

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

**May 14, 2017  
Fifth Sunday of Easter**



*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 WAY**

Today we sense the apostles' trepidation as they begin to realize that the Lord would soon be leaving them. In their fear, they ask, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" (John 14:5). Jesus tells them that *he* is the way. The Easter season has been a time of growing in Easter faith so that we, too, may learn to know that Jesus is the way. We can take comfort in the Lord's promise that he is going to his Father's house to prepare a place for us, his chosen people who have been called out of darkness into God's wonderful light. As the paschal candle continues to burn during this holy season, let us remember that in baptism we were given the light of Christ. With Christ our light as the beacon lighting our way, let us march toward the glory of Pentecost.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In many parish churches, more rarely in monastery churches and cathedrals, the tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament is visible from a doorway or aisle in the church. Normally, a person is to give the proper sign of reverence, a genuflection, when passing in proximity to the tabernacle. The word "genuflect" comes from Latin roots meaning bending (or flexing) the knee. A common-sense exception to the rule is for a sacristan who is taking care of the church and can't be genuflecting every thirty seconds during a vacuum run. Also excepted are persons in procession entrusted with important symbols of the Lord's presence. So, a crossbearer or a minister carrying the Gospel book, or ministers on their way to their Communion stations do not genuflect. For everyone else, the usual sign of reverence for the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament is to genuflect on the right knee.

The oldest form of reverence during prayer in our tradition is standing; kneeling or genuflecting is a sign borrowed from old civic practice. The posture of kneeling, even on one knee, is a sign of submission. Servants would take this position before their masters in the ancient world. It said: I'm not running away, I'm yours, I'm here for you. This is what your genuflection says when you enter a Catholic church where the place of reservation of the Blessed Sacrament is visible to you: I'm yours.

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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** — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

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

**Second Reading** — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

**Gospel** — “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father” (John 14:1-12).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

**Next Week's Mass Intentions**

Sat.	5/13	4:30 p.m.	Alberto David
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>5/14</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
Mon.	5/15	8:30 a.m.	<b>No Mass</b>
Tue.	5/16	8:30 a.m.	Living Members of Bardy/ Clemente Family
Wed.	5/17	8:30 a.m.	+ Mike Patrick
Thur.	5/18	8:30 a.m.	Albrina Nagothu
Fri.	5/19	8:30 a.m.	+ Irene Roberts
Sat.	5/13	4:30 p.m.	Cris David

*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 & Dev. Director  
 Joe Iovino, Church Sexton

*Liturgical Ministers*  
**Saturday May 20th & Sunday May 21st.**

**Saturday May 20th**

Altar Servers:  
Tommy Dobbs, Isabelle Brady, Amanda Phillips

Eucharistic Ministers  
Sandy Sharp, Patricia Kilgore, Cris David

Readers:  
Bill Maus, Helen Muir

Ushers:  
JJ Nichols, Joe Iovino, Fred Lininger, Bill Black

Greeters:  
Betty Lininger, Cathy Dobbs

**Sunday May 21st.**

Altar Servers:  
Nicholas Motl, Matthew Webb, Benjamin Motl

Eucharistic Ministers  
Harry Burrridge, Carol Burrridge, Sharon Harris

Readers:  
Frank Fraize, Andy Hall

Ushers:  
Gerald Donnelly, Mike Benton, Justin Brady, Ricky Webb

Greeters:  
Helen Hoffman, Sheryl Daley

**May 7, 2017**

Weekly Offering	<b>\$ 3734.00</b>
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May  
Non Parochial  
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Mission  
Appeal

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**Graduation Mass**  
**Sunday**  
**May 21, 2017**

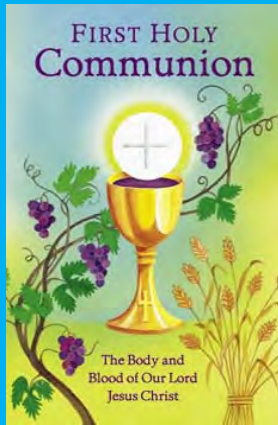
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*Congratulations  
 on  
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<i>Corey Donnelly</i>	<i>Jasmil Montanez</i>
<i>John A. Carr</i>	<i>Joshua N. Carr</i>
<i>Mallory Bock</i>	<i>Sarah Stuart</i>
<i>Tristen Stickland</i>	<i>Valaria Cruze</i>

*As you celebrate your  
 First Holy Communion,  
 may the Light of the Lord and Savior  
 shine brightly in your life  
 today and always.*

**Bike 4 Vocations**

Come meet our Diocesan Seminarians on Friday May 19th. All are welcome to join 14 seminarians and priests at 5p.m. for Holy Hour with Reflection and confessions followed by dinner at 6 p.m. If you would like to help in the opportunity, please call the office.



Baptism constitutes the foundation of communion among all Christians, including all those who are not yet in full communion with the Catholic Church. Baptism constitutes a sacramental bond of unity among all who through it are reborn. CCC #1271 and UR22 2

**Youth Rib Sale**  
**May 27, 2017**  
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