

St Monica Catholic Church

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

January 24th, 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Beloved of St. Monica,

With all of the division in our country, there is healing available. We need to take a breath and listen. We need to wait on God's answer. Jesus is truly with us. He never left us, nor could he ever abandon us. In Psalm 25 of today we hear our cry to God:

*Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior.*

*Remember that your compassion, O Lord,
and your love are from of old.
In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O Beloved.*



Let's do it. Let's be more gentle with one another. Let's be more compassionate. Jesus said from the beginning: *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.*

Jesus is attempting to bring Cain and Abel to reconciliation even after Cain killed his brother Abel. After ten brothers sold Joseph into slavery for years, Joseph forgave them after he heard God ask him to. But it was not easy. Jesus tells us that we will know his followers by their fruit. The fruit of the Holy Spirit is the fruit of Jesus. Let him breathe on us. Let his fruit permeate our souls and reflect on every action and word that comes from our mouths.

Let us reflect only love, joy and peace... even for our enemies.
Let us reflect only patience, kindness and gentleness... even for the disgruntled.
Let us reflect only generosity, self-control and faithfulness... to those who lie and cheat. This is the gospel and there is no other "way".

The first words of Jesus in the Gospel according to Mark:
"This is the time of fulfillment.

***The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”***

Jesus is passing by us today, just as he did when he passed by the Sea of Galilee. Just as he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea, Jesus sees us casting our “prayers & actions” into our attachments of this world.

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men and women.”

Let us abandon our hold on this world and follow Jesus today. Walk with Jesus and we will never be afraid. We are not promised life beyond today. We are indeed promised eternal life, but only if we leave all behind and follow the Truth, the Way and the Life (JESUS).

Rebecca Prudencio was at Mass last Saturday. We were one in the Body of Christ. She died on Sunday afternoon at home at 77 years. We will have celebrated her funeral on Friday. I remember when Father Amar and I were at her and Bey’s 50th golden jubilee at the World Golf Village. Please lift up in prayers her husband Bey, children Kaye and Raymond (Lindy), and grandchildren Ethan, Sophia and Noah. A most beautiful family.

Pray that God bless and help guide our new president and all elected officials. After all, it is the year of Saint Joseph. Peace will happen if it starts within our own hearts today. Jesus promised us.

Besides, our favorite Scripture passage here at Saint Monica is,
“I’m going fishing!”

May our response be, “We will go with you!”
Remember, they didn’t catch anything all night, but they did have an incredible breakfast with Jesus.

Love, joy, peace,
Father Ron



Father Ron at the Sea of Galilee , 2018



Make Your Sunday a Day of Rest

God, our creator, gave us only ten commandments to live by. Who would ever think that the third commandment, "Remember to keep holy the Lord's day", would be so difficult? Unfortunately, in our fast-paced world today, Sunday has become just another day of the week. God gives us six days of the week to do whatever it is we need to do. He only asks that we save Sunday for Him. His desire is for us to keep it holy and rest like He did.

Going to Mass is the ultimate way to keep Sunday holy. Spending time praising and worshiping God, listening to His Word, and receiving Him in the Eucharist is the best gift you can give Him. But we shouldn't stop there. Throughout the day, we should also do our best to keep our minds focused on Him. Doing this might include turning off social media, looking for God in nature, spending time in prayer, or reading something spiritual.

It is also very important to make Sunday a day of rest. Put away your to-do list and make time to relax and take it easy. There is nothing more peaceful than a Sunday nap! Or take your family for a scenic drive. Have a picnic at the beach. Go for a family nature walk. Read in the hammock. Go fishing. With no work to do, there are so many wonderful possibilities! To quote Winnie the Pooh, "Doing nothing often leads to the very best of something."

There is also a proverb that says, "A Sunday well spent brings a week of content." God is always looking out for us! □





*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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Charities**

Catholic Charities Needs Volunteer Support!

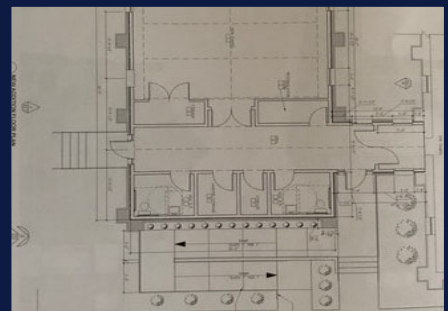
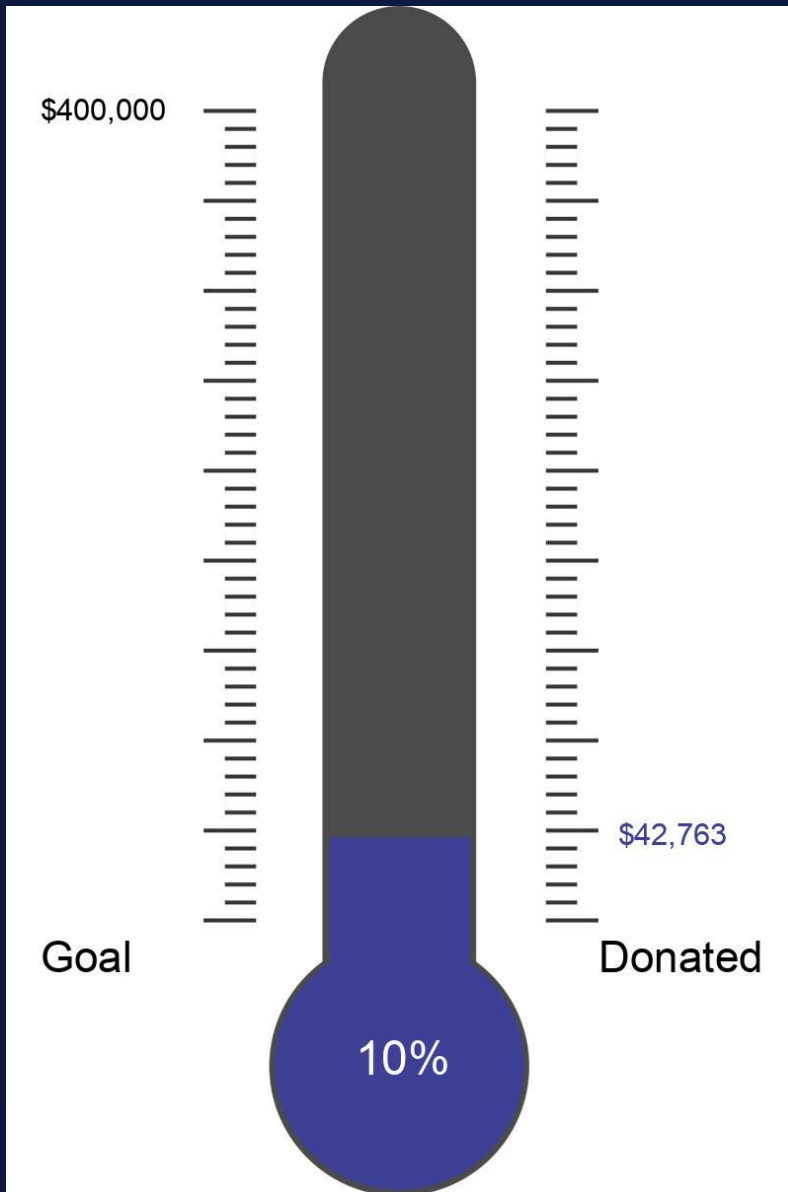
Catholic Charities-St. Augustine Regional Office is in need of volunteers in our Palatka office to answer phones, aid clients with paperwork and assistance with food distribution. We are also looking for volunteers willing to help with computer database input. The Palatka office is located at 1000 Husson Avenue, Palatka FL 32177 and is open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm.

Volunteers are able to pick what times and days they prefer to assist. Please help us carry out our mission to help those in need within our community. For more information about how you can help, please contact Carol Stone at 386-328-2333 or visit our website to complete a volunteer application at <http://ccbstaug.org/>

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Gifts for January 16 & January 17

Offertory: \$ 8,734.00

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Building Fund: \$220.00

**Thank you for your
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Mass Attendance: 184

Drive Thru: 16

— END OF YEAR —

GIVING STATEMENTS

Available

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Adopt a Poinsettia!



It's the end of the Christmas Season and we have many poinsettias that need a home, please take one... or two!

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



BECOMING CATHOLIC is a lifelong journey. Long after receiving your Sacraments of Initiation, there is always more to experience as we walk with Christ. There is always immense joy when an individual chooses to approach the table of the Lord for the first time. We all welcome those that wish to join our church, and together we show what it means to be Christian, to be Catholic. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the journey of BECOMING CATHOLIC looks a little different this year. We are going to begin virtually and progress to in person as we can.

If you are reading this and are not already Catholic, Please Come On In! We would love to welcome you! Reach out to me at rcia@stmonicacatholicchurch.com or call the parish office.

If you are Catholic and would like to help welcome the seekers, reach out! Each new person needs a sponsor (*think Godparents for Adults*) to walk with them. It is difficult to pair up like-minded folks that would 'click' when we cannot hang out together, so the more volunteers the better!

Since this will include virtual elements, we will be utilizing on-line resources such as Formed.org (Parish Subscription!!) and other such sites. From time to time, I will be sharing the links that BECOMING CATHOLIC is viewing that week. We are starting with a conversation about Scripture and watching <https://watch.formed.org/symbolon-the-catholic-faith-explained/season:1/videos/the-bible-god-s-love-letter-to-humanity>. I encourage each of you to explore these materials as 'refreshers' on your own life long Catholic journey.

Prayerfully,
Cheryl M



Saturday, January 23
+Susan Walwik

Sunday, January 24
Parishioners
+Tom Riley

Tuesday January 26
+Mrs. Charlie Hilster (Shirley)

Wednesday, January 27
+Lois Boucher

Thursday, January 28
+Agnes David

Friday, January 29
+Susan Walwik



Happy Birthday!

Diane Mutchie

Saylor Farmer

Mallory Bock

Shirley Delaney

Mary Pipa

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Pam Mathes, Charles Gauthier,
Sonja & Gary Bland,
Kathy & Jennifer Winstead
Ann Wright and Family, Larry Beaton

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

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The Pope's Monthly Intentions for January

Intention for Evangelization: – Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 30, 2021 4:30 PM

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

Sunday, January 31, 2021 9:00 AM

Ushers: Eddie Dubeck, Gerald Donnelly
Eucharistic Minister: Ramona Bodalski
Lectors: Pam Mathes, Cheryl Meis
Altar Server: Frank Fraize

Sunday, January 31, 2021 11:00 AM

Ushers: Bill Black
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Cleveland
Lectors: Mary Mundy, Rita Lambert
Altar Server: Andrew Walwik

This Week's Daily Readings

Monday: Reading 1, *Acts 22:3-16*
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 117:1, 2*
Gospel, *Mark 16:15-18*
Tuesday: Reading 1, *Hebrews 10:1-10*
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 10, 11*
Gospel, *Mark 3:31-35*
Wednesday: Reading 1, *Hebrews 10:11-18*
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 110:1, 2, 3, 4*
Gospel, *Mark 4:1-20*
Thursday: Reading 1, *Hebrews 10:19-25*
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6*
Gospel, *Mark 4:21-25*
Friday: Reading 1, *Hebrews 10:32-39*
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40*
Gospel, *Mark 4:26-34*
Saturday: Reading 1, *Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19*
Responsorial Psalm, *Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75*
Gospel, *Mark 4:35-41*
Sunday: Reading 1, *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9*
Gospel, *Mark 1:21-28*
Reading 2, *First Corinthians 7:32-35*



To Chery Meis for
donating 4 First Aid
Kits to keep our
Parish safe



“If you have any questions about the Moral Considerations Regarding the New Covid-19 Vaccines, please contact the office for further clarification.”

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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St. Monica Church,
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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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