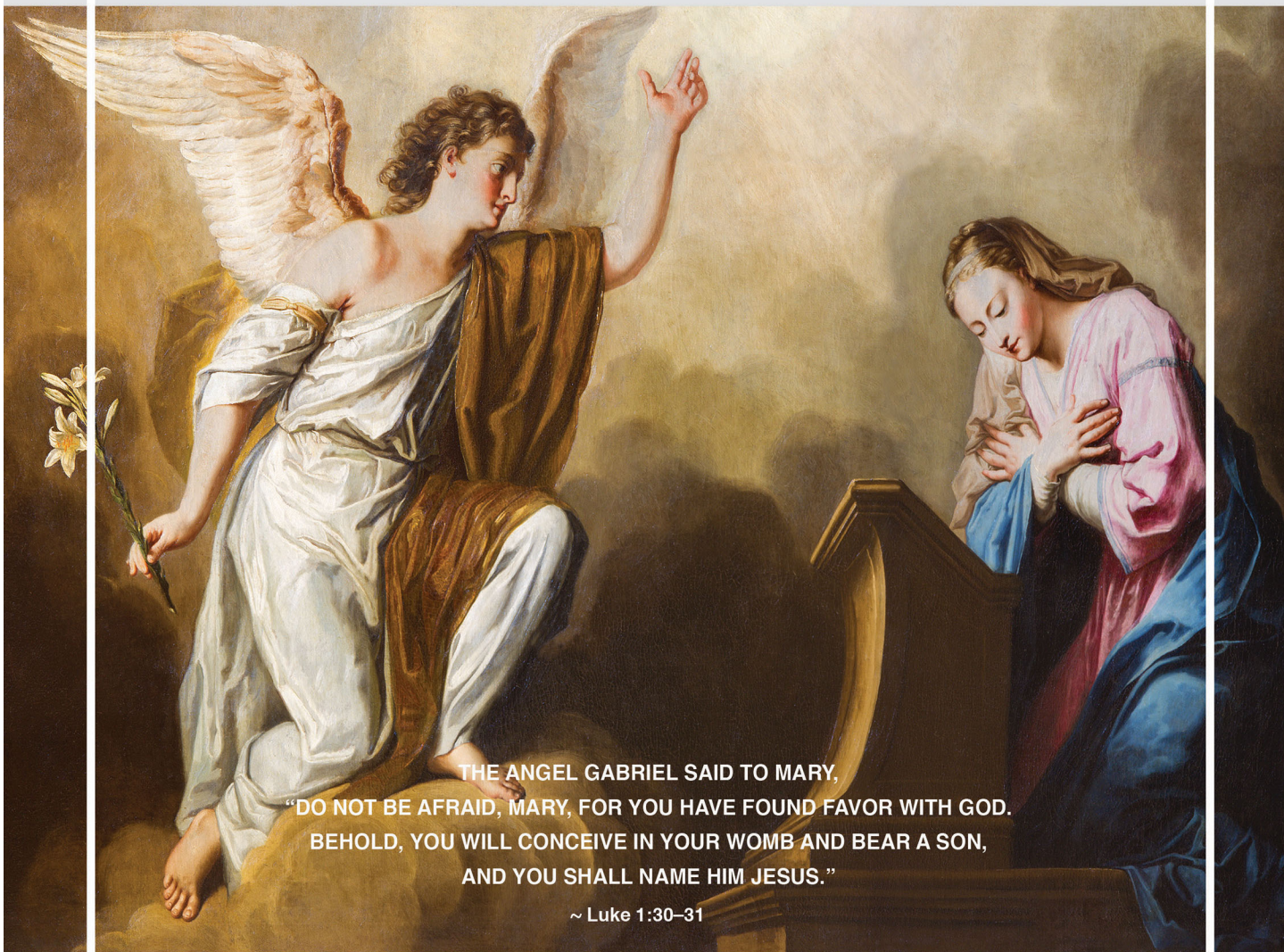


“We are called to welcome and assist all to the compassionate love of Jesus through the Eucharist.”

ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2020 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



THE ANGEL GABRIEL SAID TO MARY,
“DO NOT BE AFRAID, MARY, FOR YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR WITH GOD.
BEHOLD, YOU WILL CONCEIVE IN YOUR WOMB AND BEAR A SON,
AND YOU SHALL NAME HIM JESUS.”

~ Luke 1:30-31

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Beloved of St. Monica,

Christ Mass will be here in less than one week. We celebrate the Vigil of Christmas on Thursday evening with great joy and gratitude to God who gave us the greatest gift ever.

But first we must celebrate this last Sunday of Advent with great love, expectation and prayer. Don't let the gift of Advent pass us by. Allow this sacred time to seep deep into our soul.

Let us sing together,

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Beloved!

Yes! God has made a beautiful covenant with us.

Thank you all for the greatest gift you could give me;

Your faith, love and joy in Jesus the Christ and his beautiful
Saint Monica Community in Palatka, Florida.

May we all say with great love the same words as our Mother:

“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word.”



May this last 4th week of Advent be the best ever!

I share a poem I wrote on St. Ambrose day. Ambrose baptized Augustine with Monica watching. I hope you enjoy.

**Love, joy, peace,... and patient waiting,
Father Ron Moses +**

Saint Ambrose (who baptized the son of Monica) ~ Pearl Harbor ~ December 7,
2020



*Advent waiting is so intoxicating
But the social world rushes and bullies
I am divided, and yet I sense a growing peace
Wrapped in the remnants of almost forgot advents
Purchased with the still vibrant blood of our Beloved*

*Holy advent with all the social annoyances
of Salvation Army ringing, but not as evident this year, just distance
Holy Advent knocking on my heart and soul,
welcoming me into eternity
while I sort of temper tantrum to Christmas past
that often intruded on advent peace
with rush, rush, rush
Holy Advent crying out prepare for the Way of Love
and healing and peace...
we sure need advent.*

*O come, o come Emmanuel
And ransom us from our captivity
to our remote and lusty clinging connected
to divisive inter-netted distancing
from soul and wonder
O Advent, you really are intoxicating
if I only rush slowly into your calm.
rejoice!*

Grow Strong in Your Faith

With Karen Lee



You Had to Be There

Have you ever looked at a Nativity scene and wondered what it was like to actually be there? Did you imagine what it was like to be one of the three kings, a shepherd, or maybe even the donkey? Well, St. Ignatius developed a type of prayer that can help you do just that. It is called imaginative prayer. This prayer method can bring scripture to life and deepen our understanding. Let's give it a try.

Read this scripture slowly several times until you know it so well you could tell it to someone.

Luke 2:15-20 *When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

Now close your eyes. Imagine the scene. Who is there? What are they doing? Where are they? What smells are there? What sounds? Now put yourself in the scene. Become a bystander or someone in the scene. Notice where you are. Let the story unfold in your mind. Stay with it until you feel nudged to reflection.

Share with God what you noticed and what you experienced. Then rest in God and let Him speak to you. What did you learn about Jesus or another character in the scene? Did you learn anything about yourself?

If you want, you can try it again. Become someone different in the scene and look at it through their eyes. You might even try being Mary or Joseph and imagine what it was like to hold the baby Jesus, the Son of God, tenderly in your arms. Now you truly understand the meaning of Christmas.

Reservations Recommended

Christmas Eve Vigil

Masses

4:00 PM

8:00 PM

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10:00 AM

Please visit our website stmoniacatholicchurch.com to reserve your seat or you can also call the Parish Office to submit your reservation at 386-325-9777.

We will be live streaming all of the Christmas Masses on Facebook and uploading to website

God Bless

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New Items for Christmas !!



Christmas Season Schedule

Volunteers needed for all Christmas Masses.

**We need Ushers, Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers
and individuals to record the Masses.
(Training for recording available)**

Please Call the Office
at 386-325-9777 to Volunteer

Thursday December 24, 2020 4:00PM

**Ushers:
Eucharistic Minister:
Lectors: Stephanie Huskey
Altar Server:**

Thursday December 24, 2020 8:00PM

**Ushers: Joe Iovino, Avery Gugal
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Iovino
Lectors:
Altar Server: Skylar Gugal**

Thursday December 24, 2020 Midnight

**Ushers: Bill Black, Bill Maus
Eucharistic Minister: Catherine Maus
Lectors: Pam Mathes, Rita Lambert
Altar Server: Frank Fraize**

Friday December 25, 2020 10:00 AM

**Ushers: Steve Woods
Eucharistic Minister: Ramona Bodalski
Lectors: Sandy Woods, Ken Freligh
Altar Server:**

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 26, 2020 4:30 PM

**Ushers: Hoyt Muir, George Schiffbauer
Eucharistic Minister: Catherine Maus
Lectors: Mary Lawnicki, Helen Muir
Altar Server: Bill Maus**

Sunday, December 27, 2020 9:00 AM

**Ushers: Eddie Dubeck, Tom Hiss
Eucharistic Minister: Ramona Bodalski
Lectors: Cheryl Meis, Stephanie Huskey
Altar Server: Benjamin Motl**

Sunday, December 27, 2020 11:00 AM

**Ushers: Bill Black
Eucharistic Minister: Joe Iovino
Lectors: Mary Iovino, Rita Lambert
Altar Server: Abel Velez**



In person Bible Study will resume on
January 5, 2021. Father Ron may record
a few live classes throughout Advent
and Christmas.

Keep opening God's Word!"

*Ornaments
only reflections of fruit
from tree of life
like the moon
reflects the real powerhouse sun
and me
hopefully
reflects the real powerhouse Son
O Holy Night
Come quickly!*

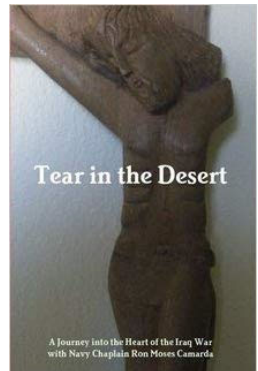


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December 20, 2020

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Masses For The Week



Saturday, December 19

+Doug Valenti
+ Richard Pallanck

Sunday, December 20

Parishioners
Father Ron Camarda
For health and well being

Tuesday December 21

+Father Amar
For health and well being

Wednesday, December 22

+Michael Harris

Prayer Requests

Louise Egan, Sue Wilson,
Fred Lininger,
Edna Blandford, Angie Spina,
Laura Hall, Andy Hall, Gary Rummel,
Adrienne Fennell, Bill Gaines,
Dave Green

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



David Barnes– 19th

Olivia Motl– 19th

Stanley Hodge– 19th

Louise Egan– 20th

Mark Lininger_ 20th

Mary Strong– 20th

Bob Newman– 21st

Theresa Brauman– 21st

Eugene Slevin– 24th

*It seems like people never
read the bulliten unless I
make a mistake.*

*Love and Blessings,
Diana*

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The Pope's Monthly Intentions for December

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



This Week's Daily Readings

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

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Monday December 21, 2020

Tuesday December 22, 2020

Wednesday December 23, 2020

Christmas Eve December 24, 2020

Christmas Day December 25, 2020

Monday December 28, 2020

Tuesday December 29, 2020 through Friday January 1, 2021

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Drive Thru Communion

10:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Daily Masses

Tuesday - 5:30 pm

Wednesday - Friday 8:30 am

Confessions

Saturday 3:30PM —4:15 PM
or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

First Saturday of Every Month

10:00 AM



Mass

Sunday 9:00 AM

Fr Ron Bible Study

Tuesday 6:15 PM

Rosary

Friday 7:45 AM

Holy Hour

Friday 9:00 AM

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