

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

**March 12, 2017  
2nd. 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.*



### **THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION**

“We used to be such good friends. How is it that you’ve moved so far away?” one man asked another. “Perhaps,” the other replied, “you have moved away. By standing still.” This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God’s will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life’s difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering—or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God’s will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.

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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 said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

**Psalm** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

**Gospel** — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

## Parish Lenten Mission

*March 12, 13, & 14th at 6:00 p.m.  
Tom Edwards will be the speaker.*

**Sunday 6:00 p.m.—“Be Built Up as Living Stones”**

Social to Follow

**Monday 6:00 p.m.- “How to Profit from Trials”**  
Social to Follow

**Tuesday 6:00 p.m.—“Blown Away by a Gentile Breeze”**

Social to Follow

### 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

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Nancy Tatum, Secretary/Bookkeeper

Diane Mutchie, Stewardship & Development Director

Joe Iovino, Church Sexton



Sat.	3/11	4:30 p.m.	+ Kathleen Delzell
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>3/12</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
Mon.	3/13	8:30 a.m.	Homeless
Tue.	3/14	8:30 a.m.	+ Kathleen Delzell
Wed.	3/15	8:30 a.m.	+ Stanley Fordham
Thur.	3/16	8:30 a.m.	+ Miguel Dejuk Yunis
Fri.	3/17	8:30 a.m.	+ Doug Valenti
Sat.	3/18	4:30 p.m.	+ Father Joji

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



Sunday March 12th, 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.

### March 5, 2017

Weekly Offering	\$ 5004.00
Loose Cash/Visitor	\$ 369.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 445.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 0.00
Poor	\$ 20.00
Catholic Education	\$ 210.00
Children	\$ 9.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6057.00</b>

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your  
Stewardship

**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.**

Good Friday is a day 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.

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.



March 5, 2017 The Gospels speak of Jesus being tempted in the desert for forty days. Jesus is victorious in his supreme act of love and fidelity to the Father. The solemn Season of Lent unites the Church (us) each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert. CCC #538-540

### Our Spiritually Adopted Babies

#### Conception

At the moment the father's sperm and mother's egg unite a new and unrepeatable human being comes into existence, complete with his or her own unique set of DNA. Although he is only one cell, everything about this little person is already present: color of eyes, blood type, the height he will grow to be, color of hair - everything! He will play a role in his family and his community - a role only he can play! Nothing is added after conception to make him a complete human being. He already exists; all he needs is nourishment, a safe, warm environment, and most of all - love. His parents don't even know he exists yet. Pray for them to safely bring their baby to birth so he can fulfill the mission God has for him.

#### Your Spiritually Adopted Baby is now one month old

Your Spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his or her brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. Her heart began to beat on the 21st day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from her mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of her mother to give her the most precious gift of all -- the gift of life.



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#### Altar Servers

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<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>Rick Carr</i>
<i>Lina Majesky</i>	<i>Frank Fraize</i>
<i>Cris David</i>	<i>Hazel Fraize</i>

#### Readers

<i>Walt Egan</i>	<i>Matt Harris</i>
<i>Bill Maus</i>	<i>Stephany Huskey</i>

#### Ushers

<i>JJ Nichols</i>	<i>Mike Benton</i>
<i>Fred Lininger</i>	<i>Rick Webb</i>
<i>Tommy Dobbs</i>	<i>Gerald Donnelly</i>
<i>Sammy Sharp</i>	<i>Jim McMillan</i>

**Greeters TBA**

Due to the Parish Mission, the St. Monica Video Club will not be meeting on Tuesday, March 14th.

## Rest In Peace

Funeral Mass for Danielle Sadoski Billings will be  
Tuesday March 14th, at 12:00 Noon,  
St. John the Evangelist Interlachen.  
Please continue to pray for her family as they lay  
Danielle to Rest

### 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.

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