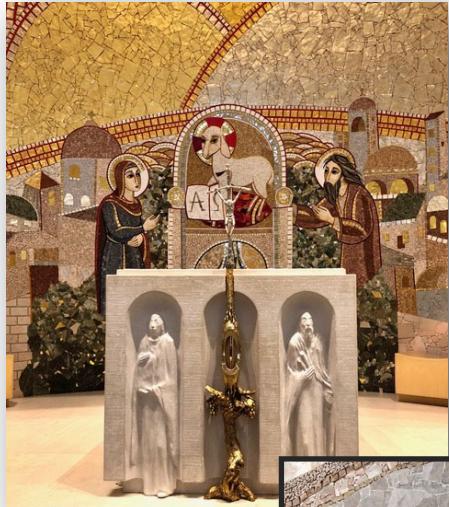


# St Monica Catholic Church

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Pictures from  
Father Ron,  
taken at  
Chapel of the  
Mysteries  
of Light  
at the St. John  
Paul II Shrine



NOVEMBER 14, 2021

114 South 4th Street Palatka, FL 32177

386-325-9777

Visit us on the web at  
[Stmonicacatholicchurch.com](http://Stmonicacatholicchurch.com)

## Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:00 AM

## \*Weekday Masses\*

Wednesday-Friday 8:30 AM

## Confessions

Saturday 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM  
Or by appointment

## Adoration

Friday 9:00AM—12:00PM



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

Beloved of Saint Monica,

Thanks for participating in the Synodal journey. As we say in the Kairios Prison Ministry, “*Listen, Listen, Love, Love.*” Pope Francis speaks of the Synod in his book Let Us Dream: the path to a better future:

*This synodal approach is something our world now needs badly. Rather than seeking confrontations, declaring war, with each side helping to defeat the other, we need processes that allow differences to be expressed, heard and left to mature in such a way that we can walk together without needing to destroy anyone. This is hard work; it needs patience and commitment—above all to each other.*

*Lasting peace is about creating and maintaining processes of mutual listening. We build a people not with weapons of war but in the productive tension of walking together. (pp 82-83)*

*In this task, mediators matter. Making agreements that prevent rupture and allow all sides to keep walking together is a vital role of law and politics. Mediation is a science, but also an exercise in human wisdom. In law and politics the mediator plays a role analogous, in some ways, to that of the Holy Spirit in the synod, holding together differences until new horizons open up.*

I wrote the following on All Souls Day...

Awoke early and opened my heart  
Listened to the sound of my soul  
Wrestled with the Love of God  
Broke through the barriers of loneliness  
Experimented with hunger and thirst for soulitude.

Jesus is an amazing friend and lover  
He is here for us, especially when we fear and doubt...  
Part of the dilemma of becoming friends of God,  
Insists on doubts that are overcome by faith.

In my early darkness last night  
The light of love was there but hidden...  
And in some ways remains...  
hidden throughout this day.

Broke from the warmth and comfort  
Embraced by the expectation of glory  
I went out of my house to the seashore  
Explored the depths of sunrise...  
Bathed my feet in the washing of the Christ, my Lord and Savior.

I am alive and grateful  
Anointed in God's sacred love and grace  
Happy, holy, wholesome...  
Let us go to die and rise with Love in love again... o my!  
Have a blessed week in God's love.





# Grow Strong in Your Faith

With Karen Lee



The arrival of a new baby causes great excitement in a family. It was no different for the Holy Family. The moment a mother knows she is pregnant, she has so many wonderful feelings inside. She wants to shout with joy. She tells the father, and they tell the rest of the family, and before you know it, the news is all over Facebook. Mary did the same. She rejoiced with the Magnificat, she shared her news with Joseph, she visited her cousin Elizabeth, and before they knew it, all of Nazareth had heard the news. Today, we sometimes have a big reveal party, where we discover whether the baby is a boy or a girl. Very often, the name of the child is announced at that time also. In Mary and Joseph's case, they found out through the message of an angel that they were to have a boy, the Son of God, and they were to name him Jesus. Just like then and now, after all that excitement, everyone simply waits anxiously for the baby to be born.

Sunday, November 28th, is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is all about waiting for the baby to be born. We spend our time in spiritual anticipation of the birth of Jesus. Everyone has their own traditions. Many people make an Advent wreath. This is a beautiful way to count down the weeks until Christmas. Each day, the family gathers around the wreath and a candle or candles are lit and prayers are prayed in preparation. Others put out their nativity set, only they leave the baby Jesus out of the manger until His birthday. Some people, especially those with children or grandchildren, keep an Advent calendar to countdown each day until Christmas. It is also inspiring to get an Advent reflections book to read at this time or sign up for insightful daily email reflections. Going to daily Mass and receiving Christ in the Eucharist help bring both the Word of God and the real presence of Christ inside us, drawing us closer and closer to Him. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament gives us time spent in silence with Jesus in contemplation of the upcoming event. And in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we have the opportunity to search our hearts and renew the love we have for the baby, who will grow up to be the Savior of the world, the one to whom we owe everything.

Now is a good time to start thinking about what you will do for Advent. Whether you choose to do one or all these things, make Advent your time to show Jesus just how much you love Him!

**FORMED<sup>®</sup>**

PICK OF THE WEEK

Nov 14, 2021

Don't forget to use our code R87GP3

**ST. GIUSEPPE MOSCATI: DOCTOR TO THE POOR**

The inspiring true story of the holy Franciscan priest and theologian who won a famous debate against the Dominicans in the thirteenth century, in which he defended Our Lady's great privilege of her Immaculate Conception. Filmed in beautiful ancient monastery locations in Europe, Scutus is revealed as a humble and courageous apostle of the Faith against the oppressive anti-Catholic government in power.



To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.



## Attention K of C Members

A proposal was brought forth to amend our bylaws to reduce the number of members needed to conduct council business from 12 to 5 members. Due to the Covid pandemic, many members have not attended meetings. This change will allow us to pay bills and conduct normal council business. A vote will be taken at our next meeting on Wednesday December 1 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. We ask that all members please attend for this very important vote.

## ST. MONICA RELIGIOUS ARTICLES AND GIFT SHOP

(Located in the Parish Office)

We now have Advent candles!!

\$5.00



Don't forget to follow St Monica on Facebook & Instagram @Stmonicapalatka



Instagram



## LADIES GUILD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Ladies Guild Christmas Party!

The Guild will start our year with a Christmas Luncheon at Shrimp-R-Us & More located at 765 Third Avenue, Welaka, Ave.

On December 7th at 11:30AM.

Cost is \$5.00

Please call or text Mary Iovino at # 904-806-2832 by December 1st if you would like to attend.

*Our first meeting will be on January 4th at 11:00 AM. It will be a pot luck, so bring your favorite dish.*

*Blessed Christmas to all!*

## November is National Celebrate Adoption Month

The **gift of Adoption** is the least chosen option for those facing an unplanned pregnancy. There are thousands of couples waiting for the blessing of a child, to share their love with, and grow their family through Adoption. During the month of November we request that parishes pray for and encourage those in an unplanned pregnancy as well as couples who wish to adopt. We pray for those who have been adopted that they may know the love that gave them Life and the courage in the choice for Adoption. For further information **Caring Choices** is the Diocesan Pregnancy and Adoption Program at 1-866-901-9647 or visit [www.ccpregnancyservices.org](http://www.ccpregnancyservices.org).

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



# Stewardship

A WAY OF LIFE

St Monica provides online giving through  
ParishSOFT Giving.

We are grateful and we depend on your  
fabulous generosity.

Visit: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/st114191> to get started.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

**November 6 & 7**

Offertory:	\$ 5,079.00
Outreach to Poor:	\$ 325.00
Building & Restoration	\$ 1,155.00
All Saints	\$ 47.00
All Souls	\$ 14.00
Children's Gifts	\$ 19.00

## Mass Attendance

Saturday Vigil : 62  
Sunday 9:00 AM: 110  
Sunday 11:00 AM: 70

## First Fruits Donations for October



**\$1000.00**



They facilitate educational, awareness, and cancer screening programs and activities within Putnam County, Florida, and assist residents of Putnam County, Florida, who have been diagnosed with cancer or who may need diagnostic testing to determine the presence of cancer

**\$1000.00**



**\$500.00**

At RCMA, we make the dreams of children in migrant working and low-income families our focus. That means making sure anything that impacts their learning is taken care of. From early childhood education to health care assistance to supplying WiFi hotspots and tablets for homework, we take a holistic approach that cares for the entire child – including a helping hand for their parents.



**\$500.00**

# Knights of Columbus

## Thanksgiving Dinner

Saturday November 20  
after the 4:30 PM Mass



### Donations are needed for Thanksgiving Baskets:

Canned green beans & corn, stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes & dessert mixes

Please drop off donations at the office by November 19

### The St Monica Food Pantry

Open every Thursday  
from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

*Due to Thanksgiving the food pantry will give out food on Tuesday November 23 instead of Thursday.*

*The food pantry will not give out food on December 2 due to the hall being tented.*

If you have already either sent in a picture or had one taken, thank you very much.

There is still time to be added to our new directory.

You can send in a picture to [saintmonicacatholic@gmail.com](mailto:saintmonicacatholic@gmail.com) or call the office to set up a time to have one taken

Please include what information you would like printed (Address, Phone, Email).

Also please include your wedding anniversary so that we can celebrate your glorious day.

**Final Day for submissions will be November 17.**



**WE NEED YOU**  
to make our new family directory complete



# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

©LPI

## Saturday, November 20 @ 4:30 PM

**Ushers:** Steve Woods, Shirley Delaney

**Eucharistic Minister:** Sandy Woods

**Lectors:** Mary Crawford, Cheryl Meis

**Altar Server:** Bill Maus

## Sunday, November 21 @ 9:00 AM

**Ushers:** Gerald Donnelly, Eddie Dubeck

**Eucharistic Minister:**

**Lectors:** Ansley Hall, Karen Lee

**Altar Server:** Robert Farmer

## Sunday, November 21 @ 11:00 AM

**Ushers:** Ted Bianculli

**Eucharistic Minister:** Jim Doyle

**Lectors:** Mary Mundy, Amy Moore

**Altar Server:**

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).

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Diane Lusk

Jac Carr

Richard Bowie

Peggy Lukasick

Ean Napier

Cathy Napier



## This Week's Daily Readings

**Mon:** *First Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63, Psalms 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158, Luke 18:35-43*

**Tue:** *Second Maccabees 6:18-31, Psalms 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-8, Luke 19:1-10*

**Wed:** *Second Maccabees 7:1, 20-31, Psalms 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15, Luke 19:11-28*

**Thurs:** *First Maccabees 2:15-29, Psalms 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15, Luke 9:41-44*

**Fri:** *First Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59, First Chronicles 29:10, 11, 11-12, 12, Luke 19:45-48*

**Sat:** *First Maccabees 6:1-13, Psalms 9:2-3, 4, 6, 16, 19, Luke 20:27-40*

**Sun:** *Daniel 7:13-14, Psalms 93:1, 1-2, 5, John 18:33-37, Revelation 1:5-8*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, Nov. 13

4:30 PM + Frank and Jeanie Lininger

### Sunday, Nov. 14

9:00 AM +Parishioners  
11:00 AM + Erica and Kate Roundtree

### Tuesday, Nov. 16

+ John Maimone

### Wednesday, Nov. 17

+ Karen Lee

### Thursday, Nov. 18

+ Mark Murphy

### Friday, Nov. 19

+ Alex McCreery



Sue Wilson, Branda Kay Mangum, Barbara Wisniewska, Fred Lininger, Carrie Brubaker, Edna Blandford, Gary Rummel, Adrienne Fennell, Larry Beaton, Quinn Soucey, Sandy Nichols, Hoyt Muir, Bernice Rich, Dave Green, Kitty Crews, Diane Kinnon, Dorothy Burmester, Tony Wheeler, Frank Fraize, Nancy Jones, Andrew Nanakowski, Connie Wiesner, Cooper Newman, Matilda Aloia, Kimball Murray, Sandra Scranton, Mary Graham, Ron Levesque, Theresa Gayle Whitley, Frank Comer, Thomas Szczes, Millie Sellers, Yvon Theriault, Kindra Porter, T. Burmester, Stephen Fitzsimmons

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

**MASTERS FUNERAL HOMES**  
CREMATORIAL AND PALATKA MEMORIAL GARDENS  
Putnam County's Most Trusted Family  
In Funeral Service 325-4564



Alberto Fernandez,  
Field Agent  
Office: 352-873-6678  
alberto.fernandez@kofc.org

Knights of Columbus  
**INSURANCE**  
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE  
Protecting Catholic Families  
since 1882.

Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance  
Retirement Annuities • Disability Insurance

REBECCA A FAUNCE, DMD  
Orthodontic for Children and Adults  
2 Locations

201 Health Park Blvd., Ste. 216,  
St. Augustine  
904-829-8899  
160 Cypress Point Pkwy.  
Ste. 217  
386-446-9312

**SENTRY**

\$20.00 OFF New Service For  
Parishioners, Family  
and Friends with Ad or Bulletin

Termite & Pest  
Control

Licensed • Insured

CALL  
**684-BUGS (2847)**



Catholic Cruises and Tours  
(CST 2117990-70)

Catholic Cruises and Tours and The Apostleship  
of the Sea of the United States of America  
Catholic Cruises/Tours to Worldwide Destinations  
Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY.  
Call us today at 860-399-1785 or email  
eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com  
[www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com](http://www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com)



**JOHNSON-OVERTURF  
FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**

Since 1901

Trusted Friends In Time of Need  
386-325-4521



**First Coast Obstetrics & Gynecology**  
Lucien-Max Tchuisse, M.D. FACOG

PARISHIONER, SACRED HEART  
386-325-5699

7000 Old Wolf Bay Rd., Palatka, FL 32177

**Catholic Foundation**  
DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

You can make a lasting difference!

Remember St. Monica Parish in your will.

Learn how at:  
[dosafl.com/catholic-foundation](http://dosafl.com/catholic-foundation)  
Or call Cliff Evans @  
904-262-3200 ext. 139

Consider  
Remembering  
Your Parish in  
Your Will.

For further information,  
please call the Parish Office.

Protecting **Seniors**  
Nationwide



Medical Alert System

\$29.95/MO. billed quarterly

- One Free Month
- No Long-Term Contract
- Price Guarantee
- Easy Self Installation

Call Today! Toll Free 1.877.801.8608

**Grow Your Business,  
Advertise Here.**



[www.jspaluch.com](http://www.jspaluch.com)

**For Information ... Call**

**800.432.3240**

Please Cut Out This "Thank You Ad"  
and Present It The Next Time You  
Patronize One of Our Advertisers

**Thank You**

Thank you for advertising in  
our church bulletin.  
I am patronizing your business  
because of it!

**catholicmatch®**  
Florida



[CatholicMatch.com/myFL](http://CatholicMatch.com/myFL)

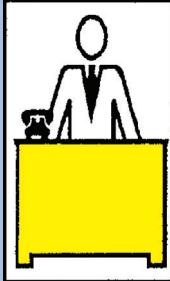
**Get this  
weekly bulletin  
delivered by  
email - for FREE!**



Sign up here:

[www.jspaluch.com/subscribe](http://www.jspaluch.com/subscribe)

Courtesy of J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.



Your  
ad  
could  
be in  
this  
space!

If You Live Alone You Need MDMedAlert!

24 Hour Protection at HOME and AWAY!

- ✓ Ambulance Solutions as Low as \$19.95 a month
- ✓ Police ✓ Fire
- ✓ Friends/Family FREE Shipping  
FREE Activation  
NO Long Term Contracts



CALL  
NOW! 800.809.3352



This Button SAVES Lives!  
As Shown GPS.  
Lowest Price Guaranteed!

GPS Tracking w/Fall Detection  
Nationwide, No Land Line Needed  
EASY Set-up, NO Contract  
24/7 365 Monitoring in the USA

**BANKS  
ACCOUNTING**  
Tax Prep/Bookkeeping  
**519 Crill Avenue  
325-7523**

ALBERTO G. DAVID, D.M.D.  
1971 Old Moultrie Rd.  
St. Augustine  
904-829-5111  
Al & Chris David, Parishioners