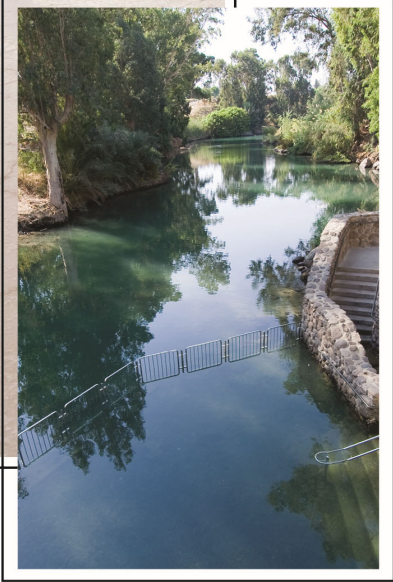
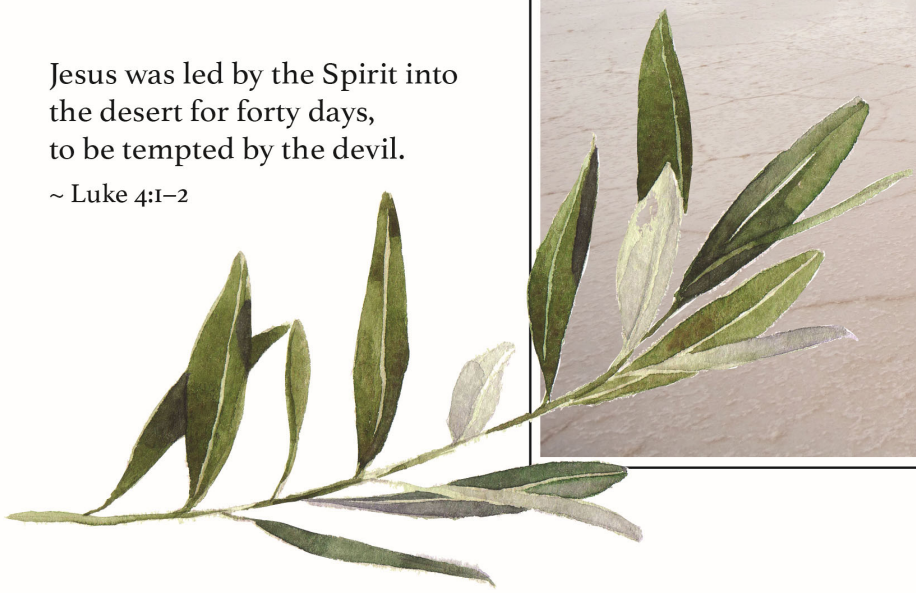


LENT  
2019

MARCH 10, 2019  
*First Sunday of Lent*



Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.  
~ Luke 4:1-2



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**114 S. 4th St. Palatka Florida**  
We are called to welcome and assist all to the compassionate love of Jesus through the Eucharist.



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Those needing "Anointing of the Sick" or in need of a Priest, please call these telephone numbers only:

During Business Hours:  
Parish Office - 325-9777  
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Please call the Parish Office to let us know if a parishioner is hospitalized, seriously ill or home-bound so that a Priest can visit and anoint them.

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**MASS TIMES**

**Daily Masses**

Tuesday - 5:30 pm  
Wednesday - Friday 8:30 am

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil - 4:30 pm  
Sunday - 9:00 am & 11:00 am

**First Saturday**

10:00 am

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

**Holy Day Masses**

8:00 am & 7:00 pm

**Confessions Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 pm**

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# From the Heart of the Pastor

Beloved Brothers and Sisters of St. Monica,

Welcome to Lent!

How wonderful it was to host the downtown churches for the ecumenical service on Ash Wednesday.

Lent is an amazing opportunity to become the best version of ourselves. Lent is nothing to fear at all. As a kid I dreaded this season because I didn't understand that giving up things I loved was to help me grow in God's love. If we give up TV, bad habits, wine or sweets without a true desire to become transformed disciples of Jesus Christ or to fall in love with God and neighbor, then we will never be able to find the peace and joy of the Good News.

For us to have any hope of coming out the other side of Lent renewed and reborn, change cannot be only skin deep. "Rend your hearts, not your garments," we are reminded in the first reading of Ash Wednesday. The sacrifices and prayers of the season help us clear a path, but we can't stop there, not if we want to experience real transformation. God wants nothing less than our hearts broken open so that he might find a resting place within and make us whole. Yes, the exterior practices are important, but what matters most is what happens unseen within our hearts and souls.

I am grateful for the women of San Juan del Rio Parish who are sacrificing their time to lead our first CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH for women. The Men are already on their way. Please pray for this truly powerful retreat. Please consider being part of this wonderful renewal of our parish. As spiritual director of these retreats, I was blown away by the men's weekend and their growth. Please Pray for the women and the team.

Next Saturday at 9:30 am, our adults who are preparing for the Easter Sacraments will meet with our wonderful Bishop Felipe Estevez at the Cathedral of St. Augustine for the Rite of Election. This is a formal call, like an engagement, to become a full member of the Catholic Church. Please pray for our candidates and catechumens who will be called "Elect".

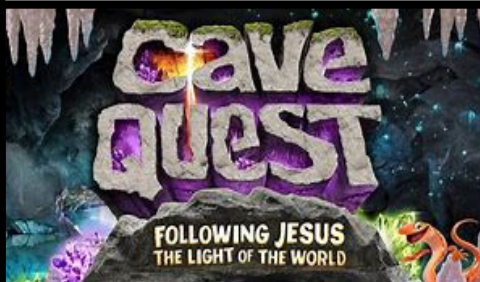
May your week be blessed in the beauty of this wonderful season of Lent,

Father Ron +  
Your unworthy pastor



# Events the Week of March 10, 2019

Sunday March 10	Monday March 11	Tuesday March 12	Wednesday March 13	Thursday March 14	Friday March 15	Saturday March 16	Sunday March 17
Mass 9:00 am 11:00 am  Parish Break- fast After 9:00 am Mass		Mass 5:30 pm  Bible Study 6:15 pm	Mass 8:30 am	Mass 8:30 am  Bereavement Group 4:30	Mass 8:30 am Holy Hour 9:00 am  Fish Fry 4-7  Stations of the Cross	Confession 3:30 pm to 4:15pm  Mass 4:30 pm  Christ Renew	Mass 9:00 am 11:00 am  No Breakfast  Christ Renew His Parish

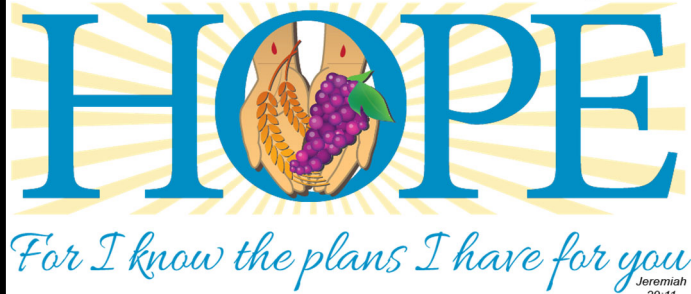


June 24-28 -  
VBS  
Spelunking  
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Coming soon



4:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
Baked or Fried Fish, or Fried Shrimp both plates with baked potato or fries, coleslaw, hush puppies, dessert and drink. \$8 for Fish Plate, \$10 for Shrimp Plate. Eat in or Take out.

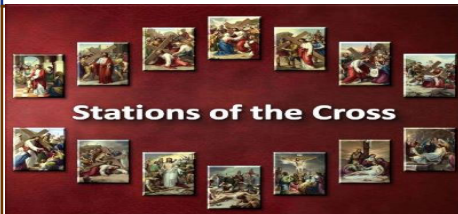
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Let's Open the Bible  
Let's put out into deep water and lower our nets for a catch!  
Father Ron's Bible Study on Tuesdays  
6:15 p.m. in the Library

*Christ Renew His Parish  
Women's Retreat Weekend  
March 16 & 17*

Do you long for a deeper faith in Christ?  
Do you ever wish you knew more of your fellow parishioners?  
Would you like to help our parish become a vibrant faith community?



**Volunteers Needed**  
Fridays at 5:30 p.m.  
March 8 thru April 12

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

**Psalm** — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

**Second Reading** — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).

**Gospel** — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

## ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we “set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God’s] presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord

will be saved” (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you’re tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.

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## First Sunday of Lent March 10, 2019

*The word is near you,  
in your mouth and  
in your heart.*

— Romans 10:8



## Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	March 9	4:30 pm +Miguel Dejuk Yunis
Sunday	March 10	9:00 am Parishioners 11:00 am +Joyce Miller
Tuesday	March 12	5:30 pm Agnes G. David (Thanksgiving)
Wednesday	March 13	8:30 am Tom & Dot Riddle (couple)
Thursday	March 14	8:30 am +Miguel Dejuk Yunis
Friday	March 15	8:30 am +Joyce Miller
Saturday	March 16	4:30 pm +John & Dorothy Valenti

## In Need of Your Prayers

Ron Harnois  
Joe Welsh  
Hoyt Muir  
Franca Nichols  
Jeff O’Berry  
Fred Lininger  
Ray Johnson  
Richard Winstad  
Albino Gaw  
Denise Orr  
Connie Weisner  
Anna Katherine Fraize  
Cathy Sheridan  
Minda Carter  
Matilda Aloia  
Gary Rummel  
Louise Egan  
Paul Vincent  
Mary Jo Vincent  
Father Bower  
Lee Gibbs  
LaDonna Tanner  
Lois Boucher  
Susan Russo  
Jacob Hoffman  
Sandy Nichols

Aggie Bennett  
Cathleen Phillips  
Father Keene  
Edna Blandford  
Bill Walwik  
Linda Spencer  
Joan Carter  
Anita Gieselman  
Lillian Morgan  
Caroline Riley  
Nicole Newman  
Abby Thayer & Baby  
Freya Thayer  
All Service Men  
& Women

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longer wish to be  
included on the  
prayer list.**

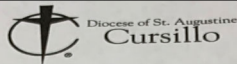


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# Into the Desert

## A Lenten Study on Prayer



## 4th Day & Welcoming Ultreya

**Saturday, March 23, 2019**

Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Gainesville  
(10900 SW 24th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32607)

8:30 am Mass in Sanctuary  
9:00 am Gathering in Walsh Hall  
Brunch at 11am  
Concluding approximately 3:00 pm



Featuring Talks on:  
History of Cursillo  
Making a Friend and Sponsoring  
Living Your 4th Day with Conviction  
plus  
A Witness Talk

Questions? Contact Lorin & Greg Hollingshead  
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FOR GROWTH



BUILD BETTER  
HABITS



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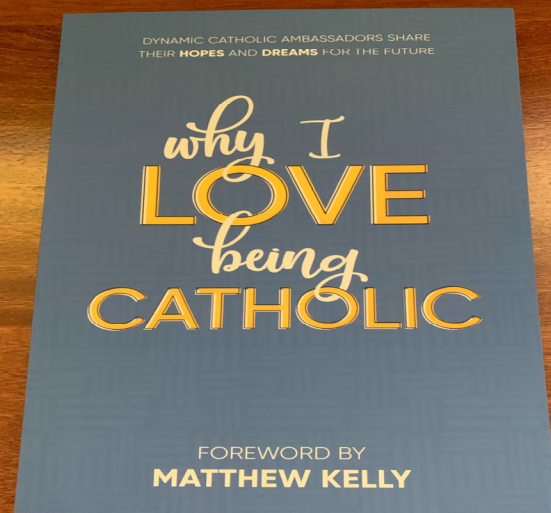
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## Holy Moments for the Week

To know that no matter what the Lord is with us.

My son and grandson are coming to Mass. Thank you Holy Mother!





**Our Stewardship of Treasure  
from March 3rd**

**Offertory received in Church  
\$4566.75**

**Saving for our Future  
\$180.00**

**10% Outreach to the Poor  
456.68**

**Electronic Giving for February  
\$2380.00**



**Mary Iovino**

Said she became an EMHC because she wanted to take an active part in the parish and especially in the Mass. She also wanted to be able to take the Body of Christ to the homebound. By visiting them, it makes them still feel like they are part of our parish and that we care. Mary said it is such an honor to give the Body and Blood to fellow parishioners and especially those who can't come to church, that it is truly a blessing in her life. She feels closer to the Lord when she is actively doing this ministry and she feels him in her life and his blessings. Please consider joining in this blessed ministry we could definitely use more EMHC especially to visit the homebound. She wants others to feel the love of Christ as they receive his Precious Body and Blood.

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