

## 8TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



Picture poster was borrowed by one of the men at the Palatka Correctional. We are getting over 7 Catholics to attend Mass in the jail. Please keep them in your prayers. Joe Grasso and I will bring them ashes on "Ash Friday"!

Beloved,

I pray you are enjoying the Azalea Festival this weekend. If you are visiting, we at St. Monica want to Thank YOU! If you are returning or moved into the area, we hope you find us to be a great home to grow in your love and relationship with Jesus and all of us here.

Here at St. Monica we give 10% of our offertory to the poor and needy. We strive to be good stewards of the many gifts God has given us. In the past 160 years God has blessed us tremendously.

A huge "Thank You" to the Ladies Guild who put on a very fabulous "FUN-RAISER" flea market. It truly was about fun and coming together.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We will have Mass with ashes at the 8 am Mass. At noon we will have an Ash Wednesday Ecumenical service with all the downtown churches. We are the host this year. If you can make it, please come out and pray with us. We will all look beautiful with ashes on our forehead.

I will also distribute ashes at an abbreviated service at 7 pm for those who cannot get to the Mass and ecumenical service because of work schedules.

The Diocesan Bishop Appeal is this weekend. I pray you all have the opportunity to make a commitment. We have always been one of the top five parishes in participation. Maybe we will become the parish with the highest participation. After praying, you can still drop your envelope in regular collection next week.

Thank you for all you are and all you are becoming. I love being your pastor. May we continue to grow and bear much fruit of the Spirit. Please visit our revised Website!!!

Love, joy, peace,  
Father Ron Moses +

St. Monica Catholic Church  
114 S. 4th St. Palatka Florida

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



**Father Ronald Camarda**  
Pastor

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Monday 9:00 to 4:00  
Tuesday 1:30 to 4:00  
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Thursday 9:00 to 4:00  
Friday 9:00 to 4:00

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**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 - 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.

**If you have any pictures or ministry news you would like to submit for approval for either the bulletin or newsletter please send them to [stmoncatholic@gmail.com](mailto:stmoncatholic@gmail.com) by noon. on Friday.**



**MASS TIMES**

**Daily Masses**

Tuesday - 5:30 pm  
Wednesday - Friday 8:30 am

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil - 4:30 pm  
Sunday - 9:00 am & 11:00 am

**First Saturday**

10:00 am

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

**Holy Day Masses**

8:00 am & 7:00 pm

**Confessions Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 pm**

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## Events the Week of March 3, 2019

Sunday March 3	Monday March 4	Tuesday March 5	Wednesday March 6	Thursday March 7	Friday March 8	Saturday March 9	Sunday March 10
Mass 9:00 am 11:00 am  Parish Break- fast After 9:00 am Mass		Mass 5:30 pm  Bible Study 6:15 pm	Mass 8:00 am 7:00 pm  Ash Wednesday  Ecumenical Service	Mass 8:30 am  Bereavement Group 4:30	Mass 8:30 am  Holy Hour 9:00 am	Confession 3:30 pm to 4:15pm  Mass	Mass 9:00 am 11:00 am  Parish Break- fast After 9:00 am Mass

Upcoming  
Events

**Christ Renews His Parish  
Women's Weekend Retreat  
March 16-17**

March 29-30 - Eucharistic Congress

### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

2019 Florida Eucharistic Congress

Saturday	March 2	4:30 pm	+Alberto M. David +Miguel Dejuk Yunis
Sunday	March 3	9:00 am	Parishioners
		11:00 am	+Dr. Jose S. Lavina
Tuesday	March 5	5:30 pm	+Rebecca Lynn
Wednesday	March 6	8:00 am	Tom & Dot Riddle (couple)
Thursday	March 7	8:30 am	+Dr. Frank Collier
Friday	March 8	8:30 am	+John Bachrach
Saturday	March 9	4:30 pm	+Miguel Dejuk Yunis

# HOPE

For I know the plans I have for you

Jeremiah 29:11

In Need  
of Your  
Prayers

Ron Harnois  
Joe Welsh  
Hoyt Muir  
Franca Nichols  
Jeff O'Berry  
Fred Lininger  
Ray Johnson  
Richard Winstad  
Albino Gaw  
Denise Orr  
Connie Weisner  
Anna Katherine Fraize  
Cathy Sheridan  
Minda Carter

Matilda Aloia  
Gary Rummel  
Louise Egan  
Paul Vincent  
Mary Jo Vincent  
Father Bower  
Lee Gibbs  
LaDonna Tanner  
Lois Boucher  
Susan Russo  
Jacob Hoffman  
Sandy Nichols  
Sandra Lewis  
Lee Weaver  
Aggie Bennett

Father Keene  
Edna Blandford  
Bill Walwik  
Linda Spencer  
Joan Carter  
Anita Gieselman  
Lillian Morgan  
All Service Men  
& Women

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

**Second Reading** — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

**Gospel** — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23;  
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;  
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15;  
Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

## THE INSIDE SHOWS

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us.

Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression-words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws.

And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: "What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh." By and by, the inside will show through.

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Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.

— Luke 6:44



The Eucharist commits us to the poor. St. John Chrysostom reminds us that we dishonor the Lord's Table when we are not mindful of the less

fortunate and when we do not show mercy to others. (CCC # 1397)

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Casimir

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday;  
Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving

Thursday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Friday: St. John of God; Abstinence

Saturday: St. Frances of Rome

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many Catholics who are not active in the Church will still seek out ashes this Wednesday. Likewise, many Jews who are not otherwise observant will follow the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, with great exactness, fasting and refraining from work and entertainment. People customarily dress in white as a symbol of purity and a reminder of God's promise that our sins will be made white as snow. While the overture to Ash Wednesday for Christians may be a festive Mardi Gras celebration, for Jews it is the New Year feast of Rosh Hashanah. Ten days before the Day of Atonement to God, people are expected to repair breaks in human life. These are days for offering forgiveness and seeking to repair harmed relationships with family, friends, or coworkers. Everyone is expected to seek out someone and "clear the air" by asking for understanding for any mean words or thoughtless deeds in the past year.

Perhaps the ashes you receive will be invested with deeper meaning if you follow a similar plan. This year, Rosh Hashanah will be September 29, and Yom Kippur October 8. A conversation with some Jewish friends or neighbors about their experience of a season of repentance may be a blessing on your Lent.

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## THE DIFFERENCE

The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one often comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't.

—Henry Ward Beecher

## THANKS

No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.

—Ambrose of Milan

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Don't forget to use our code **R87GP3** and get great catholic movies, content and education.



Every Catholic has known that awkward feeling of someone looking at his forehead when he goes out in public after receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday. Karlo Broussard provides some tips on how to use that awkward moment for evangelization.

**BEST LENT EVER**

# DON'T GIVE UP *Chocolate* FOR LENT

Instead, discover simple ways to transform your life in forty days. Join our parish for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that is designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, you'll receive a short inspirational video that will help you . . .

-  FIND AREAS FOR GROWTH
-  BUILD BETTER HABITS
-  SPARK LASTING CHANGE

Are you ready to have your best Lent ever?

SIGN UP AT  
**DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent**

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## Ladies Guild News

The flea market was very successful bringing in \$3400 as your donated items became someone else's treasures. Thank you to everyone who brought in items and to the many hard working volunteers who spent long hours sharing joy and love with our community. We look forward to our next flea market in February 2020.

Raffle tickets for the beautiful homemade cheesecakes brought in an additional \$600 and were won by Mary Iovino and Moses M. Thank you to Margaret Foster for creating and donating them

Have you had a Holy Moment this week? Would you like to offer it to God? Write it down on the Holy Moment card located in the envelope holder in your pew. Then put it in the collection basket during the offertory.



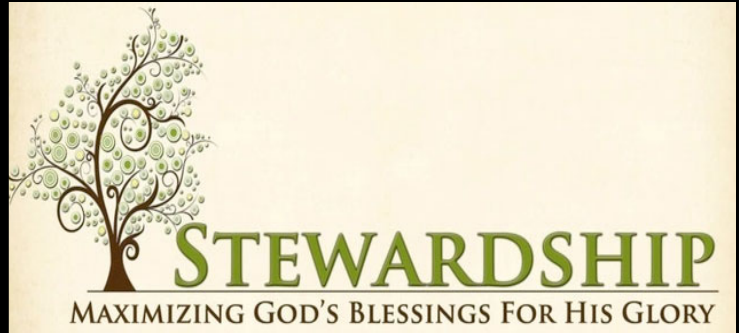
The next Bereavement class will be March 14, 4:00 to 6:00 pm and will be every other Thursday, in the Library.



*Lord, it is good  
to give thanks  
to you.*  
Psalms 92:2

**MARCH 2-3, 2019**

**DIOCESE OF ST AUGUSTINE**  
Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal



The Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal (BASA) is now underway. You will soon receive a mailing from Bishop Estévez, asking for your family support and participation. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the Appeal using the response card mailed to you or by completing a Commitment Envelope at Mass the weekend of March 2-3. Our annual theme, "One Faith, One Family" reminds us that we are members of something much greater than ourselves. This year, BASA invites each of us to give thanks to the Lord in response to all that has been given to us by God. It is our job to be good stewards of all that we have been gifted with. Please prayerfully respond to this year's Annual Appeal with a gift of any amount—Lord, it is good

**Our Stewardship of Treasure  
from February 24, 2019**

**Offertory received in Church  
\$5729.50**

**Saving for our Future  
10% Outreach to the Poor  
\$572.95**

**Electronic Giving is reported at the  
end of the month.**

**Thank you**

**Your generosity allowed us to give & proclaim to**

## Holy Moments For The Week

Going to the  
Prison

Taking a 98 year old to his  
Dr. appt.  
Doing blood sugars every  
Friday on an elderly man

Health & Love of my grand-  
children even after tantrums

Working alongside many  
hardworking volunteers dur-  
ing the flea market. It was a  
joy to witness the comradery  
of everyone as they made  
our event a success

Painting my sisters  
room

Knowing his love for me is true.  
Knowing I will never be alone for  
Jesus is always with me. Through  
his love I am saved . Feeling the  
love God blanketed me with. Hear-  
ing His voice say to me, my burdens  
will be lifted

Painting my room

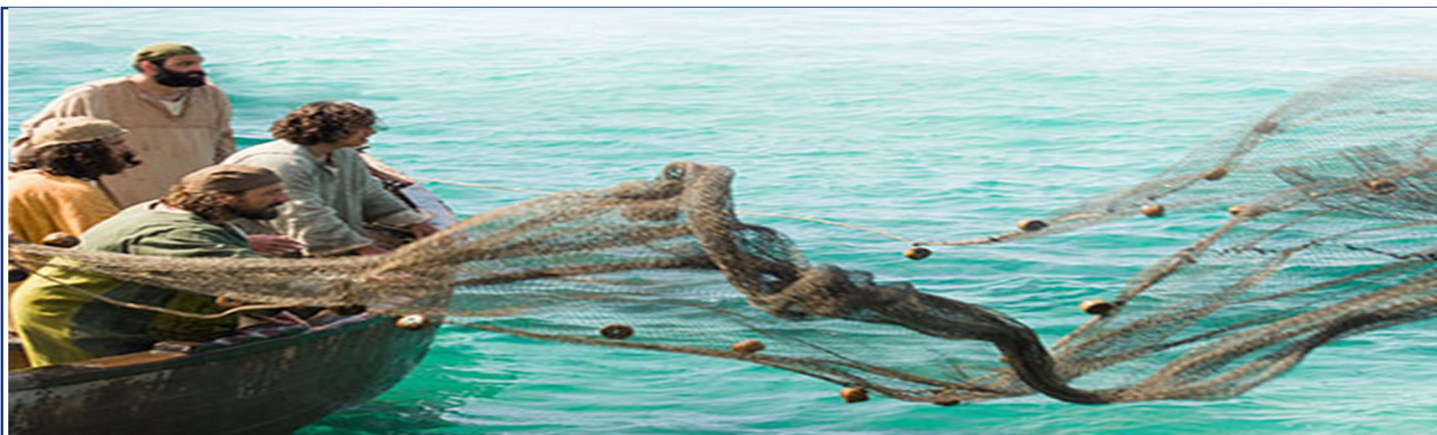
The Lord answered my  
prayer. Had a pleasant  
talk with my child

Seeing a flock of 40-50  
robins flying into our  
yard and finding  
"sanctuary" feasting and  
singing

I woke up this morning  
and God spared me an-  
other day to serve and  
work for him and to do  
and help others

I met with Father Ron &  
had a wonderful discussion.

Enjoying Great Grand  
Children



Let's Open the Bible  
Let's put out into deep water and lower  
our nets for a catch!

Father Ron's Bible Study on Tuesdays  
February 26, 2019, 6:15 p.m. in the Library



*Christ Renews His Parish  
Women's Retreat Weekend*

**Do you long for a deeper faith in Christ?  
Do you ever wish you knew more of your fellow parishioners?**

You can accomplish all of this in one amazing weekend. We want to extend a personal invitation to you to attend the next Christ Renews His Parish retreat, which will be held right here at St Monica. This retreat is the perfect opportunity to get to know other adult parishioners from our church, while growing spiritually. You will participate in fun activities, fellowship, good food, and prayer. Attending will be the best gift you can give yourself.

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) is a program designed to bring members of the Parish together in Christ. The emphasis during the weekend is on small group participation.

**Sign Up Today**

**March 16 & 17**

Registration forms available in the back of  
the church and in the parish office.

For more information  
please call 386-325-9777