

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

**February 19, 2017  
7th Sunday in 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.*

**Love  
your  
enemies**  
and pray for those who persecute you

Matthew 5:44

#### **DIVINE WISDOM**

The Lord's message, through Moses, was to "take no revenge and cherish no grudge . . . love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). We might think, "Great in theory, but not always realistic!"

Then Jesus in today's Gospel goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the other cheek? Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we're tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the "real world."

Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God. Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and the dishonest—without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly.

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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** — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

**Gospel** — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

**New Lenten Video Series**

The Office of Communications has produced a new video series – “Reflections for Lent” – with Father Richard Pagano.



In the series, Father Pagano reflects on the various aspects of our lives that perhaps the Lord may be asking us to change in order that we may make a worthy offering of ourselves to him, as he did for us on Calvary.

This Lent, let us be open to where the Lord may be leading us and re-commit ourselves wholeheartedly to take up our cross and follow Jesus in a spirit of faith. Please share this with your, friends and family.

Please sign-up on <http://www.dosaf1.com/>, “Reflections for Lent” will be on the Diocese Home Page.

*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.	2/18	4:30 p.m.	+ Paul Majesky
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>2/19</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
Mon.	2/20	8:30 a.m.	Children
Tue.	2/21	8:30 a.m.	+ Eugene Ralph Aloia
Wed.	2/22	8:30 a.m.	+ Miguel Dejuk Yunis
Thur.	2/23	8:30 a.m.	Jane Chapman
Fri.	2/24	8:30 a.m.	+ Doug Valenti
Sat.	2/25	4:30 p.m.	+ Paul Majesky

**Baptism Reminder!**

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

*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](mailto:frsteven1974@gmail.com) or Fr. Amar at [amarmsfs@gmail.com](mailto:amarmsfs@gmail.com) for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Lent begins March 1 Ash Wednesday!**  
**Mass at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Don’t forget to Fast!**

Those aged 18 to 59. The young and old, pregnant, nursing or sick are not expected to fast. The bible suggests that fasting should be done discreetly, so as not to draw attention to the person fasting. It is not supposed to be an outward gesture to be applauded – it is a personal sacrifice made between the person fasting and God.

**March 4th, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Youth Rib Sale!**

**March 12, 13, & 14th,**  
**Parish Lenten Mission!**  
**Tom Edwards will be the speaker.**  
**More Details Later!!**

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

**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 25th. & February 26th. 2017**

**Altar Servers**

<i>Joe Iovino</i>	<i>Nicholas Motl</i>
<i>Isabelle Brady</i>	<i>J. Dejuk</i>
<i>Amanda Phillips</i>	<i>Matthew Webb</i>

**Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

<i>Bill Maus</i>	<i>Corrine Munn</i>
<i>Cathy Maus</i>	<i>Cheryl Carr</i>
<i>Joyce Fitzsimmons</i>	<i>Lillian Morgan</i>

**Readers**

<i>Janice Pounds</i>	<i>Youth</i>
<i>Helen Muir</i>	<i>Youth</i>

**Ushers**

<i>JJ Nichols</i>	<i>Jim McMillian</i>
<i>Bill Black</i>	<i>Eddie Dubeck</i>
<i>Sammy Sharp</i>	<i>Mike Benton</i>
<i>George Schiffbauer</i>	<i>Andy Hall</i>

**Greeters**

<i>Sandy Sharp</i>	<i>Sheryl Daley</i>
<i>Sammy Sharp</i>	<i>Roy Hawkins</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!

**A Time for Reflection**

This week, we hope you will review the Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal information you have received. The Bishop's Appeal is different than a one-time special collection. It is a campaign where you are invited to make a pledge payable over six months. A gift to the Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal will touch the lives of many in a very positive way. Your gifts will provide critical funding to pay for the education and formation of our seminarians, to help those most in need through four regional Catholic Charities offices, to provide support for five designated Catholic schools, and to ensure newer means of connecting to and evangelizing our faithful. As you review the vocations and ministries the Appeal supports, please reflect on your gifts. God has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the Diocese, and to the work of the Church throughout the world are a disciple's response. If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back, or bring it with you to Mass next week. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend, and the following weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

**February 12, 2017**

Weekly Offering	<b>\$ 2876.00</b>
Loose Cash/Visitor	<b>\$ 567.00</b>
Repair & Maintenance	<b>\$ 259.00</b>
Catholic Relief	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
Poor	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
Catholic Education	<b>\$ 30.00</b>
Children	<b>\$ 7.75</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3744.75</b>

Thank you  
for your  
stewardship!

Non-Parochial  
for February  
Catholic Relief