

St. Monica Catholic Church

January 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord



**From the
Journal of
Fr. Jared**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After the priest washes his hands in preparation, he returns to directly behind the altar. He then extend his hands and joins them together again, saying, “Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.” Not only is the prayer directed to God the Father, as all liturgical prayer is, but the people are invited to express their approval of the sacrifice of the Mass as well as reminded that they, too, are called to bring their own sacrifices and prayer intentions to Mass.

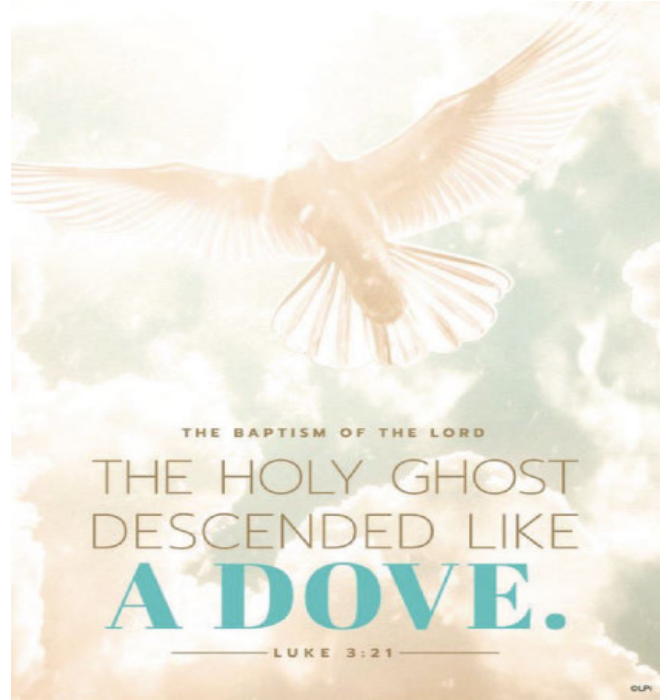
The people, who stand as the celebrant addresses them, respond, “May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.” The people are not invited to extend their hands in response to the priest celebrant since the priest celebrant extends his hands to pray on behalf of the people.

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer over the Offerings, at the end of which the people acclaim: Amen. This prayer is one of the three presidential prayers said for each Mass alongside the Collect and the Prayer After Communion, who normally begin with the invitation, “Let us pray.”

Relv on our Redeemer.

Pastor

St. Monica Catholic Church, Palatka, FL



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.stmoniacatholicchurch.com

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



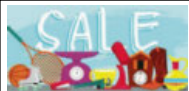
Second Collection Next Weekend (January 18-19) for Respect Life

Join us in restoring the culture of life, one heart at a time, by supporting the 2025 Respect Life Second Collection, next weekend on January 18th and 19th. Your generosity supports pregnancy resource centers, college outreach, parish-based respect life activities, and advocacy initiatives to promote the dignity of all life from conception to natural death. 20% of the funds collected will be retained for our Human Life and Dignity Ministry at St. Monica's. To donate, use the envelope in your church pew. Thank you for your support of this second collection!

Ladies Guild Breakfast Fundraiser Next Sunday, January 19th!



All are welcome to join us for our breakfast fundraiser in the Parish Hall following the 8:30 AM Mass **next Sunday, January 19th**, put on by our parish's Ladies Guild. The menu will include: **French Toast Casserole, sausage, roasted potatoes, fruit, coffee and orange juice.** We ask for \$7 for adults & teens and \$2 for kids under 12. The funds collected at the breakfast will go towards the worthy causes in our parish and community that the Ladies Guild contributes to. We hope to see you there!



Upcoming Ladies Guild News! It Is Almost Flea Market Time!

We Will Collect Goods Wednesday, February 5th and Thursday, February 6th

Flea Market 2025 Will Be Friday, February 7th and Saturday, February 8th

Please Start Saving Your Unwanted Treasures So Someone Else Can Enjoy Them!

Healing the Pain of Abortion

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat is a beautiful opportunity for any man or woman who is struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion or miscarriage in their life. Come and receive peace, forgiveness of self and others, and the compassion of God. These retreats are private, strictly confidential, and for people of all faiths. **Our next English retreat will be on January 31st - February 2nd, 2025.** For more info, call 904-221-3232 or email rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com. All calls and inquiries are very confidential. Come and be restored!



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Weekly Offering

Thank You for Your Generosity!

December 28-29, 2024

Offertory	\$4,105.75
Children's Gifts	\$26.00
Youth Ministry (Luminaries)	\$1230.00
Food Pantry	\$255.00
Building and Restoration	\$1080.00
Christmas Flowers/Offerings	\$390.00
Mass Intentions	\$30.00
Candles	\$41.96

January 4-5, 2025

Offertory	\$6,987.25
Children's Gifts	\$49.75
Food Pantry	\$65.00
Building and Restoration	\$560.00
Mass Intentions	\$50.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,113.25
Solemnity of Mary (Jan. 1)	\$1,576.03

Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.



Need a Contribution Statement from St. Monica's for Income Tax?

We provide tax receipts for contributions to St. Monica's by request. If you would like a tax receipt, please contact the Parish Office at 386-325-9777 and we will provide you with a contribution statement.

Winter Jackets & Coats Needed for Clothing Closet!



We are in need of gently used or new winter jackets and coats of all sizes for children, teens, and adults for our parish's Clothing Closet. These will go to people in need in our community. Please bring any donations to the Parish Office, or they can be given directly to Shirley Delaney. Thank you!



Parish Book Nook

If you happen to come across books from our Parish Book Nook that you have already read and no longer want to keep, please put them in the Book Return located in the cabinet under the counter. While you are there, you may find something new to read!

Tuesday	Jan 14	+ William Franklin	Requested by: Christine Faustini
Wednesday	Jan 15	+ Robert Beaton	Requested by: Charlene Shepard
	Jan 15	+ Trey Gilmore	Requested by: Peggy Smith
Thursday	Jan 16	+ Catherine Gammon	Requested by: Rita Smith
	Jan 16	Stephany Gilmore	Requested by: Cindy and Terry Gilmore
Friday	Jan 17	+ Catherine Gammon	Requested by: Karen Lee
Saturday 4:30 PM	Jan 18	Bill Maus	Requested by: Cris David
	Jan. 18	Dr. Juan Haddad	Requested by: Gordon
Sunday 8:30 AM	Jan 19	Living and Deceased Parishioners	
Sunday 11:00 AM	Jan 19	+ Irene Roberts	Requested by: Debra Coyle

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, January 18th at 4:30 PM

Ushers: Bill Black, Sharon Harris

EM (Body of Christ): Cris David

EM (Precious Blood): Cathy Maus, Lina Majesky

Lectors: Ken Freligh (1st), George Schiffbauer (2nd)

Altar Server: Shirley Delaney

Sunday, January 19th at 8:30 AM

Ushers: Eddie Dubeck, Dwain Denoncour

EM (Body of Christ): Kevin Donnelly

EM (Precious Blood): Mary Mundy, Corrine Munn

Lectors: Jerry Rash (1st), Laura Hall (2nd)

Altar Server: Corey and Connor Donnelly

Sunday, January 19th at 11:00 AM

Ushers: Mary Ann Belcher, Mary Shackelford

EM (Body of Christ): Aleta Schexnayder

EM (Precious Blood): Jan Schneider, Linda Cleveland

Lectors: Eric Gray (1st), Dr. Marcia Parker (2nd)

Altar Server: Walt Egan

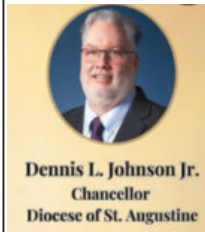
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Birthdays this Week:



Samantha Stuhler	Carlton Kinnon	James Romer
Candice Wallace	Maria Keating	David Kudlo
Sherry Butler	Stephany Gilmore	Sara Brady
Edie Kynard	Ella Owens	Sarah Flocken
Megan Romer	Stephen Surowitz	

If you would like to sign up for the Traveling Vocations Crucifix, please call the Parish Office or scan the QR code to the right!



Theology on Tap Jacksonville: This Monday, January 13th

Join Theology on Tap Jacksonville this Monday, Jan 13th, from 7 to 9 PM at Legacy Ale Works, 14965 Old St. Augustine Rd. Guest speaker Dennis L. Johnson Jr. will discuss A Big Church with Big Questions. Connect with young adults for drinks, conversation and faith. Contact: rshipley@dosaf.com.



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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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