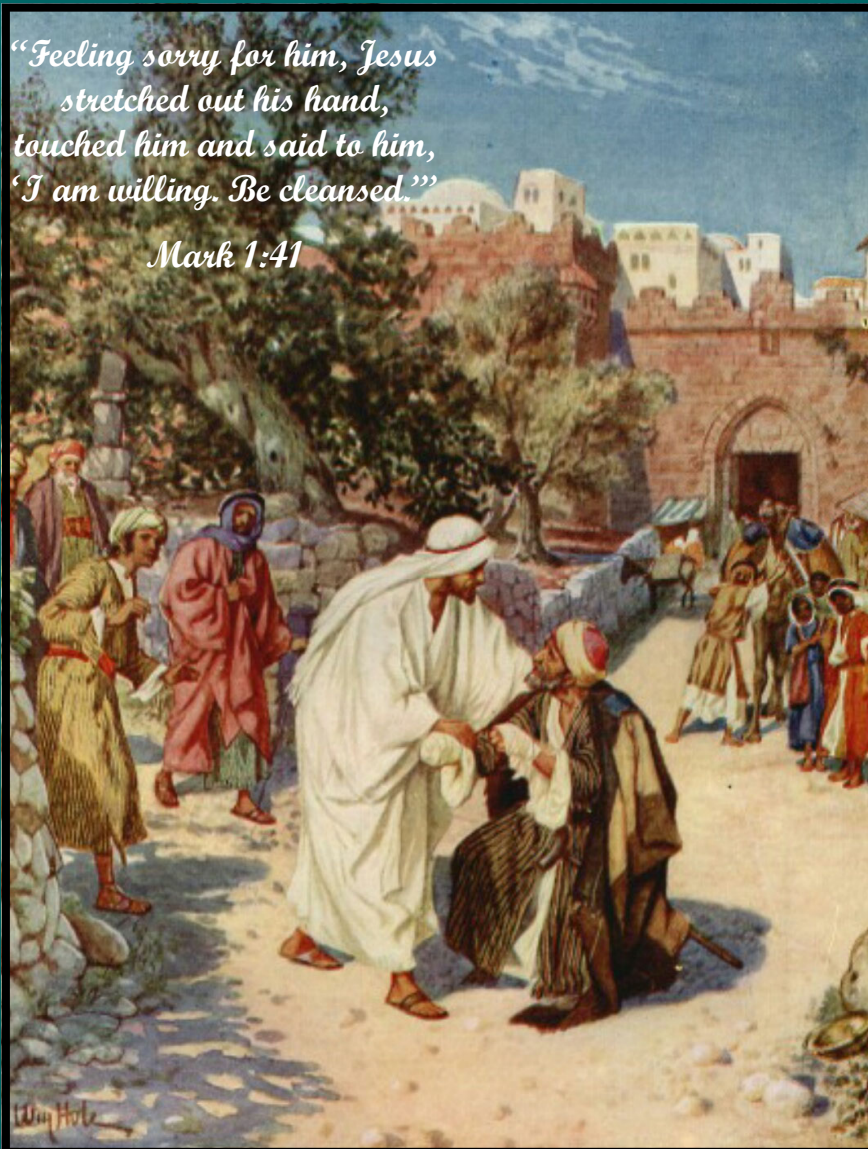


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*"Feeling sorry for him, Jesus
stretched out his hand,
touched him and said to him,
'I am willing. Be cleansed.'"*

Mark 1:41



FEBRUARY 14TH, 2021

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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Beloved,

On this, our last weekend in Ordinary Time, we prepare to enter the season of Lent.

I share with you my prayer-poem written last Saturday morning. It was just before our Youth helped with the Food Pantry give-away, we celebrated the Mass with anointing, a preparation of a couple for marriage, and the call to be with Angie Spina as she was called to Heaven.

Lent is a time to reflect and grow deeper in our love for God and one another. Let's do it. Let's begin with our own humble prayer beneath the ashes of repentance and love.

The leper begged Jesus, "If you wish it, you can make me clean." Jesus is restoring us to community. He stretches out his hand. He touches us in our misery. And he says, "I do will it, be made clean." And our hearts burst with God's love.

Let us thank God for all the marvelous gifts He has given us; especially our healing and His Love.

Thank you to all who responded to our Covenant Weekend and the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal. God will not be outdone in generosity. If you haven't done so, there is still time.

Love, joy, peace,
Father Ron Moses +



February 6, 2021 ~ Good Sleep Now

A Saturday morning,
Cloud cover more than the feel and sight
Packed in along with my mood

And yet I have the gift from God
to lift it, transform it
separate, connected and equal

Separate I am created
Connected to all, Body and Blood of God
Equal as in a marriage
Quite awesome and lonesome...



We are, of course much more than we observe
or instinctively attempt to survive
We are, in course, on a journey created to run
Yes, run with the angels, saints and devils
But to grow in wisdom, science, understanding,
counsel, courage, reverence, awe and wonder.
And to be loved
in order to love all that was
all that is
all that will be.

We are "I Am"... Love,
Glorious, merciful, persistent, majestic, inspiring,
passionate, compassionate, erotic love of heaven...
always and in all ways... Andiamos!
Let's go... Let's be... Love for all, Love for us, Love I Am,
Love we are.... Forever, Amen... o my!

Grow Strong in Your Faith

With Karen Lee



Lent is what you make it. If you don't do anything for Lent, you won't get any benefit in return. If you only give up chocolate, you might lose weight, but your soul will still be hungry. If you really get serious about Lent, however, and live it fully, you may be amazed at the changes in your spiritual life. So, what is the secret to the Best Lent Ever? Since the time of Christ, it has always been prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Focus on all three and you will find success.

Our kickoff for Lent, Ash Wednesday, sets the tone. We will have our usual Ash Wednesday Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and an Ecumenical Service with our other Christian brothers and sisters at noon. If you are unable to attend, at least one will be livestreamed. If you are able to go and get your ashes, wear them proudly. Whether they look like a cross or a smudge, whenever someone tells you there is something on your forehead, smile and use that teachable moment to tell them about Lent.

There are many opportunities at St. Monica for doing something special for your prayer life. You will find small daily Lenten reflection booklets in the Adult Formation Center. They will help you pray and reflect daily. There are also inspirational daily email videos from Matthew Kelly from Dynamic Catholic that go along with *I Heard God Laugh*, the book you received for Christmas. You can sign up to receive these emails at www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever. On Friday mornings at 7:45, you can pray the rosary with Father Ron and others, celebrating the most important events in Jesus's life. Afterward, you can stay for morning Mass at 8:30. Following that, you can go deeper in prayer by staying for Adoration from 9:00-10:00. If you are unable to attend, all three are livestreamed on Facebook and on our parish website. The church is also open daily so you can walk with Jesus along the Stations of the Cross.

Other Lenten possibilities that you might consider are attending Father Ron's Bible Study on Tuesday nights at 6:15 in the church following 5:30 Mass or joining the new book study of *Stepping Up* by Beth Moore in the church hall on Monday mornings from 9:00-10:30.

There are also many more Lenten opportunities online that you can explore. Add in fasting and almsgiving and by Easter Sunday, you may find that you, too, have been transformed!

February 14, 2021

WATCH

BELOVED—SESSION 1: DOES MARRIAGE MATTER?

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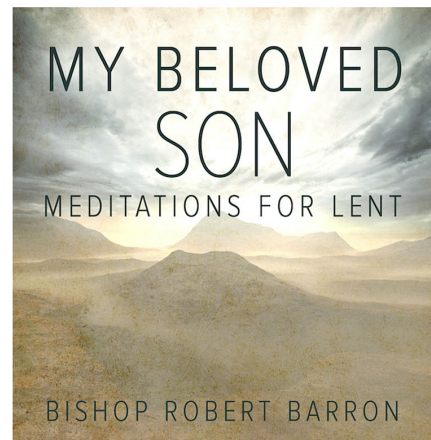
Are you looking to take your spiritual life deeper this Lent? There's no better place to start than the Lord's Word. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Giszczak as they explain how to study and devote yourself to Scripture!

LEARN

LISTEN

MY BELOVED SON: MEDITATIONS FOR LENT BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Lent is a season of discipline where we focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In five riveting homilies, join Bishop Barron as he describes the spiritual disciplines we undertake during Lent.



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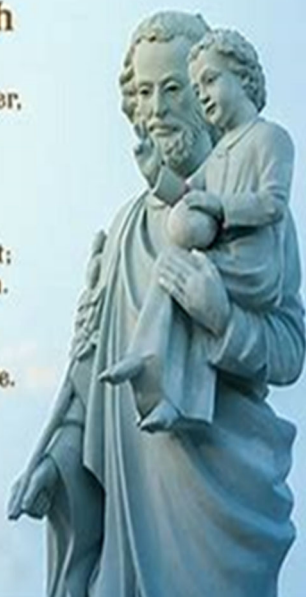


“Amen I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.”
MK 12:43-44

This week, we hope you will make a prayerful decision to pledge a gift to our 2021 Bishop’s Annual Stewardship Appeal. Bishop Estévez invites each of us to join as a faith community in support of the beautiful mission of our Church. As good stewards of God’s gifts, giving and sharing of ourselves is how we can express gratitude for all our blessings. Stewardship is an act of faith and should be at the heart of our lives as faithful and active members of our Church. It means we are ready to recognize all that we are and all that we have are gifts from God. Let us now ask what we can do for God.

Prayer for the Year of Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 To you God entrusted his only Son;
 in you Mary placed her trust;
 with you Christ became man.
 Blessed Joseph, to us too,
 show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.
 Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
 and defend us from every evil.
 Amen.
 -Pope Francis



The St Monica Food Pantry

Volunteers always needed to help distribute food at their drive thru giveaway.



Every Saturday Morning
 from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

STEWARDSHIP

Gifts for February 6 & 7

Offertory: \$ 5,831.00

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**Thank you for your
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Mass Attendance: 179

Drive Thru: 13



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February 17, 2021

Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM Mass

12:00 PM Ecumenical Service

6:00 PM Mass

Knights of Columbus

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**Every Friday during Lent starting February 19
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

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**The Pope's Monthly
Intentions for February:**

Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their suffering considered and heeded.

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Saturday, February 13
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Sunday, February 14
Parishioners
John Riley & Family

Tuesday February 15
Liz Riley

Wednesday, February 16
Fallen Lee (Birthday)

Thursday, February 17
Cris David

Friday, February 18
+Frank Spena



Happy Birthday!

Jeanne Wigand

Edward Grout

Thelma Peterson

This Week's Daily Readings

Monday: Reading 1, *Genesis 4:1-15, 25*
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 50:1, 8, 16-17, 20-21*

Gospel, *Mark 8:11-13*

Tuesday: Reading 1, *Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10*
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 8, 9-10*

Gospel, *Mark 8:14-21*

Wednesday: Reading 1, *Joel 2:12-18*
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17*

Gospel, *Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18*

Reading 2, *Second Corinthians 5:20-6:2*

Thursday: Reading 1, *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6*
Gospel, *Luke 9:22-25*

Friday: Reading 1, *Isaiah 58:1-9*

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6, 18-19*
Gospel, *Matthew 9:14-15*

Saturday: Reading 1, *Isaiah 58:9-14*
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6*
Gospel, *Luke 5:27-32*

Sunday: Reading 1, *Genesis 9:8-15*
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9*
Gospel, *Mark 1:12-15*
Reading 2, *First Peter 3:18-22*



Louise Egan, Sue Wilson,
Fred Lininger, Shirley Delaney
Edna Blandford
Andy Hall, Gary Rummel, Adrienne Fennell,
Cheryl Carr, Frank Comer, Pam Mathes,
Larry Beaton, Frank Fraize, Quinn Soucey,
Warner Strong

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 20, 2021 4:30 PM

Ushers: Hoyt Muir, Bill Black
Eucharistic Minister: Cathy Maus
Lectors: Mary Lawnicki, Helen Muir
Altar Server: Bill Maus

Sunday, February 21, 2021 9:00 AM

Ushers: Eddie Dubeck, Tom Hiss
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Mundy
Lectors: Stephanie Huskey, Mary Jo Perry
Altar Server: Frank Fraize

Sunday, February 21, 2021 11:00 AM

Ushers: Betty Poteet
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Cleveland
Lectors: Pam Mathes, Rita Lambert
Altar Server: Avery Gugal

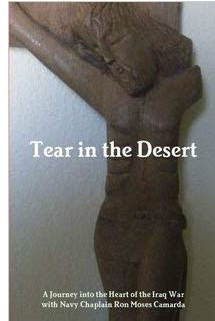
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Father Ron Moses
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Lisa Bianculli
is our new
Liturgical
Coordinator / Director
of Religious
Education.

Lisa and her husband, Ted, recently moved to Palatka from Rochester, NY. (Ted was hired as a teacher at St. Joseph Academy.) Prior to moving to Palatka, Lisa was the Youth Minister and Confirmation Coordinator for a parish in Rochester, NY for 5.5 years. She has a Master's Degree in Theology and Christian Ministry from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Lisa is very much looking forward to meeting and getting to know all of you!

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Drive Thru Blessings

Sunday 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Daily Masses

Tuesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday-Friday 8:30 AM

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM
Or by appointment

Healing Mass

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Mass Sunday

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Father Ron's Bible Study

Tuesday 6:15 PM

Rosary with Father Ron and Guests

Friday 7:45 AM

Friday Morning Mass & Adoration

9:00 AM

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