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**“But whoever does the truth comes out into the light, so that what he is
doing may plainly appear as done in God.”**

John 3:21



March 14th, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

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Beloved of St. Monica,

This weekend we at Saint Monica said goodbye to Angie Spena. What a truly wonderful person and soul. Her service and love for this parish is amazing even beyond death. I miss her greatly. Her life span and zeal were amazing.

I am sure our music fest was inspiring this weekend. Our talent and support of the arts is truly spirit filled. Thank you for your continued support of this vital ability to support the arts here in our area. Hope to see some of you for our Lenten Reconciliation Service on Thursday, March 18 @ 5pm. We will have about four priests for confession. Don't be afraid. God is merciful, kind and loving.

Saint Ambrose, who baptized Saint Augustine spoke of the flight from the world all of us must take at some time. God loves us unconditionally. We see.

Where a person's heart is, there is one's treasure also. God is not accustomed to refusing a good gift to those who ask for one. Since he is good, and especially to those who are faithful to him, let us hold fast to him with all our soul, our heart, our strength, and so enjoy his light and see his glory and possess the grace of supernatural joy. Let us reach out with our hearts to possess that good, let us exist in it and live in it, let us hold fast to it, that good which is beyond all we can know or see and is marked by perpetual peace and tranquility, a peace which is beyond all we can know or understand.

Since God is our refuge, God who is in heaven and above the heavens, we must take refuge from this world in that place where there is peace, where there is rest from toil, where we can celebrate the great sabbath, as Moses said: 'The sabbaths of the land will provide you with food.' To rest in the Lord and to see his joy is like a banquet, and full of gladness and tranquility.

Let us take refuge like deer beside the fountain of waters. Let our soul thirst, as David thirsted, for the fountain. What is that fountain? Listen to David: 'With you is the fountain of life. Let my soul say to this fountain: When shall I come and see you face to face?' For the fountain is God himself.

I leave you with some pictures I was gratefully able to see with my eyes. May all of us see Jesus with our hearts and souls. Have a blessed week.

Love, joy, peace,... Father Ron +



Grateful for Sight!

"Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things, and by your
will they existed and were created."

Revelation 4:11



"Ascribe to the Lord
the glory due his
name; worship the
Lord in the splendor
of holiness."

Psalms 29:2



The good stewardship of our parishioners at St. Monica Church makes all that we do possible!

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Have you filled out your Covenant Card for 2021?

It is available on our website, at the entrance to the church, and in the Parish office.

It really helps us keep our records current and to determine the needs of the parish

Thank you for taking the time

Responses Received: 76
Still needed: 158

God Bless

The St Monica Food Pantry

Volunteers always needed



Every Thursday
From 9:00 am to ?
Making Bags

Every Saturday Morning
from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM



Weekly Offering

March 6 & 7

Offertory: \$ 6,529.00
Outreach to Poor: \$ 125.00
Building Fund: \$ 415.00

Thank you for supporting St Monica



January & February Report

Food Pantry	\$298.00
Individual help	\$495.00
Rodeheaver Boys Ranch	\$500.00
God's Kitchen	\$500.00
Catholic Charities	\$1000.00
Lee Conlee House	\$500.00
Putnam Habitat for Humanity	\$500.00
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Eastern European Churches	\$500.00

Suggestions for places in our community that need assistance always welcome. Call the office at 386-325-9777

Without your generous donations, helping others would not be possible.
Thank you and God Bless

Grow Strong in Your Faith

With Karen Lee



Did you know that this Friday, March 19, is St. Joseph's feast day and that it is also officially both the month of St. Joseph and the Year of St. Joseph? He is the patron of the Universal Church, unborn children, fathers, workers, travelers, immigrants, and a happy death. But most importantly, he was the earthly father of Jesus. He loved Jesus and Mary with his whole heart and soul. He guarded and protected them when others would have done them harm. With the help of Joseph and Mary, "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Luke 2:52

Many people find St. Joseph to be one of their favorite saints. He was the favorite saint of many of the saints themselves. Read what some of them had to say about him.

"The holy example of Jesus Christ who, while upon earth, honored St. Joseph so highly and was obedient to him during his life should be sufficient to inflame the hearts of all with devotion to this saint." St. Alphonsus Liguori

"I took St. Joseph as my advocate and protector and recommended myself very earnestly to him...this beloved protector snatched me away from greater dangers...he has always answered my prayers beyond what I had asked and hoped for." St. Theresa of Avila

"With the exception of our loving Mother, St. Joseph stands above all saints." St. Maximilian Kolbe

"Devotion to St. Joseph is powerful because he gives his protection, his example, and his blessing."
St. George Preca

"Consider that the Holy Spirit chose only Joseph to be the Protector of the Blessed Virgin, to be her true husband and consequently, no created being can equal the glory of this great saint." Blessed William Joseph Chaminade

Now is the time of St. Joseph. Get to know him better. Imitate his virtues. Ask for his intercession. Pray the Novena to St. Joseph beginning March 10. Join us on Friday, March 19, at 8:30 a.m. at Mass to celebrate the feast day of this beloved saint. Invite St. Joseph to help you grow ever closer to his Son.

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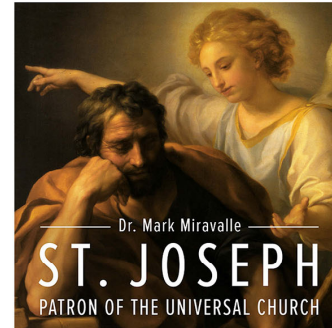
PICK OF THE WEEK

March 14, 2021

LISTEN

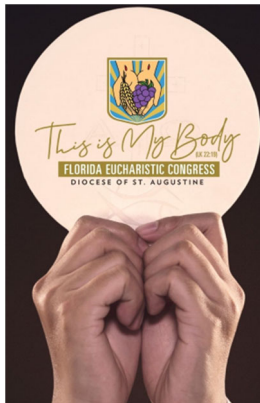
ST. JOSEPH: PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH BY MARK MIRAVELLE

St. Joseph, the holiest of the patriarchs, serves as a model of fatherhood, obedience, chastity, and so many other virtues. Join Dr. Mark Miravalle as he shares incredible lessons found in the hidden life of Joseph.



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Mark Your Calendars!

The 2021 Eucharistic Congress is scheduled for **June 4-5** at Queen of Peace (Gainesville) and St. Joseph (Jacksonville) parishes.

For details, visit FloridaEucharist.org.

St. Monica Youth Ministry Schedule March, April & May

Youth Living Stations - Practices and Performance:

Wednesday, March 17th; 6:00-7:30 PM (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, March 24th; 6:00-7:30 PM (Parish Hall)

Friday, March 26th; Arrive at 4:30 PM (Performance at 6:00 PM in Church; Dinner Provided Beforehand in Parish Hall)

Youth Group and Food Pantry:

Food Pantry: Saturday, April 3rd; 8:30 AM-11:00 AM

Youth Group Meeting: Saturday, April 17th; 6:00-8:00 PM

Food Pantry: Saturday, May 1st; 8:30 AM-11:00 AM

Youth Group Farewell Party: Saturday, May 15th; 6:00-8:00 PM



Meets in the hall on
Wednesdays after Mass.

Next meeting March 17

Cursillo

All are Welcome!!!!
Masks and social distancing



Please Don't Forget Our
Spring Challenge!

Plant your seeds and watch them
grow.

Take a picture on Easter morning and
send it to:

adultformation@stmoniacatholicchurch.com

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention

It has been brought to our attention that there have been email scams coming from an email address very similar to Fr. Ron's, or another parish leader, where the sender is soliciting money or gift cards. Please know that Fr. Ron and our parish staff / ministry leaders would never solicit money, gift cards, etc. through a one-on-one email.

If you receive one of these emails, please disregard it. If you are unsure about whether or not the email is a scam, you can call the office at (386) 325-9777.

ST. MONICA RELIGIOUS ARTICLES AND GIFT SHOP IS NOW OPEN ON SUNDAY!

Located in the Parish office
Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00PM

Sundays from 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

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).

Apply Now for the Catholic Student Assistance Fund

To encourage and support families who choose a Christ-centered education, Bishop Felipe Estévez has established a new Catholic Student Assistance Fund – available to children and their families in need and want to attend any of the 30 Catholic schools in the Diocese of St. Augustine.

Depending on the needs of the family, students may receive assistance with tuition, academic fees, or rural transportation fees. Students can apply for this new assistance through the current financial aid process, conducted through the Office of the Superintendent. Applications for this assistance are currently being accepted for the 2021-2022 school year.

For details, call (904) 262-0668 or email skonway@dosafll.com. You can also visit the Diocese website at DOSAFLL.com



Easter candy donations are needed for St. Monica's Children's Easter Egg Hunt and for Easter baskets that will be handed out at the Food Pantry. We have plenty of Easter baskets and grass on hand, so donations of candy only are needed, please.

Candy donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from now until Friday, March 26th. Thank you so much!

worship & prayer

Prayer Requests

Louise Egan, Sue Wilson,
Fred Lininger, Shirley Delaney
Edna Blandford, Andy Hall, Gary Rummel,
Adrienne Fennell, The Carr Family,
Frank Comer, Pam Mathes, Val Thayer
Larry Beaton, Quinn Soucey, Katie Thayer,
Hoyt Muir, Joe Iovino, Bernice Rich, Brian Tomlinson

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



The Pope's Monthly
Intentions for March:

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God



MARCH 19
THE FEAST
DAY OF
ST. JOSEPH

LET US MAKE ST. JOSEPH
OUR LENTEN SAINT
ON THE WAY TO EASTER.
MAY WE HAVE A SEMBLANCE
OF HIS HUMILITY, GREAT
FAITH & TRUST IN GOD.

ST. JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US!

This Week's Daily Readings

Monday: Reading 1, *Isaiah 65:17-21*
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-13*
Gospel, *John 4:43-54*
Tuesday: Reading 1, *Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12*
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9*
Gospel, *John 5:1-3, 5-16*
Wednesday: Reading 1, *Isaiah 49:8-15*
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18*
Gospel, *John 5:17-30*
Thursday: Reading 1, *Exodus 32:7-14*
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 106:19-20, 21-22, 23*
Gospel, *John 5:31-47*
Friday: Reading 1, *Second Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16*
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29*
Gospel, *Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24*
Reading 2, *Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22*
Saturday: Reading 1, *Jeremiah 11:18-20*
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 7:2-3, 9-10, 11-12*
Gospel, *John 7:40-53*
Sunday: Reading 1, *Jeremiah 31:31-34*
Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15*
Gospel, *John 12:20-33*

MASS Intentions

Saturday, March 13
+ Susan Walwik

Sunday, March 14
Parishioners
+Angie Spena

Tuesday March 16
Bridget & Hugh Costello

Wednesday, March 17
Fallen & Jason Lee Anniversary

Thursday, March 18
+Frank Spena

Friday, March 19
Cris David

EVENTS

Ladies Guild

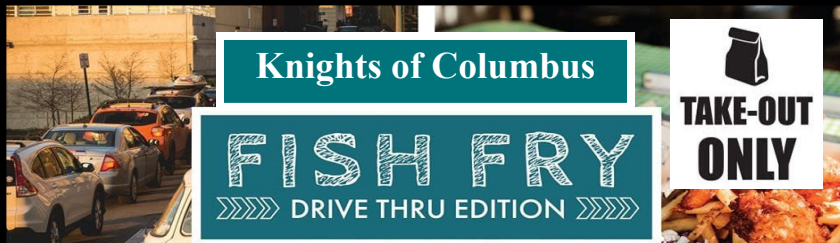
Election of Officers Meeting
Tuesday April 6 at 10:00 AM

Masks & Social Distancing Required

Lenten Penance Service



Thursday
March 18
At 5:00 PM



Every Friday during Lent starting February 19
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Fried or Baked Fish	\$8.00
Fish & Shrimp	\$9.00
Fried Shrimp	\$10.00

Each meal includes:
Choice of Baked Potato or Grits
Cole Slaw
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COMING SOON

Little Children's Church

A nursery service during the
Sunday 9:00 AM Mass

Open to children Ages 1 to 4

Volunteers needed

Protecting God's Children Required

Donations of gently loved
toddler toys greatly
appreciated



SCHEDULES

LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE

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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



Instagram

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 20, 2021 4:30 PM

Ushers: Hoyt Muir, Joe Iovino
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Iovino
Lectors: Mary Lawnicki, Helen Muir
Altar Server: David Apt

Sunday, March 21, 2021 9:00 AM

Ushers: Eddie Dubeck, Tom Hiss
Eucharistic Minister: Frank Fraize
Lectors: Mary Mundy, Stephanie Huskey
Altar Server: Benjamin Motl

Sunday, March 21, 2021 11:00 AM

Ushers: Bill Black
Eucharistic Minister: Joyce Fitzsimmons
Lectors: Pam Mathes, Rita Lambert
Altar Server: Abel Velez

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A Journey into the Heart of the Iraq War with Navy Chaplain Father Ron Moses Camarda.



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