

St. Monica Catholic Church

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)



From the
Journal of
Fr. Jared

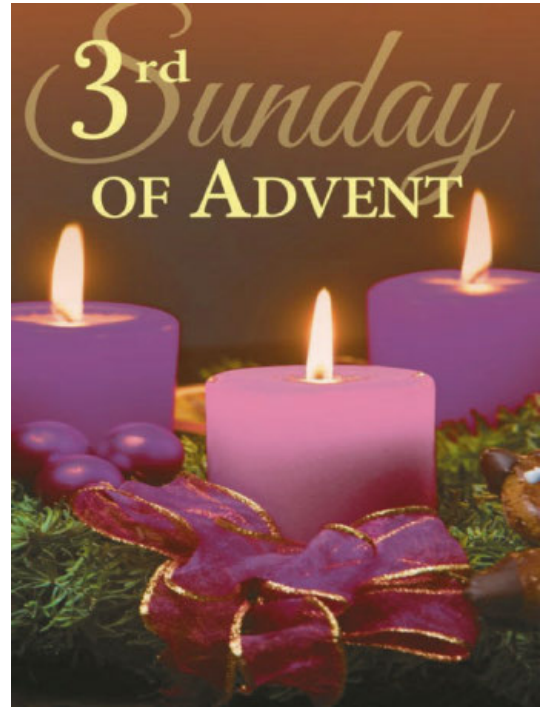
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
After the prayers of blessing at Mass, on special occasions, the priest may use incense on the gifts, the cross, and the altar itself to signify the Church's offering and prayer rising like incense in the sight of God. The priest then bows and uses incense on the server responsible for the incense. He then passes the incense to the server, who bows and blesses the priest with incense. That server then blesses all other priests present as well as the whole congregation, bowing each time before using the thurible (the metal bowl-like device on chains containing the incense) as the priest washes his hands.

If there is no incense, the priest, after standing upright from the silent preparatory prayer, turns to face the servers at the side of the altar. They come forward with a glass bowl called a lavabo (Latin for 'I will wash'), the small pitcher of water, and a hand towel. Normally, the server pours water over the hands of the priest as he quietly says, "Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." The priest then will use the hand towel to dry his hands. Sometimes, the priest will instead dip his hands in water and then dry them. This rite expresses a desire for interior purification, very reminiscent of the ritual washing the Levitical priests would do in the Temple before offering sacrifices. It also rooted in the Latin: *Lavabo inter innocents manus meas* or "I will wash my hands in innocence" from Psalm 26:6.



Rely on Our Redeemer,

Fr. Jared S. De Leo



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Daily Mass Times

Tuesday - Friday 8:30 AM
1st Saturday of the Month 8:30 AM

Reconciliation

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00-8:25 AM
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.stmonicacatholicchurch.com

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM—4:30 PM; Friday 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

*You are Invited to Celebrate
the Birth of Jesus!*

Christmas Auction & Dinner

This Sunday, December 15th Dinner Main Course will
2:00 PM—5:00 PM be provided by CCF.
St. Monica Parish Hall We ask that you please

Holiday Auction Tickets
\$5.00 per envelope



Advent Penance Service:
Next Sunday, Dec 22nd at 2:00 PM

Our Advent Penance Service will take place in the church next Sunday, Dec 22nd at 2:00 PM.

The priests who are attending will hear individual Confessions; there will not be a prayer service beforehand. All are welcome to join us as we prepare our hearts and souls for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Christmas Flower Envelopes



If you would like to make a donation towards our Christmas Flowers, there are Christmas Flower Envelopes available in the pews. Please fill out one of these envelopes, place your offering in the envelope, and place it in the collection. You are welcome to write the names of one or more people you would like to remember with your offering on the envelope.

Weekly Offering

Due to early bulletin deadlines this month, last weekend's offertory numbers will be listed in next weekend's bulletin. Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Mass Times

We look forward to celebrating the coming of Christ at Christmas!



Our Christmas Mass times are as follows:

Christmas Eve:	Christmas Day:
4:00 PM (Incense)	Midnight (Incense if Altar Server Available)
8:00 PM (No Incense)	10:00 AM (No Incense)

For those sensitive to incense, and to accommodate any overflow, the 4:00 PM Mass will be livestreamed in the main Parish Hall. Communion will be brought to the Hall.



**Christmas Luminaries:
Youth Group Fundraiser**

The teens in our Youth Group will be selling luminaries to place around our church campus on Christmas. The luminaries will be in a white bag with a message written by you. The bags will contain a tealight candle and sand. These can be in honor or in memory of someone, or simply provided by you. **Our Youth Group asks for a donation of \$10 per luminary, and they will be available in the Parish Hall after the 8:30 AM Mass this Sunday, Dec 15th and next Sunday, Dec 22nd. They will also be available at the Christmas Auction this Sunday.** Thank you for your support of our teens!

Christmas Parade—Thank You!

Thank you so much to all who helped with the St. Monica Float at the Palatka Christmas Parade! A special thank you to Cindy Gilmore, who did such a wonderful job leading our group, as well as all who helped to decorate the float, participated in the parade, and to everyone who helped in any other way. It was a wonderful way for St. Monica Parish to be represented in our community. Please see below for some pictures of our float!



Tuesday	Dec 17	+ Randy Byrd	Requested by: Ted and Lisa Bianculli
Wednesday	Dec 18	+ Nick Cheberenchick Baby Anthony Bianculli Ellen Reid	Requested by: Joe and Mary Iovino Requested by: Cris David Requested by: Tim and Mary Reid
Thursday	Dec 19	+ Robert Jr. and Ruth Anne Thropp	Requested by: Kellie Thropp
Friday	Dec 20	+ Steve Klemash + Nancy Suddeath + Robert Beaton	Requested by: Joe and Mary Iovino Requested by: Nora and Mike Kerrigan Requested by: Rita Lambert
Saturday 4:30 PM	Dec 21	+ Newman and Theriault Families	Requested by: Bob and Judy Newman
Sunday 8:30 AM	Dec 22	Living and Deceased Parishioners	
Sunday 11:00 AM	Dec 22	+ Mike Harris	Requested by: Reta Harris



Birthdays this Week:

Bob Lee	Sandra Harvey	Troy Register	Roselyn Rubio	Skylynn Fannon	Mary Strong
Gina Weber	Jamie McLerran	Mark Chauvel	David Barnes	Olivia Motl	Mark Lininger

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, December 21st at 4:30 PM

Ushers: Ellen Fitzhenry, George Schiffbauer
EM (Body of Christ): Cathy Maus
EM (Precious Blood): Sharon Harris, Joyce Fitzsimmons
Lectors: Kellie Thropp (1st), Laura Hall (2nd)
Altar Server: Tom Porwoll

Sunday, December 22nd at 8:30 AM

Ushers: Bill Black, Eddie Dubeck
EM (Body of Christ): Cheryl Carr
EM (Precious Blood): Mary Mundy, Kevin Donnelly
Lectors: Jerry Rash (1st), Pam Mathes (2nd)
Altar Server: Joey Kuehmeier, Nolan Huskey

Sunday, December 22nd at 11:00 AM

Ushers: Mary Shackelford, Mary Ann Belcher
EM (Body of Christ): Sandy Sharp
EM (Precious Blood): Linda Cleveland, Carol Burridge
Lectors: Charlene Shepard (1st), Dr. Maria Rivera-Gaw (2nd)
Altar Server: Walt Egan

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Christmas Ministry Schedule:

Tuesday, December 24th at 4:00 PM (Christmas Eve)

Ushers: Ellen F, Shirley D, Sharon H, George S, Kellie T, Dwain D.
EM (Body of Christ): Cheryl Carr, Kevin Donnelly, TBD
EM (Precious Blood): Linda Cleveland, Chuck Romer
Lectors: Joshua Carr (1st), Stephanie Huskey (2nd)
Altar Server: David A, Joey K, Jac C, Corey and Connor D.

Tuesday, December 24th at 8:00 PM (Christmas Eve)

Ushers: Mary Shackelford, Sammy Sharp
EM (Body of Christ): Cathy Maus
EM (Precious Blood): Carol Burridge, Sandy Sharp
Lectors: Nanette Rund (1st), Pam Mathes (2nd)
Altar Server: Tom Porwoll

Wednesday, December 25th at 12:00 AM (Midnight Mass)

Ushers: Bill Black, Robert Farmer
EM (Body of Christ): TBD
EM (Precious Blood): Corrine Munn, Pam Mathes
Lectors: Ansley Hall (1st), Laura Hall (2nd)
Altar Server: TBD

Wednesday, December 25th at 10:00 AM (Christmas Day)

Ushers: Mary Ann Belcher, Ellen Fitzhenry
EM (Body of Christ): Aleta Schexnayder
EM (Precious Blood): Linda Cleveland, Pam Mathes
Lectors: Dr. Marcia Parker (1st), Jim Doyle (2nd)
Altar Server: TBD

Please call the office if you or someone you know needs to be added to the prayer list.



Please note that all prayer list requests will be left on the list for 6 weeks, unless the person has a chronic illness, is undergoing treatment for cancer, or has another serious condition. If this is the case, please let the Parish Office know: 386-325-9777. Prayer requests can also be written in our Parish Book of Intentions at the ramp entrance.

Joseph Dame	Hoyt Muir	Doug Scott	John Skalnik	Nikki Wesley	Diana & Tommy Downey
Marilynn Gauthier	William Parker	Darlene Sweat	Christine Taylor	Larry Beaton	Charlene Wesley Williams
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			Karen Null	Camryn Aldridge	Jane Twardowski-Otton

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