

St. Monica Catholic Church

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

Mass Schedule

Word Service

Wednesday - Friday 8:30 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 4:30 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Pope's Intentions



A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy
Spirit engender a new
missionary "spring" in the
Church.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER

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2019

**If you have faith the size
of a mustard seed,
you would say to
this mulberry tree,
"Be uprooted and
planted in the sea,"
and it would obey you.**

Luke 17:6

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;
Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13;
Lk 17:11-19

Ministry Schedules

Saturday October 12, 2019 4:30 PM

Ushers: Bill Gaines, JJ Nichols, George Schiffbauer, and Earl Wallace

Eucharistic Ministers: Walt Egan, Ruth Boyette, Lina Majesky

Lectors: Karen Lee and Mary Crawford

Altar Servers: Connor Phillips

Sunday October 13, 2019 9:00 AM

Ushers: Gerald Donnelly, Eddie Dubeck, Robert Farmer, and Ricky Webb

Eucharistic Ministers: Jay Dorsett, Silvano Gallo, and Lorenzo Delacruz

Lectors: Frank Fraize and Catherine Webb

Altar Servers: Mathew Webb, Daniel Fazio, Jac Carr and Ansley Hall

Sunday October 13 11:00 AM

Ushers: Bill Black and Immanuel Rosado

Eucharistic Minsters: Rita Lambert and Lina Majesky

Lectors: Cris David and Pam Mathes

Altar Servers: Josmil Montanez

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Beloved,

Since last week, we celebrated and tearfully said goodbye to our wonderful Bishop John who has been with this Diocese since December 5, 1979. That is an amazing 50 years this coming December. I met him for the first time in September 1981 when I attended a Cursillo retreat when I was a mere 23 years old. I had been contemplating priesthood in a religious order, but when this man greeted me that weekend at Camp St. John, I knew this is where I was called by Jesus.

He attended his first FAITH & SHARING retreat for those with mental and physical disabilities along with their families and friends in 1981. He never missed celebrating Mass at this retreat until last year. His giftedness with special needs was awesome and so holy. From this retreat blossomed CAMP I AM SPECIAL where high school “buddies” are paired up with special needs “campers”. This ministry which has touched thousands and thousands of lives is mind boggling.

Bishop John ordained me 29 years ago. He was also at my 25th anniversary Mass. For a little while, he was in my small Emaus group for priests. He often beat me in tennis, but always encouraged me. He ordained me when many didn't believe in my calling. He encouraged me to remain a chaplain in the Naval Reserves.

When I was assigned to San Juan del Rio after returning from the Battle for Fallujah, I was blessed to live in the next apartment for two years at Casa San Pedro while ministering to San Juan del Rio church. He never coddled me, but he was a genuine spiritual father to me. Once when I thought I might lose my priesthood for being treated unjustly, I shared with him my frustration, anger and self-righteousness. He merely said to me,

“Ron, sometimes you just have to carry your cross.”

Although I did not want to hear that, he was absolutely right. I knew my sin and begged him to hear my confession. If anyone knows me, they know I would never go to a bishop for my confession. And so the man who ordained me a priest through the laying on of hands simply smiled. He then spoke the words of absolution and laid his hands on me. I felt restored as a priest. On my way to help out at a reconciliation service, I had to stop my car on the side of the road as the oils of my ordination seemed to pour out over my head and into my eyes. The peace and compassionate love of Jesus overflowed from my heart.

The next confession I heard that day was very similar to mine. I had to share with that person and many since then, “Beloved, sometimes you just have to carry your cross.”

In one of my last encounters of being with this great man, he was in Baptist South Hospital. He was alone and I shared with him my love and deep gratitude for ordaining me. He kidded with me, “Don't blame me.” There was no TV on and his Rosary was in hand, but he was definitely carrying his cross. I even doubted he remembered who I was. As I was leaving, he called to me from his bed. He simply said,

“Ron, be the man God called you to be.”

It was as if Jesus was speaking to me at the breakfast at the lake after the resurrection. Three times he asks me, “Do you love me.” Three times I answer in the affirmative followed by Jesus telling me, “Feed my sheep” “Tend my lambs” and “Feed my sheep”.

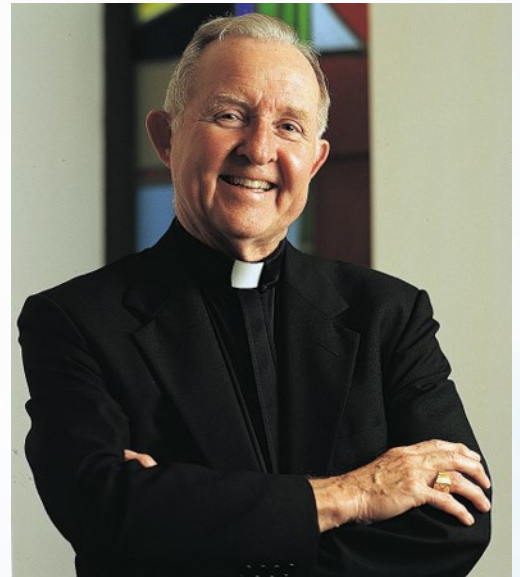
This of course leads to Jesus inviting me: “Follow me.”

Thank you Jesus, for blessing me with the Bishop John J. Snyder. Thank you for leading me to this phenomenal Diocese of St. Augustine that has brought me to this exceptional beautiful parish of St. Monica. Our tears will definitely be turned into dancing.

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

Bishop John J. Snyder

A Compassionate Bishop Goes Home to the Lord



Bishop John J. Snyder, who led the Diocese of St. Augustine for more than 20 years, died today, Sept. 27, on the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. He was 93. He led the 17-county diocese during a period of tremendous growth, when the number of Catholics more than doubled, requiring the addition of eight new parishes, seven elementary schools, and two high schools, St. Francis Catholic Academy in Gainesville and the school on the Westside that bears his name. He built the Catholic Center, the diocesan offices in Mandarin; renovated and expanded a riverfront estate into the Marywood Retreat and Spirituality Center and converted the old Immaculate Conception school downtown into the Providence Center that provided offices for social service agencies. Bishop Snyder also built five retirement homes for low-income elderly, a nursing home and a retirement home for priests, where he spent his last years. But he was best known as a people's bishop – gregarious, approachable and interested in the lives of ordinary people. In the spirit of the Second Vatican Council, he empowered laypeople, especially women, to assume leadership roles in their parishes and diocesan ministries. “I will measure the effectiveness of my leadership by the ability and willingness of this local church to call forth, develop and utilize the gifts and talents not only of its priests and religious but all its people,” he said on Dec. 5, 1979, when he was installed as the eighth bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine. Bishop Snyder also reached out to groups that did not feel welcomed in the church – the divorced, the disabled, gays and lesbians, inmates, farmworkers, refugees, and immigrants. He streamlined the annulment process for the divorced. He established ministries for farmworkers, refugees, and immigrants, offering medical services and legal assistance as well as pastoral support. The disabled were particularly close to his heart. He established the Ministry for Persons with Disabilities that runs summer camps for disabled children and adults, who come from all over the country to attend. It wasn't unusual for Bishop Snyder to drop in to visit the campers attending Camp I Am Special. On the state level, he advocated for prison reform and spoke out against the death penalty. He was active in prison ministry and after his retirement in 2000 ministered to inmates on Death Row. He was one of the founders of the Interfaith Council in Jacksonville and was active in ecumenical discussions and events. In 1987 he was awarded the Brotherhood Award by the National Conference of Christians and Jews [now the National Conference of Community and Justice]. In 1991, he became co-chairman of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue, an outreach of the Committee on Ecumenism of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. In that role he traveled with Catholic and Episcopal bishops, first to England to meet the Archbishop of Canterbury and then to Rome to meet Pope John Paul II. At the national level, Bishop Snyder also took a leadership role on women in the church. From 1992 to 1995 he was the chairman of the bishops' Committee on Women in Society and in the Church. Bishop Snyder was a New Yorker, born Oct. 25, 1925, into an Irish Catholic family. He grew up in Queens and Flushing. He was the second of three sons. The eldest, Eugene, died in World War II; the younger, James, worked with inner-city children who died of cancer in 1997. They had an adopted sister, Nancy who passed away in 2017. Bishop Snyder said he grew up playing baseball, basketball, tennis, and golf, but baseball was a special love. In his wallet, he carried an old photo of his school team, the Andreans. He was a lifelong fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. It's no mistake that the cardinal is the mascot of Bishop John J. Snyder High School, where he was a regular at football games. He studied at the Seminary of Immaculate Conception in Huntington, N.Y. and was ordained a priest on June 9, 1951. He served for six years in his neighborhood parish before he became the personal secretary to Brooklyn Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart. On Feb. 2, 1973, he was ordained a bishop to serve as auxiliary to Bishop Francis J. Mugavero in the Diocese of Brooklyn. Though he missed parish work, working in the diocesan office gave him the opportunity to be in Rome for the first session of the Second Vatican Council. He said in a 2014 interview that seeing bishops from all over the world made him realize that the church was universal. The council reforms also revolutionized his faith and his understanding of the church as the People of God.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Praying the Rosary

"In the Rosary, we ponder the life of Jesus through the eyes of his mother. This is an incredibly powerful experience if we enter into it fully."

Matthew Kelly

There are many ways to pray the Rosary. First, is to focus on the words, which are deeply rooted in the Scriptures and Christian tradition. Place yourself in the presence of the Blessed Mother and her loving heart. Second, is to focus on the mysteries, letting the words float by as you visualize the scene of each mystery. Imagine yourself there. Third, is to pray the rosary with scriptures. You'll need some form of scriptural rosary to follow. The **Scriptural Rosary App** is a good place to start. If you find yourself getting distracted, which is normal, simply turn your mind back to God. Offering each decade for a special petition can help keep you focused. No matter how you choose to pray the rosary, you'll find it will bring you peace. If you don't have a rosary, help yourself to one found in the Adult Formation Centers at the entrances of the church. You'll also find pamphlets there that include the prayers and when to pray them. There are also CDs that you can listen to that include not only the rosary, but its history, along with the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. October 7th is the feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. Try praying the rosary today. It might even become a habit!

As part of our remembrance of the *World Mission Sunday*, St. Monica Parish is planning an International Dinner on *Saturday, October 19th after the 4:30 Mass*. All families are urged to attend this potluck meal. Please bring a covered dish that represents your native country or perhaps from a country you have visited or would like to visit.

So that we can appropriately plan to accommodate those in attendance, sign up sheets will be available starting in October. Please add your name and the number who will be attending to one of the sheets. Hope to see all families join us in this delicious international experience.

More details will follow closer to the date of the dinner. If you have questions, please contact Rita Smith at (386) 328-6268.



Religious Education

CCF Classes will take place on Sundays after 9:00 AM Mass. Children will enjoy breakfast with their teachers at tables set up at the back of the hall. After breakfast they will head to the classrooms for a short lesson.

Father Ron will be on vacation from October 3 to October 21.

Weekday Masses will be celebrated as a Word Service
Wednesday Thursday & Friday

Tuesday Bible Study will be replaced with St Monica Video Club Night



Whether you have a regular devotion to the Rosary, wish you could appreciate it more, or know little to nothing about this powerful vehicle of prayer, this film will change your heart. Come to **St. Monica Video Night on Tuesday, October 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library**



My Time



My Talent



My Treasure

September 29 Offertory

\$4260.00

Weshare Online Offertory

for September 23 thru September 30

\$210.00

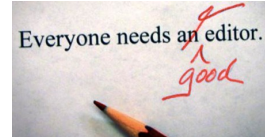
Thank you
Your generosity allowed us to give &
proclaim to the
Kingdom of God and His Love!

Wish List

Individually Wrapped Candy for Boo On the Avenue
Please Bring to Parish Office

Food Pantry needs two window
A/C Units

The Next Hall Clean Up Day will be October 12
from 8:00 AM to Noon.



If you would like to volunteer your time and
talent editing our bulletin every Monday

Please contact Diana in the Parish Office



October Schedule

October 12 Meeting
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

October 26 Meeting
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

October 31 Event
Boo on the Avenue
& Halloween Party
Details Coming Soon



We're pleased to announce that St Monica now provides online giving through software called ParishSOFT Giving. This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy—just visit our website www.stmoniacatholicchurch.com and click our online giving link. When you participate, your gift will transfer directly into the parish bank account. And you won't have to remember to write a check or stop by the ATM on Sundays!

And if you still want to place something in the offertory basket, just pick up one of our "I GAVE ONLINE" cards on your way into church and use that at offertory time.

Look for our table at breakfast on Sunday Morning if you need help signing up

Prayer Request



All Service Men & Women
Matilda Aloia
Larry Beaton
Greg Bodalski
Lois Boucher
Joan Carter
Minda Carter
Louise Egan
Ignatius Guanlao
Tom Szczes

Andy Hall
Laura Hall
Father Keene
Sister Maureen Kelly
Fred Lininger
Lillian Morgan
John Wheeler
Albert Yeager
Sandy Scranton

Adrian Ryan
Sandra Meis
Sandy Nichols
Jeff O'Berry
Cathleen Phillips
Cathy Sheridan
Ansley Hall
Denise Orr
Silvana Gallo
Steve Fitzsimmons
Robbie Titus

Darlene Sweat
Mary Jo Vincent
Bill Walwik
Nancy Walwik
Connie Weisner
Joe Welsh
Lane Herman
Cooper Newman
The Parish of St. Monica

MASS Intentions

Saturday 4:30 PM	October 5 +Yogi Schereth
Sunday 9:00 AM	October 6 Parishioners
Sunday 11:00 AM	October 6 +Paul Vincent
Tuesday 5:30 PM	October 8 No Service
Wednesday 8:30 AM	October 9 Word Service
Thursday 8:30 AM	October 10 Word Service
Friday 8:30 AM	October 11 Word Service
Saturday 4:30 PM	October 12 +Rafael & Ariel Aguste



Prayer for the Sick Saint Augustine

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.
Rest your weary ones.
Bless your dying ones.
Soothe your suffering ones.
Pity your afflicted ones.
Shield your joyous ones.
And for all your love's sake. Amen.

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).

Those needing “Anointing of the Sick” or in need of a Priest, please call these telephone numbers only:

**During Business Hours:
Parish Office - 386-325-9777
After Business Hours : 904-994-6803**

Please call the Parish Office to let us know if a parishioner is hospitalized, seriously ill or home-bound so that a Priest can visit and anoint them.