

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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December 15, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY

of
Advent

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Jesus said,

“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight,
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,
the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

Matthew 11:4-5

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Beloved of St. Monica,

This picture was taken when I retired from the Navy Reserves on December 5, 2005 after returning from Fallujah Iraq in April

Bishop John Snyder was installed as our Bishop 40 years ago on December 5, 2019. Although he passed from this world to the next on September 27 on the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, his legacy of love and compassion will live well beyond our wildest imagination and his 93 years.

When I met Bishop John in 1983 on a Cursillo retreat, I knew this would be my diocese for the rest of my life. He ordained me a transitional deacon and then as a priest through the laying on of hands. His presence at my 25th anniversary is the best gift any priest could hope for. His love of the outcast and prisoner needs to inspire us to do more. Celebrating the Eucharist with him at the Faith & Sharing retreats for the past 22 years is why I love being a priest. He encouraged me to serve with the Marines and Sailors long after I wanted to quit. What a mistake that would have been. He taught me by example to welcome all.

But mostly, I miss his voice at the Eucharist at special occasions. Bishop John was the best spiritual father I could ever ask for. Please join me in thanking God for 40 years of beloved Bishop Jack as we embrace 150 years as the Diocese of St. Augustine.

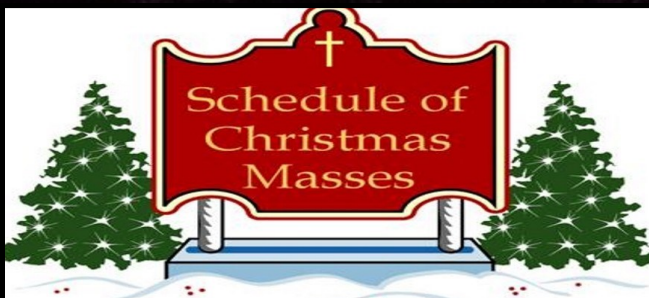


Love, joy, peace,
Father Ron Moses +

St Monica *Advent Penance Service*

Prepare the way of the Lord...

*This Tuesday
December 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM
Mass will be at 5:00 PM*



Christmas Season Schedule Youth Ministry

Christmas Eve December 24

4:30 PM Family Mass
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day December 25

10:00 AM

New Years Eve December 31

5:30 PM

**New Years Day
January 1, 2020
10:00 AM**

December 21

Christmas Party
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

December 24 Christmas Eve

Family Mass 4:30 PM

**If you are interested in joining our
growing youth ministry**

**Please contact Scott Phillips
at 386-983-7317**

Reconciliation

When was the last time you cleaned your windows? Is it something that you put off doing? But when you finally get around to washing them, aren't you amazed by how clearly you can see the beauty outside? Don't you wonder why you didn't do it sooner?

Going to confession can be a bit like that for a lot of people. You know you should go, but you just can't find the right time to do it. Then there is the problem of what you are going to say and how you are going to say it. No matter what you say, it is embarrassing! Sin is embarrassing. But everyone does it. We let God down. We let others down. We let ourselves down. So what do we do? We apologize and say I'm sorry. God is a patient listener. He loves us more than we'll ever know. He can't wait for us to turn to Him and ask forgiveness, so He can shower us with His grace and we can be in harmony with Him again. Some ask why we must confess our sins to a priest. Why can't we just talk to God? The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation gives us the opportunity to take a close look at how we are living our lives. We say our sins out loud. We get excellent advice on how to avoid those sins in the future. Then we hear the words of absolution, and know we are forgiven.

When you leave the confessional, don't you feel light-hearted and full of joy?

Don't you wonder why you didn't do it sooner?

GROWING YOUR



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Cemetery Clean-Up

December 21 ,2019
At 8:00 AM

Please contact
Bobby Daley
For more information

Any help would be greatly
appreciated



HOMELESSNESS

Help others who have so very little.

Please donate sleeping bags, blankets, coats, underwear, socks, and toiletries to help fill our supply closet for those in need in our community

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**

Thank you

Offertory Total \$4932.00
Children's Gifts \$36.00
Poor Account \$ 1223.00

December 7 and 8
Online Giving \$260.00
Youth Ministry Donation \$1000.00
Christmas Auction \$1885.00

Beloved of St. Monica,

What a most powerful and beautiful season we are in. Advent gives us a chance to refresh and reload with the incredible love of Jesus. The readings this week are laden with fruit of love for the poor. The prophet Isaiah (11:1-10) cries out with images of what happens after a devastating fire or volcanic eruption or war. The lush forest rejuvenates.

*On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse (father of King David),
and from his roots a bud shall blossom.*

*The spirit of the Beloved Lord shall rest upon him:
a spirit of counsel and of strength,
a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord,
and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord.*

John the Baptist insists that we produce good fruit as evidence of our repentance. If we are not generous and kind to the poor even before our own families, we could get cut down and thrown into the fire. Our first gifts must be to the poor. It helps to know that the poor are our family. Here at St. Monica's we give our first 10% of our offerings to the poor. Thank you! Thank you! Thank YOU!

We are also generous in our Food Pantry, in our daily lives away from our church buildings, and in the way we come to Eucharist every week even while we are traveling. We are people who love God and the poor. When we love the poor, we love Jesus.

Please give God a chance. No matter what we give to the poor, remember that God has a bigger shovel. It is a matter of trust. Week after week, I have seen this little but powerful church community growing into a magnificent tree bearing incredible fruit. Wow!

Those generous with God have no trouble.

Have a wonderful week in the Advent of Jesus.

Love, joy, peace, and much fruit,
Father Ron Moses +
Your unworthy pastor ~



Father Ron's Bible Study will resume on Tuesday January 7 at 6:15 PM



Every Friday
7:30 AM to 8:30 AM

Ministry Schedules

Saturday December 21, 2019 4:30 PM

Ushers: JJ Nichols, Sammy Sharp, Karen McMillan, Jim McMillan

Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine Maus, Joyce Fitzsimmons, Walt Egan

Lectors: Sandy Woods, Rita Lambert

Altar Servers: Bill Maus, David Aptt, Connor Donnelly

Sunday December 22, 2019 9:00 AM

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine Webb, Silvano Gallo

Lectors: Carol Burridge, Harry Burridge

Altar Servers: Mathew Webb, Jac Carr, Patrick Grace

Sunday December 22, 2019 11:00 AM

Ushers: Immanuel Rosado, Linus Wiesner

Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine Webb, Cris David, Mary Mundy

Lectors: Mary Crawford, Pam Mathes

Altar Servers: Josmil Montanez, Andrew Walwik

Tuesday December 24, 2019 4:30 PM

Ushers: Scott Phillips, Ricky Webb, Robert Farmer

Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine Webb, Mathew Webb, Connor Phillips

Lectors: Youth

Altar Servers: Daniel Fazio, Jac Carr, Andrew Walwik

Tuesday December 24, 2019 Midnight

Ushers: Ricky Webb, Bill Black

Eucharistic Ministers: Cris David, Mary Mundy, Corrine Munn

Lectors: Catherine Webb, Rita Lambert

Altar Servers: Skylar Gugal, Avery Gugal, Ansley Hall

Wednesday December 25, 2019 10:00 AM

Ushers: Terry Gilmore, Ricky Webb, Matt Harris, Eddie Dubeck

Eucharistic Ministers: Ramona Bodalski, Lillian Morgan, Sandy Woods

Lectors: Cheryl Meis, Catherine Webb

Altar Servers: Josmil Montanez, Mathew Webb

Readings for the Week

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Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
 Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
 Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
 Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
 Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Please pray for our sick

Matilda Aloia, , Lois Boucher, Joan Carter, Minda Carter, Loise Egan, Ignatius Guanlao, Tom Sczes, Darlene Sweat, Bill Walwick, , Joe Welsh, Sandy Nichols, 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, Linda Barnes Denise Orr, Silvano Gallo, 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 15 Parishioners
Sunday 11:00 AM	December 15 Lourdes Guanlao
Tuesday 5:00 PM	December 17 + Paul Vincent
Wednesday 8:30 AM	December 18 Barbara Dougherty
Thursday 8:30 AM	December 19 + Doug Valenti
Friday 8:30 AM	December 20 +Miguel Dejuk Yunnis
Saturday 4:30 PM	December 21 Michael Harris

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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).