

St Monica Catholic Church

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"You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; The untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills."

Psalm 65: 12-13

Beloved of Saint Monica,

As we continue to journey through this pandemic, I encourage you not to be like seed (the Word of God) that fell upon the rocky ground. Jesus says, ***“When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he/she immediately falls away.”***

Even if we are not required to come to Mass because of Bishop Felipe’s dispensation, we must still take the time to allow the Word of God to soak in like the rain on thirsty ground. The pandemic and all the restrictions like masks and social distancing are simply some tribulation or persecution, but Jesus is still quite present. Spiritual Communion is essential to the health of our souls which is indeed more important than the health of our bodies.

Then Jesus says, ***“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.”***

If you are feeling anxious and closed in, attempt to take a walk, call a friend of Jesus, or ask God for relief. I sometimes pray, *“Jesus, I am so anxious and afraid, that I am not producing fruit of your love, joy or peace. You know my heart. Please reduce my anxieties and fear of worldly things. Help me to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can change, and the wisdom to know the difference.”* Remember that our faith in Jesus will heal us.

“I believe Jesus, help my unbelief!”

~~Sara Grochmal, 96, was so radiant the way she showed us how to pick up our cross and follow Jesus. She was baptized, confirmed and made her first communion here at St Monica... and was buried at Mass. We will miss her greatly. The EM’s were amazing over the years. I love this beautiful soul. After the funeral, her daughter gave me her envelope and said please make sure St. Monica’s gets my stewardship. I think she will be helping us from heaven. Would you agree?



~~Congratulations to Johnny Sumara & Jane Derenthal who were married last Saturday at St. Luke Catholic Church, Barefoot Bay. Their faith and love in this second marriage with their children and grandchildren present was pure joy.



~~ Congratulations to Garret and Tracey in the baptism of their twin daughters, Vittoria & Rosalie. The little girls looked so radiant.

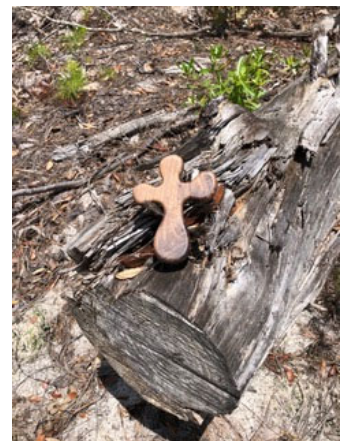


~~We will continue to have drive-by Blessing/Communion for those not ready to return. It will be from 10 am to 10:30 pm. I love the stories and journeys of those of you who are not ready to return to the Mass in person yet. We are grateful for your connection and prayers and love.

~~Your Stewardship has been awesome. Please keep up your gifts of time, talent, prayer and treasures. We depend on your stewardship in order to be God's love to the world. Saint Monica Community is truly reflecting the hope of Jesus, ***“But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”***

Please stay safe out there. Please follow the guidance of our ushers who are necessary to keep everyone safe. We unfortunately must fill the pews in the front first and we need to use masks. If you would like to help our ministries, please call the office and they will gladly get you connected.

Have a lovely week in God's garden,
Love, joy, peace,
Father Ron Moses +



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With Karen Lee

Amazing Grace

Isn't God's grace amazing? It is a free gift to us. We do nothing to earn it or deserve it. No one else but God can give us grace. God is a generous giver. You can never have too much grace.

Have you ever tried asking our heavenly Father for grace? St. Ignatius of Loyola said that whenever we pray we should start by asking God for the grace we need that day. Be specific. Have you been unhappy lately? Ask for joy. Have you been afraid of getting the coronavirus? Ask for courage. Or are you worried about the things that are going on in our world today? Ask for hope. Ask for whatever your heart desires.

As you go through the day, think about the grace you asked God for. Cultivate an awareness of the presence of that grace. Very often grace involves feelings. When you get to the end of the day, reflect on how God was present and involved in your activities. If you didn't get your grace, be patient. Everything works in God's time.



Keep track of the graces God has given you as you go from day to day. You'll soon see how God is closely involved in everything we do. He truly cares for us. And whenever we need a little help, God showers us with His amazing grace!

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses Limit 50

No Reservations Needed

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Drive Thru Communion

10:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Daily Masses Limit 20 No Reservations Needed

Tuesday - 5:30 pm

Wednesday - Friday 8:30 am

Facebook Live Events

Holy Hour Friday 4:30 PM

Rosary Saturday 3:00 PM

Mass Sunday 10:30 AM

Father Ron's Bible Study

Focus: The Gospel according to Matthew

Every Tuesday at 6:15 pm (Limit 10)

(Live on Facebook & Website)

Limit 10 in Person

Ministry Schedules

Saturday, July 18, 2020 4:30 PM

Ushers: George Schiffbauer, Earl Wallace,
Bill Gaines

Eucharistic Minister: Joyce Fitzsimmons

Lectors: Bill Maus, Pam Mathes

Altar Server: David Aptt

Sunday, July 19, 2020 9:00 AM

Ushers: Ricky Webb, Jim McMillan,
Karen McMillan

Eucharistic Minister: Catherine Webb

Lectors: Frank Fraize, Stephanie Husky

Altar Server: Daniel Fazio

Sunday, July 19, 2020 11:00 AM

Ushers: Bill Black, Betty Poteet

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Mundy

Lectors: Erin Fortner, Mary Crawford

Altar Server: Skylar Gugal

Weekend of July 5

Online Giving	\$ 1,095.00
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\$500 to the Family Resource Center
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in the lives of those in our community!



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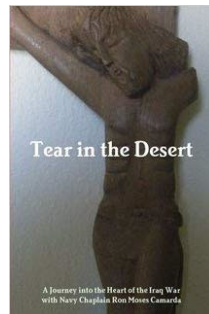


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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 11

Ellen Theresa Reid

Sunday, July 12

Parishioners

Tuesday July 14

+Doug Valenti

Wednesday, July 15

Chad Allen becoming Brother Charbel

Thursday, July 16

Friday, July 17

Reid Family

Pope's Intentions for July:

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect, and guidance.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: IS 1:10-17; PS 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21 and 23; MT 5:10; MT 10:34- 11:1

Tuesday: IS 7:1-9; PS 48:2-8; PS 95:8; MT 11:20-24

Wednesday: IS 10:5-7, 13B-16; PS 94: 5-10, 14-15; MT 11:25-27

Thursday: IS 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; PS 102:13-21; MT 11:28-30

Friday: IS 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; IS 38:10,11, 12ABCD, 16; JN 10:27; MT 12:1-8

Saturday: MI 2:1-5; PS 10:1-2,3-4,7-8,14; 2 COR 5:19; MT 12:14-21

Sunday: WIS 12:13, 16-19; PS 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; ROM 8:26-27; MT 13: 24-43 or 13:24-30

Prayer Requests

Louise Egan, Sue Wilson, Fred Lininger,
David Cummings, Frank Comer,
Mary Jo Vincent, Sandy Frelich, Edna Blandford
Redonna Futch, Angie Spina, Eric Dobbs,
Susan Walwik, Laura Hall

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

Happy Birthday!

Irene Bankhardt
Joan Carter
Edward Dubeck
Daniel Rowland
Richard Grace
Levian Mai
Larry McKenzie
Sandra Mobley
Robert Moore
Walter Munn
James Ortigas



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