

St. Monica Catholic Church

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

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 4:30 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Daily Masses

Tuesday - 5:30 pm

Wednesday - Friday 8:30 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

Pope's Intentions



The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the
measures necessary to prioritize the
future of the very young, especially
those who are suffering.

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Sunday

of

Advent

They shall beat their swords
into plowshares and their
spears into pruning hooks;
one nation shall not raise
the sword against another.

Isaiah 2:4

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Welcome to Advent!

Advent is a Prophetic Season.

It can get you killed.

What did John the Baptist cry out about?

He prepared the Way for an adult Jesus... a true Christ Mass

The World is deaf to the Cry of the Poor and Oppressed

Pope Francis continues to urge us to be a Church for and with the poor

We need Jesus something awful this season

We must work harder to rest on the Sabbath, make room in the inn,

Listen to the Voice of God.

Jesus is coming

but for those who neglect the poor ...judgement will be severe

Advent opens our eyes to our need to change our ways, our hearts

I recently watched a critically acclaimed documentary called "For Sama"

It was not easy to watch. It was a mother crying out for justice in Syria...

At first a student, then wife and mother born during this senseless atrocity,

she shares her story for her infant daughter...beginning in the womb

and for thousands who die and or are bludgeoned around her

This prophetess, like John the Baptist, cries out to the world
as bombs from super powers drop on and on innocent people and children
as the world leaders and stock markets profit from these disgraceful wars...

as the world chooses to be blind and deaf to the cries

But God is watching...

And for those who fail to warn the people...

judgement will be catastrophic.

Only trust in God will save us

But trusting in God is not just a slogan that protects us

"Trust in God" requires great courage, love and sometimes death

Each day... we must get stronger as persecutions and insults oppress us

Jesus asks, "Can you drink the same cup as me?"

I ask, "Is there another Way?"

I know the answer and I confide in Jesus my fear and terror...

O Jesus, I asked for Wisdom and Understanding ... and you granted it to me

Now I ask for courage, knowledge and counsel

I trust you, Jesus, that the Wonder and Awe will be fulfilled in my death... maybe soon.

*"He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples;
They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks;
one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."*

Isaiah the Prophet

Love and Gratitude, Father Ron

**Let's Open the Bible
Let's put out into Deepwater
and lower our nets for a catch!**

**Father Ron's Bible Study
on Tuesday December 3
At 6:15 p.m. in the Library**

All are welcome!

Ministry Schedules

Saturday December 7, 2019 4:30 PM

Ushers: JJ Nichols, George Schiffbauer, Hoyt Muir, Earl Wallace

Eucharistic Ministers: Walt Egan, Catherine Maus, Ruth Boyette

Lectors: Sandy Woods, Sandy Sharp

Altar Servers: David Aptt, Cory Donnelly, Bill Maus

Sunday December 8, 2019 9:00 AM

Ushers: Andy Hall, Ricky Webb, Gerald Donnelly, Robert Farmer

Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine Webb, Cheryl Carr, Rick Carr

Lectors: Frank Fraize, Stephanie Husky

Altar Servers: Benjamin Motl, Jac Carr, Patrick Grace

Sunday December 8, 2019 11:00 AM

Ushers: Bill Black, Immanuel Rosado

Eucharistic Ministers: Cheryl Meis, Lina Majesky, Mary Mundy

Lectors: Cris David, Rita Lambert

Altar Servers: Josmil Montanez, Patrick Grace

BEST *Advent* EVER

'TIS (almost) THE SEASON

Rediscover the joy of Christmas with BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you'll receive . . .



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INSPIRATIONAL
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REAL-LIFE
ENCOURAGING
STORIES



Dynamic Catholic

Food Pantry

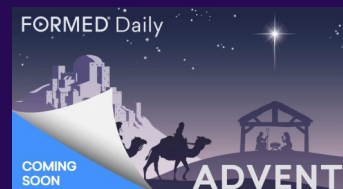
Our Weekly Food Pantry served 106 families on Thursday November 21.

Thank you to all our volunteers who make this possible.

God is Good

Formed.org

Don't forget to use our code R87GP3 and get great Catholic movies, content, and education.



Christmas Season Schedule

If you are interested in joining our growing youth ministry. Please contact Scott Phillips at 386-983-7317

Youth Ministry

December 8

Christmas Auction & Dinner
12:30 PM to 2:30 PM
Ms Stephany needs volunteers to pass out winning items

December 15

Christmas Caroling 12:30 to 3:30
Will meet at St Monica and then travel to Nursing homes
Must have permission slip signed

December 21

Christmas Party
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Christmas Eve December 24

Family Mass 4:30 PM
Youth ministry will assist in all aspects of Mass

St Monica Annual Christmas Silent Auction and Dinner

December 8, 2019
12:30 PM to 2:30 PM
In the Parish Hall

**Please Bring A
Covered Dish**

If you would like to donate an auction item please bring to the Parish Office by December 6.

This year we are asking that everyone bring an item to be added to Care Packages for military men and women.
(A list will be provided upon request)



A beautiful picture of the St Monica Ladies Guild at the annual Barry Manor Thanksgiving Lunch. Each year they lovingly prepare and serve this lunch for the residents.

The Annual Christmas Lunch will be at Shrimps are Us in Welaka on December 3, 2019

thankful
AND
grateful

The Family of John Wheeler wish to express their gratitude for the funeral Mass of the son John Wheeler, to Father Ron for his words of consolation and wisdom, our Church Staff especially Cheryl, Cris David for the flowers arrangement, the readers and the ladies who provided the reception.

To all our most heartfelt thanks.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Knowing Jesus

“For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life.” John 6:40

Many people know of Jesus. But how many **truly** know him? How can we come to know Jesus? Jesus is the Word of God. He came to suffer and die to redeem us from our sins. But he also came to live among us and show us the way to his Father. If we want to come to know Jesus, the place to start is in the Gospels. You might be thinking that you already hear the Gospel every Sunday at Mass. That is a great place to start, but it is just a piece of the Gospels. To get the whole picture, try walking with the apostles as they follow Jesus, and listen along with them to what Jesus has to say. Read each of the Gospels from beginning to end and see for yourself.

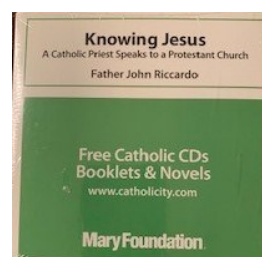
Another way to come to know Jesus is to encounter him in the Eucharist at every Mass. Do as he said, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” John 6:56 Meet the real Jesus-- body, blood, soul, and divinity-- at the most personal level possible. Become a living tabernacle and take him out into the world.

Make time for Jesus and speak to him in prayer. Don't just run to him when you need help. Praise him, thank him, ask him for his mercy. Be still and just sit with him in companionable silence. Before long, you will feel him walking by your side wherever you go.

How well do you know Jesus?

If you would like to find out more about Knowing Jesus, take a free CD from the Adult Formation

Centers located at the entrances of the church



Stewardship—it's not just about giving money.
It's about giving **everything**.

And serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts. —1 Peter 4:10, CEB



**GOD LOVES A
CHEERFUL
GIVER**

November 23 & 24

Offertory for the past weekend will be reported in next weeks bulletin. Bulletin was submitted early due to Thanksgiving

We need at least \$5000 a week before we can start saving

Thank you for your generosity

We need Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Lectors and Altar Servers for the Sunday 11:00 AM Mass

If you can serve occasionally please contact the parish office.

Thank you for your help

**KEEPING
THE LIGHTS ON**

Did you know that Florida Power and Light charged us \$1422.00 for the month of November for electricity.

Thank you so much for helping us keep the lights on and keeping us cool or warm

Volunteer Today



We have many opportunities available for your time and talent. Call the Parish Office or visit our website for more information

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
 Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
 Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
 Mt 9:35 — 10:1
 Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;

Please pray for our sick

Matilda Aloia, Larry Beaton, Lois Boucher, Joan Carter, Minda Carter, Loise Egan, Ignatius Guanlao, Tom Sczes, Rosalie Smith, Darlene Sweat, Bill Walwick, Nancy Walwick, Joe Welsh, Sandy Niichols, Kevin Allred, Fred Linniger, Albert Yeager, Almo Anders, Connie Weisner, Lane Herman, Linda Barnes, Adrain Ryan, Sandra Meis, Jeff O'Berry, Cathleen Phillips, Cathy Sheridan, Denise Orr, Silvano Gallo, Steve Fitzsimmons, Billy Watson

The prayer list will be changed each week. Please call weekly if you have someone that needs to be added. Thank you

Mass Intentions

Sunday 9:00 AM	December 1 Parishioners
Sunday 11:00 AM	December 1 Lourdes Guanlao
Tuesday 5:30 PM	December 3 +Paul Vincent
Wednesday 8:30 AM	December 4 +Miguel Dejuk Yunnis
Thursday 8:30 AM	December 5 Lourdes Guanlao
Friday 8:30 AM	December 6 Ladies Guild
Saturday 4:30 PM	December 7 Brother Roque

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