

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

**August 27, 2017
Sunday of 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



“The day was now approaching when my mother Monica would depart from this life; you knew that day, Lord, thought we did not. She and I happened to be standing by ourselves at a window that overlooked the garden in the courtyard of the house. At the time we were in Ostia on the Tiber. We had gone there after a long and wearisome journey to get away from the noisy crowd, and to rest and prepare for our sea voyage. I believe that you, Lord caused all this to happen in your own mysterious ways. And so the two of us, all alone, were enjoying a very pleasant conversation, forgetting the past and pushing on to what is ahead. We were asking one another in the presence of the Truth—for you are the Truth—what it would be like to share the eternal life enjoyed by the saints, which eye has not seen, nor ear heard, which has not even entered into the heart of man. We desired with all our hearts to drink from the streams of your heavenly fountain, the fountain of life.

That was the substance of our talk, though not the exact words. But you know, O Lord, that in the course of our conversation that day, the world and its pleasures lost all their attraction for us. My mother said: “Son, as far as I am concerned, nothing in this life now gives me any pleasure. I do not know why I am still here, since I have no further hopes in this world. I did have one reason for wanting to live a little longer: to see you become a Catholic Christian before I died. God has lavished his gifts on me in that respect, for I know that you have even renounced earthy happiness to be his servant. So what am I doing here?”

I do not really remember how I answered her. Shortly, within five days or thereabouts, she fell sick with a fever. Then one day during the course of her illness she became unconscious and for a while she was unaware of her surroundings. My brother and I rushed to her side but she regained consciousness quickly. She looked at us as we stood there and asked in a puzzled voice: “Where was I?”

*We were overwhelmed with grief, but she held her gaze steadily upon us and spoke further: “Here you shall bury your mother.” I remained silent as I held back my tears. However, my brother haltingly expressed his hope that she might not die in a strange country but in her own land, since her end would be happier there. When she heard this, her face was filled with anxiety, and she reproached him with a glance because he had entertained such earthly thoughts. Then she looked at me and spoke: “Look what he is saying.” Thereupon she said to both of us: “Bury my body wherever you will; let not care of it cause you any concern. One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be.” Once our mother had expressed this desire as best she could, she fell silent as the pain of her illness increased.” ---Excerpts from **Confessions of St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo***

What a glorious week at Saint Monica’s in Palatka. Let us remember our Beloved Mother of St. Augustine at the altar of the Lord. Thank You Bishop Felipe for celebrating 159th birthday under the patronage of Mother Monica.

Love, joy, peace, Father Ron Moses +

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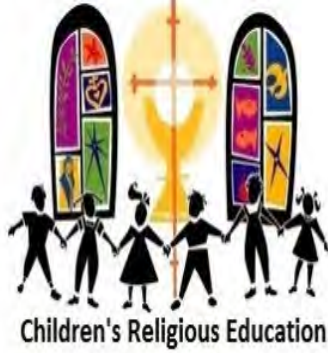
MASS SCHEDULE

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.

Confessions - Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - Or by Appointment



CCF Registration

Packages are available in the PEC Hall, at the picnic, and at the Parish office. If you have any questions please call the office at 386-325-9777.



It is the Lord who seeks us, to call us to find life and happiness. In the works of our patron, "...for you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."

CCC#30

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
After Business Hours 904-994-6803 Please call the Parish Office to let us know
if a parishioner is hospitalized, seriously ill or home-bound so that a Priest can visit and anoint them.**

Next Week's Mass Intentions

Sat.	8/26	4:30 p.m.	+ Kathleen Delzell
Sun.	8/27	9:00 a.m.	Parishioners
Mon.	8/27	8:30 a.m.	Children of the Parish
Tue.	8/28	8:30 a.m.	+ Mary Lam Nguyen
Wed.	8/29	8:30 a.m.	+ Mark Murphy
Thur.	8/30	8:30 a.m.	+ Father Joji Reddy
Fri.	8/31	8:30 a.m.	Ladies Guild
Sat.	9/01	4:30 p.m.	+ Alberto M. 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.
114 South 4th Street
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Nancy Tatum, Secretary/Bookkeeper
Diane Mutchie, Stewardship & Dev. Director
Joe Iovino, Church Sexton

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday September 2nd & Sunday September 3rd

Saturday September 2nd

Altar Servers:
Walt Egan, Skylar Gugal, Avery Gugal

Eucharistic Ministers
Mary Iovino, Joe Iovino, Ruth Boyette

Readers:
Bill Maus, Larry Beaton

Ushers:
JJ Nichols, David Gugal, Fred Lininger

Greeters:
Ushers

Sunday September 3rd.

Altar Servers:
Lizzie Fortner, Grant Fortner, Isabelle Brady

Eucharistic Ministers
Silvana Gallo, Catherine Webb, Lillian Morgan

Readers:
Andy Hall, Frank Fraize

Ushers:
Jim McMillan, Karen McMillan, Justin Brady, Eddie Dubeck

Greeters:
Mary Pipa, Roy Hawkins

Level I Formation/Certification for Catechists Or Those Interested

Those needing Level 1 Formation certification classes will be offered at St. Monica on the following dates, you must attend all four classes to be certified:

November 5th, 18th and 19th.
Saturdays 9-3 p.m.
Sunday 1-6 p.m.

Please call the office for more information. 386-325-9777

St. Monica Fish fry
September 1st
4:00 to 7:00

Come out and enjoy dinner with great friends

Join Father Ron as he encourages us to put into deep water and lower our nets!

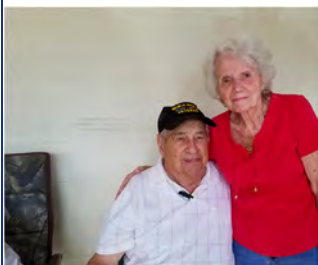


Into the Deep, a Bible/Catholic study, will meet each Tuesday, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Enrichment Center. All are welcome (including adults and teens, non-practicing Catholics, and those who are interested from other denominations). Invite a friend! It's B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Bible).

Baptism Reminder!

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

Getting to Know your Church Family!




Paul Vincent has been a member of St. Monica for 38 years, he is 90 years young. He is originally from Vermont which is way up north .Paul comes from a large family, he is one of 15 children. He has been an Altar Server all his life. Paul also served as an Eucharistic Minister for St. Monica. He is a Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, and still a member. At 90 he still serves the needy at our Food Pantry, rain or shine.

Paul served in the US Army during WW11, under George Patton. He served his country in France, Belgium, Germany, Spain, and other locations during the war.

A few years ago Paul met Mary Jo at Church and fell in love, and they married this year. Mary Jo is from Indiana, and moved to Florida 30 years ago. She also serves the poor at the Food Pantry. She met Paul at Church! Paul and Mary Jo, love to dance and can still shake a leg. They are planning a trip to Chicago, and Montreal, Canada in the coming weeks to see family and sightsee. They are not wasting any time, going to live everyday to the fullest.

Paul, thank you for your service to our great country! During your lifetime you have seen many places and overcame many obstacles, we are grateful you made it home. Mary Jo thank you for your work with the poor, you are compassionate and giving. St Monica wishes you and Mary Jo much happiness in your new life. Thank you both for sharing your story with us. May God bless and keep you always.



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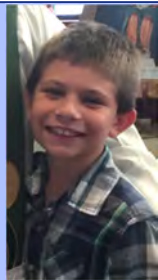


St. Monica Youth Benefit Golf Classic


Saturday, October 7, 2017
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1715 Moseley Avenue
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Hole sponsor :\$100.00, Cart Sponsor: \$50.00, Player:\$50.00

Also accepting donations for Raffle prizes.
Call the office for more information.



Just wanted to say “Congratulations” Jack Carr!! You are already getting great reports from school. Keep your eyes on God, who loves you, and will bless your work at home and at school. We your Parish family are praying for you. Keep up the good work.



Check out this new book that can be found in our Reading Racks located at the entrances of our church!

Happy Labor Day

The Parish Office will be closed for Labor Day on Monday September 4th. Have a great day!

August 20, 2017

Weekly Offering	\$ 3461.00	Thank You for your Stewardship
Holy Day	\$ 823.00	Non-Parochial
Loose Cash/Visitor	\$ 495.00	August
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 66.00	Special Mission
Non-parochial	\$ 90.00	Areas, including
Poor	\$ 10.00	Florida & Latin
Catholic Education	\$ 20.00	America
Children	\$ 22.50	Mission Appeal
Total	\$ 4987.50	\$2604.07

Becoming Catholic

IRCA
 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This is a process that allows adults who are unbaptized or who come from another religious tradition the opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith in a supportive and prayerful environment. After a period of study and discernment, those who desire to do so are initiated into full communion with the Catholic Church. Interested?
 Call Karen Lee at (386) 972-0316.

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