

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

FIFTH SUNDAY

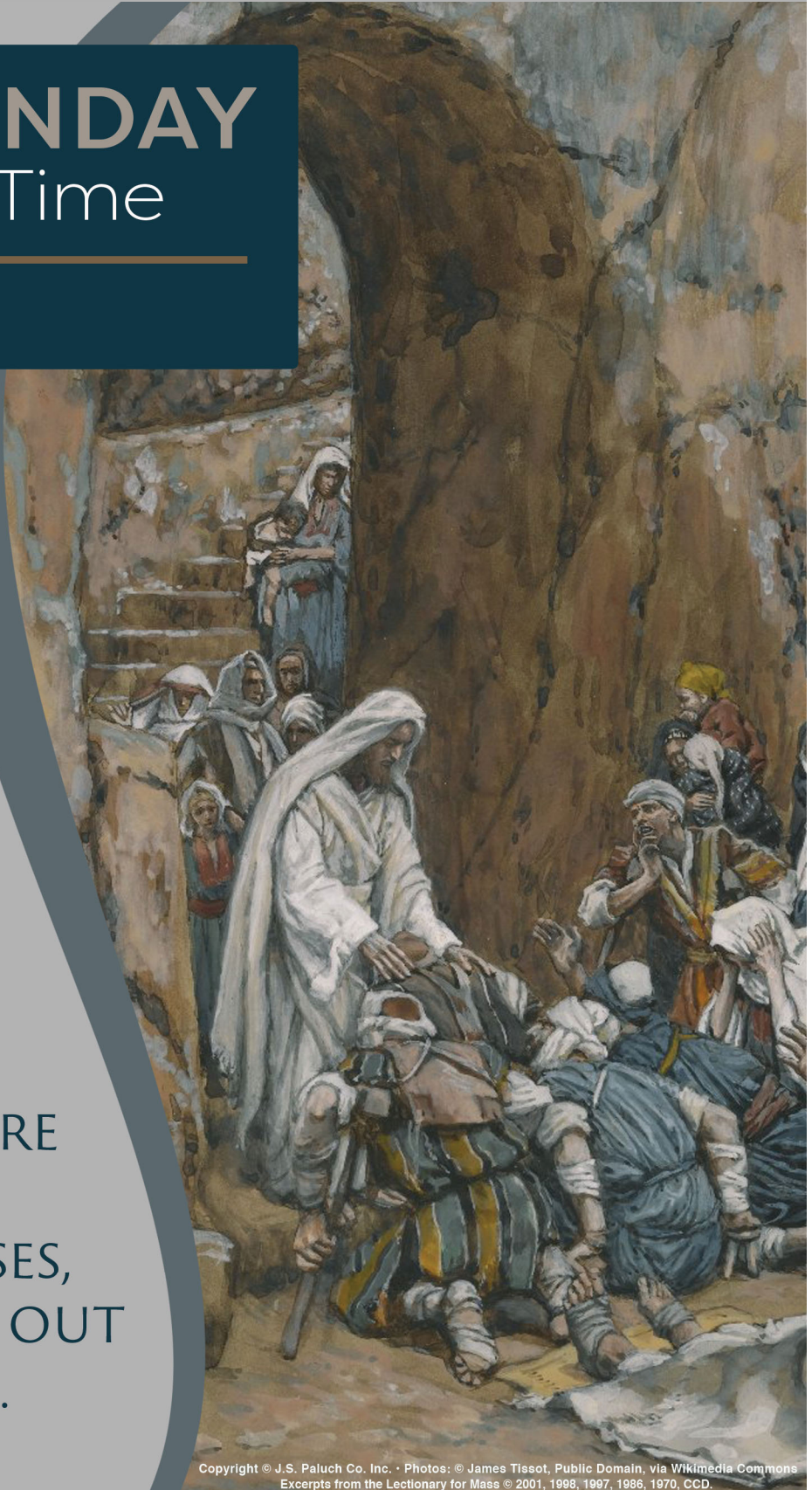
in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021

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JESUS CURED
MANY WHO WERE
SICK WITH
VARIOUS DISEASES,
AND HE DROVE OUT
MANY DEMONS.

MARK 1:34



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Saint Monica, Steward of Persistence Covenant Sunday 2021

We welcome and assist all to the compassionate love of Jesus through the Eucharist.

Most of you have already received your commitment card in the mail. This weekend we are celebrating our covenant of love with this beautiful, faithful, persistent and generous parish. Thank you for your continued support throughout this past very challenging but fruitful year.

Because of your incredible support, we have been able to accomplish amazing work for Jesus whom we love. We listened to his Mother who said to the stewards, “Do whatever he tells you.” We have put out into deep waters with the encouragement of Jesus to serve the poor, the hungry, the oppressed and broken hearted. Thank YOU!

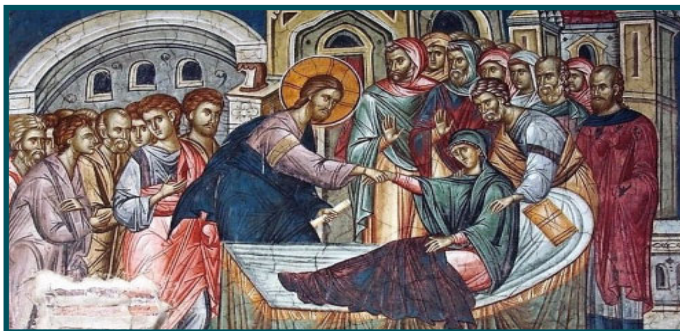
We invite you to fill out a commitment card and place it in the collection box or hand it to the ushers. We are hoping for 100% participation. This will help us to better serve you and stay connected. This will also help us to update our data base and registration. We are asking even snowbirds, friends and/or benefactors of St. Monica to make a covenant of love to your “second home parish”. There is a box to check for this. You are always in our hearts.

Even if you can only pledge your prayers or talent at this time, we would welcome your covenant gratefully. Your card says, “Yes, I am thankful to God for this small but vibrant parish by the St. John’s River since 1858.

When we pledge our time, talent and treasure, God teaches us to be better fishers of men and women. God is never outdone in generosity. God loves a cheerful giver.

Simon’s mother-in-law was healed when it was brought to the attention of Jesus. They had confidence that Jesus could heal her, but they didn’t totally expect it. We don’t usually expect Jesus to truly work in our lives and heal us. Jesus approached her, grasped her hand, and helped her up. She was totally restored to her former way of life, but something was different. Her fever, her anxieties, and her illness were vanquished. But then she began to wait on Jesus, his disciples and her family with a cheerful heart. She was a steward of her healing.

Are we willing to be faithful stewards of our healings?



**Love, joy, peace,
Father Ron +**

Next week we will have the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal which is part of our commitment to the Universal Church as the Bride of Christ. As part of the Pastors Advisory Committee, I was invited to co-write the prayer for this year.

Let's pray together the Stewardship Prayer of our Diocese of St. Augustine:



**O God, you who own everything,
You loved us to the end so that we must love
everyone.
You gave us the vocation and mission to be like St.
Joseph,
Protector of the Holy Family,
and patron of the Church, the Bride of Christ.**

**Through our stewardship of time, talent and treasures
Help us to support, protect and love the gift of Your
Church
So that we may All be One in the Body of Christ.**

**Let us receive this Love gratefully,
Cultivate it responsibly,
Share it lovingly in justice with others,
And return this Gift with increase as a
fragrant offering of love.**

**Imitating Joseph, the steward of the Holy Family
Inspire us to receive the gift of your Spouse Mary,
Mother of Jesus and our Mother.
And may we journey together as one family,
Though earth be shaken and mountains
quake to the sea.**

**“Thank You to Helen &
Hoyt who shared their
witness to Stewardship as
a Way of Life.”**

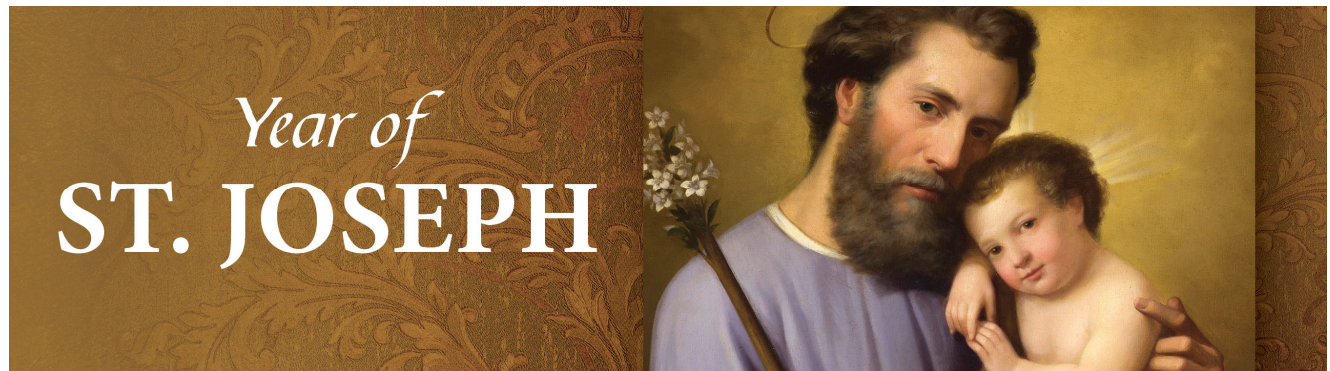


**Let us hear your voice,
“Do not be afraid,
for behold,
I Am with You, always
until the end of time.”
Amen!**



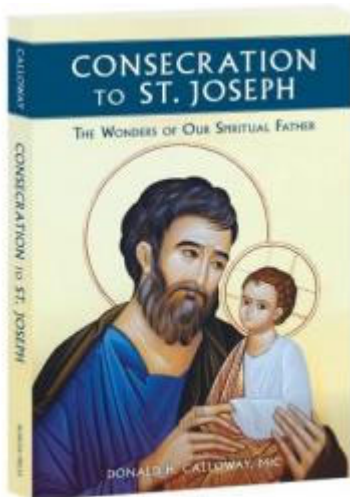
Grow Strong in Your Faith

With Karen Lee



Pope Francis has declared year 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph, that includes from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. It is meant to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of the foster father of Christ as patron of the universal Church. St. Joseph is also the patron of workers, fathers, and a happy death. In his apostolic encyclical, *Patris Corde*, Pope Francis wrote, “Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet, and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.”

What are some things that we can do to honor St. Joseph?



-Include prayers to St. Joseph in our daily prayers.

-Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary, meditating about St. Joseph’s role and reciting Pope Francis’s Prayer to St. Joseph at the end.

-Pray the St. Joseph novena for our personal intentions.

-Learn about St. Joseph’s virtues and try to imitate them.

-Include a book about St. Joseph in our spiritual reading.

-Watch a movie about St. Joseph on FORMED.org

-Pray the 33-day consecration to St. Joseph, beginning on February 15 and ending on St. Joseph’s feast day, March 19. The book, written by Father Donald H. Calloway, is available in our Gift Shop and online in paperback, eBook, and audio.

This is an excellent way to deepen our devotion to our beloved St. Joseph, while learning more about him.



Hearts on Fire

*The next St Monica
2nd Saturday Music Fest will be
on February 13 at 2:00 PM*

*Featured artists are:
Zane Price and Gabriel Johnston*



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PICK OF THE WEEK

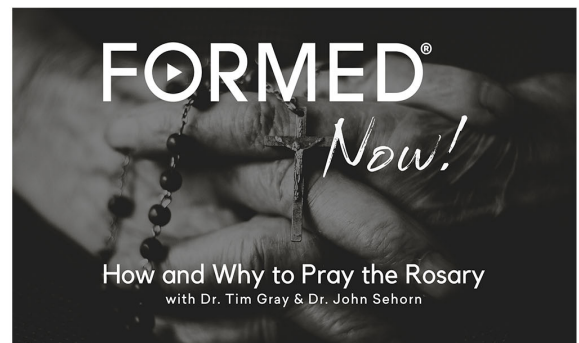
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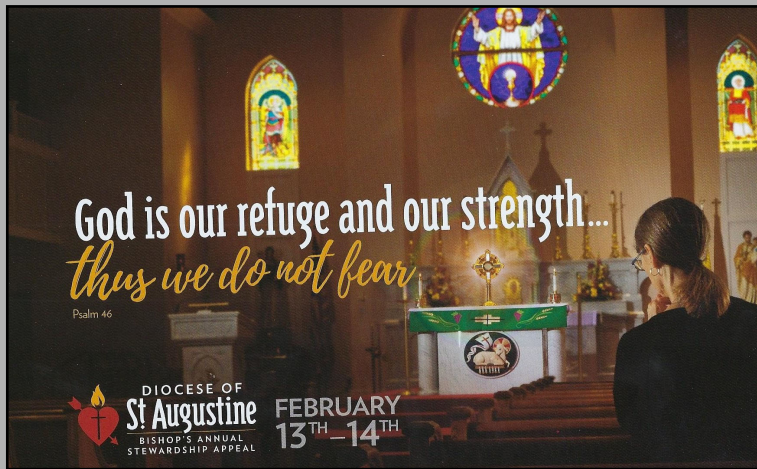
**FORMED NOW!
HOW AND WHY TO PRAY THE ROSARY**

As we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes this week, we invite you to learn more about the Rosary! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss how they pray the Rosary and how it has changed their lives!

Don't forget to use our code R87GP3



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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.”
McK 12:43-44

Our Bishop’s Annual Stewardship Appeal (BASA) is now underway. If you are a registered member of our parish or another parish in our diocese, you may have received a mailing from Bishop Estévez, asking for your support and participation in this year’s Annual Appeal.

Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the Appeal using gift options on the response card mailed to you or by completing a commitment envelope at Mass next weekend. Our annual theme, “One Faith, One Family” reminds us that our faith community is made up of a network of parishes. Bishop Estévez invites each of us to join together in support of the beautiful mission of the Church, as we are called to be good stewards of what we have been gifted with. We have the opportunity to proclaim His love and faithfulness through sharing the blessings we have gratefully received from Him.

We ask that you commit this invitation to prayer and if your circumstances allow, please come prepared to respond next week. Your gift should be in addition to what you are already giving to your parish. Please know that every gift is important, especially as the Church continues to serve during these times of great need.

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 sufferings considered and heeded.



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 January 30 & January 31

Offertory: \$ 4,571.00

Outreach to Poor: \$ 1,050.00

Building Fund: \$ 195.00

**Thank you for your
generous donations**

Mass Attendance: 186

Drive Thru: 14

If you would like to have more financial freedom, especially to help support the mission of the Church, but are unsure where to start look into: *Dave Ramsey's 7 Baby Steps*

Dave Ramsey's **7 BABY STEPS**

- Step 1: **Save \$1,000**
- Step 2: **Pay off ALL debt**
- Step 3: **3-6 month fund**
- > 3b: **Down Payment (house)**
- Step 4: **Invest 15% of income**
- Step 5: **Fund kids' college**
- Step 6: **Pay off house**
- Step 7: **Give generously**

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Ash Wednesday Services

*8:00 AM Mass
12:00 PM Ecumenical Service
6:00 PM Mass*



Next Meeting

February 20th
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

— END OF YEAR —

GIVING STATEMENTS

Available

If you would like a statement mailed to you, please contact the Parish Office at 386-325-9777.

**ST. MONICA RELIGIOUS ARTICLES
AND GIFT SHOP IS NOW OPEN ON SUNDAY!**

Located in the Parish office
Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00PM

Sundays from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM



Saturday, February 6
+Susan Walwik

Sunday, February 7
Parishioners
Lauren Reid (Spiritual Healing)

Tuesday February 9
Bridgett Hamilton & Family

Wednesday, February 10
Hugh & Julia Costello

Thursday, February 11
+Frank Spena

Friday, February 12
Agnes David



Happy Birthday!

Bernard Prudencio

TK Murray

Matthew Webb

Scott Phillips

Cheryl Carr

Amber Rowland

Chad Bock

Charlie Fortner

This Week's Daily Readings

Monday: Reading 1, *Genesis 1:1-19*
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35*

Gospel, *Mark 6:53-56*

Tuesday: Reading 1, *Genesis 1:20-2:4*

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9*

Gospel, *Mark 7:1-13*

Wednesday: Reading 1, *Genesis 2:5-9, 15-17*

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 104:1-2, 27-28, 29-30*

Gospel, *Mark 7:14-23*

Thursday: Reading 1, *Genesis 2:18-25*

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5*

Gospel, *Mark 7:24-30*

Friday: Reading 1, *Genesis 3:1-8*

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7*

Gospel, *Mark 7:31-37*

Saturday: Reading 1, *Genesis 3:9-24*

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 90:2, 3-4, 5-6, 12-13*

Gospel, *Mark 8:1-10*

Sunday: Reading 1, *Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46*

Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11*

Gospel, *Mark 1:40-45*

Reading 2, *First Corinthians 10:31-11:1*



prayer requests

Louise Egan, Sue Wilson,
Fred Lininger, Shirley Delaney
Edna Blandford, Angie Spena,
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 13, 2021 4:30 PM

Ushers: Steve Woods, George Schiffbauer
Eucharistic Minister: Sandy Woods
Lectors: Ken Freligh, Mary Crawford
Altar Server: David Aptt

Sunday, February 14, 2021 9:00 AM

Ushers: Tom Hiss, Eddie Dubeck
Eucharistic Minister: Ramona Bodalski
Lectors: Frank Fraize, Cheryl Meis
Altar Server: Daniel Fazio

Sunday, February 14, 2021 11:00 AM

Ushers: Bill Black
Eucharistic Minister: Joyce Fitzsimmons
Lectors: Rita Lambert, Pam Mathes
Altar Server: Abel Velez

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:00 AM
Ash Wednesday

Ushers: Jim McMillan, Karen McMillan
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Iovino
Lectors: Helen Muir, Mary Lawnicki
Altar Server: Joe Iovino

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 6:00 PM
Ash Wednesday

Ushers: Bill Black
Eucharistic Minister: Frank Fraize
Lectors: Mary Crawford, Mary Jo Perry

**A Journey into the Heart of the Iraq War
with Navy Chaplain
Father Ron Moses
Camarda.**



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FOR THE AWARENESS OF THE FAITHFUL

Please be aware that there are churches that call themselves “Catholic” but are not in full communion with the Holy Father Pope Francis nor do they recognize his authority. This is provided for your awareness as your parishes are proximate to the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX) church or chapel. The bishop’s guidelines regarding Catholic Churches of the diocese are not embraced by the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX) chapel as they operate here in the Diocese of St. Augustine without the permission of the Ordinary and they are not fully in communion with Rome. Although Pope Francis continues initiatives in order to bring the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX) into full communion, we are not there yet. This means that the Masses offered by the priests of the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX) are valid, but illicit. While it is true that participation in the Mass at chapels of the Society of St.

Pius X does not of itself constitute 'formal adherence to the schism' (cf. Ecclesia Dei 5, c), such adherence can come about over a period of time as one slowly imbibes a schismatic mentality which separates itself from the teaching of the Supreme Pontiff and the entire Catholic Church. We hope that parishioners understand the relationship of the Church and the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX) regarding their attendance, Mass, and the sacraments. If it is the extraordinary form of the Mass you seek, parishioners will do well to attend Masses offered by parishes of the diocese and celebrated by a priest who is in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church. Even if some further resolution to the status of the SSPX community is achieved, Catholics in the Diocese of St. Augustine are strongly encouraged to attend their local parish to fulfill their Sunday obligation.

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).**

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

First Saturday of the Month 10:00 AM

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Vigil Mass

Saturday 4:30 PM

Mass Sunday

9:00 AM

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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