

**St. Monica
Catholic Church
(Est. 1858)
February 12, 2017
Ordinary Times**



*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.*



CHOICE

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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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 — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalm — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



Please remember to use the Capital Improvement envelope for your donations to the Appeal!! Please do not put it in your white offertory envelope with your offering unless it is a separate check. Thank you so Much!!!

Baptism Reminder!

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

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.

Tuesday 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

114 South 4th Street
Palatka, Florida 32177

Nancy Tatum, Secretary/Bookkeeper
Diane Mutchie, Stewardship & Development Director
Joe Iovino, Church Sexton

Sat.	2/12	4:30 p.m.	+ Doug Valenti
Sun.	2/13	9:00 a.m.	Parishioners
Mon.	2/14	8:30 a.m.	Priests
Tue.	2/15	8:30 a.m.	+ Miguel Dejuk Yunis
Wed.	2/16	8:30 a.m.	+ Stephen McKeaney
Thur.	2/17	8:30 a.m.	+ Martin Kane
Fri.	2/18	8:30 a.m.	+ Doug Valenti
Sat.	2/19	4:30 p.m.	+ Paul Majesty

Discerning a Vocation to the Priesthood?

Join us on Thursday, February 23, 2017, 5:30 p.m. at St. Monica's Parish in the Library for an opportunity for prayer, a meal and discussion about how to discern a vocation to the Catholic priesthood. All single men from 9th grade upward are invited. Contact Fr. Steven at frsteven1974@gmail.com or Fr. Amar at amarmsfs@gmail.com for more information.

Thank You



Father Raga for coming to St. Monica and we hope you enjoyed your visit!!

SAVE THE DATE

Lent begins March 1 Ash Wednesday!

Mass at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

March 4th, Youth Rib Sale!

March 12, 13, & 14th, Parish Lenten Mission!

More Details Later!!

April 4th, Lenten Penance Service - Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

(Knights Fish fry Fridays during Lent)

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 - 904-402-4047

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
February 18th. & February 19th. 2017**

Altar Servers

<i>Bill Maus</i>	<i>Lizzie Flortner</i>
<i>Skylar Gugal</i>	<i>Grant Fortner</i>
<i>Avery Gugal</i>	<i>Isabelle Brady</i>

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sandy Sharp</i>	<i>Walt Egan</i>
<i>Ruth Boyette</i>	<i>Hazel Fraize</i>
<i>Lina Majesky</i>	<i>Frank Fraize</i>

Readers

<i>Mary Jo Perry</i>	<i>Lee Mullenex</i>
<i>Karen Lee</i>	<i>Andy Hall</i>

Ushers

<i>JJ Nichols</i>	<i>Jim McMillian</i>
<i>Joe Iovino</i>	<i>Karen McMillan</i>
<i>Fred Lininger</i>	<i>Bill Maus</i>
<i>Earl Wallace</i>	<i>Justin Bray</i>

Greeters

<i>Sandy Sharp</i>	<i>Helen Hoffman</i>
<i>Sammy Sharp</i>	<i>Mary Pipa</i>

If you need a tax letter and have not received them before please call the office. 325-9777



**Featuring Joyce Miller's
Jambalaya
served with Coleslaw,
French Bread,
Iced Pound Cake and
Beverage**

\$10.00 Tickets in Advance
Jazz Piano by Tommy Clay Jr.
Photo Booth - Trivia
February 28th 6:00 p.m.
Proceeds go toward Altar Restoration



On behalf of Bishop Felipe Estévez, you are invited to the 2017 Florida Eucharistic Congress. Please accept his heartfelt invitation to come and adore our Eucharistic Christ.

March 24th & 25th 2017
6:00 pm
Prime Osborn Convention Center
1000 Water St , Jacksonville, FL 32204



St. Monica Hospitality
After Sunday Mass—Hot Breakfast \$4.00.
Cooked and Served by Knights of Columbus.
Sponsored by **Beck Auto Group.**
Free Coffee and Donuts (Donations Accepted)



SPRING FLEA MARKET

Now is the time to stay indoors and clean out those closets while escaping the cold, and set aside items to donate! Accepting donations Wed. and Thur. Feb 22nd and 23rd 9am to 2pm, for pick up of large items call Karen McMillan at 326-0671 or 314 369-1205. Sale dates are Fri. and Sat. Feb 24th and 25th 8am to 1pm. We apologize but we can no longer accept any TV's, computers and accessories, printers, encyclopedia sets or magazines. St Vincent de Paul is now restricting left over items they will pick up. Thank you for your support!

The Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal is now underway. You will soon receive a mailing asking for your 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 February 25 –26. Our annual theme, "One Faith, One Family" continues to remind us that we are members of something greater than ourselves. The Annual Appeal invites each of us to place trust in the Lord by offering our prayers and our gifts. These contributions to your parish and our Diocese serve as a sign of gratitude for each blessing bestowed upon us, and a reminder that everything we are and everything we have comes from God, and God alone. Please prayerfully respond to the Appeal and consider making a sacrificial gift in the form of a pledge. Your support to the Appeal makes a tangible difference in our local Church.

February 5, 2017

Weekly Offering	\$ 5204.00
Loose Cash/Visitor	\$ 471.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 140.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 0.00
Poor	\$ 0.00
Catholic Education	\$ 125.00
Children	\$ 19.00
Total	\$ 5959.00

Thank you
for your
stewardship!

Non-Parochial
for February
Catholic Relief

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).