

**St. Monica
Catholic Church
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**March 19, 2017
3rd 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.*

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



THIRSTING FOR LIFE-GIVING WATERS

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.

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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 — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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



There are many forms of penance in the Christian life: Eucharist, reading of Sacred Scripture, charitable works, conversion in daily life in small gestures of good will, and of course the Sacrament of Reconciliation. CCC#1434-1439

Due to the early submittal of the bulletin, offertory will be in next weeks bulletin.

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.
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Nancy Tatum, Secretary/Bookkeeper
Diane Mutchie, Stewardship & Development Director
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Sat.	3/18	4:30 p.m.	+ Father Joji
Sun.	3/19	9:00 a.m.	Parishioners
Mon.	3/20	8:30 a.m.	Alumni of St. Joseph Academy
Tue.	3/21	8:30 a.m.	+ Father Joji
Wed.	3/22	8:30 a.m.	+ Paul Majesky
Thur.	3/23	8:30 a.m.	+ Miguel Dejuk Yunis
Fri.	3/24	8:30 a.m.	+ Doug Valenti
Sat.	3/25	4:30 p.m.	+ Marisa David

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).



Stations of the Cross
Friday's during Lent
7:00 p.m.

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**I alone cannot
change the world, but
I can cast a stone
across the waters to
create many ripples.**
”

Mother Teresa

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.

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.

Thank you

A big thank you to the Knights of Columbus for purchasing the fans in the Church. A special thank you to Joe, Lorenzo, and Dan for taking on the huge job of installation!



If you know of a deserving and needy 2017 graduating senior from Putnam County, please remind them that the deadline for the \$1,000 St. Monica Jubilee Memorial Scholarship is April 1, 2017.

Each applicant shall have a history of active membership in any church, participation in the community, graduating this year with plans for post-secondary education, complete the application and financial forms and submit transcript, attendance record and three letters of reference to St. Monica Parish Office. The application can be found in the Parish Office, Putnam Schools Guidance offices and on our website: stmoniacatholicchurch.com.



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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

Call the office to make reservations for your seat on the bus, leaving St. Monica at 6:30 a.m.

Want to volunteer to work in Vacation Bible School? All adults must take Protecting God's Children, and be fingerprinted. Please call the office at 325-9777 or Cheryl Carr for details.

Remember parents cannot sit in on classes without PGC, classes have to be complete by April 12th.

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