

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

**March 26, 2017
4th 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.*



**Fourth Sunday
of Lent**



CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

The future king, David, in today's first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel. David's family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were "blinded" by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to "see" the presence of God's will for them. Both became messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as "children of the light."

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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 — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see!

(John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



Tuesday April 4th 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Penance Service



The Church instituted the Sacrament of Forgiveness as an opportunity: for conversion, to reenter ecclesial communion, and to recover the grace of Baptism. CCC# 1446

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| Sat. | 3/25 | 4:30 p.m. | + Marisa David |
| Sun. | 3/26 | 9:00 a.m. | Parishioners |
| Mon. | 3/27 | 8:30 a.m. | Families of St. Monica |
| Tue. | 3/28 | 8:30 a.m. | Teresa David |
| Wed. | 3/29 | 8:30 a.m. | + Miguel Dejuk Yunis |
| Thur. | 3/30 | 8:30 a.m. | + Paul Majesky |
| Fri. | 3/31 | 8:30 a.m. | + Stanley Fordham |
| Sat. | 6/01 | 4:30 p.m. | + Doug Valenti |

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.**

**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.

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



Mobile Food Pantry
Thursday, April 6, 2017
Volunteers please arrive
7:45 a.m.
Food Distribution begins
9:00 a.m.



Cemetery Clean-up Day
 April 8th 8:00 a.m.

St. Monica Cemetery,
Osceola & Kirby



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!!!



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: stmonicacatholicchurch.com.



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Joyce Fitzsimmons *Hazel Fraize*

Readers

Mary Crawford *Carol Burridge*
Larry Beaton *Harry Burridge*

Ushers

JJ Nichols *Ernie Poupore*
Tommy Dobbs *Ricky Webb*
Bill Maus *Gerald Donnelly*
Bill Black *Andy Hall*

Greeters TBA

March 12, 2017

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| Weekly Offering | \$ 4158.00 |
| Loose Cash/Visitor | \$ 524.65 |
| Repair & Maintenance | \$ 259.00 |
| Catholic Relief | \$ 5.00 |
| Poor | \$ 0.00 |
| Catholic Education | \$ 30.00 |
| Children | \$ 11.00 |
| Total | \$ 4987.65 |

Thank you for
 your
 Stewardship

March 19 , 2017

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| Weekly Offering | \$ 4022.00 |
| Loose Cash/Visitor | \$ 1238.19 |
| Repair & Maintenance | \$ 223.00 |
| Catholic Relief | \$ 112.00 |
| Poor | \$ 10.00 |
| Catholic Education | \$ 38.00 |
| Children | \$ 12.00 |
| Total | \$ 5660.19 |

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.

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