

# St Monica Catholic Church

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**August 2, 2020**

Eighteenth Sunday, Ordinary Time



*"The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing." Psalms 145:17-18*

## FIVE LOAVES AND TWO FISH IS ALL WE HAVE!

Beloved of St. Monica,

We need approximately \$5000 every week to meet all of our bills and serve over 500 members of St. Monica and approximately 50,000 people in Putnam County. The Gospel passage we hear today about the feeding of 5000 is in all four Gospel accounts. It is the center of our faith. What we have is insignificant, what Jesus can do with our little amount, is incomprehensible.

Jesus wants to bless St. Monica Church along the St. Johns River since 1858. After Jesus heard about the murder of John the Baptist, he wanted to be alone with his disciples. When he disembarked the boat and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with compassion. They hungered for healing of mind, body and spirit. And so, Jesus cured them in this deserted place... The crowd had faith in Jesus to perform miracles. Do we?

I remember traveling to the Holy Land in November of 2018 and visiting all the places Jesus walked and taught. It was awesome and overwhelming. One place challenged me deeply. It was where the Gospel brings us today. I sensed I disembarked the boat with Jesus. We told Jesus to dismiss the crowd because they were in a deserted place. If ever we tell Jesus what to do, we ought to be open to his better solution. Jesus simply says, "Give them some food yourselves." They complained, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have."

I have celebrated Mass all over the world these past 30 years. Every time I preside at Mass, I sense Jesus is using me to feed thousands. Spiritual and emotional healing leads to physical healing of hungers. Jesus multiplies the meager loaves and fish people hand us.

We don't have enough to do all the healing and ministry Jesus would like to do here at St. Monica's. And yet we really do. Jesus is in each and every one of us and able to do so much more, but we lack something.

Jesus tells us to bring all that we have. Jesus takes what we bring, says the blessing, breaks us, and gives us to the people who hunger and thirst for holiness. It is through the Eucharist that we feed the poor, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless...through all eternity.

When I was serving in the Navy as a reluctant chaplain 25 years ago, I found myself in Hiroshima, Japan because I needed to minister to three Marines who murdered another Marine. I cried. I wept. I prayed.

This week is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki (August 6 and 9), let us ask for healing, mercy, love, joy and peace... Let us bring what little peace we have to Jesus. He will multiply our love and mercy beyond our wildest dreams.

Have a beautiful and delicious week in God's garden.  
Father Ron Moses +

Congratulations to Corey and Samantha Masters who had their son, Cam, baptized last Sunday. His Godmother is our very own Kelsi Lowell.



These pictures, as well as the mosaic picture on the front cover, were taken in November in 2018 at the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus multiplied the loaves and fish in today's Gospel!

# Grow Strong in Your Faith

With Karen Lee

Prayer—Our Deepest Longing

*“You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.”*

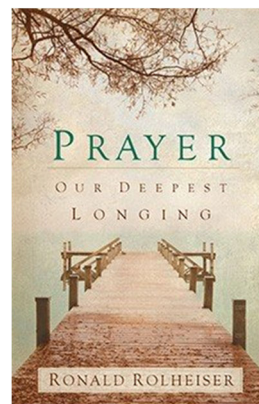
St. Augustine

God loves you! The bestower of grace, the giver of all good gifts, the very creator of the entire universe loves you. Yes, YOU! And out of all the people in the world, He loves you as if you were His one and only child. Isn't that amazing?

Deep inside, He created us to have a restless longing for Him. He created us to love Him back—to love Him like He loves us. But sometimes we get caught up in our busy lives and forget that He is even there. We look to the world for love, instead of looking to Him.

Like in any good relationship, communication is the key. Prayer is our communication with God. It is an intimate conversation with Him that we can have any time and anywhere. Is there a special way to do it? No, there are countless ways to pray, one just as good as the other. Find what works for you. Whenever you aren't happy with your prayer life, try something new. The most important thing is that we find time to talk to God and that we also be still and listen to Him. The more you talk to God, the more your love will grow, and the more you will realize the true joy of resting in Him.

This small, inspirational book on prayer is available in the Adult Formation Center at the entrance of the church. If you are not attending church right now, email [adultformation@stmoniacatholicchurch.com](mailto:adultformation@stmoniacatholicchurch.com) and we will be glad to send you a copy.



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# Mass Schedule

## Weekend Masses Limit 50

### No Reservations Needed

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

### Drive Thru Communion

10:00 AM to 10:30 AM

## Daily Masses Limit 20 No Reservations Needed

Tuesday - 5:30 pm

Wednesday - Friday 8:30 am

### Facebook Live Events

Holy Hour Friday 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Rosary Friday 7:45 AM to 8:15 AM

Mass Sunday 9:00 AM

### Father Ron's Bible Study

Focus: The Gospel according to Matthew

Every Tuesday at 6:15 pm (Limit 10)

(Live on Facebook & Website)

Limit 10 in Person

# Ministry Schedules

## Saturday, August 8, 2020 4:30 PM

**Ushers:** Bill Gaines, George Schiffbauer, Earl Wallace

**Eucharistic Minister:** Helen Muir

**Lectors:** Sandy Woods, Mary Lawnicki

**Altar Server:** Connor Donnelly

## Sunday, August 9, 2020 9:00 AM

**Ushers:** Tom Hiss, Eddie Dubeck, Gerald Donnelly

**Eucharistic Minister:** Ramona Boldaski

**Lectors:** Stephanie Husky, Frank Fraize

**Altar Server:** Daniel Fazio

## Sunday, August 9, 2020 11:00 AM

**Ushers:** Ricky Webb

**Eucharistic Minister:** Catherine Webb

**Lectors:** Ansley Hall

**Altar Server:**

## Weekend of July 26

Online Giving	\$ 1,075.00
Offertory	\$ 2,757.00
Building & Restoration	\$ 80.00
Food Pantry	\$ 3,250.00
Piano	\$ 1,000.00

**Total 8,162.00**

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# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, August 1**

Franklin & Jeannie Lininger

**Sunday, August 2**

Parishioners

**Tuesday August 4**

**Wednesday, August 5**

+Elaine Jackson

**Thursday, August 6**

+Elaine Jackson

**Friday, August 7**

Ladies Guild

## Prayer Requests

Louise Egan, Sue Wilson, Fred Lininger,  
David Cummings, Frank Comer,  
Mary Jo Vincent, Sandy Freligh, Edna Blandford  
Redonna Futch, Angie Spena, Eric Dobbs,  
Susan Walwik, Laura Hall

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

## Ministry Opportunity!

Are you:

- Creative
- A good story teller
- A talented writer
- An independent worker

St Monica is searching for an advocate for the mission of our Church. This volunteer will partner with the clergy and parish staff in researching and writing grants in support of various ministries and outreach for St Monica Catholic Church. If you are interested in serving, please call the office at (386) 352- 9777.

Thank you for sharing your talents with us!

## Our Parish Staff

### Pastor

**Father Ron Camarda**

### Office Manager

**Diana Phillips**

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### Coordinator of Religious Education

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**Lorenzo Delacruz**

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### Adult Faith Formation

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### Youth Ministry

**Scott Phillips and Rick Carr**

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## DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Office of the Bishop

July 10, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

On the weekend of August 1-2, the annual national collection to support Black and Indian Mission work in our country will be held.

This collection is the oldest national collection for the Catholic Church in the United States – first held in 1884. It supports evangelization efforts throughout our country that serve African-American and Native American Catholic parishes and missions, as well as schools and ministries that serve our brothers and sisters. Even more, the collection supports outreach to non-Catholics in the areas served by the Church in so many communities.

In our own diocese, St. Pius parish, established in 1919 – and its school, established in 1921 – has benefitted from the national collection. Today, St. Pius School is now part of the Guardian Catholic School where it serves 400 students, mostly non-Catholic students, and, like all Catholic schools, has an excellent record for student performance and accomplishment.

Years ago, our own Sisters of St. Joseph who came to our diocese at the invitation of Bishop Augustin Verot in September, 1866 were charged with the education of African-American children. Sisters were even arrested for teaching African-American children. Saint Katherine Drexel, who founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, even funded the establishment of St. Benedict Parish and School in St. Augustine which today is a mission of our Cathedral Parish.

In one of the alternate Eucharistic prayers – we ask that the Father would enable us to be attentive to the pain and anguish – the hopes and fears of others – so that we may walk with them on the ways of the kingdom – a fitting petition for us all now. Even as we all deal with the difficulties and challenges face in daily life because of the COVID 19 pandemic, we have all seen through the media the fact that an undercurrent of racism persists in our country and in the entire world.

I write to ask that you vigorously support the National Collection for Black and Indian Missions more so than ever before – that everyone in our diocese open our hearts at this time with great generosity and love as we all ensure that our Catholic Church remains at the forefront in efforts to address so many needs.

I know that second collections are difficult these days logistically – but I am asking our pastors to work out ways to enable this special second collection to be enormously successful this year.

Be assured of my remembrance of you and your intentions at my daily Mass. With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*+ r. r. Estévez*

Most Reverend Felipe J. Estévez, S.T.D.  
Bishop of St. Augustine

Local nursing home residents as well as some of our homebound parishioners are still unable to receive visitors during this time. We are asking for volunteers to write cards to send to those who may be longing to reconnect but are unable to physically make it to church for health reasons. Please contact **Rita Smith # (386) 328-6268** if you would like to help!

*Congratulations*

*Class of 2020!*

Please join us next Sunday, on August 9 at 11:00 AM for a special Graduation Mass!



Patricia Kilgore

William Black

Jerry Rash

Maribel Santana

Amanda Guthrie

Tracy Battista

Christian Gilmore

Steve Woods

**Attention 10% Committee!**

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