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Solemnity of All Saints



Blessed are
the poor
in spirit,
for theirs
is the
Kingdom
of heaven.

Matthew 5:2

November 1, 2020

Dear Beloved,

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.
This Sunday is All Saints, Monday is All Souls, and...
I reckon Tuesday is All Anyone's Guess.

We are all called by God to:

Be Poor in Spirit (solidarity with the poor & have friends who are poor).
Grieve with those who mourn great losses.
Be meek and humble like Jesus.
Be merciful like Jesus.
Hunger and thirst for holiness and righteousness
Be peacemakers
Be clean of heart
Accept being persecuted and insulted for following Jesus.
Be Salt of the earth.
Be Light.
Be One with Jesus... and Love One Another.



Jesus specifically says to us in these highly scary times:

“I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a house of five will be divided, three against two and two against three...” Luke 12:49-53

Beloved, the real Good News is that Jesus has been baptized in this fire and is with us in these scary times. Fear God alone and nobody else. Teach to others everything Jesus taught us. We have to be broken in order to come together as the ONE BODY OF CHRIST. Do not be afraid.

When they saw Jesus after he was crucified, most likely on the mountain that he taught them the Beatitudes and chapters 5, 6, & 7 of Matthew, they worshipped but doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them,

“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

Love, joy, peace,
Father Ron Moses +

Hope to see you at the St. Monica Cemetery @ 2pm this Sunday for ALL SOULS.

Beloved,

We celebrated Saint John Paul II on 22 October. I think he can help us focus on healing the divisions in our country. The first passage speaks of how Jewish and Christians need to come together. It would be helpful to focus on how we specifically are obstacles to Jesus working through us and the Holy Spirit to heal our divisions.

On my pastoral journeys around the world I always try to meet representatives of the Jewish community. But a truly exceptional experience for me was certainly my visit to the synagogue of Rome. The history of the Jews in Rome is a unique chapter in the history of the Jewish people, a chapter closely linked for that matter to The Acts of the Apostles. During that memorable visit, I spoke of the Jews as our elder brothers in the faith. These words were an expression both of the Vatican Council's teaching and a profound conviction of the part of the Church.... The New Covenant has its roots in the old. The time when the people of the Old Covenant will be able to see themselves as part of the New is a question to be left to the Holy Spirit. We, as human beings, try only not to put obstacles in the way. Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to foster genuine understanding between Christians and Jews. - Pope John Paul II, from Crossing the Threshold of Hope

Beloved, the second passage from pope John Paul II specifically sharing how we come together as a parish in our diversity. We all must be committed to the body of Christ here at St. Monica's that has been here for 162 years. Although our building is beautiful, without us coming together in God's love... We are nothing.

Many people today are disoriented and lost in search of genuine fellowship. Often their lives are either too superficial or shattered by brokenness. Their work often is dehumanizing. They long for an experience of genuine encounter with others, for true fellowship. Well, is this not precisely the vocation of a parish? Are we not called to be a warm, brotherly family together? Are we not people united together in the household of God through our common life? Your parish is not mainly a structure, a geographical area or a building. The parish is first and foremost a community of the faithful. This is the task of a parish today: to be a community, to rediscover its identity as a community. You are not a Christian all by yourself. To be a Christian means to believe and to live one's faith together with others. For we are all members of the body of Christ.... For fellowship to grow, the priest's role is not enough, even though he plays an essential role. The commitment of all parishioners is needed. Each of their contributions is vital. - Pope John Paul II from Draw Near to God

Pope Francis is continuing to stretch and challenge us to be the living presence of Jesus Christ in the world, just like Pope John Paul II. Come Holy Spirit! If we are divided with anyone including those who are different than ourselves, we need to ask that God heal our divisions and church.

An extra hour! One way to learn to live everyday as a good steward and use your Time well, is to pray spend a little time with God! Say a Prayer for someone in need!



The St. Monica Food Pantry



Volunteers always needed to help distribute food at their drive thru giveaway.

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If you are in need of assistance for such a basket please call the office Monday thru Friday 9:00 to 3:00 at 386-325-9777

Basket pick up will be Nov 24th.
Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

May God richly bless each of you!



St Monica Youth Ministry

Every Saturday
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Open to all teens grades 6 to 12
*Masks and Social Distancing
Required*



Thank you Cheryl for your Artistic
Time and Talent

Saturday November 14, 2020



Altar Server
Training

11:30 AM in the Church

Open to Boys and Girls 4th grade and older
Please contact the Parish Office
for more info



Annual Christmas Auction

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas Auction. This year things will be a little different than in the past.

The Annual Auction will be in the hall. However, we will be pre-selling raffle tickets in the hall between Masses on Sunday's through the month of November and in the Parish office. When you purchase your raffle tickets you will get your scheduled shopping time and your number for Sunday December 6th 2020. This is so that we can limit the amount of Parishioners and their families that are in the hall at one time so that social distancing can be maintained.

Masks will also be required.

On the day of the auction during your scheduled shopping time, you will receive your tickets so that you can begin shopping.

Please enjoy our youth caroling while you are shopping.

In place of a Holiday Dinner we will have goodie bags for each family as well as coffee or hot chocolate.

A Virtual Drawing will be livestreamed on YouTube Live and Facebook Live from 4PM-5PM on December 6.

Winners will also be notified of when and where to pick up their items.



A decorative graphic featuring a wavy line with musical notes (quarter and eighth notes) on a staff. The background consists of abstract, overlapping circles in shades of yellow, orange, and red, creating a vibrant, artistic effect.

On November 14th at 2:00 p.m.
In the church

November 7, 2020
10:00 AM

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Due to COVID-19, this will be a **virtual-only** event. Bishop Estévez will facilitate a renewal of commitment to the wedding vows via livestream and impart a special blessing. Couples will also be recognized in a digital slideshow that will display names, parish, and years married.

Registration deadline is November 13.

Pastor Al™



"I said Pastor Al has a *monstrance*, Juan... not a monster."



The gifts the weekend of
October 24th and 25th

Offertory:
\$4,854.00

Outreach to Poor:
\$50.00

Building & Restoration: \$60.00
A/C Repairs: \$5,000.00

Mass Attendance : 180
Drive Thru: 10

The good stewardship of
our parishioners
at St. Monica Church
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Committee meets on the
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They determine which
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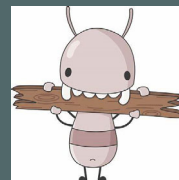
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please contact the office.

October Donations:
World Mission: \$200.00
Life Church: \$500.00
Recovery Point Facility

Additional Expenses for October:

Sentry Termite and Pest Control

Annual Termite Inspection and
Treatment for Hall and Church.



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This Week's Daily Readings

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9;
Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or
from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24

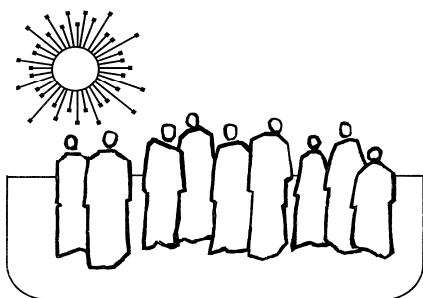
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9;
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18
[13-14]; Mt 25:1-13



In Loving Memory



Frank Spena
6/27/1938– 10/16/2020

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Located in the Parish office
Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00PM
(and by appointment on weekends)

Pope Francis' Intentions for November:

The Laity's
Mission in the Church

" In the Service of Peace "

" We can speak with splendid words, but
if there is no peace in our heart, there will
be no peace in the world."



*Prayer
Requests*



Louise Egan, Sue Wilson, Fred Lininger,
David Cummings, Frank Comer,
Mary Jo Vincent, Sandy Freligh,
Edna Blandford, Angie Spena,
Laura Hall, Stella Reyes, Thomas Szczes,
Sue Doyle, Susan Revels, Cooper Newman,
Linda Wyland, Judy Beckwith,
Dale Theriault, Sarah Jean Stewart

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



Grow Strong in Your Faith

With Karen Lee



Today's Fruit of the Spirit is...Patience

Let's face it, life is a waiting game. When you were a child, you waited to learn to ride a bike, to start school, to lose your first tooth, to receive your First Communion, to become a teenager. When you were finally a teenager, you waited for your first kiss, to be able to drive, to go to the prom, and to graduate from high school. And most of all, you fervently wished to be an adult. When you became an adult, you couldn't wait to be old enough to drink legally, to go to college and graduate, to get a job, get married and have kids. After that, you couldn't wait for your kids to grow up and leave home so you could retire. THEN you retired and wondered what all the hurry was about and you wished life wouldn't go by so fast!

Patience is learned in between all of life's waiting. Without patience, we are not very pleasant people. We get angry, grouchy, and hard to be around. But God gives us many opportunities to grow in patience. They say practice makes perfect. Look at each day as a chance to perfect your patience. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you. When you wait in line or get stuck in traffic, look at it as God helping to teach you patience. On days when your family is driving you crazy, take a deep breath and offer it all up to God. Slow down and cherish each moment instead of rushing it along. Nurture the fruit of patience and you'll find that you are much happier. Those around you will be happier, too!

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

LOVE

JOY

PEACE

Patience

KINDNESS

GOODNESS

FAITHFULNESS

GENTLENESS

SELF-CONTROL



"Have patience in all things, but first with yourself." St. Francis de Sales



Don't forget to follow
St Monica Catholic Church
on Facebook and Instagram
@stmonicapalatka



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

Ministry Schedules

Saturday, November 7, 2020 4:30 PM

Ushers: Bill Gaines, Hoyt Muir

Eucharistic Minister: Catherine Maus

Lectors: Ken Freligh, Cheryl Meis

Altar Server: Bill Maus

Sunday, November 8, 2020 9:00 AM

Ushers: Eddie Dubeck, Tom Hiss

Eucharistic Minister: Ramona

Bodalski

Lectors: Stephanie Huskey, Mary Jo Perry

Altar Server: Daniel Fazio

Sunday, November 8, 2020 11:00 AM

Ushers: Bill Black

Eucharistic Minister: Joyce

Fitzsimmons

Lectors: Mary Mundy

Altar Server: Andrew Walwik

Happy Birthday!



Madalene Hodge

Kali Stuhler

Diane Hawkins

Walter Delaney

Patricia Buchanan

Olivia Deguzman

Roy Hawkins

Sharon Harris

Reta Harris

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 31

+Ann Yates

Sunday, November 1

Parishioners
+Thomas (Tom) & Joan
Russell (Anniversary)

Tuesday November 3

+Lupe Rash

Wednesday, November 4

Barady & Clemente Families

Thursday, November 5

Bill Maus

Friday, November 6

Ladies Guild

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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator
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