 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM  
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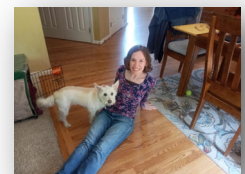
Saturday August 7  
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Hi Everyone!

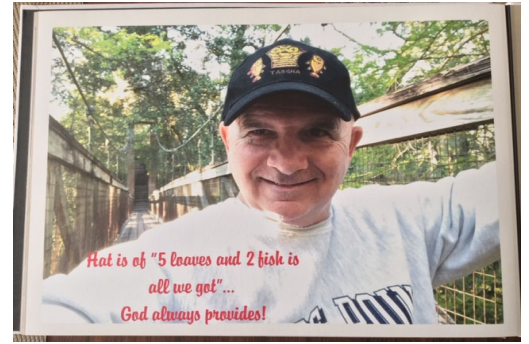
Ted and I are looking forward to seeing all of you very soon! We are headed back to Florida and I am planning to begin working at St. Monica's again on August 4th. To explain the picture, Ted and I have been dog-sitting and this is "Mia," the very sweet dog we took care of for most of July.

I wanted to let you all know that I have been united with you in prayer for the Shepard and Rountree Families. I was so sorry to hear of their tragic loss and their whole family and the community of St. Monica's is in my prayers.

Love and Prayers,  
Lisa Bianculli



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



Beloved of St. Monica,

Welcome to August!

Jesus said to them (vs 35), ***“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”***

What a deal. We are traveling through the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to John for five weeks. I believe that the vaccines to fight Covid will help the world get through this global mess as he got the disciples through the storm (vs 18-20). *They saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they began to be afraid. But he said to them, ***“It is I. Do not be afraid.”****

Do you remember when Pope Francis led us in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament at the beginning of this pandemic? He invited us to calm our storms. Jesus comforted and spoke to me as I watched it live.

God gave us the gift of science to work through our problems. Greed, pride and divisiveness are even more dangerous viruses than Covid or the delta variant. Jesus Christ is the true Immunity to all viruses and variants. However, he works with us and encourages us to share our knowledge. Did you know we already have the capability to end world hunger, but we don't? Jesus wants to help us.

Last week Jesus fed the 5000 with just five loaves and two fish. After Jesus *gave thanks (eucharist)*, he instructed them to gather together (*synagogue*) the fragments left over. These fragments can heal the world, end all wars, and bring about heaven on earth. Jesus is firm (vs41), ***“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”***

This pandemic along with fire, heat, hurricanes, drought, red tide, flood, famine, disease, crumbling infrastructure, and greed remind us of the ten plagues that eventually catapulted the Hebrew people out of slavery and into the desert for 40 years. They sure knew how to grumble against Moses and God. Although we still grumble, Jesus is still with us and will not give up on us. Sometimes he is only asleep. Our worldly troubles are not going away. We are here on earth to learn how to live in heaven. It is time that we take Jesus seriously and walk with him always and in all ways. Let us trust Jesus to feed us our Daily Bread.

Jesus tells us that he was sent (*apostle*) from God (vs 37-39). ***“Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day.”***



God has come to bring us HOME!!! Our only duty is to walk with Jesus and welcome all people back to the compassionate love of Jesus through the Eucharist. The Eucharist *is* Jesus who is all loving, merciful and awesome. The Eucharist is heaven on earth. We need to remind ourselves and all others that we are in perilous danger without the Eucharist (the vaccine of heaven).

There are side-affects to being inoculated with Jesus. Don't be afraid. It only means that the Body of Christ is working in your body and blood. LOL!

Well, we survived the tenting of our beautiful, stately and aged church sanctuary. Now we are in the midst of the tenting of our office building built in 1913 by Father Barry. Please keep the prayers coming.

Our prayers and love go out to Susanne Doyle. Her beloved husband of 49 years has passed over to eternal life. Please keep the family in your prayers. The funeral will be here at St. Monica on August 14 @ 1pm.

Thanks for your generosity and support of Saint Monica.

Love, joy, peace,

Father Ron Moses +



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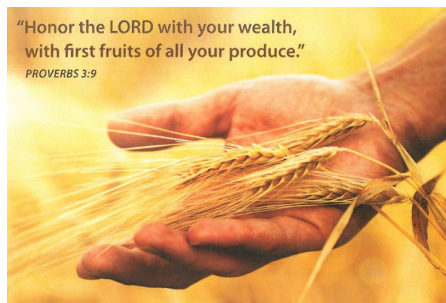
**Mass Attendance**

Saturday Vigil :	48
Sunday 9:00 AM:	74
Sunday 11:00 AM:	35

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# Grow Strong in Your Faith

With Karen Lee



This past Thursday, July 29th, was the Feast Day of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, some of Jesus’s closest friends. Let’s take some time to remember the familiar story when Jesus stopped by their house with some companions to visit. First, read the following scripture out loud, calling to mind what happened that day. Now read it again slowly to yourself, putting yourself in the scene. Picture yourself as Mary, Martha, Jesus, Lazarus, or one of the other visitors. Contemplate each person’s point of view in the story.

*As they continued their journey he entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary [who] sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.” The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.”*  
Luke 10:38-42

Who did you most easily identify with? Could you imagine the same scene taking place at your own house? What would you do if Jesus and his friends suddenly showed up at your door?

The truth is Jesus shows up at our door every morning. Do we spend our day rushing around, so busy that we forget to slow down and spend time with him? Are we so anxious and worried about things going on in our lives that we don’t give him a second thought? In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells us spending time with him is “the better part”. As hard as it is sometimes, let’s do our best to try to have a Mary’s heart in a Martha world.

## FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK

August 1, 2021

### COMPANIONS IN SHIPWRECK

Good relationships are a vital part of human well-being. In fact, studies show that those with the healthiest relationships live the longest! But where can we see these friendships lived out? Look no further than the life of famed author J.R.R. Tolkien. The relationships he exhibited are a wonderful example for all of us to follow, especially with those we may disagree with. As Tolkien described marriage, it’s all about being “companions in shipwreck.”

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COMPANIONS in SHIPWRECK

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We want to sincerely thank all of our St. Monica family. Your love & support through this terrible time in our lives has been humbling. The masses, prayer service, lawn care, mail collection, prayer blankets, wooden crosses, calls, cards, monetary gifts. So much love has been our strength to push forward. Thanks from the bottom of our hearts.

Yours in Christ,  
Erica, Cate, Daniel, & Charlene

**A DAY OF Reflection**

*"You are my refuge and shield, in your word I hope."*  
-Psalm 119:114

*Saturday, August 14, 2021*

**St. Joseph Catholic Church - Cody Center**  
4152 Loretto Rd. Jacksonville 32223

9:00am to 3:00pm - Morning Mass at 8:00am in the main church

Speakers include:  
**Fr. Briggs Hurley, Fr. Anthony Hamaty, Fr. Mike Elias and Bishop Estevez**

**Topic 1: Believe in His Promise**  
Heb 10:23: "Let us hold unwaveringly to our confession that gives us hope, for he who made the promise is trustworthy."

**Topic 2: Do Not Be Anxious**  
Matt 6:25-34: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you eat (or drink), or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?..."

**Topic 3: Hope Gives Us Strength**  
2 Cor 3:12-16: "Therefore since we have such hope, we act boldly, and not like Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the Israelites could not look intently at the cessation of what was fading."

Rather their thoughts were rendered dull, for to this present day the same veil remains unlifted when they read the old covenant, because through Christ it is taken away. To this day, in fact, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts, but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is removed."

**Topic 4: Peace Be With You**  
Luke 24:36-49: "While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have..."

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## Prayer Blanket Ministry

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A group of ladies make lap sized blankets to be given to those who are seriously ill or going through extremely difficult times. If you have a loved one who needs a prayer blanket just contact the church office at 386-325-9777.

To help with the blankets or for further Information text Sandy Sharp at 386-916-1681



We will be asking that parishioners email in a current family or individual picture to use in our new directory by August 31. Please include what info (address, phone number, email) that you would like included with your picture. Please send to:saintmoniacatholic@gmail.com.

We will also be taking photos in front of the Grotto after the weekend Masses by appointment the month of August for those who do not have a photo or the means to have one taken. Please contact the office at 386-983-7297 to set up your appointment.

We are prayerful that everyone will consider participating.  
Thank you & God Bless.

## The St Monica Food Pantry

Open every Thursday  
from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Next Food Truck Giveaway  
Thursday August 5, 2021

# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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**Saturday, August 7 @ 4:30 PM**

**Ushers:** Hoyt Muir, Mary Shackelford  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Ken Freligh  
**Lectors:** George Schiffbauer, Mary Jo Perry  
**Altar Server:** David Aptt

**Sunday, August 8 @ 9:00 AM**

**Ushers:** Eddie Dubeck, Bob Lee  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Ramona Bodalski  
**Lectors:** Karen Lee, Ansley Hall  
**Altar Server:** Daniel Fazio

**Sunday, August 8 @ 11:00 AM**

**Ushers:** Bill Black  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Mary Iovino  
**Lectors:** Rita Lambert, James Doyle  
**Altar Server:** Joe Iovino



August 11 and 25  
 6:00 PM in the Church

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Maudie Valenti

Maribel Santana

**This Week's Daily Readings**

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21  
 Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13;  
 Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
 Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;  
 Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28  
 Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23  
 Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;  
 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10  
 Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20  
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2;  
 Jn 6:41-51



Saturday, July 31  
 Sister Jeanne

Sunday, August 1  
 9:00 AM -Parishioners  
 11:00 AM- Esteban C. Merkt-Navedo

Tuesday August 3	Lauren Reid
Wednesday, August 4	+Charlie Crisp
Thursday, August 5	+Helen Ryan
Friday, August 6	Ladies Guild



Louise Egan, Sue Wilson, Branda Kay Mangum,  
 Fred Lininger, Pam Mathes, Carrie Brubaker,  
 Edna Blandford, Andy Hall, Gary Rummel,  
 Adrienne Fennell, Larry Beaton, Quinn Soucey,  
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 Diane Kinnon, Ken Lininger, Dorothy Burmester,  
 Tony Wheeler, Frank Fraize, Nancy Jones,  
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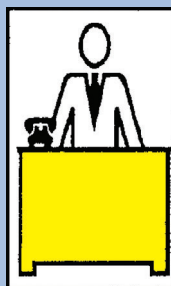
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