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Catholic Church  
(Est. 1858)**

**July 2, 2017  
Ordinary Time**



*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 RICHNESS OF LIFE IN CHRIST**

Today we have the beautiful story of the woman promised a child, the wonderful exhortation about life in Christ, and a powerful instruction from Jesus. An embarrassment of riches? Not if we take Jesus' words about "welcome" to heart. The many challenges and blessings offered to us today by Elisha, Paul, and Jesus should be cause for rejoicing, and welcomed heartily into our lives. And, like the great treat that they are, they should be enjoyed and shared generously with others.

Today's reading from Romans was chosen very early in the liturgical life of the Church to be the sole apostolic instruction received by candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil. This illustrates its importance as a core belief, and as a means of comprehending the story of the Resurrection. Christ's resurrection is not merely a story about something that he underwent once upon a time, but it is our story, the story of how we joined the other members of the one Body of Christ, the church. We were not only dead, but we were buried; not ultimately buried, but raised to eternal life with Christ.

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***St. Monica Welcomes  
Father Ron Moses Camarda***



Fr. Ron Camarda has been St. Augustine Diocesan Priest for 27 years. Some of those years were outside the Diocese serving our soldiers during the Iraq War as a Navy Reserve Chaplain, most notably the 2004 Battle of Fallujah. Father has recorded his experiences during this time away in the 2010 Silver Medal Award (Military Writers Society of America) Book, "Tear in the Desert." Fr. Ron has been a Pastoral Counselor and Spiritual Advisor for different ministries.

For Fr. Ron's full bio go to Fr. Ron Camardas Blog or YouTube. Father Ron will begin his time with us and St. John the Evangelist this weekend. Welcome Father Ron!

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

It's Independence Day week, and there is a link worth tracing between the Declaration of Independence and the language of liturgy. One of the signers of the Declaration on that July 4 long ago was Charles Carroll, probably the wealthiest man in the colonies and one of the few Catholics on the political scene. As a flourish to his signature, he sought to distinguish himself from other prominent citizens bearing the same name by penning "Charles Carroll of Carrolltown"—a defiant "come and get me if you dare" postscript aimed at the British.

Carroll's brother John was a priest and patriot who in 1789 was given the task of organizing the Catholic Church in this country. By 1791 he had assembled a synod, or assembly of delegates, to launch that task formally. Archbishop Carroll wanted to gain acceptance of our faith by American people who mistrusted our customs and could not comprehend our liturgy. He made the amazing proposal to Rome that our liturgy should be prayed not in Latin, but in the vernacular, English. His wish was denied, but one hundred sixty years later, his deep desire helped the American bishops and scholars at the Second Vatican Council to win the vote in favor of the vernacular not just for the United States, but for the Church throughout the world.—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

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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** — Elisha promises a baby son to the hospitable woman (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a).

**Psalm** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11).

**Gospel** — Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded (Matthew 10:37-42).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27;  
or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country or a City," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17;

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

### Next Week's Mass Intentions

Sat.	7/01	4:30 p.m.	Bert & Cris David
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>7/02</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
Mon.	7/03	8:30 a.m.	<b>Homebound</b>
Tue.	7/04	8:30 a.m.	Dot & Tom Riddle
Wed.	7/05	8:30 a.m.	+ Jason Shepard
Thur.	7/06	8:30 a.m.	Mary Santgro
Fri.	7/07	8:30 a.m.	Ladies Guild
Sat.	7/08	4:30 p.m.	+ Johnathan Gibbs

### 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 & Dev. Director  
Joe Iovino, Church Sexton

### Liturgical Ministers Saturday July 8th & Sunday July 9th

#### Saturday July 8th

Altar Servers:  
Walt Egan, Skylar Gugal, Avery Gugal

Eucharistic Ministers  
Sandy Sharp, Joyce Fitzsimmons, Pat Kilgore

Readers:  
Karen Lee, Cris David

Ushers:  
JJ Nichols, Dave Gugal, Fred Lininger, Sammy Sharp

Greeters:  
Betty Lininger, Cathy Dobbs

#### Sunday July 9th

Altar Servers:  
Lizzie Fortner, Matthew Webb, Grant Fortner

Eucharistic Ministers  
Catherine Webb, Lillian Morgan, Rick Carr

Readers:  
Stephany Huskey, Erin Fortner

Ushers:  
Andy Hall, Jim McMillan, Karen McMillan, Rick Webb

Greeters:  
Eddie Dubeck, Susan Walwik



First Friday Adoration  
July 7th  
8:30 a.m. daily Mass  
9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament

Come and spend some time with  
the Lord.

June 25, 2017

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June  
Non-Parochial  
Peters Pence



**Now that summer** is here with family time of fun and travel, please don't forget your parish!! Envelopes can be sent in early or contributions can be made online through your bank.

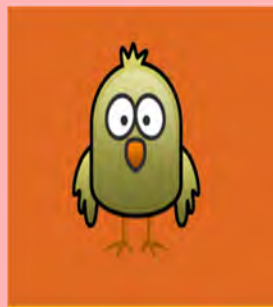


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**Mobile Food Pantry**  
**Thursday, July 6, 2017**  
**Volunteers** please arrive  
**7:45 a.m.**  
**Food Distribution** begins  
**9:00 a.m.**



**St. Monica Dinner**  
**Thursday**  
**July 6, 2017**  
**4-7 p.m.**  
**\$8.00 a dinner**  
**Parish Enrichment**  
**Center**  
**410 Oak Street, Palatka**

**Menu**  
**Chicken (Baked or Fried)**  
**Mashed Potatoes and**  
**Gravy, Green Beans, Roll,**  
**Dessert, and Beverage**



The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday July 4th, have a safe and Happy July 4th.

Be happy in the moment, that's enough. Each moment is all we need, not more.

*Mother Teresa*



*Thank You!*

*Thank you to all those who helped prepare Father Amar's Farewell Party!! There are so many talented people in our Parish, and St. Johns the Evangelist. A special thank you to Cindy Gilmore, Charlene Shepard, Meva Krecota, and all the ladies & men who made food, helped with the decorating of the hall, and of course the heavy work!*

*You all created a wonderful goodbye for Father Amar.*

*You are all truly wonderful!*

**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!



Cemetery Clean-up Day  
 July 8th 8:00 a.m.  
 St. Monica Cemetery,  
 Osceola & Kirby

**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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