

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

**June 25, 2017  
Ordinary Time**



*Our Mission :To be a Home of  
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Helping each other to connect life  
and faith,  
and Welcoming all to the  
compassionate love of Jesus.*

**FEAR NOT**

How do people find hope in the face of suffering and death? That is the question addressed by today's scriptures. We hear of the suffering of Jeremiah and the psalmist. We hear of the death that "reigned from Adam to Moses" (Romans 5:14). We hear of the fears of the Twelve as Jesus sends them out into the world to preach and heal.

Through all this tribulation one message rings out loud and clear—"Do not be afraid!" The God who saved Jeremiah and the psalmist and Jesus is fully present to save us through the gracious gift of Jesus Christ. We have nothing and no one to fear.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The Eucharistic Prayers at the heart of our liturgy have a long history, beginning with the extemporaneous prayers of the early Christians. The presiders gave thanks from their hearts, not from any prearranged text, over the gifts of bread and wine. When the assembly had the sense that enough was said, someone would call out "Amen!" and that was that. For the most part, the plan flowed directly from Jewish meal prayers, which always recalled God's mighty deeds. Some other markers and signposts were added almost everywhere fairly early, like the presider's call to attention: "Lift up your hearts!"

Scholars have provided us with translations of many early texts. These have actually helped us craft new liturgical prayers, because until the liturgical reforms of forty years ago, no one could recall any prayer but the Roman Canon, now called Eucharistic Prayer I. For hundreds of years in the West, it was our only Eucharistic Prayer, and it was only in Latin. But the history of our Eucharistic Prayers is amazingly fruitful, and models have come down to us that have yielded new insights and expressions. The old custom of improvising texts according to a master plan has not endured, but we have now rediscovered a plan of standardizing the text while allowing for a great variety.

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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 has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

**Psalm** — Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).

**Second Reading** — The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

**Gospel** — All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;  
Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20;  
Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19;  
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

### Next Week's Mass Intentions

Sat.	6/24	4:30 p.m.	Cris David
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>6/25</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
Mon.	6/26	8:30 a.m.	<b>Priests</b>
Tue.	6/27	8:30 a.m.	+ Greg Boyette
Wed.	6/28	8:30 a.m.	+ Kenny Brooks
Thur.	6/29	8:30 a.m.	+ John & Norma Chausse
Fri.	6/30	8:30 a.m.	Teresa David
Sat.	7/01	4:30 p.m.	Bert & 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 July 1st & Sunday July 2nd

#### Saturday July 1st

Altar Servers:  
Tommy Dobbs, Isabelle Brady, Amanda Phillips

Eucharistic Ministers  
Mary Iovino, Joe Iovino, Ruth Boyette

Readers:  
Bill Maus, Larry Beaton

Ushers:  
JJ Nichols, Justin Brady, Fred Lininger, George Schiffbauer

Greeters:  
Betty Lininger, Cathy Dobbs

#### Sunday July 2nd

Altar Servers:  
Nicholas Motl, Matthew Webb, Benjamin Motl

Eucharistic Ministers  
Cheryl Carr, Silvana Gallo, Harry Burrigge

Readers:  
Andy Hall, Frank Fraize

Ushers:  
Eddie Dubeck, Ernie Poupore, Gerald Donnelly, Dan Shepard

Greeters:  
Mary Pipa, Lois Ann Williams

#### June 11, 2017

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your Stewardship

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Catholic Education	\$ 20.00	
Children	\$ 13.75	
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**BISHOP'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

Dear Reverend Amar,

I would like to extend my most sincere gratitude and congratulations to you. Upon reviewing the latest results for this year's Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal, you have done a remarkable job in leading your parish in these efforts. I am truly overwhelmed by the generosity of your faithful parishioners. With a participation rate 6.10% over your parish goal, and a total of \$39,363 pledged in support of the Appeal, your leadership and collaboration is an expression of our communion.

Again, I offer my congratulations and appreciation to you, your staff, lay volunteers, and parishioners for such wonderful support of this year's Appeal. I am,

Sincerely Yours,  
*Bishop Felipe J. Estévez*



Your Spiritually Adopted Baby is 4 months old., your little baby now weighs six ounces. He has fingernails and eyelashes. He has his own unique fingerprints, which will remain the same until he dies. He taste buds are working. His sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All he needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong.

**What a miracle he is!**



The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the chief sign and symbol of the love which Christ holds for His heavenly Father and for all human beings, without exception. The Son of God loves each one of us and gave himself for us.

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It is with deep sadness we say goodbye to Father Amar. He has been our teacher, Priest and confessor. He has taught us to be people of God, and to carry his commandments with us in our daily lives.

God has his plans, and this was His will. So we will continue to serve Him, and do His will at St. Monica.

We are happy that Father will continue his ministry, serving God at Holy Spirit Parish in Jacksonville here in the States.

Thank You, Father Amar for your love of God and his people. God bless you all your days. Saying "goodbye" is so final so, "We will see you soon!"

***Happy Birthday Father!***

**Baptism Reminder!**

Individuals or families must be registered Parishioners and attending Mass for six months before requesting the Baptism of a baby.

Looking for something to do this summer? Having trouble forgiving somebody? Join the St. Monica Book Club in reading

**Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody** by Dynamic Catholic author Allen R. Hunt beginning Tuesday, July 11, at 6:00 in the parish library. Call Karen Lee at 972-0316 by June 30 to get your free book!

**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**  
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