

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



*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.*

**February 26, 2017  
8th Sunday in Ordinary Times**

THEREFORE  
**Do not Worry**  
ABOUT TOMORROW  
FOR TOMORROW WILL WORRY  
ABOUT ITSELF.  
EACH DAY HAS ENOUGH TROUBLE  
OF ITS OWN.  
MATTHEW 6:34

#### **DON'T BE ANXIOUS**

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32).

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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 will never forget you (Isaiah 49:14-15)  
**Psalm** — Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62).  
**Second Reading** — Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5).  
**Gospel** — God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).

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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: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;

**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.dosafl.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.	2/25	4:30 p.m.	+ Paul Majesky
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>2/26</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
Mon.	2/27	8:30 a.m.	Homebound
Tue.	2/28	8:30 a.m.	+ Miguel Dejuk Yunis
Wed.	3/01	8:30 a.m.	+ Jason Shepard
Thur.	3/02	8:30 a.m.	+ Gary Yoder
Fri.	3/03	8:30 a.m.	Ladies Guild
Sat.	3/04	4:30 p.m.	+ Rebecca Lynn

**Baptism Reminder!**

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

**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).

**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.

*Stations of the Cross Friday's during Lent at 7:00 p.m.*  
*March 4th, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. outside of the Parish Enrichment center. Youth Rib Sale! \$18 per slab,*

*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*  
*Please see bulletin Insert*

Due to our Mardi Gras celebration, the St. Monica Video Club will not be meeting on Tuesday, February 28.

This year, Ash Wednesday, falls on March 1.

You are reminded of the Church's laws for fast and abstinence during Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are permitted one full meal and two lesser meals per day (which together should not equal one full meal), with no eating between meals.

Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Catholics who are 14 years or older should abstain from meat entirely. Soups and gravies made from meat are permitted.



**Mobile Food Pantry**  
**Thursday, March 2, 2017**

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



Knights of Columbus Fish fry's begin Friday March 3rd  
4:00 - 7:00  
\$8.00 per dinner Order in or take out

**2017 Eucharistic Congress**



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



**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)



**St. Monica Dinner**  
**Thursday**

**March 2, 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**

A Time for Action

This week, we hope you will make a prayerful decision to pledge a gift to the 2017

Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal. The theme of the Appeal, "One Faith, One Family – Trust in the Lord" is a call to action for each of us. Stewardship begins with recognizing that everything around us is a gift from God. As good stewards of our gifts, we learn that giving and sharing those gifts is an active response of thanksgiving; one that serves to bring the light of Christ and His message of hope and salvation to all we encounter.

Stewardship is an act of faith, and should be at the heart of our lives as faithful members of the Church. It means we are ready to recognize all we have and all we are is a gift from God. How will you respond to all of the gifts He has given to you?

Today when you receive an envelope during Mass, please make a pledge if your circumstances allow. Your gift should be something in addition to what you give to your parish. Every gift is important and as one large family, we can do so much more! If you received your pledge form in the mail, and have already returned it, thank you! For those of you who did not receive a mailing or need more time to respond, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses again next weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response!