

# St. Monica Catholic Church

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday



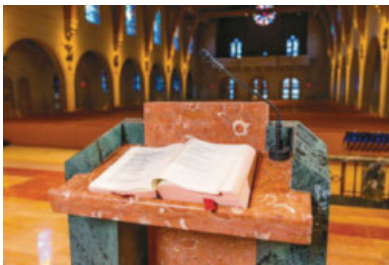
From the  
Journal of  
Fr. Jared

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After the First Reading at Mass, there is often a brief pause and usually a change of lectors.

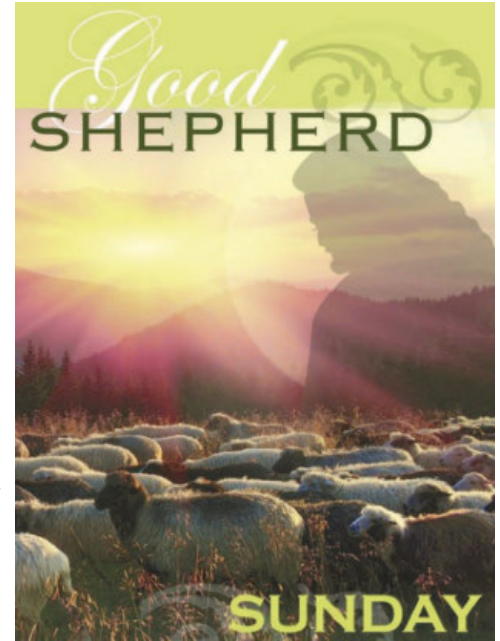
A cantor or a member of the choir typically comes up to lead the people in a Psalm. This sung reading is called a Responsorial Psalm because the cantor will say the response aloud, and then we will echo his response until the end of the Psalm. In between the responses, the cantor will sing or recite the stanzas of Hebrew poetry. The Psalms are mostly written by King David and are God's own inspired hymnal. The Psalms are often called the School of Prayer because they are filled with authentic expressions of human emotion that many have felt at times, as well as being prayers to God. The whole gamut of human experience is often expressed throughout the Psalms.

The call and response nature of the Responsorial Psalm is very prominent throughout the Mass. The Psalm is to be meditated upon, partly why it is sung and not simply read aloud at a Sunday Mass. However, many Catholics have this weird phenomenon where they hear the Psalm response once and subsequently forget what the cantor or lector said. It happens to me, too. Though I am not a fan of reading the readings out of missalettes or the hymnals at Mass, the Church does not expressly forbid it, and in case of the Psalm, I would encourage you to read along, especially for content of the stanzas and the response.



Rely on Our Redeemer,

*Fr. Jared S. De Leo*



## Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

## Daily Mass Times

Tuesday - Friday 8:30 AM

1st Saturday of the Month 8:30 AM

## Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM

Or by appointment

## Eucharistic Holy Hour

Fridays 9:00-10:00 AM

## Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary

1st Friday of the Month 8:00 AM

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Visit us on the web at: [www.stmoniacatholicchurch.com](http://www.stmoniacatholicchurch.com)

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9 AM—3 PM; Wednesday & Friday: 9 AM—12 PM

## Breakfast Fundraiser

**This Sunday, April 21st**

**Odd Todd's Famous Breakfast Burrito**

**ALL Proceeds Going to St. Monica's**



**\$7 for Adults; \$2 for Kids Under 12**

All are welcome to our Breakfast Fundraiser this Sunday, April 21st, following the 9:00 Mass! Enjoy the Famous Breakfast Burrito from Odd Todd's Food Truck, made by the Foster Family!

## St. Monica & St. Ambrose VBS Registration Is Open!



This year, we will be doing a combined Vacation Bible School with St. Ambrose! It will take place from **June 17th—21st from 9 AM until Noon in the St. Ambrose Parish Hall** (6070 Church Rd in Elkton).

Children entering 1st-6th Grade in Fall 2024 are welcome! Teen and adult volunteers are also needed! (Adults will need to be screened per the Diocese's safe environment requirements.)

Contact Cheryl Carr at: [ccarr@stmonicacatholicchurch.com](mailto:ccarr@stmonicacatholicchurch.com) or call the Parish Office at 386-325-9777 if you would like to volunteer. Our theme will be the "Saving Waters of Jesus." Registration forms are available at CCF classes or in the Parish Office. **The registration deadline is June 1st.** There is no cost for St. Monica Parishioners. We hope you can join us for this fun-filled week!

## Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet

Would you like to give your mom or a special woman in your life the gift of prayer for Mother's Day, whether she is still living or has passed on? In observance of Mother's Day, the Respect Life Team is offering spiritual bouquets where mothers and spiritual mothers will be remembered in the Masses offered in our church on Mother's Day weekend. If you are interested in giving this gift, the Respect Life Team will be offering Mass cards and the opportunity to have your mom and/or spiritual mother's name placed by the altar on Mother's Day weekend. We ask for a donation of \$5, which will support St. Monica's Respect Life Ministry. **To sign up and receive a Mass card, please see one of the Respect Life representatives outside the church after all the Masses next weekend: April 27-28 and also the weekend of May 4-5.**



## Weekly Offering

**Thank You for Your Generosity!**

April 13-14, 2024

Offertory	\$9,155.50
Children's Gifts	\$34.50
CCF	\$60.00
Food Pantry	\$60.00
Building and Restoration	\$175.00
Candles	\$63.66



## Catholic Home Missions Appeal: Second Collection Next Weekend (April 27-28)

Next weekend we will take up a second collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at: [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## House Blessing During the Easter Season



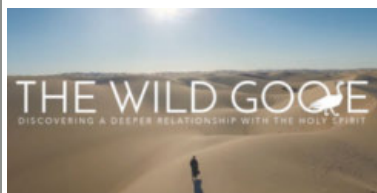
In light of the joyous nature of the Easter and Christmas Seasons, traditionally the priest visits homes and blesses them during these seasons. The Church encourages this even if your house has been blessed before. This is not a requirement, but it is a wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. If you would like to take part in this tradition, please use the link below or the QR code to sign up for a time for Fr. Jared to come and bless your house. Please put your address in the comments section of the sign-up so we can be sure to have your most up-to-date address. (If you have trouble with the sign-up, you can call the office at 386-325-9777.) Fr. Jared does not expect you to prepare a meal for him. It is just an opportunity for him to visit you in your home and to bless it.

[www.calendly.com/frjaredsdeleo](http://www.calendly.com/frjaredsdeleo)




## Adult Faith Formation Opportunity

Discover a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit! Join St. James the Lesser Small Christian Community in watching "The Wild Goose" video series on Mondays at 9:30 AM in the Parish Library from now until Pentecost. All are welcome!



Tuesday	Apr 23	+ Doreen Fowler	Requested by: Rita Smith
Wednesday	Apr 24	Charlene Shepard + Aaron Pepin + Robert Burke	Requested by: Cris David Requested by: Rita Smith Requested by: Rosa Scileppi
Thursday	Apr 25	Marjorie Kingery	Requested by: Cris David
Friday	Apr 26	+ David Shepard + Aaron Pepin Incos and Kerry Smith	Requested by: Rita Smith Requested by: Karen Lee Requested by: Rita Lambert
Saturday 4:30 PM	Apr 27	Andy Hall (+) and Laura Hall (Wedding Anniversary)	Requested by: Laura Hall
Sunday 9:00 AM	Apr 28	Living and Deceased Parishioners	
Sunday 11:00 AM	Apr 28	+ Doreen Fowler	Requested by: Joe & Mary Iovino




**Calling All High School Seniors!**

On Sunday, May 26th at the 9:00 AM Mass, we will honor and have a special blessing for our graduating high school seniors. Following the Mass, there will be a reception in the Parish Hall. Any high school seniors who would like to participate in the Grad Mass, please contact Cheryl Carr at: [ccarr@stmonicacatholicchurch.com](mailto:ccarr@stmonicacatholicchurch.com) or call the Parish Office at: 386-325-9777 by Monday, May 13th. We are looking forward to celebrating this wonderful accomplishment with all of you!


**Birthdays this Week:**

Emanuela Race	Carole McGrotty
Kevin Donnelly	James Kilgore
Joe Kuehmeier	Janet Linck Reeves
Autumn Denoncour	Jeffrey Motl
Tom Porwoll	Bill Mutchie
George Laibl	Israel Perez
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**Parish Prayer Request List**



Our parish has wonderful prayer warriors who faithfully pray for those on our prayer list. We recognize that our parish's prayer request list has grown rather large over the past few months. Out of a desire to keep the list up-to-date and focused on those who are most in need of prayers, going forward, names on the prayer list will be kept on the list for six weeks. If you or someone you know has a chronic illness, are undergoing treatment for cancer, or have another serious condition, let the Parish Office know. Those who are in these situations can be kept on the list for longer than six weeks. The six weeks for all who are currently on our prayer list will begin this weekend. Of course, if you know someone in urgent need of prayer, you are still welcome to contact the Office to have them added to the list. **As an alternative for those who are not urgently in need of prayer, but would still like our parish to remember them in prayer, you are welcome to write their name(s) in our Parish Book of Prayer Intentions at the ramp entrance.** Thank you so much for your understanding.



Please call the office if you or someone you know needs to be added to the prayer list.  386-325-9777	Anthony Farmer	Megan Burton	Thomas Downey	Joel Montague	Luis Linton	The Blevins Family
	Frank Fraize	Diane Kinnon	Edna Blandford	Kenneth Butler	Cathy Tucker	Marilynn Gauthier
	Nancy Jones	Joseph Dame	Cooper Newman	Camryn Gilmore	Larry Beaton	Dominique Griffin
	Hoyt Muir	Carmen & David	Floyd Trombley	Amber Lininger	Katie Thayer	Latanya Hamiton
	The DeGuzman Family	Cummings	Margot Massad	Margaret	Valerie Garcia	The Filipi Family
	Scott Phillips	Sue Doyle	Fred Lininger	Kozhev-Nikova	Sandra Mobley	Jimmy McGarrey
	Megan Burnett	Cheryl Albert	Tony Wheeler	Vincent Martinez	Marcia Marques	Darlene Sweat
	Kimberly Foster	Thomas Szczes	Buddy Perry	Jetta Don Shaban	Mark Dailey	Deacon Gregory Kiley
	Melissa Mobley	Bob McGinness	Jim Perry	Julia Oxendine	Nikki Kourtney	Gerry & Mabel Bernier
	Harry Burrige	Joan and Kate	Brian Federico	Christine Taylor	Jared Holliday	Doug Schexnayder
	Tina Stamper	Rita Lambert	Annette Gilbert	Doug Scott	Pegi Mathie	The Thomas Family
		Rita Rash	Clarence Keiser	Doug Foster	William Parker	John Skalnik

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