

# St Monica Catholic Church



AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD,  
WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.

JOSHUA 24:15



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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 22, 2021

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## 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

Or by appointment

## Healing Mass

Saturday August 7

10:00 AM



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



Beloved of Saint Monica,

O what joy explodes in our hearts and souls!

Here we are on the St John River since 1858 and we are still celebrating Eucharist here in Palatka. There are thousands of our parishioners who are now saints in heaven with Saint Monica, our beautiful patroness. We have nothing to fear.

Monica was ill like many of us of late. She lived her life as a saint, but it was not easy. Augustine writes of his mother's last hour on this earth:



*“My brother and I rushed to her side but she regained consciousness quickly. She looked at us as we stood there and asked in a puzzled voice: **“Where was I?”**”*

*We were overwhelmed with grief, but she held her gaze steadily upon us and spoke further: **“Here you shall bury your mother.”** I remained silent as I held back my tears. However, my brother haltingly expressed his hope that she might not die in a strange country but in her own land, since her end would be happier there. When she heard this, her face was filled with anxiety, and she reproached him with a glance because he had entertained such earthly thoughts. Then she looked at me and spoke: “Look what he is saying.” Thereupon she said to both of us: **“Bury my body wherever you will; let not care of it cause you any concern. One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be.”** Once our mother had expressed this desire as best she could, she fell silent as the pain of her illness increased.”*

This Friday, August 27th, we celebrate St. Monica, our second mother of heaven. We will simply remember her at the altar of the Lord in our beautiful and historic sanctuary. With all the Passover deaths and brushes with death of late, let us not be afraid. Monica was only 56 years of age. She knew who she was and where she was going. Do you know where you are going? Are you ready to start living heaven on this earth?

We don't have to wait until the pandemic is over to start living. Jesus assures us that whoever believes in Him and dies will live, but whoever lives and believes in Him will never die. He also said, **“Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you will have no life.”** I think Jesus was quite clear. Because of this, *many of Jesus' disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve (and us), “Do you also want to leave?” Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”*

Without the Body and Blood of Jesus every Sunday, we have nothing. Saint Peter died an early physical death because of this conviction. We as disciples of Jesus are called to trust Jesus. We are to prepare for our departure from this world the moment he calls us. We can't delay.

Please stay safe. Be kind to one another. Wear your mask and vaccine like a seat belt. It keeps not only you safe, but your neighbor whom you love... This is not political, but simply common sense. The real virus spreading is hatred, arrogance, greed, division and pride. Love one another... and don't be afraid.

Love, joy, peace,  
Father Ron Moses +

Baptism of Augustine by Ambrose with Monica looking on. Notice his 15 year old son, Adeodatus, looking on before he follows his father Augustine. Monica will die in less than a month before Augustine is ordained a priest and bishop.



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PICK OF THE WEEK

August 22, 2021

## AUGUSTINE: A VOICE FOR ALL GENERATIONS WITH MIKE AQUILINA

During this very special week for the Augustine Institute, we celebrate both our patron, St. Augustine, and his mother, St. Monica! As a preeminent Doctor of the Church, Augustine has been said to be “the holiest of the wise and the wisest of the holy.” To celebrate this great Church Father, please enjoy Augustine: A Voice for all Generations!



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# Grow Strong in Your Faith

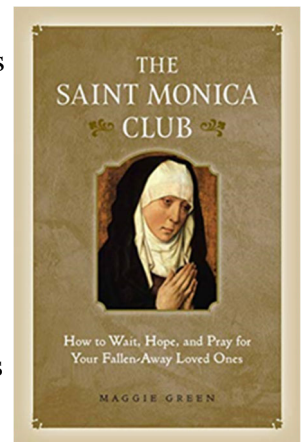
With Karen Lee



You have heard of the prodigal son in the parable of Jesus (Luke 15:11-32). His story points to God’s loving forgiveness and the heavenly joy over every son or daughter who repents and returns home to Him. St. Monica had a husband and a son who did not know God. This caused her great anxiety and anguish. She prayed persistently for over 17 years until God answered her prayers. Her husband, a pagan, came to know God before his death. And her son not only converted to Christianity, but became a priest, bishop, doctor of the Church, and one of the most revered saints!

Do you know of anyone who once knew the love of God, but has turned away from Him? What do you do when you love someone and they go through their lives acting as if God doesn’t even exist, clueless to the incredible love God has for them? You pray like St. Monica!!!

I recently read an excellent book called *The Saint Monica Club* by Maggie Green that talks about how to wait, hope, and pray for your prodigal loved ones. Some of the things she suggests is to pray for each of them by name every day, with complete trust that God will answer your prayers in His own time. (Afterall, God wants them to return to Him even more than you do!) Show your loved ones how much you love and care for them. Be kind to others also, so that they can see God’s love reflected in you. Give your loved ones back to God at every Mass and with every prayer. Ask the saints you feel close to to pray with you. (Be sure to include St. Monica and St. Augustine.) Ask your departed relatives to pray with you, since they are also close to God. Offer small sacrifices to God in their name. And let them see how much God means to you and how He brings joy to your life. These are just a few of her suggestions. If this is important to you, I highly recommend her book.



Something that she suggests is praying together with others who are praying for their own loved ones. Look for the St. Monica statue in our church. Write the names of your loved ones on a card and put it in the basket there. This basket will be placed on the altar beginning on St. Monica’s feast day (August 27) and through the month of September. Let us lift our voices together to God at every Mass, and just like St. Monica, pray that our “prodigals” will return to the love of their heavenly Father.

## SAVE THE DATES!

### St. Monica U

**A Series of Mini-Retreats  
On Catholic Things to Know**

**Catholic Social Teachings (CST)  
Love of God & Neighbor**  
September 25, 2021

**History of the Church  
A Lively Romp through Time**  
October 30, 2021

**Prayers, Praises, & Petitions  
Understanding & Improving our Prayer Life**  
December 4, 2021

2-3 Hour Sessions  
**Welcoming All Parishioners &  
Those Becoming Catholic**

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More Information to Follow

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## WEEKLY OFFERING

August 14 & August 15

Offertory:	\$ 6,490.00
Outreach to Poor:	\$ 2,098.00
Building Fund:	\$ 600.00
Children's Gifts:	\$ 18.00

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### Mass Attendance

Saturday Vigil :	45
Sunday 9:00 AM:	71
Sunday 11:00 AM:	63

## First Fruits Donations for August



\$500.00 to help with the Food 4  
Kids Program which provides  
weekend meals to children in  
need.

**BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION**

**BUILDING Our Mission to the Missions \$546.00**

The Black and Indian Mission Collection (BIMC) exists to help finance and increase the health of the Church in Alaska, American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities.

- Many people benefit from your support of the BIMC.
- The Catholic community served by St. Monica Church in Alaska.
- The Native American people on the plains.
- That support those and those who are in need.
- The BIMC helps get good harvests in schools that would otherwise struggle to stay open.
- Funding from the BIMC helps finance the mission and collection to assist the Church in their own communities.
- Supporting the BIMC helps encourage young Alaska Americans and Native Americans to get that help from the Catholic Church, American, and Alaska Native.

La Colección para las Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas (CIMAI) existe para ayudar a la Iglesia y sus ministros a servir a las personas en las comunidades Afroamericanas, Indígenas y de Nativos de Alaska.

- Muchas personas se benefician de su apoyo a la CIMAI.
- La asistencia de la parroquia católica servida en el Archidiócesis de la CIMAI.
- La Comunidad Católica servida por el Obisado de San Francisco en Alaska.
- A parroquia Nativa Americana en la Pradera.
- Que apoye a esas personas que necesitan ayuda.
- La CIMAI ayuda a conseguir buenos cosechos para escuelas que en otros momentos podrían tener dificultades para permanecer abiertas.
- Los fondos de la CIMAI ayudan a las iglesias a formar ministros locales y comunitarios para ayudar al Clero en sus propias comunidades.
- Contribuir a la CIMAI ayuda a animar a jóvenes Afroamericanos e Indígenas a apoyar a su Iglesia Católica, Americana, e Indígena.



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We are asking that parishioners email in a current family or individual picture to use in our new directory by September 30. Please include what info (address, phone number, email) that you would like included with your picture. Please send to: [saintmonicacatholic@gmail.com](mailto:saintmonicacatholic@gmail.com).

We will also be taking photos after the weekend Masses by appointment the month of September for those who do not have a photo or the means to have one taken. Please contact the office at 386-325-9777 to set up your appointment.

If you would like to volunteer to take photos or to organize the information, your help would be greatly appreciated.



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

## **BECOMING CATHOLIC!**

*Do you hear the call?  
It could be the RCIA calling*

If you are not Catholic and are interested in knowing what we are about –

If you attend with a loved one, but have never taken the Sacraments –

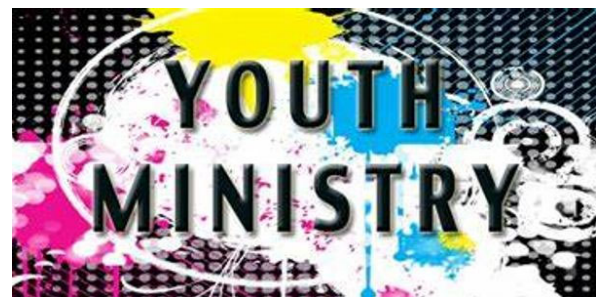
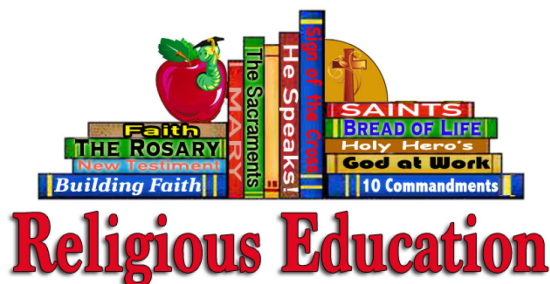
If you are fully Catholic and are interested in a ‘Catholic Refresher’ –

*Call Us Back!  
Gatherings Beginning Soon*

E-mail [rcia@stmonicacatholicchurch.com](mailto:rcia@stmonicacatholicchurch.com)  
or call the parish office  
386 -325-9777

Leave your name, phone number, and e-mail if you have one.  
I will contact you ASAP!  
(Note that I may be calling from a 404-area code)

Prayerfully,,  
**Cheryl Meis**  
RCIA Coordinator



Registration is open for 2021/2022.  
Please visit our website : [stmonicacatholicchurch.com](http://stmonicacatholicchurch.com) to register today  
To help us plan please register as soon as possible. Thank you

**WEEKEND  
MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, August 28 @ 4:30 PM**

**Ushers: Shirley Delaney, Mary Shackelford  
Eucharistic Minister: Bill Maus  
Lectors: Kelsi Lowell, Cris David  
Altar Server: Joe Iovino**

**Sunday, August 29 @ 9:00 AM**

**Ushers: Eddie Dubeck, Jim Wigand  
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Mundy  
Lectors: Ramona Bodalski, Cheryl Meis  
Altar Server: Benjamin Motl**

**Sunday, August 29 @ 11:00 AM**

**Ushers: Bill Black  
Eucharistic Minister: James Doyle  
Lectors: Perla Lopez-Martinez, Pam Mathes  
Altar Server: Jasmine Lopez -Martinez**



**August 25  
6:00 PM in the Church**

Attention—The Diocese of Saint Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner.

To Report Abuse, call:  
Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator  
904-262-3200, ext. 129, or the  
Department of Children and Families  
at 1-800-96-Abuse (800-962-2873).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Carmen Grasso  
Betty Rich  
Elizabeth Laibl  
Jim McMillan  
Stephanie Huskey



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51  
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51  
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30  
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18,



Saturday, August 21  
Teresa G. David

Sunday, August 22  
9:00 AM -Parishioners  
11:00 AM- +Eugene Aloia Jr.

Wednesday, August 25 +William Hallinan  
Thursday, August 26 +Alberto G. David Jr.  
Friday, August 27 + SR Jeanne Guanlao



Louise Egan, Sue Wilson, Branda Kay Mangum, Amber Lininger  
Fred Lininger, Pam Mathes, Carrie Brubaker, Curtis Watson  
Edna Blandford, Andy Hall, Gary Rummel, Lance Watson  
Adrienne Fennell, Larry Beaton, Quinn Soucey, Erica Watson  
Hoyt Muir, Bernice Rich, Dave Green, Kitty Crews,  
Diane Kinnon, Ken Lininger, Dorothy Burmester,  
Tony Wheeler, Frank Fraize, Nancy Jones,  
Stella Reyes, Connie Wiesner, Cooper Newman, Albino Gaw  
Matilda Aloia, Kimball Murray, Sandra Nichols,  
Sandra Scranton, Lance Watson, Mary Graham, Ron Levesque  
Theresa Gayle Whitley, Frank Comer, Thomas Szczes  
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