

St. Monica Catholic Church

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

Mass Schedule

Daily Masses

Tuesday - 5:30 pm
Wednesday - Friday 8:30 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am & 11:00 am

First Saturday

10:00 am
Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

Holy Day Masses

8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Confessions Saturday
3:30 - 4:15 pm

Pope's Intentions



The Integrity of Justice

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 21, 2019



Mary sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.

LUKE 10:39

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Readings for the Week	
Monday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Tuesday:	Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13



Our Church Staff

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WEEKS EVENTS

Tuesday July 23

Cursillo
4:30 PM in the Library

No 5:30PM Mass

No Bible Study with Father Ron
He will be away

Wednesday July 24

8:30 AM Word Service

Saturday July 27

Cemetery Clean Up
8:00 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S

DESK



Beloved of St. Monica,

Our Bishop Victor Galeone shared the following in a pastoral letter on “STEWARDSHIP: A discipleship of Love” on August 21, 2004. It was just one week before I flew to Fallujah, Iraq to serve with the Marines. This is the first part. I will share the rest of the letter in the following three weeks. Please read, ponder and reflect a couple of times out of great love for our community. I sense that St. Monica’s is like a beautiful fig tree inviting others to enjoy our abundant fruit every week for the past 160 years.

Every once in awhile Jesus needs to prune us so that we can produce even more fruit.

Have a blessed week in God’s garden.

Love, joy, peace,
Father Ron Moses +

What is Stewardship?

At a conference of pastors a few years ago, the point was raised about the plight of the poor. How could parishes become more involved in sharing their resources with needy parishes at home and abroad? An inner-city pastor spoke up in frustration: "Stop treating the poor as if you're their salvation. The poor love God! Get your people to love God and all the rest will follow." That pastor was right. And his final remark is the foundation of all true stewardship.

"Get your people to love God and all the rest will follow." Jesus would agree. Recall the response he gave when he was asked which commandment was the greatest: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." (MT 22:35-39 & LK 10:25-37) Jesus was not stating anything new. He was merely quoting two verses from the Old Testament, the first of which all devout Jews still recite the first thing on rising every morning. But in that day, Jesus' response was revolutionary. You see, the rabbis of his day had put so much stress on the exact observation of the details of the Law of Moses that they had gutted it of its very heart. As God complained through the prophet Isaiah: "This people gives me lip service, but their heart is nowhere near me." (Is 29:13)

Jesus did not do away with either laws or the commandments. When the rich young man asked him what he should do to be saved, Jesus responded by quoting the commandments. (Mk 10:17-19) But one must be careful, because rules without a relationship can lead to rebellion. Witness the teenage years! And that's why the second observation is so important: the primacy of love. Religion isn't about commandments; it's about showing love. Love is much more demanding than the law ever could be. Laws deal with maximums and minimums: "Don't exceed 65 mph on the interstate." "Pay at least this much tax by April 15th." "Honor your father and mother." "Give of your tithes." Love, on the other hand, is boundless – it sets no limits. Is there any country that has a statute requiring a young man to give the girl of his dreams an engagement ring? Then why does he do it? A foolish question! Love does much more than the law ever requires. As St. Augustine, son of Monica, observed, "where there is love, there is no law. Or if there is a law, it's the law of love."

The basis of all authentic stewardship is love. And in this matter, God took the initiative. "God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son..." (Jn 3:16) That verse is so familiar that it may have lost its impact on us. So imagine that some terrorists have kidnapped a father and his young son. The next day, one of the captors puts a gun to the boy's head, threatening to pull the trigger. The father pleads, "Spare my son. Take my life instead." Yes, it would have been much easier for God to have died instead of his Son. So when he allowed his Son to die on the cross in our place, he proved the depth of his love for us: "god so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son."

The question is asked in Psalm 116:12: "How can I repay the Lord for all that he has done for me?" St. John gives us the answer in his first letter: "We are to love, because he loved us first." (1 Jn 4:19) Love can be repaid only by love. In that same passage, John goes on to explain that we prove our love for God by showing love for one another. He asks how is it possible to love God, whom we don't see, if we hate our brother, whom we do see. There's an inseparable link between the two commandments that Jesus stressed. They are two sides of the same coin: love of God is proven through love of neighbor. It's the standard that Jesus set for all who want to be his disciples: "This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Now let's consider how we are to repay God for all that he has done for us. We do so through the gift of our time, talents and treasure. Once people mistakenly identify stewardship with money only, that is, with our "treasure." Such a narrow view destroys the concept of authentic stewardship. Stewardship is like a tripod, supported by the legs of time, talent and treasure. If just one leg is missing, then true stewardship collapses. Each component is essential.



Stewardship

a way of life

Our Stewardship of Treasure

July 14, 2019
\$4851.17

Offertory received in Church
10% Outreach to the Poor

Online Giving for July will be reported at the end of the month

Thank you

Your generosity allowed us to give & proclaim to Kingdom of God and his Love!



We are looking for donations of gently used clothing for school age children. The new school year starts on August 12 and some will not have the clothing needed.

We will begin accepting your donations on July 29.

Thank you for your help

THE ADMINISTRATIVE MINUTE

May 2019

Income - \$26803.00

Expenses - \$28909.00

\$-2106.00

Utilities & phone: \$3037.41

June 2019

Income - \$28356.00

Expenses - \$23275.00

\$ 5081.00

Utilities & phone: \$3196.62

Construction per Diocesan Policy

1. A letter is sent to the Diocese for approval.
2. Capital expenditures for construction of a building must be approved by the Chancellor and the Bishop.
3. Plans are to be submitted to the Chancellor and Bishop for approval.
4. One half of the construction cost must be available before construction begins.
5. The second half of construction cost, must be planned in advance example Capital Campaign.
4. Construction cannot begin until the steps above are followed.

Thank you for all your generosity to the Lord, may He bless you always for your love of His Church. Did you know that we gave in May & June \$4209.00 to the Poor. "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed. "(Proverbs 19:17.

Nancy Tatum



A short Mass Music Lesson:

Music's role in the Mass is quite essential. There are many songs and hymns used throughout the year. It comes to no surprise that there is no set standard style that every parish member or that every parish can come to agree upon. There is your traditional Mass, Early morning Mass (get in and get out of Mass quick style (this is with little or no music at all), some prefer a more contemporary Mass. Some like everything in English while others prefer a bit more Gregorian chant. It is quite well and alright to have a personal preference and style. But the one thing we can and must all agree upon is that the choice must be sacred music. Sacred music is different from that which is profane; non sacred music, though it *is spiritually moving* it is not be deemed worthy of use during the Holy Mass.

Always remember, "When you sing well you pray twice."

God Bless!!

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Prayer—A Conversation with God

Why should you pray? Like in any good relationship, good communication is essential. It is important between friends, parents and children, husbands and wives, and it is no different for you and God. To grow in faith, you need to talk to God every day. It is so easy to talk to God. He loves you more than anyone and He is a great listener!

Probably one of the greatest challenges to good communication with God is finding the time to talk to Him. Fortunately, even though **we** lead busy lives, God is always there waiting patiently to hear from us.

So, when are the quiet times in your day when you can talk to God? Do you wake up, and before you even get out of bed, thank Him for another day of living and loving in the beautiful world He created for you? When you have your cup of coffee, do you tell Him about the things you are worried about, and trust that he will never allow anything to happen to you except for your greater good? When you are in your car, do you count your blessings and thank God for each of them? As you are looking at Facebook, do you ask God to please help those in need? And when you climb under the covers of your bed at night, do you ask God's forgiveness for the times that day when you weren't your best self and promise to do better tomorrow?

Prayer can be an ongoing conversation with God throughout the day, even on the busiest days. Once you get into the habit, talking to God will become as natural as breathing. The more you talk to Him, the better you will come to know Him. And the best thing is, if you are very quiet and take the time to listen, you'll hear Him talking to you!

Prayer Request



All Service Men & Women
 Alicia Alexander
 Matilda Aloia
 Larry Beaton
 Greg Bodalski
 Lois Boucher
 Joan Carter
 Minda Carter
 Louise Egan
 Ignatius Guanlao
 Tom Sczces
 Stephen Fitzsimmons
 Albert Yeager
 Norma Kay Callaway
 Tom Kearitn

Anna Katherine Fraize
 Albino Gaw
 Lee Gibbs
 Anita Gieselman
 Andy Hall
 Laura Hall
 Ron Harnois
 Ray Johnson
 Father Keene
 Sister Maureen Kelly
 Fred Lininger
 Lillian Morgan
 Kyler Manis
 Sandra Meis
 Wickus Viljocn

Father Jeff
 Adrian Ryan
 Sandra Meis
 Cooper Newman
 Nicole Newman
 Sandy Nichols
 Jeff O'Berry
 Cathleen Phillips
 Caroline Riley
 Cathy Sheridan
 Ansley Hall
 Denise Orr
 Glen Mullen
 Silvana Gallo
 Steve Fitzsimmons
 Nilo Courte

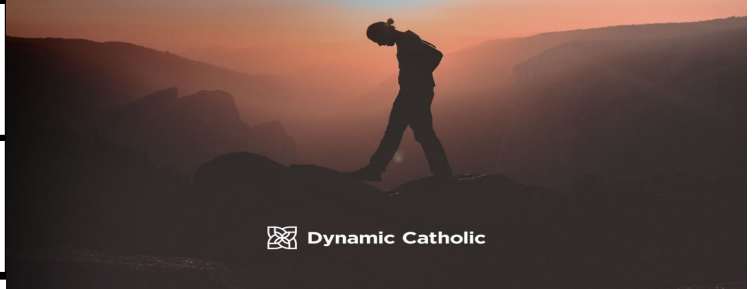
Rosalie Smith
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 LaDonna Tanner
 Abby Thayer
 Freya Thayer
 Mary Jo Vincent
 Nick Nichols
 Bill Walwik
 Lee Weaver
 Connie Weisner
 Joe Welsh
 Tami Moree
 Michael Benton
 The Parish of St. Monica
 All of our wonderful Priests


MASS Intentions

Saturday 4:30 PM	July 20 + Alberto M. David
Sunday 9:00 AM	July 21 Parishioners
Sunday 11:00 AM	July 21 +Leta Clark
Tuesday 5:30 PM	July 23 Word Service
Wednesday 8:30 AM	July 24 Word Service
Thursday 8:30 AM	July 25 Our Lady of Lourdes
Friday 8:30 AM	July 26 Tom and Dot Riddle
Saturday 4:30 PM	July 27 +Evelyn Jette

**“Prayer is so much more than just ‘saying your prayers.’
 Prayer is a spiritual adventure.”**

FR. JOHN BARTUNEK
A Quiet Place



 Dynamic Catholic

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).

Those needing “Anointing of the Sick” or in need of a Priest, please call these telephone numbers only:

**During Business Hours:
 Parish Office - 386-325-9777
 After Business Hours : 904-994-6803**

Please call the Parish Office to let us know if a parishioner is hospitalized, seriously ill or homebound so that a Priest can visit and anoint them.

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COMMENTS:

Thank you.