

**St. Monica
Catholic Church
(Est. 1858)**

January 1, 2017

**Mary, the Holy Mother of
God**



*Our Mission To be a Home of
Small Christian
Communities Helping each
other to connect life and
faith, and Welcoming
all to the
compassionate love of Jesus.*

Jan 1- Feast of Mary, Mother of God



THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses - 8:30 a.m.

**First Friday Adoration/Sacred Heart Devotion
and Other Fridays Holy Hour - 9:00 a.m.**

Holy Day Masses

8 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Confessions - Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - Or by Appointment

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalm — May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
 Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Sat.	12/31	4:30 p.m.	+ Father Joseph Finlay
Sun.	1/01	9:00 a.m.	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Mon.	1/02	8:30 a.m.	Volunteers
Tue.	1/03	8:30 a.m.	+ John Sorci
Wed.	1/04	8:30 a.m.	+ Miguel Dejuk Yunis
Thur.	1/05	8:30 a.m.	+ James Hall
Fri.	1/06	8:30 a.m.	Ladies Guild
Sat.	1/07	4:30 p.m.	+ Juanita Parish



The nationally-touring drama *Therese, The Story of a Soul* is coming to Epiphany Catholic Church in January. Catholics are fascinated by this live one-woman play about the life and “Little Way” of St. Therese of Lisieux. It is suitable for all ages, especially those who are discerning a religious vocation or seeking to understand God’s incredible mercy.

It will play at Epiphany Parish in Lake City on January 14th at 7 p.m. More information is available at www.stlukeproductions.com/dramas/therese.

The actress, Audrey Ahern, a devout Catholic, formally trained as a actor, has now performed this role more than 100 times.



The Parish office staff wish you a blessed Happy New Year
 The Office will be closed on
 Monday January 2, 2017



**Office Hours
 PARISH OFFICE**

Phone: 386-325-9777 • Fax: 386-329-1960

Mon., Wed., Thur., and Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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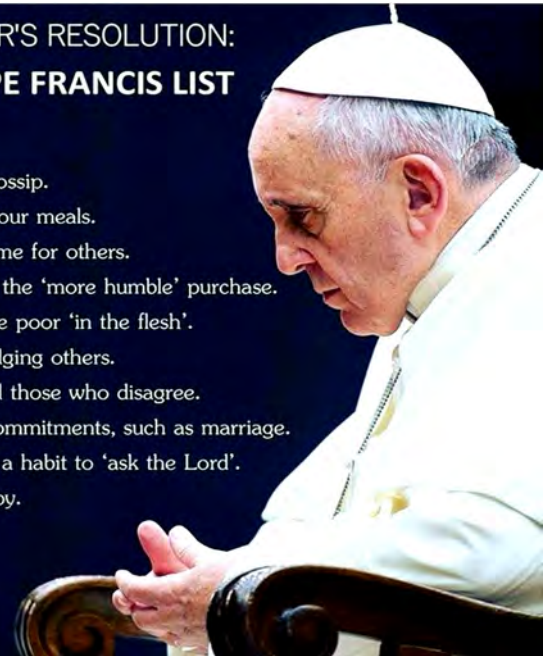
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**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:
 THE POPE FRANCIS LIST**

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh'.
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'.
10. Be happy.

Paradiso

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 During Business Hours: Parish Office—325-9777
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 Please call the Parish Office to let us know if a parishioner is hospitalized, seriously ill or homebound so that a Priest can visit and anoint them.**

Liturgical Ministers
January 7th. & January 8th 2017

Altar Servers

Tommy Dobbs
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Amanda Phillips

Lizzie Fortner
Grant Fortner
Isabelle Brady

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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Due to the Holidays Offering fro December 25th will be posted in the January 8th Bulletin! Happy New Year!



St. Monica Dinner

Thursday

January 5, 2017

4-7 p.m.

\$8.00 a dinner

Parish Enrichment Center

410 Oak Street, Palatka

Menu

Chicken (Baked or Fried)
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,
Green Beans, Roll, Dessert, and
Beverage



Feeding the Community

Mobile Food Pantry
Thursday, January 5, 2017

Volunteers arrive **7:45 a.m.**
Food Distribution
begins **9:00 a.m.**

Baptism Reminder!

Individuals or families must be registered Parishioners and attending Mass for six months before requesting the Baptism of a baby.



March for Life St. Augustine is
January 14.

The 11th annual March for Life St. Augustine will fill the streets of St. Augustine on January 14th. The theme of "A Call to Be Brave" encourages all to be a voice and a presence for life especially the lives of the unborn.

The March begins at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, 101 San Marco Ave, at 9:00 a.m. for Mass with Bishop Estevez, followed by speakers at 10:30. At 11:30 a.m. the March will leave the Shrine and proceed to the Plaza in downtown St. Augustine where Olivia Gans Turner of the National Right to Life will deliver the keynote address.

Will you speak up for the unborn? Will you be their voice?
Come join us at the 11th March of Life St. Augustine.

For more information visit

<http://www.marchforlifestaugustine.com/>.



St. Monica Video Club

will present **Michelangelo** from Bishop Robert Barron's new Pivotal Players video series on Tuesday, January 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the parish library.



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