

St. Monica Catholic Church

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

JESUS SAID
TO THEM,

“COME
AFTER
ME
AND I WILL
MAKE YOU
FISHERS
OF MEN.”

MATTHEW
4:19

THIRD
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME

SUNDAY
OF THE WORD
OF GOD

JANUARY
26, 2020

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

Adoration Friday 7:30 AM

First Saturday of the Month

Mass with Anointing of the Sick

10:00 am

Holy Day Masses

8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Confessions Saturday

3:30 - 4:15 pm

Father Ron's Bible Study the Gospel of Matthew

Every Tuesday
at 6:15 PM

All Are Welcome



Pope's Intentions for January

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;
Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10;
Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1
-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-
14;
Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;
Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17;
Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

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Beloved of St. Monica!

How wonderful to live where we live and how we live. Congratulations to Derek and Samantha Stuhler as they present their daughters Kali Ann & Aella Kathleen for baptism at the Saturday Vigil. Their grandmother and great grandmother both shared with me how excited they were about this day.

From Today until Friday I will attend the Priest Winter Institute at the seminary in Boynton Beach on the **Parables of Christ: Learning to Teach as He Did**. If it is anything like last year, it should be thrilling. Much to contemplate.

When I was at the seminary 30 years ago, I often reflected on simple things. I still do. Walking the Ravines State Park, the early blooming azaleas fascinate me. Here is an excerpt from a journal entry in 2003. May you contemplate the radiance of God's love and be transformed.

*I sit in the presence of God
Even the small gnats and bugs...
aren't so annoying,
although they feast on my flesh
Why this?*

*Well, the little creatures are food for the birds
They are hungry too!
I felt a very gentle breeze,
almost like a hush or kiss blown
Beloved God, touched me and loved me.
God loves me, just as I am... how wonderful.*

*God loves me.
In some extremely delicate balance
the fly that wings about me
is for me...
a gift of God.*

*Do I accept or reject this gift?
Let me paint the picture.
This fly is on my journal
He doesn't seem afraid
The fly is remarkable
a tinge of gold and copper
perfect wings and six legs
large eyes of sort
somewhat shy
a fly
a gift
food for the world...*

*Thank you God for this fly,
still pacing on this journal.
Does this little fly have the faintest clue
that I write of him?
or her?*

*Now he dances
How many flies have I swatted and pursued
to crush, just because they annoyed me?
Lord God,
help me to appreciate you in a fly. Wow!*

*There is so much to ponder
in this world of infinite possibility.
I am in a way, like the fly.
What purpose do I serve?
In a way, I am an annoyance
to the gentle balance of this created world
I play my part in destroying, consuming
our the natural resources.
I push out so much beauty.
I've contributed to noise pollution
that blocks out the little birds
and racket of the insects
trying to cool off in the heat.
I have wasted gas, time, food and talent
I have not fully appreciated God's love for me
Too often I have gobbled down Eucharistic Bread
without much thought nor reverence
My sin is not to sit with love in love
I am wonderfully and marvelously made
in the image and likeness of Jesus
a person, the one and only
God of all*

*When I am quiet and reflective
When I take the time to contemplate
Birds come closer, lizards and geckos
all become real
Insects buzz, birds twit and whistle
Sun heats up, healing the darkness
Things come closer and brighter
colors matter
Open me Beloved to see,
to believe, to hear...
to hope, to Be in your presence...
forever,*

I love you, Ron Moses +

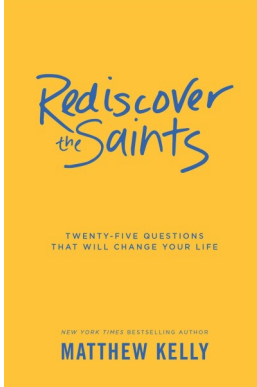


Nature – God’s Cathedral

It is time we unplug ourselves from our technology and go outside for a deep breath of fresh air. Let’s turn away from binge watching TV series, Netflix, sports, cooking shows, the Hallmark channel and HGTV. Let’s also turn off our phones and take a break from our social media addictions. Why not ask our children and grandchildren to put down their video games and go with us on a family walk? Then we will rediscover the beauty of God’s creation that he made especially just for us. In such a wonder-filled setting, we will hear God speaking to us, if only we take the time to tune in to His voice. Looking around, we will be surrounded and astounded by His glory.

“If we are children of God, we have a tremendous treasure in nature and will realize that it is holy and sacred. We will see God reaching out to us in every wind that blows, every sunrise and sunset, every cloud in the sky, every flower that blooms and every leaf that fades.” --Oswald Chambers

Christ Renews His Parish
Women’s Retreat Weekend
March 14th and 15th 2020



If you’ve read this book or even if you haven’t read it yet, you are invited to a **Soup and Salad Dinner Book Discussion on Wednesday, January 29, at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall.**

Please call Karen Lee at (386)972-0316 to RSVP.

There is more *joy* possible!
 more than you can ever *imagine*



Did you know that being “in Love” is not a stage you grow out of? We can grow more passionately in love every year!

Come and experience *Living in Love*

February 15-16, 2020 ♥ **Blessed Trinity Parish, Jacksonville, FL**
 located conveniently on Beach Boulevard

What couples say:

“This weekend has been extremely powerful for me. I have never felt so loved and cared for as I do at this moment!”

“Wow! Living in Love was fantastic! We enjoyed it so much and it was transformative for our marriage”

“I really believe we will never be the same. I truly expect our intimacy, energy, passion, and enthusiasm to increase dramatically.”

An energizing retreat workshop that frees husbands and wives to live in love the way they always dreamed they would. Designed to release the unbridled joy of being a man and a woman in love, the weekend consists of a series of powerful presentations that integrate insights from the sciences with St. John Paul II’s Theology of the Body communicated in common sense language and illustrated with real life examples. Couples experience the difference between secular and sacramental marriage, gain liberating insight into how differently men and women prefer to achieve intimacy, embrace a proactive mindset, and learn practical strategies to raise the level of passion and delight in their relationship for the sake of those around them. Each exercise includes time for private reflection, and couple sharing. There is no large group open sharing or discussion. Saturday begins at 8 AM including continental breakfast and a lovely romantic dinner. Sunday begins with 8 AM mass and will conclude by 4 PM, but the freedom and joy will continue to grow after the weekend!

For more information or to register online go to: www.livinginlove.org
 or call parishioners Ron and Kathy Feher: 610-506-7958 or 484-366-6102

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Husband’s name _____ Cell _____

Wife’s Name _____ Cell _____

Preferred email _____

Address _____

Religion: His _____ Hers _____

Cost: \$100 per couple. **Please make checks payable to PMRC.** Thank you!
 You will receive a confirmation email with details about the **Living in Love** weekend after you register.

Youth Ministry Events



Saturday January 25 : Meeting 6 to 8
Saturday February 8 : Meeting 6 to 8
Saturday February 22: Meeting 6 to 8

Please Join Us
For more info call Scott Phillips
at 386-983-7317



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Ladies Guild Flea Market

February 21st and 22nd

Donations will be collected on
February 19th and 20th

Mass Intentions

Sunday January 26 9:00 AM
Parishioners

Sunday January 26 11:00 AM
+Lourdes Guanlao

Tuesday January 28 5:30 PM
+Margaret Shepherd

Wednesday January 29 8:30 AM
Agnes G. David

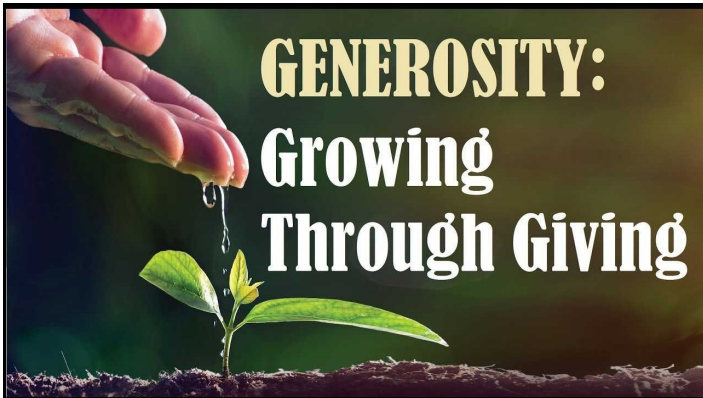
Thursday January 30 8:30 AM
George Habeeb

Friday January 31 8:30 AM
+Lourdes Guanlao

Saturday February 1 8:30 AM
+Shannon Hawkins

Youth Ministry
GOLF
TOURNAMENT
May 16, 2020

**More
Details
Coming
Soon**



GENEROSITY: Growing Through Giving

January 18th and 19th

Envelopes	\$3312.00
Loose Offerings	\$1833
Online Giving	\$644
Building & Restoration Fund	\$60.00
Children's Gifts	\$27.00

Mass Attendance 359

We're pleased to announce that St Monica now provides online giving through ParishSOFT Giving.

This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Just scan below or visit <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/st114191> to get started

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Thank you for your generous and prayerful support of St Monica

— END OF YEAR —

GIVING STATEMENTS

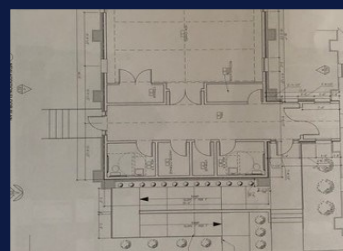
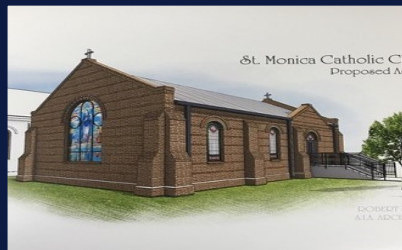
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A Dream for Our Future

Marion Chapel with Reconciliation Room and Restrooms

Help us make this dream a reality

Donate today to our Building and Restoration Fund



Father Ron will be attending the Priest Winter Institute at the St Vincent DePaul Seminary in Boynton Beach Florida on January 27 through January 31.

Father Donal Sullivan will be here on Wednesday January 29 and Friday January 31.

There will be no Bible Study or Mass on January 28. A word service will take place on January 30



10 Reasons to Be More Involved in a Church Ministry

1. **Glorifying God by serving in a ministry;**

By serving, I behave like Jesus and glorify Him.

2. **I have been uniquely gifted to serve.**

Several Bible passages help us to understand the concept of spiritual gifts. Among them are Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4. In these chapters we learn how God graciously and supernaturally favors each believer with his own distinct ministry gift!

3. **Ministry service will demonstrate the reality of my faith.**

4. **The laborers are few.**

If you are not already involved, somebody somewhere is praying for you to become involved in the ministry. The need is greater than ever.

5. **Children tend to emulate what they see, not what they hear.**

Teaching is most effective when *doing* on the part of the teacher

6. **The commission is great.**

Remember, what Jesus commissioned us to do is what He demonstrated Himself time and again in His personal ministry.

7. **Ministry involvement enhances biblical understanding.**

As we put the Word of God to practice in our lives, the Lord brings His purposes and His will into focus.

8. **Doing anonymous or little-noticed things for the Lord is like whispering, “I love You” in His ear.**

Here’s how it’s supposed to work. Focus on Him. See the unconditionality of His favor. Rest in His unwavering love. Allow that grace to foster in you a revitalized energy to please Him, serve Him, and love Him.

9. **It will forge long-lasting and valuable friendships.**

One of the major fringe benefits of working for the Lord is the culturing of genuine friendships.

10. **I will stand before the Lord.**

He loves me. He died for me. He has given me purpose. Only what’s done for Him matters. I will meet Him face to face. Someday. Maybe today.

Involvement in ministry is a life of service for Jesus, like Jesus, and with Jesus. In fact, it’s all about Jesus. Now if that doesn’t incentivize service, I don’t know what will!

**Please Contact the Parish Office
for the many opportunities that are available to you**

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Please pray for our sick

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The prayer list will be changed each week.
Please call weekly if you have someone that needs to be added. Thank you

Ministry Schedules

Saturday February 1, 2020 4:30 PM

Ushers: JJ Nichols, Bill Gaines, Sammy Sharp, Bill Black

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Sharp, Joyce Fitzsimmons, Mary Lawnicki

Lectors: Ken Freligh, Rita Lambert

Altar Servers: Andrew Walwik, Cory Donnelly, Walt Egan

Sunday February 2, 2020 9:00 AM

Ushers: Terry Gilmore, Gerald Donnelly, Eddie Dubeck, Andy Hall

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Carr, Cheryl Carr, Ricky Webb

Lectors: Cheryl Meis, Stephanie Husky

Altar Servers: Mathew Webb, Kira Carr, Ansley Hall

Sunday February 2, 2020 11:00 AM

Ushers: Linus Wiesner, Scott Phillips

Eucharistic Ministers: Cris David, Diana Phillips, Connor Phillips

Lectors: Janice Pounds, Mary Mundy

Altar Servers: Skylar Gugal, Avery Gugal

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.

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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator 904-262-3200, ext. 129, or the Department of Children and Families at 1-800-96-Abuse (800-962-2873).