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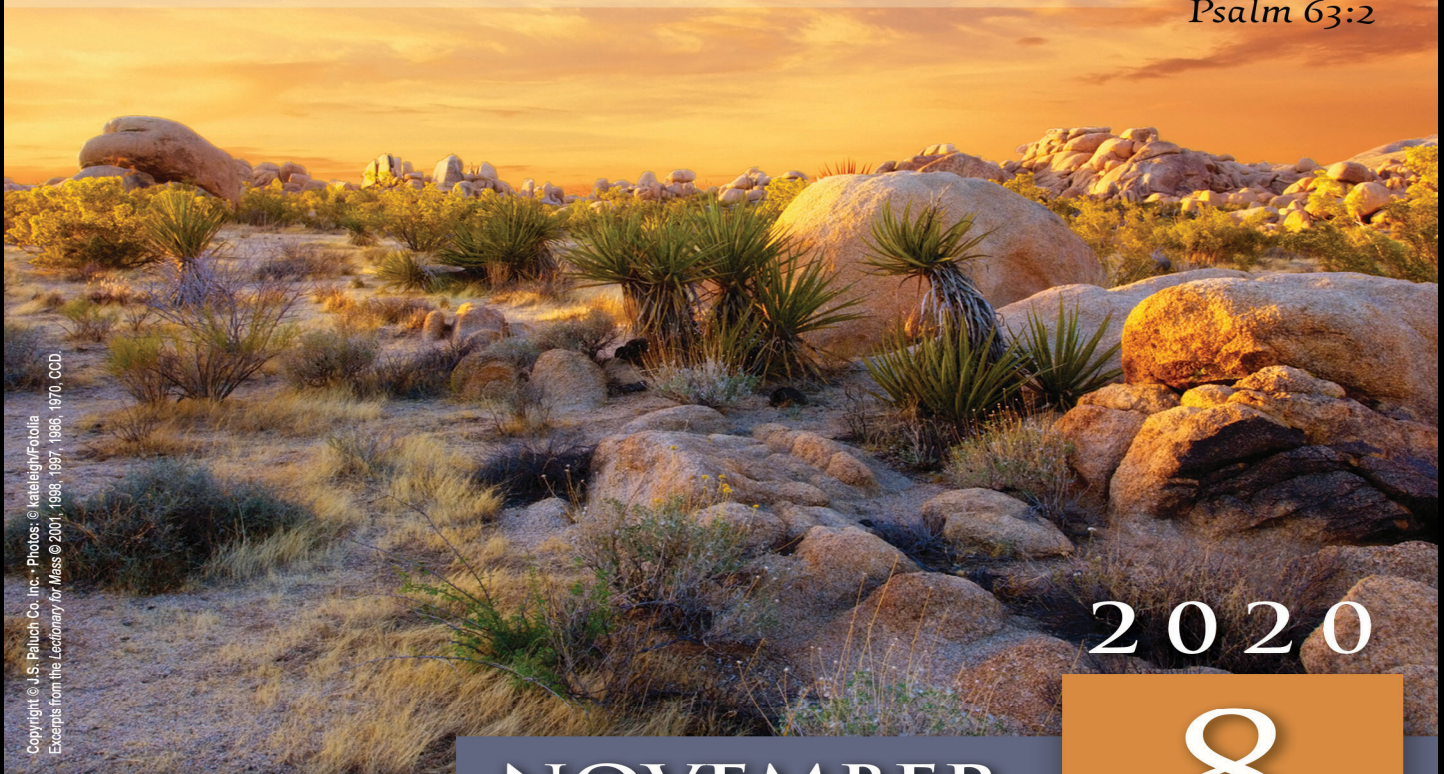
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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.*

Psalm 63:2



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2020

NOVEMBER

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



*“Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,
and found by those who seek her.”*

Book of Wisdom 6:12

I remember when I was in the United States Merchant Marine Academy in 1977. The world was chaotic, but I was happy to be in school representing our country. I was only 17, and I was so scared. I was failing my courses and was in danger of being kicked out. I had no other options because I did not have the money to attend college.

A force within me motivated me to go to the Chapel by the Sea and into the basement where there was a Catholic chapel (Our Lady Star of the Sea). It was a sweet place to be quiet. The upper classmen couldn't harass me there. When I didn't have the time, I sat for my one free hour every day before the Tabernacle. I opened the bible to the book of Wisdom. “Sophia” whispered into my ear.

God flooded my soul with peace. This peace calmed me enough to go back to my hectic schedule of study and military discipline... and thrive.

If I fell asleep in the chapel, God smiled at me when I awoke. And when I sailed on merchant ships to learn how to navigate, I still found this peaceful hour to rest in the arms of the beautiful Lady, the Bride of Christ.

I needed to learn to pilot the ship of my soul with precision and great trust in God.

Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta taught me to celebrate every Mass as if it were my first Mass, my only Mass, and my last

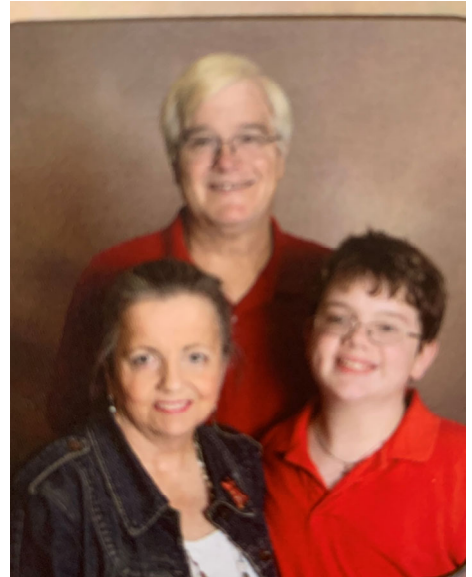
Beloved, I offer you this hour of love. No matter the result of the election, Jesus is still with us as he promised. He is counting on you and me to be his love and mercy. Be not afraid.

Love, joy, peace,
Father Ron

Rocky Road: It's not just an ice cream flavor

By Laura and Andy Hall

Our marriage almost ended before it began. Six days removed from saying our "I dos" and one day back from our honeymoon, I was napping in socks and skivvies, snoring loud enough to shake the foundation of our clearwater hotel when Laura began twirling the ring on her finger as she was beset by questions.



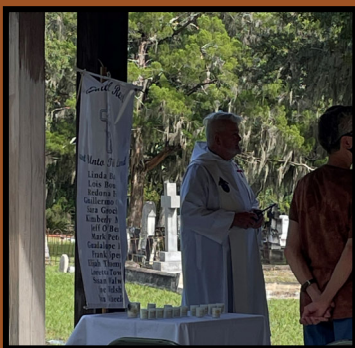
Who is this guy? Have I made a mistake? I could get a divorce - people will understand. Do I have a third eye in the middle of my forehead? What will my friends think knowing we had "done the deed?"

Later, we were in a Hooter's of all places, having dinner with Laura's sister and her husband when Laura, much to her amazement, found they were treating her like normal, like she didn't have a third eye and everything was going to be OK even after they had "done the deed."

Ours was a relationship founded in prayer, Not all relationships are, not even all lasting relationships - but ours was a relationship founded in prayer. Laura loves to tell the story of how we had known each other over a period of 11 years, never to be romantically linked when she heard my name in prayer. We went out once - Canada Day 1995 - declared our previously unspoken love for one another at the end of the date and were married in less than a year. It has not been constant bliss over the last 24 years. We have found fault with one another. Financial problems and health issues have been significant. But there has always been prayer - ours for one another, Ansley's for us, prayers of our friends here at St. Monica. God has not spoken to either of us as clearly as He spoke to Laura on that special day in 1995, but oh, how blessed we are that we can speak to Him, confident that He listens and loves.



All Souls Cemetery Mass November 1, 2020



**ST. MONICA RELIGIOUS ARTICLES
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Located in the Parish office
Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00PM
(and by appointment on weekends)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Joan Zoranski Cathy Maus

Jordan Kurtz

Richard Bowie



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.



St Monica Youth Ministry

**Every Saturday
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

Open to all teens grades 6 to 12

**Altar Server Training
November 14, 2020 at 11:30 AM**

***Masks and Social Distancing
Required***

St. Monica Music Feast



**Featuring
Zane Price
And**

**Steve Camarda
On November 14th at 2:00**

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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 and anything else.

We got a generous donation of gift cards for the turkeys, stuffing and cranberry sauce. Thank you Mutchie Family, Newman Family and Muir Family.



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!

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Month of November

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Palatka Location



The gifts the weekend of October 30th and November 1

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Outreach to Poor:
\$ 50.00

Building & Restoration:
\$635.00

Mass Attendance : 159
Drive Thru: 20

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



Featured Speakers



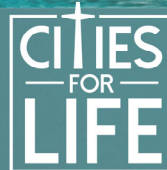
Bishop Felipe Estévez
Shepherd of the Diocese of St. Augustine will present on his latest pastoral letter on capital punishment in Florida and the sanctity of all human life.



Karen Gottlieb
Former chair of the Florida Public Defenders Capital Litigation Steering Committee, and has served on the Board of Directors of the Florida Capital Resource Center since 2013.



Joseph Thornton, MD
Associate Professor of Psychiatry and serves as Chief of Psychiatric Services for University of Florida Health Shands Hospital.



Join the worldwide movement to abolish the death penalty

Jacksonville is one of 2,100 Cities for Life, raising awareness of the egregious and unjust application of the death penalty.

In solidarity with our brothers and sisters on death row, join us for a prayerful evening with an honorable lineup of speakers who will present their unique perspectives in support of abolishing the death penalty.

For more information, contact Deacon Corky Hecht at checht@dosaff.com or call (904) 348-8794.

November 30 at 6:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church - Cody Enrichment Center
4152 Loretto Road, Jacksonville, FL 32223


We invite all churches to ring their bells at 7:30 p.m. in solidarity to end the Death Penalty

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The Parish Office will be closed on November 11, 2020 in observance of Veteran's Day.



This Week's Daily Readings

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10

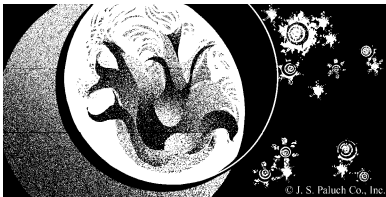
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]



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."



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

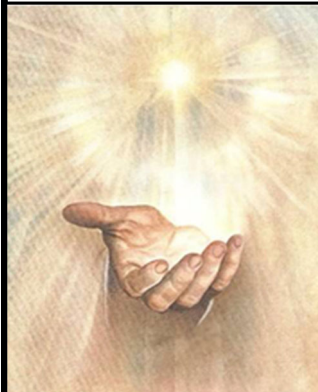


Prayer Requests



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,
Sarah Jean Stewart

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



Judy Newman
wishes to thank our St.
Monica Family for all
their prayers on behalf
of her brother Dale
Therault who now rest
in the arms of God.
Prayers are what keep
our hearts united!

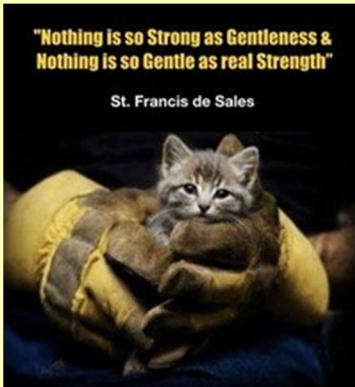


Grow Strong in Your Faith

With Karen Lee



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



Jesus described himself as “*gentle and humble of heart*”. (Matt. 11:29) He healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, made the lame walk, and chased out demons. He could do astounding miracles with tender loving care. But no one would dare call him weak. Nothing is so gentle as real strength. And Jesus was the strongest person to have ever walked this earth. There are things that naturally bring out the gentleness in us. Sometimes it is baby, a sick child,

or a beloved pet. But sometimes gentleness is hard to find within ourselves, and we have to ask the Holy Spirit to nurture it in us. It is often easier for us to be gentle with someone we love than with someone we don't know.

As Christians, we are called to be gentle to all. There is an aura surrounding people who are in pain either physically, mentally, or spiritually. Awareness of the hurt radiating out from them comes from the Holy Spirit. Gentleness is the balm they need. It is our Christian call to action. We, like Jesus, can respond to them in a gentle and compassionate manner and bring relief to their suffering.

“Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all...And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 4:4-7)



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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

Schedule



Saturday, November 14, 2020 4:30 PM

Ushers: Bill Black, George Schiffbauer

Eucharistic Minister: Sandy Woods

Lectors: Mary Lawnicki, Helen Muir

Altar Server:

Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:00 AM

Ushers: Gerald Donnelly, Eddie DuBeck

Eucharistic Minister: Richard Carr

Lectors: Frank Fraize, Pam Mathes

Altar Server: Joshua Carr

Sunday, November 15, 2020 11:00 AM

Ushers: Joe Iovino

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Iovino

Lectors: Mary Crawford

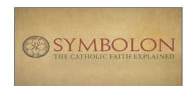
Altar Server: Skylar Gugal

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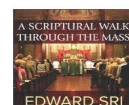
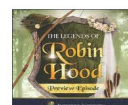
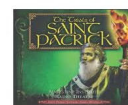
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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, November 7
Bill Maus

Sunday, November 8
Parishioners
+ Susan Walwik

Tuesday November 10
+ Lupe Rash

Wednesday, November 11
Elliot Family

Thursday, November 12
Tom & Dot Riddle

Friday, November 13
+ Susan Walwik



The Mass for the Precious Ones takes place annually in November, the month to remember Holy Souls, to honor the humanity of children lost through miscarriage, early infant death and abortion.

This year the Mass will be held on Sunday, November 15, 3:00pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine, and is open to all parents, families and friends who grieve for the loss of their child.

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