

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2021

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*Behold, the star that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over
the place where the child was.*

Matthew 2:9

Blessed Epiphany Beloved of St. Monica,

*Here we are in darkness manifested
in isolation, pandemic, fears and anxieties
The days getting longer, but our patience shorter
We focus more on our pains within our souls
Jesus, you give us the light we begged for,
As your Epiphany and Light penetrate unnoticed.*

*As we put away the Christmas lights,
the world seems darker, but our souls are brighter
O so grateful that Christmas truly came,
the best ever, but not quite what we expected.*

*Next Saturday is the Second Saturday
Which means our Music Fest in support of the Arts @ 2pm
Our theme is "Light & Epiphany" on the last day of Christmas!*

*God has given us the Gift of Jesus, the true Light of the World.
We are gift also. God is love always... and in all ways.
Let us be radiant with the Light of the World.*

*Let us keep opening the Gifts God lavishes on us.
Saint Monica Community pulsing radiantly
in the compassion and fruit of the Holy Spirit.
God whispers to us:*

*"I have raised you up as a light for all the nations;
through you my salvation will be proclaimed to the ends of the earth."*

We respond in Psalms (117)

*Praise the Beloved all you people
Acclaim Him all you nations,
Strong is God's love for us.
God is faithful forever!*



As Christmas season comes to a close let's pray Psalm 48, a hymn of Adoration and Joy:

Sing a new song to the Beloved
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Beloved has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
God has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel (all who wrestle with God).

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Beloved Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy.

Sing psalms to the Beloved with the harp
with the sound of music,
with trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.

Let the sea and all within it thunder,
the world and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy.

Rejoice at the presence of the Beloved
for God comes to rule the earth
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness



The best Epiphany ever... wouldn't you agree!
Love, joy, peace & lots of Light,
Father Ron Moses +

Grow Strong in Your Faith

With Karen Lee



Come, Let Us Adore Him

Just like the Three Kings, we are called to adore God. We are called to do him homage. We may not have the Star of Bethlehem to guide us, but we do have an inner compass that leads us to Him. If you are ever in a church when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, you will find yourself immediately filled with a sense of reverence and awe. We, as Catholics, believe in the living presence of God in the Eucharist. During Eucharistic Adoration, we are given the most beautiful and unique experience of kneeling or sitting before the living God.

You may have never experienced a Holy Hour. Some people wonder what in the world they are supposed to do for an hour. People worry that they may have trouble sitting still that long. There are many things you can choose to do. You can read the Psalms or the Liturgy of the Hours. You can pray and meditate on the mysteries of the rosary. If you have favorite saints, you can read about them and ask them to pray with you. Or you can bring your Bible and choose a passage and meditate about what God is trying to tell you. You'll find that the time goes by more quickly than you'd think.

I would like to recommend simply pouring your heart out to God and adoring Him. Ask His forgiveness if you have done something wrong. Pray for others who are in need. Thank him for all He has done for you. Once you tell Him everything you have inside you that you want to say, sit back and just "be" with Him. Just you and God spending time together. If you relax and listen very closely, you may find He has something He wants to tell you. Or maybe He just wants to be still with you.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Friday at 9:00 a.m. in the church. There is plenty of room for social distancing.

"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." St. Alphonsus Liguori



2020 Year End Report

Thanks to the generous donations of the St Monica Parishioners, we were able to give our 10% to the following charities:

January

St. John the Baptist	
Migrant Workers Bilingual Program	\$500.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$542.00
Respect Life	\$482.00

February

Putnam Habitat for Humanity	\$500.00
Camp I Am Special	\$500.00
Eastern European Churches	\$153.00

March

Feed the Need	\$300.00
Bread of Life	\$300.00
Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine	\$500.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$450.00

April

Feed the Need	\$700.00
Bread of Life	\$700.00
Holy Shrines/Good Friday	\$403.00

May

Health Equity Int'l St Boniface Haiti	\$700.00
Women's Resource Center	\$500.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	\$325.00

June

St. Vincent de Paul	\$500.00
Putnam Habitat for Humanity	\$500.00
Redlands Christian Migrant Association	\$500.00
Family Resource Center	\$500.00
Peter's Pence	\$150.00

July

Sisters of St. Joseph	\$500.00
God's Kitchen	\$500.00
Special Missions Florida & Latin America	\$500.00

August

Caring Choices	
Catholic Charities Gainesville	\$500.00
Special Missions Black/Native Americans	\$1411.00

September

International Fellowship of Christians & Jews	\$250.00
Project Safe Place at Risk Youth	\$400.00
Catholic Communications Appeal	\$500.00
Hurricane Laura Disaster Relief	\$500.00

October

Life Church (Recovery Point Addiction Recovery)	\$500.00
World Mission Sunday	\$200.00

November

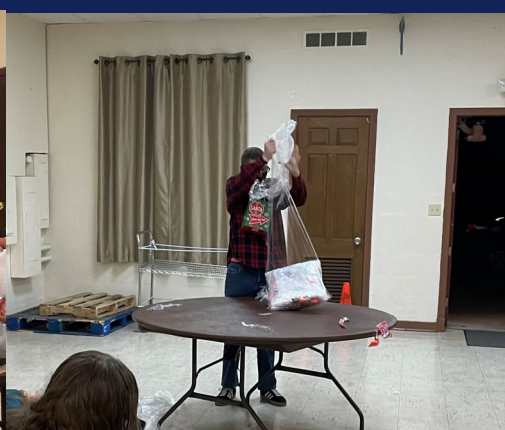
Catholic Charities	\$500.00
Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine	\$500.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$321.00

December

Redlands Christian Migrant Association	\$500.00
Lee Conlee House	\$500.00
Palatka Christian Svc. Center (Putnam Co. Toy Distribution)	\$100.00
Retired Religious	\$455.00

Youth Ministry Christmas Party

The kids had a blast!!! They played the saran wrap ball game, had a gift exchange and wrapped it up with a gingerbread house decorating contest.



Their houses were all so good they all won a prize





Stewardship

sharing the gifts we have been given

**Gifts for
December 19 and December 20**

Offertory:
\$ 4263.00

Outreach to Poor:
\$ 50.00

Mass Attendance: 147
Drive Thru: 12

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parishioners at St. Monica
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*St Monica
Light & Epiphany Music Fest*

*Welcoming
Harry Ríos*



Saturday January 9, 2021 at 2:00 PM

CCF had a wonderful party celebrating the season. They even had a special guest Santa Claus himself





Saturday, January 2
For a Godly Church and Country

Sunday, January 3
Parishioners
+Susan Walwik

Tuesday January 5
+Lupe Rash

Wednesday, January 6
+James Hall

Thursday, January 7
+Susan Walwik

Friday, January 8
+Susan Walwik



Diana Phillips 2nd
Jan Schneider 4th
Roberta Harnois 4th
Thomas Szczes 4th
Corinne Munn 7th
Emma Knecht 7th
Kelsi Downey 8th

Just a note from your Pastor on Faith Formation:

A Year of Formation: Whether we send our children to a Catholic School, PREP, or Home School, the most important thing we can do for them in their Christian formation is to teach them to pray and to pray with them. This includes both prayer in the home and the prayer of the Church, centered around the weekly Mass. Set aside time in the home for family prayer. Set aside time on Saturday or Sunday even if you are currently attending Mass on a different day, or not yet able to attend. This is not true just for children. All of us are called to continuing faith formation. I encourage everyone to make this a 'school year'. Make use of opportunities at the parishes to learn more about the faith. Still more important, just like with the children, is our own commitment to prayer. Make prayer a priority.

prayer requests

Louise Egan, Sue Wilson,
Fred Lininger, Shirley Delaney
Edna Blandford, Angie Spena,
Laura Hall, Andy Hall, Gary Rummel,
Adrienne Fennell, Cheryl Carr,
Diane Kinnon, Frank Comer
Pam Mathes, Charles Gauthier,
Sonja & Gary Bland

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.



This Week's Daily Readings

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10
or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 9, 2021 4:30 PM

Ushers: Steve Woods, Hoyt Muir
Eucharistic Minister: Sandy Woods
Lectors: Mary Lawnicki, Helen Muir
Altar Server: David Aptt

Sunday, January 10, 2021 9:00 AM

Ushers: Gerald Donnelly, Eddie Dubeck
Eucharistic Minister: Ramona Bodalski
Lectors: Stephanie Huskey, Mary Jo Perry
Altar Server: Frank Fraize

Sunday, January 10, 2021 11:00 AM

Ushers: Joe Iovino
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Iovino
Lectors: Arthur Costa, Elizabeth Costa
Altar Server: Andrew Walwik



In person Bible Study will resume on
Tuesday January 5, 2021.
Keep opening God's Word!"

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

January 3, 2021

LEARN

FORMED NOW! HOW TO PRAY

Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!



Don't forget to use our code R87GP3

To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

“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 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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