

**Thirty-Third  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

All of you are children of the light  
and children of the day.  
We are not of the night  
or of darkness.  
Therefore, let us not sleep  
as the rest do, but let us  
stay alert and sober.

1 Thessalonians 5:5-6



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**2020**  
**15**  
**November**

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

***“Well done my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.”***



From a Parable of Jesus the Christ

Here we are on the last week of Ordinary Time. I pray it is a time for healing. As the Liturgical year comes to an end with the Feast of Christ the King next week, let us reflect on how we are sharing our gifts, including our citizenship, with God. After all, God owns everything, even our breath.

Each one of us is asked by God to evaluate how we reach out to the people with less gifts or talents. God asks us to accept our own part in the divisions that have wreaked havoc on our nation... and our world.

I hope this prayer post from the Washington National Cathedral from the Episcopal Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde and Dean Randy Hollerith:

*The votes have been cast, the vast majority have been counted and the people of America have spoken. It now appears clear that Joe Biden will become the nation’s 46th president, and we will begin anew the work of repairing the frayed fabric of our common life.*

*To President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris, we offer our prayers for wisdom, grace and the certain knowledge of God’s presence in the difficult work ahead. To President Trump and Vice President Pence, we give our thanks for their service to our nation, and prayers for God’s guidance as they lay down the powers of their office.*

*That we are a bruised and divided nation is not news. Yet only together can we meet the enormous challenges before us. All Americans, and particularly our leaders, must put the healing of the nation above partisan loyalties.*

*As Christians, we believe that we are not alone in this endeavor. St. Paul reminds us that we will see God among us when we exhibit what he called the evidence of the Holy Spirit: “Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” (Galatians 5:22-23)*

*As Americans, as we encounter those who may have cast different ballots, may we seek an extra measure of grace and compassion. Neither partisan triumphalism nor ideological defeatism will aid us in the hard work ahead.*

*This is a time to draw upon what President Lincoln described as “the better angels of our nature,” and to take to heart the words he spoke in his Second Inaugural Address: “With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation’s wounds.”*

*We pray for this nation and for our leaders. We pray for patience and endurance. We pray that as we move forward, no one is left behind. We pray that in all we do, may we be guided by the prophet’s call to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.*

*O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Peace*  
*be with*  
 *you*

Have a blessed week in God’s Garden.

I am grateful to the wise Father Jim O’Neal who will be covering for me at St. Monica’s until the 30<sup>th</sup> of November.

*Love, joy, peace,  
Father Ron Moses +*



# Grow Strong in Your Faith

With Karen Lee



For the past month, my little horse, Dandy, has had a terrible eye infection. We treated his eye with different antibiotics, but the infection continued to spread and he was in a lot of pain. We took him to the horse hospital at UF and were told he would need to stay another six weeks and receive even more treatments and his pain and suffering would continue. In the end, he would not regain his vision. The best answer was to remove his eye and they did. The vet said he was almost immediately relieved of his pain. The infection was gone. His quality of life was immediately improved.

This experience reminded me of Matthew 5:29. “If your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go to Gehenna.” Of course, Jesus did not mean you should pluck your eye out. But he did mean that whatever is causing the sin in your life should be plucked out. If you have a friend who is a bad influence in your life, find new friends instead who bring out the best in you. If spending countless hours on social media or TV is keeping you from time with your family, give it up or set some limits. Just like it would be best to give up excessive drinking if it is ruining your relationships. Making changes in our lives takes determination and the fruit of self-control.

We are given the gift of free will. It is a tribute to God when we exert our self-control and choose Him and His ways instead of the ways of the world. In the end, the decision is ours to make, but the power to do it comes from God. It is the most essential fruit of the Holy Spirit and a key to our salvation.

*“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.” (Titus 2:11-12)*



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## A Stewardship Prayer

My parish is composed of people like me.  
My stewardship helps make it what it is.

It will be a place where Christ is found,  
*if I live in Christ.*

It will bring Christ to the world,  
*if I carry Christ with me.*

It will be friendly, *if I am.*

It will be holy, *if I am.*

Its pews will be filled, *if I help fill them.*

It will do great work, *if I work.*

It will be prayerful, *if I pray.*

It will make generous gifts to many causes,  
*if I am a generous giver.*

It will bring others into its worship,  
*if I invite and bring them.*

It will be a parish of welcome and love,  
of fearlessness and faith,

of compassion, fruitfulness, and mercy,  
if I am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God,  
through the Holy Spirit, and the intercession  
of Blessed Mary of the Assumption,

I now dedicate myself to the task  
of being all the things

that I want my parish to be. **Amen.**

~

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



"You told Pastor Bob about my room, didn't you?"

# The St Monica Food Pantry



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

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

Please consider giving a few  
hours your time just once a  
month!



We are asking for donations for our annual thanksgiving baskets, if you can give anything towards someone's Thanksgiving please bring your gifts to the office by Nov 20th.

Canned Vegetables, Potatoes (Instant or Fresh), Sweet Potatoes, Large Wicker Baskets Needed or anything else you think is needed. We would like to hand out 15 baskets this year.



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**Month of November**

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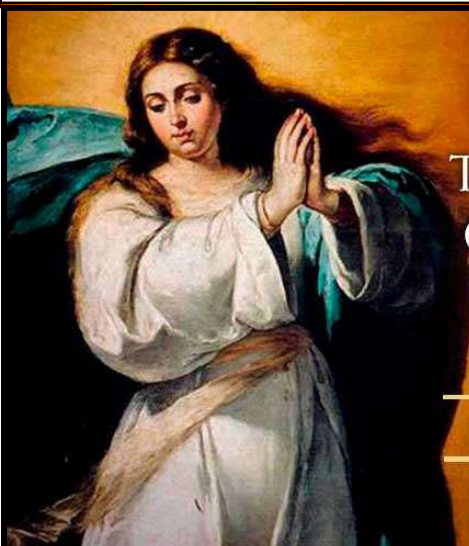
**BECOMING CATHOLIC** is a lifelong journey. Long after receiving your Sacraments of Initiation, there is always more to experience as we walk with Christ. There is always immense joy when an individual chooses to approach the table of the Lord for the first time. We all welcome those that wish to join our church, and together we show what it means to be Christian, to be Catholic. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the journey of BECOMING CATHOLIC looks a little different this year. We are going to begin virtually and progress to in person as we can.

**If you are reading this and are not already Catholic, Please Come On In!** We would love to welcome you! Reach out to me at [rcia@stmonicacatholicchurch.com](mailto:rcia@stmonicacatholicchurch.com) or call the parish office.

**If you are Catholic and would like to help** welcome the seekers, reach out! Each new person needs a sponsor (*think Godparents for Adults*) to walk with them. It is difficult to pair up like-minded folks that would 'click' when we cannot hang out together, so the more volunteers the better!

Since this will include virtual elements, we will be utilizing on-line resources such as Formed.org (Parish Subscription!!) and other such sites. From time to time, I will be sharing the links that BECOMING CATHOLIC is viewing that week. We are starting with a conversation about Scripture and watching <https://watch.formed.org/symbolon-the-catholic-faith-explained/season:1/videos/the-bible-god-s-love-letter-to-humanity>. I encourage each of you to explore these materials as 'refreshers' on you own life long Catholic journey.

Prayerfully,  
Cheryl M



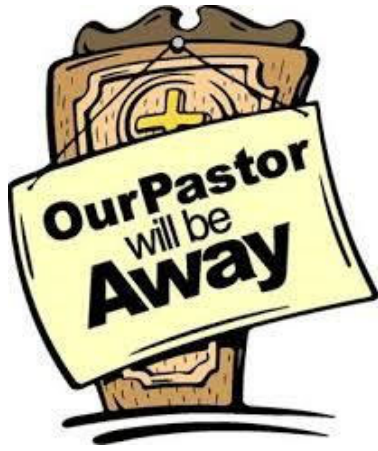
SOLEMNITY OF  
THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION OF  
THE BLESSED  
VIRGIN MARY

December 8th

12:00 PM

It is the Patronal Feast Day in the United States of America.

Because of Father Ron's commitments in the Diocese, Mass will only be at noon on Tuesday, December 8th. We will Live Stream the Mass."



Father Ron will be on vacation beginning Monday November 16 and will return Tuesday December 1.

In person Bible Study will resume on January 5, 2021. Father Ron may record a few live classes throughout Advent and Christmas.  
Keep opening God's Word!"



I would like to thank Kelsi Lowell for her wonderful work in the bulletin the last couple of months. She is taking time off temporarily as she and Jordan are expecting their second child very soon. Please keep her in your prayers and thoughts.

Father Ron."



## St Monica Youth Ministry

Open to all teens grades 6 to 12

November 21

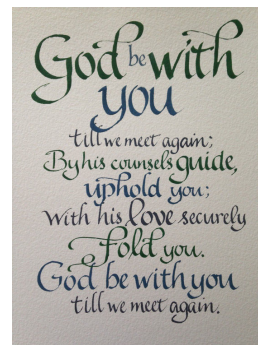
Youth Mass 4:30 pm

Social Night 6pm to 8pm

November 28

No Meeting Thanksgiving Holiday

\*Masks and Social Distancing Required\*



It is with great sadness that we announce that Cheryl Carr will be stepping down from her position as Religious Education Coordinator. We hope you have a wonderful retirement.

We love you and we will miss you

God Bless!!!!



## Masses For The Week



**Saturday, November 14**  
+ Mark Murphy

**Sunday, November 15**  
Parishioners  
+ John Cousins

**Tuesday November 17**  
+ Lupe Rash

**Wednesday, November 18**  
+ Robert Luhr

**Thursday, November 19**  
+ Lupe Rash

**Friday, November 20**

Michael Harris

## Prayer Requests



Louise Egan, Sue Wilson, Fred Lininger,  
Edna Blandford, Angie Spina,  
Laura Hall, Andy Hall, Gary Rummel,  
George Crawford, Carly Egan

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Richard Bowie 14th

Diane Lusk 15th

Ean Napier 15th

Cathy Napier 17th

Jac Carr 17th

Peggy Lukasick 17th

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## IN HIS SPIRIT

A GUIDE TO TODAY'S SPIRITUALITY  
**RICHARD J. HAUSER, S.J.**

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about how the Holy Spirit works  
in your life, get this book in the  
Adult Formation Center in the  
back of the church.

# 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

# This Week's Daily Readings

**Monday:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6;  
Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5;  
Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk  
19:11-28, or (for the memorial of the  
Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1  
-6; Mt 14:22-33

**Thursday:** Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;  
Lk 19:41-44

**Friday:** Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72,  
103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-  
10; Lk 20:27-40

**Sunday:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3,  
5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

## *Pope Francis' Intentions for November*

" 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."



## Schedule



### Saturday, November 21, 2020 4:30 PM Youth Mass

**Ushers:** Scott Phillips, Abel Velez  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Connor Phillips  
**Lectors:** Youth Ministry  
**Altar Server:** Daniel Fazio

### Sunday, November 22, 2020 9:00 AM

**Ushers:** Eddie Dubeck, GERAL Donnelly  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Joe Grasso  
**Lectors:** Cheryl Meis, Andy Hall  
**Altar Server:** None

### Sunday, November 22, 2020 11:00 AM

**Ushers:** Betty Poteet  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Mary Mundy  
**Lectors:** Pam Mathes  
**Altar Server:** Avery Gugal

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