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**July 16, 2017  
Ordinary Time**



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and Welcoming all to the  
compassionate love of Jesus.*

**Message from Father Ron!**



Wow! How wonderful to be welcomed to St. Monica. It has been a wonderful first two weeks. Thank you for all of your patience, prayers and help in orienting me. I hope to write every week. Watching the monthly Mobile Food Pantry this month was truly amazing, compassionate and absolutely beautiful. Well done good and faithful servants of Christ!

How blessed we are to have Father Pablo and an outstanding group of staff and volunteers. Your reverence and adoration truly helped me to dive deeper into the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Keep the prayers coming. I am so grateful to Bishop Felipe for entrusting me to be your administrator and hopefully your pastor.

If you would like to know more about me, visit my Blog at [www.tearinthedesert.com/](http://www.tearinthedesert.com/). All of my homilies will be posted there, along with pictures and videos.

Love, joy, peace,  
Father Ron

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Two centuries ago, Archbishop John Carroll worried that Americans would not appreciate the linguistic veil over our worship, and asked that the liturgy in the new United States be in English, not Latin. How did our liturgy come to be in Latin in the first place? In the first century, the dominant language in the regions where the church first flourished was Greek. Today in much of the world, almost everyone speaks at least a bit of English. Recently, the European Union even considered making English its official language, a curious proposal since only two English-speaking countries are members.

Just as English is a unifying language today, it was hard to function in the ancient world without a smattering of Greek. Even the word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek for "thanksgiving." For a long time, Greek was the language of worship, even in Rome. Slowly, society in the west shifted to a bias for Latin and against Greek. Latin first appeared in public prayer at the end of the second century, in the colonial outposts of North Africa. Soon, Latin became the language of culture, and so as fixed prayer forms were written, they were transmitted in Latin. From Rome and Africa, over the next four centuries, the new liturgical language of Latin spread north to Gaul and Britain.

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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** — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

**Psalm** — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

**Second Reading** — We, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

**Gospel** — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8;  
Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34;  
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7;  
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27;  
Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15,  
16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15;  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;  
Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

### Next Week's Mass Intentions

Sat.	7/15	4:30 p.m.	+ Alberto M. David
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>7/16</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
Mon.	7/17	8:30 a.m.	<b>No Morning Mass</b>
Tue.	7/18	8:30 a.m.	<b>No Morning Mass</b>
Wed.	7/19	8:30 a.m.	+ Doug Valenti
Thur.	7/20	8:30 a.m.	+ Jason Lee
Fri.	7/21	8:30 a.m.	+ Howie Griger
Sat.	7/23	4:30 p.m.	+ Doug Valenti

### Office Hours PARISH OFFICE

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Mon., Wed., Thur., and Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
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Joe Iovino, Church Sexton

### FRUIT OF THE WORD

The seed is the word of God. The agricultural metaphors in all of today's readings give richness to the message that the word of God, cultivated in our hearts, bears much fruit in our lives. Creation itself awaits the redemption of all, even as our bodies await the resurrection. Just as we will rejoice in the fulfillment of God's word, so will all of creation sing for joy in the Reign of God. The word of God is effective and holy; it brings about exactly what it says. It is not futile or empty, but rich in meaning for those who hear and are healed. Those who hear the word of God and keep it will, with all creation, bear much fruit and sing for joy.

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### Liturgical Ministers

Saturday July 22nd & Sunday July 23rd

#### Saturday 22nd

Altar Servers:  
Bill Maus, Skylar Gugal, Avery Gugal

Eucharistic Ministers  
Joyce Fitzsimmons, Pat Kilgore, Ruth Boyette

Readers:  
Mary Crawford, Helen Muir

Ushers:  
JJ Nichols, Earl Wallace, Fred Lininger, Tommy Dobbs

Greeters:  
Sandy Sharp, Sammy Sharp

#### Sunday July 23rd

Altar Servers:  
Lizzie Fortner, Grant Fortner, Matthew Webb

Eucharistic Ministers  
Carol Burrigge, Hazel Fraize, Harry Burrigge

Readers:  
Catherine Webb, Frank Fraize

Ushers:  
Jim McMillan, Karen McMillan, Matt Harris, Eddie Dubeck

Greeters:  
Lillian Morgan, Roy Hawkins

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**During Business Hours: Parish Office—325-9777  
After Business Hours 904-994-6803 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.**



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uterus, and dent it, since the inside wall of the uterus has little feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs. Thank you for your prayers!



**"I don't know all Ten Commandments. The only ones I remember are 'settle down', 'act your age' and 'take that out of your mouth'."**



The term revelation refers to God's communication of himself, by which he makes known to the world the mystery of his divine plan. Revelation is most fully realized by the sending of his own divine Son, Jesus Christ into the world.

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**July 2, 2017**

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