

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

**July 23, 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.*

**Message from Father Ron!**



O how wonderful to praise God for how we live and where we live here in Florida. Every week I have been your Administrator keeps getting better. Your love and compassion is amazing. Thank you! Here is part of my homily from last weekend. We are so very blessed. Keep up the great love of God our Beloved!

"Here at Saint Monica's and St. John's we are not the seed that has fallen on the path. We have received the Word of God with understanding in our hearts. Nor are we the seed that has fallen on rocky ground without roots. For over 157 years, this community has deep seeded love of God and God's commandments. This community survived great persecution in the civil war, the failure of the orange crop, fire and financial difficulties. Jesus says that the seed that falls on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he/she has no root and last only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he/she immediately falls away." This does not seem to be a danger.

But the greatest danger to our community is for the seed that has been sown among thorns. Jesus says, "The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." How often have we been distracted from the Eucharist? How committed are we to our love for God and one another? How often have we blamed others or failed to see Jesus in each other? Have we ever spoken about another before we prayed for the person who irritated us? Whenever we go away from ourselves and focus on correcting others, sadly we fail to bear our own fruit. We are too anxious to bear fruit or seed."

We receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

My prayer card at my ordination is from the Prophet Micah 6:8

We are called to act with justice.

We are called to love tenderly.

We are called to serve one another and

Walk humbly with God.

Have a most blessed and fun week in God's love!

Love, joy, peace,

Father Ron +

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

For centuries, the only Eucharistic Prayer we heard as Western Catholics was the old Roman Canon, usually recited in a low voice by the priest, in Latin. By the 1940s, many Catholics were learning to follow along with the actions of the priest by means of a bilingual missal, with Latin on one side and English on the other. Drawings of the priest's position at the altar, moving from one side to the other, or bowing or standing with uplifted hands at the center, helped the readers stay on track.

The Roman Canon is a long prayer, and since it was done every day for every occasion, priests had a way of galloping through it. Even though long, its structure is fairly simple, with the consecration and sacrifice clearly marked out. Sadly, this surviving prayer had triumphed over many treasures of our tradition that emphasized other dimensions of Eucharist. The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* in 1963 did not call directly for new Eucharistic Prayers, but that direction was inevitable. Discussion began almost immediately, and by 1967 the Vatican approved three new Eucharistic Prayers. In 1974, the Congregation for Worship unveiled the experiment of two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation, and three for Masses with Children. At last, a period of creativity and enrichment had begun.—Rev.

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### THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.

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#### Liturgical Ministers Saturday July 29th & Sunday July 30th

##### Saturday 29th

Altar Servers:  
Tommy Dobbs, Isabelle Brady, Amanda Phillips

Eucharistic Ministers  
Cris David, Cathy Maus, Bill Maus

Readers:  
Mariana Dejuk, Walt Egan

Ushers:  
JJ Nichols, Joe Iovino, Fred Lininger, George Schiffbauer

Greeters:  
Betty Lininger, Cathy Dobbs

##### Sunday July 30th

Altar Servers:  
Nicholas Motl, Benjamin Motl, Matthew Webb

Eucharistic Ministers  
Cheryl Carr, Lillian Morgan, Catherine Webb

Readers:  
Harry Burrridge, Carol Burrridge

Ushers:  
Rick Webb, Gerald Donnally, Mike Benton, Andy Hall

Greeters:  
Mary Pipa, Lois Ann Williams

#### Next Week's Mass Intentions

Sat.	7/23	4:30 p.m.	+ Doug Valenti
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>7/23</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
Mon.	7/24	8:30 a.m.	+ Bruce Adkins
Tue.	7/25	8:30 a.m.	Gregg Boyette
Wed.	7/26	8:30 a.m.	Dot & Tom Riddle
Thur.	7/27	8:30 a.m.	+ Gary Yoder
Fri.	7/28	8:30 a.m.	+ Doug Valenti
Sat.	7/29	4:30 p.m.	+ Rebecca Lynn

#### Office Hours PARISH OFFICE

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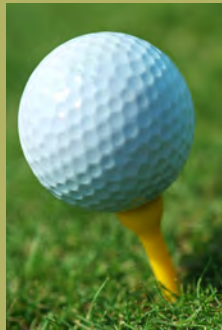
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**Getting to Know your Church Family!**



Larry Beaton is a 5th generation St. Monica parishioner. His great-great grandfather, Robert R. Reid (namesake of Reid Street) donated the land and solicited funds from the parishioners to built the original wooden church in 1858. Later, Reid donated the land to establish St. Monica Cemetery.

Larry retired from the Putnam County Sheriff's Office as the 911 center manager in 2013 with 43 years of service. He also was a volunteer fire-fighter for 34 years, serving as Chief of South-west Volunteer Fire Department for 28 years. He currently serves as Historian for the Putnam County Historical Society.

Larry is a Reader, member of the RCIA instructor team, serves on the Parish Council, and is part of the St. Paul Small Christian Group.



The Kingdom of God can best be described as the reign or rule of God: announced in the Gospel, present in the person of Jesus, remains in our midst in the Eucharist. The work of the Apostles, given to them by Jesus, as well as their successors and all of the faithful is to build up the Kingdom.

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**July 9, 2017**

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