

# St. Monica Catholic Church

January 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



From the  
Journal of Fr. Jared

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

One topic that many Catholics misunderstand is cremation. Prior to 1963, the Church forbade cremation, partly because the Roman empire would burn the bodies of Christian martyrs to preclude their one day rising from the grave. The Church first allowed cremations in 1963, as long as it was not intended as a rejection of the power of resurrection. In 1969, the Church allowed for the committal of cremated remains, but not their presence at a funeral liturgy, which was not allowed until 1997. While the Church allows cremation, it prefers burial of the bodies of the deceased. Cremation is prohibited when it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine. **The sprinkling of ashes, the division of ashes among family members, the conversion of ashes into jewelry, infused within the core of a plant, and/or the placement of a family member or friend in a place in the honor are strictly forbidden.**

When people choose to be cremated, their mortal remains are expected to be placed in a cemetery or columbarium. A columbarium is like a mausoleum meant for the cremated remains or the cremains of people. Many people opt for cremation today because it is less expensive than the traditional casket burial with the preparation of the body. While our parish cemetery has two small sections dedicated to inground burials of cremains, it does not currently have a columbarium. There are several American companies that make ones that are lasting and don't break the bank. **I am still trying to assess the need for a columbarium for our parish cemetery.** A small number of individuals have come forward to express their desire for a columbarium. **If you are interested in St. Monica acquiring a columbarium, let me know directly whether in person, by email, or by phone call.**

**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

Parish Office: 386-325-9777; 114 S 4th Street, Palatka, FL 32177

Parish Email Address: [saintmoniacatholic@gmail.com](mailto:saintmoniacatholic@gmail.com); Fr. Jared's Email: [frjared@stmoniacatholicchurch.com](mailto:frjared@stmoniacatholicchurch.com)

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

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



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

Join us in restoring the culture of life, one heart at a time, by supporting the Respect Life Second Collection this weekend. 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 This Sunday, January 19th!



All are welcome to join us for our breakfast fundraiser in the Parish Hall following the 8:30 AM Mass **this 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

#### Thank You

The family of Trey Gilmore wishes to extend a sincere and heartfelt Thank You to all our St. Monica family. Your prayers, well wishes, gifts and mass intentions are all immensely appreciated. We are able to feel your love and support, and they have helped us through this painful time.

In Christ's Love,  
Terry, Cindy, Stephany,  
Camryn,, Christian and Caidyn



Don't forget to follow St. Monica's on Facebook and Instagram! @Stmonicapalatka



### Weekly Offering

Thank You for Your Generosity!

January 11-12, 2025

Offertory	\$17,570.67
Children's Gifts	\$28.25
Food Pantry	\$590.00
Building and Restoration	\$565.00
Mass Intentions	\$90.00

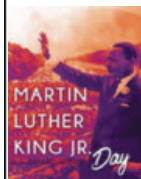
In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits - the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

#### 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 contribu-



#### Parish Office Closed this Monday, Jan 20th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Please note that the Parish Office will be closed this Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

#### Additional Sponsors Needed for the Bulletin

In order to get up to a larger bulletin at no cost to our parish, we are just in need of a few more sponsors!



(A big thank you to all of our current sponsors!)

**Ad spaces on the back of our bulletin begin at less than \$9 per week.** LPI (our bulletin publisher) will work with you on the design of your ad and can even design the ad for you! Businesses, groups, families, or individuals can purchase ad space to include the message of your choosing. **For more information, please contact our ad rep, Rob Kennedy, at 804-366-4838 or rkennedy@4lpi.com**

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!



Tuesday	Jan 21	+ Robert Beaton	Requested by: Sammy and Sandy Sharp
Wednesday	Jan 22	+ Trey Gilmore	Requested by: Rita Smith
Thursday	Jan 23	+ Trey Gilmore	Requested by: Cris David
	Jan 23	+ Joe Felice	Requested by: Diane Felice
Friday	Jan 24	+ Tom Riley	Requested by: Elizabeth Riley
	Jan 24	+ William & Frances Graff	Requested by: Joe & Mary Iovino
Saturday 4:30 PM	Jan 25	+ Rita Cunningham	Requested by: Rita Smith
	Jan 25	+ Trey Gilmore	Requested by: The Bock Family
Sunday 8:30 AM	Jan 26	Living and Deceased Parishioners	
Sunday 11:00 AM	Jan 26	+ Robert Beaton	Requested by: Karen and Bob Lee

### Next Weekend Ministry Schedule:

#### Saturday, January 25th at 4:30 PM

**Ushers:** Ellen Fitzhenry, Kellie Thropp  
**EM (Body of Christ):** Mary Iovino  
**EM (Precious Blood):** Joe Iovino, Joyce Fitzsimmons  
**Lectors:** Cheryl Meis (1st), Nanette Rund (2nd)  
**Altar Server:** Tom Porwoll

#### Sunday, January 26th at 8:30 AM

**Ushers:** Jim and Karen McMillan  
**EM (Body of Christ):** Pam Mathes  
**EM (Precious Blood):** Cheryl Carr, Kevin Donnelly  
**Lectors:** Erin Fortner (1st), Joshua Carr (2nd)  
**Altar Server:** Jac Carr, Nolan Huskey

#### Sunday, January 26th at 11:00 AM

**Ushers:** Bill Black, Terry Gilmore  
**EM (Body of Christ):** Linda Cleveland  
**EM (Precious Blood):** Jan Schneider, Mary Mundy  
**Lectors:** Jim Doyle (1st), Carol Burrige (2nd)  
**Altar Server:** Mallory Bock

Attention—The Diocese of Saint Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner. To Report Abuse, call: Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: 904-262-3200, ext. 129, or the Department of Children and Families Abuse Line (800-962-2873).



### Birthdays this Week:

Patrick Karney	Lindsey Motl	Diane Mutchie
Isabelle Brady	Diane Kinnon	Saylor Farmer
Violet Rubinsky	Katherine Fazio	Mallory Bock
Gabriel Lopez-Martinez		

### Next Teen Night is Saturday, February 8th from 7-10 PM!



All teens (Grades 8-12) in our parish are invited to our next teen night on Saturday, February 8th! We will meet in the Parish Hall from 7-10 PM and will have games, activities, and just time to hang out with each other. All teens are welcome!

### 3 Benefits Of Giving Stock To Your Parish



- Avoid capital gains taxes.
- Receive a tax deduction for the total amount of your gift.
- Help your parish without affecting your cashflow.



Scan this QR code to get started or contact us for help:  
**Kelly C. Wood, 904-208-6931,**  
[kwood@dosaf.com](mailto:kwood@dosaf.com)



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
Greg Bodalski	Diane Kinnon	Joy Williams	Buddy Perry	James Nicholas	Jane Twardowski-Otton
Alex de Guzman				Karen Null	Camryn Aldridge

**God Bless  
Putnam County  
District Schools!**  
*- Dr. Marcia Parker of CCGSAS*

At the office of Dr. Rebecca Faunce we encourage you to smile. *With Confidence!*  
**Antigua**  
Orthodontics  
Dr. Rebecca A. Faunce DMD  
201 Health Park Blvd. 160 Cypress Pt. Pkwy.  
Ste 216, St. Augustine Ste D217, Palm Coast  
904-829-8899 386-446-9312  
faunceorthodontics.com

**Saver Physical Therapy**  
PT4PAIN  
Phone: (386) 385-5499  
Fax: (386) 385-5498  
Web: saverpt.com  
Email: saverpt@saverpt.com

**ALBERTO G. DAVID, D.M.D.**  
1971 Old Moultrie Rd. • St. Augustine  
**904-829-5111**  
*Al & Chris David, Parishioners*  
**Go Gators!**

**Meeting the 1st  
Wednesday of  
every month**  
*Join at [kofc.org](http://kofc.org)*

**Diocese of St. Augustine**  
Office of Human Life and Dignity  
We can help those in need created by God in His image & need protection from womb to tomb.  
For more info, contact: Maureen Shilkunas,  
Director at [mshilkunas@dosafl.com](mailto:mshilkunas@dosafl.com)  
904-262-3200 Ext. 159

**SENTRY** Licensed • Insured  
CALL  
**684-BUGS (2847)**  
[sentry431@windstream.net](mailto:sentry431@windstream.net)  
[www.sentrypestfl.com](http://www.sentrypestfl.com)  
\$20.00 OFF New Service For Parishioners, Family and Friends with Ad or Bulletin

**DANIEL THOMPSON  
BRIDALS**  
Designer & Manufacturer of  
Fine Bridal & Evening Wear  
Bridal & Evening  
Alterations *It's all  
about the  
bride*  
BY APPOINTMENT  
**(904)  
547-2347**  
Palatka, Florida  
[danielthompsonbridals@gmail.com](mailto:danielthompsonbridals@gmail.com)

**LEO'S  
FINE  
SUSHI**  
Palatka Buffet  
Tues: 4pm-9pm  
Wed & Thurs: 11am-9pm  
Fri: 11am-10pm • Sat: 4pm-10pm  
Sun 11am-7 pm • Mon: Closed  
1701 Reid Street, Palatka  
386-328-1953

**MASTERS FUNERAL HOME, INC.**  
CREMATORY AND PALATKA  
MEMORIAL GARDENS  
Putnam County's Most Trusted Family  
In Funeral Service  
**325-4564**

**Mabel Bernier  
Realtor®**  
**386-747-1655**  
Parishioner  
[mabel.b@frealstate4u.com](mailto:mabel.b@frealstate4u.com)  
New Construction • St. John's River  
Estates, Buffalo Bluff Rd., Satsuma

**GOD BLESS ST. MONICA  
CATHOLIC CHURCH IN  
PALATKA, FLORIDA**  
Vietnam Vet William Parker &  
Engineer Patrich Buenaventura

**Salt Springs**  
352-496-2766  
Parishioners

*St. Monica Ladies Guild*  
Meets 1st Tuesday  
of the Month - 11am  
All Christian Women Welcome

**COLDWELL BANKER**  
BEN BATES, INC.,  
REALTORS®

**J. Erin Fortner**  
Parishioner  
386-937-0054  
[erinfortner@coldwellbanker.com](mailto:erinfortner@coldwellbanker.com)

**DOES YOUR NONPROFIT  
ORGANIZATION NEED  
A NEWSLETTER?**  
Engaging,  
ad-supported  
print and digital  
newsletters to reach  
your community.  
Visit [ipicomunities.com](http://ipicomunities.com)

**IF YOU LIVE ALONE**  
**MDMedAlert!™** STARTING AT  
**At HOME and AWAY!** **\$19<sup>95</sup>** /mo.  
✓ Ambulance/Police  
✓ Family/Friends  
✓ GPS & Fall Alert  
**CALL NOW! 800.809.3570**  
A+ Rating  
[md-medalert.com](http://md-medalert.com)

**#GiveToTheMissions**  
ON GIVING TUESDAY  
**December 3rd**  
2024  
[tpms.igivecatholic.org](http://tpms.igivecatholic.org)

**LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS**  
Place Your Ad Here  
and Support Our Parish!  
**CONTACT ME  
Rob Kennedy**  
[rkennedy@4LPi.com](mailto:rkennedy@4LPi.com)  
**(804) 366-4838**

**CRG**  
CRG ARCHITECTS/PALATKA, INC.  
Parishioners

The Lord your God is with you.  
He is mighty to save. He will take  
great delight in you; He will quiet  
you with His love. He will rejoice  
over you with singing. Zeph. 3:17

**WE'RE HIRING!**  
AD SALES EXECUTIVES  
BE YOURSELF.  
BRING YOUR PASSION.  
WORK WITH PURPOSE.  
• Paid training  
• Some travel  
• Work-life balance  
• Full-Time with benefits  
• Serve your community  
  
Contact us at  
[careers@4lpi.com](mailto:careers@4lpi.com) or  
[www.4lpi.com/careers](http://www.4lpi.com/careers)