

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

**March 5, 2017
1st. Sunday of Lent**



*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.*



STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

PASTOR

Fr. Amar Nath Nagothu, MSFS
amarmsfs@gmail.com

114 South 4th Street
Palatka, Florida 32177

E-Mail: stmonicacatholic@bellsouth.net
Website: stmonicacatholicchurch.com
Facebook: St. Monica Church, Palatka

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 man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Sat.	3/04	4:30 p.m.	+ Rebecca Lynn
Sun.	3/05	9:00 a.m.	Parishioners
Mon.	3/06	8:30 a.m.	CCF
Tue.	3/07	8:30 a.m.	+ Miguel Dejuk Yunis
Wed.	3/08	8:30 a.m.	+ Kathleen Delzell
Thur.	3/09	8:30 a.m.	+ Paul Majesky
Fri.	3/10	8:30 a.m.	+ Doug Valenti
Sat.	3/11	4:30 p.m.	+ Kathleen Delzell

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).



Next Sunday, our catechumen, Terry Gilmore, along with our candidates, Joe and Okeyna Gibbs, will be traveling with their sponsors to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine to be presented to the Bishop at the Rite of Election. Our parish family sends them forth with loving support and prayers, looking forward to the day they will share fully in the Lord's Table.

Your are reminded of the Church's Laws for abstinence during Lent.

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE

**March 12, 13, & 14th,
Parish Lenten Mission!
Presented by Tom Edwards**

Sunday -"Be Built Up as Living Stones"

Monday- "How to Profit from Trials"

Tuesday—"Blown Away by a Gentile Breeze"

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

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

**Your are reminded of the Church's Laws
for abstinence during Lent.**

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



**Cemetery Clean-up Day
March 11th 8:00 a.m.
St. Monica Cemetery, Osceola
& Kirby**

Ladies Guild Flea Market News

Thank you to everyone who donated items to sell, came to shop and those who prayed for our success. Most importantly to the dozens of men & women who spent countless hours making this event a huge success! Our Flea Market brought in \$3000 and we look forward to continuing support of our Church and Community.

February 19, 2017

Weekly Offering	\$ 4337.00
Loose Cash/Visitor	\$ 713.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 190.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 70.00
Poor	\$ 30.00
Catholic Education	\$ 15.00
Children	\$ 13.00
Total	\$ 5388.00

Thank you for
your
Stewardship

February 26, 2017

Weekly Offering	\$ 3649.00
Loose Cash/Visitor	\$ 393.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 130.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 5.00
Poor	\$ 20.00
Catholic Education	\$ 25.00
Children	\$ 24.00
Total	\$ 4246.00

Non-parochial for
March is Eastern
European Churches



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!!!



**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)

*Liturgical Ministers
March 11th & 12th*

Altar Servers

*Isabelle Brady
Amanda Phillips*

*Nicholas Motl
Matthew Web
Benjamin Motl*

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

*Joe Iovino
Catherine Webb
Ruth Boyette*

*Carol Burridge
Harry Burridge
Walt Egan*

Readers

*Cris David
Mariana Dejuk*

*Frank Fraize
Andy Hall*

Ushers

*JJ Nichols
Bill Black
Bill Maus
George Schiffbauer*

*Ernie Poupore
Dave Gugal
Justin Brady
Dan Shepard*

Greeters TBA



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
1000 Water St , Jacksonville, FL 32204

**One Faith One Family
Trust in the Lord
A Time for Thanksgiving**

Thank you for your response to the Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal. As a parish, we are helping to ensure: priests for the future, a helping hand for all who seek support through Catholic Charities, a Catholic education for many children regardless of economic background, special educational needs or region, and the resources and leadership to evangelize Catholics in all walks of faith.

If you have not made a pledge to the Appeal, please prayerfully consider making a gift by pledge card or online at www.dosafl.com/bishopsappeal today. Your pledge truly makes a difference.