

St. Monica Catholic Church

February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



**From the
Journal of
Fr. Jared**

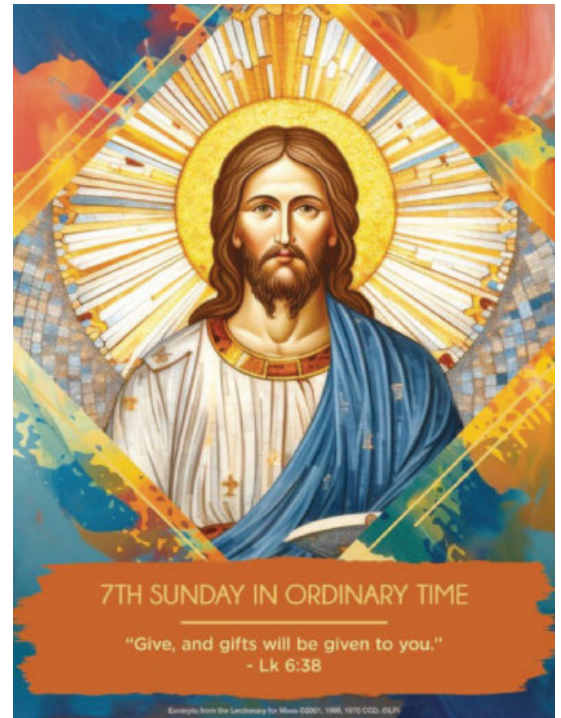
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
At the conclusion of the Preface, the Priest and People say, chant, or sing the Sanctus. The text proclaimed is as follows: “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.” The Sanctus or Holy, Holy, Holy is a form of acclamation, a loud eager expression of praise and assent.

This prayer has multiple roots in Scripture. In Isaiah 6:3, as the prophet is experiencing his vision of heaven, Isaiah observes the Seraphim/angels crying out, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory” as they worship the Lord. This, of course, corresponds well with the first portion of the prayer. In Revelation 4:8, St. John the Evangelist also sees four living creatures worshipping the Lord in his vision of heaven, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty”, which can mean Lord God of hosts. In Matthew 21:9, as Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem astride a donkey, the people of Jerusalem cry out, “Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.” This selection from Matthew is very clearly the basis for the second half of the prayer.

At the conclusion of the Sanctus, all who are able are invited to kneel using the kneelers typically built into the pews. The only other appropriate posture we should take during the Eucharistic Prayer would be to sit, not stand, if we are unable to kneel.

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



Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal

You should have received your 2025 Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal brochure with a letter from Bishop Pohlmeier and a pledge envelope. If you did not receive the brochure in the mail, additional pledge envelopes are available in the pews. Next weekend is Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal Commitment Sunday. We hope to achieve 25% participation. Please give what you can afford, no amount is too large or too small. We ask that you please consider making a pledge to the 2025 Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal. The appeal supports more than 20 ministries within the Diocese of St. Augustine. Please complete the envelope you received, mark it with your pledge, update any information that is incorrect, and place it in the collection basket or drop it by the Parish Office or mail it in the enclosed envelope. God bless you for your generosity!

Next Teen Night is This Coming Saturday, March 1st from 7-10 PM!



All teens (Grades 8-12) in our parish are invited to our next teen night this coming Saturday, March 1st! 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!



Parish Mardi Gras Celebration: Tuesday, March 4th

Please join us for a Parish Mardi Gras Celebration on Tuesday, March 4th from 6-8 PM in the Parish Hall! The menu is pre-planned. Please see Cindy Gilmore if you would like to help!

We Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Bill Mutchie



Bill Mutchie, the husband of Diane Mutchie and father of Heather and Luke Mutchie, has recently passed away. Bill attended Mass at St. Monica with his family, served on the St. Monica Jubilee Scholarship Committee, and was involved with the Boy Scouts at St. Monica. Please pray for the repose of Bill's soul and for peace and comfort for his family and friends. May Bill's soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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

If you would like to receive a tax receipt for contributions, please contact the Parish Office at 386-325-9777 and we will provide you with one.

Weekly Offering

Thank You for Your Generosity!

February 15-16, 2025

Offertory	\$5,247.81
Children's Gifts	\$38.00
Youth Ministry	\$100.00
Food Pantry	\$670.00
Building and Restoration	\$110.00

Today's Gospel has encouraging words for good stewards: "Give and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." What encouragement to give generously of the resources entrusted in our care!

Adult Confirmation—Congratulations!

On February 8th at St. Patrick's Church in Gainesville, Bishop Pohlmeier Confirmed two of our young adult parishioners—Martha McLerran and Kelly Peterson. Please keep Martha and Kelly in your prayers as they live out the graces of their Confirmation! Thank you to Karen Lee for all of her help in preparing Martha and Kelly!

Please see below for some pictures of their Confirmation, photo credit: Fran Ruchalski.



Tuesday	Feb 25	+ Trey Gilmore	Requested by: Cindy and Terry Gilmore
Wednesday	Feb 26	+ Frieda Roggli-Stettler + Hoyt Muir + Cassie Rogero	Requested by: Lori Stuhler Requested by: The Gilmore Family Requested by: Karen and Bob Lee
Thursday	Feb 27	Jennifer Smith (Birthday)	Requested by: Rita Smith
Friday	Feb 28	+ Keith Altman Myka Harris (Birthday) Elijah Smith (Birthday)	Requested by: Karen Lee Requested by: Sharon Harris Requested by: Rita Smith
Saturday 8:30 AM	Mar 1	+ Robert Beaton	Requested by: Reta Harris
Saturday 4:30 PM	Mar 1	+ Imma Sanchez-Colmenar	Requested by: Marlyn Rogers
Sunday 8:30 AM	Mar 2	Living and Deceased Parishioners	
Sunday 11:00 AM	Mar 2	Larry Beaton and Elizabeth Beaton	Requested by: Rita Lambert

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, March 1st at 4:30 PM
Ushers: Tina Wilson, Mary Shackelford
EM (Body of Christ): Joyce Fitzsimmons
EM (Precious Blood): Lina Majesky, Ruth Boyette
Lectors: Mary Crawford (1st), George Schiffbauer (2nd)
Altar Server: Shirley Delaney

Sunday, March 2nd at 8:30 AM
Ushers: Bill Black, Eddie Dubeck
EM (Body of Christ): Kevin Donnelly
EM (Precious Blood): Corrine Munn, Pam Mathes
Lectors: Stephanie Huskey (1st), Erin Fortner (2nd)
Altar Server: Jasmine and Perla Lopez-Martinez

Sunday, March 2nd at 11:00 AM
Ushers: Ellen Fitzhenry, Dr. Maria Rivera-Gaw
EM (Body of Christ): Mary Mundy
EM (Precious Blood): Megan Romer, Sandy Sharp
Lectors: Jim Doyle (1st), Chuck Romer (2nd)
Altar Server: Carley and Zoey Romer

Birthdays this Week:



Minerva Bacilio	Mary Ann Bridges	Ellen Javes
Bobby Daley	Bob Flocken	Nancy Grout
Irene Bowie	Fabran Alvarez	Shea Harris

Vocations Awareness Weekend, March 7-9

Vocation Awareness Weekend at St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami is for young men in the Diocese of St. Augustine, ages 16+, who are open to the call of priesthood. This is an opportunity for discernment while visiting the seminary and engaging with seminarians and staff to learn more about seminary life and formation.

There is no cost to attend, however registration is required.

Visit: <https://www.sjvcs.edu/vaw>

Van transportation from the Catholic Center in Jacksonville will be provided. Questions may be directed to Father Clay Ludwig, vocationdirector@dosaf1.com or call (904) 262-3200, ext. 101.



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!



ATTENTION: The Diocese of St. Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential, and thorough manner. To Report Abuse, call the police or the Department of Children and Families at (800) 962-2873. Or call the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 208-6979 or email inquiries@dosaf1.com. To report abuse by a bishop, call (800) 276-1562 or visit www.reportbishopabuse.org.



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	Buzzy Wiseman	Doug Scott	John Skalnik	Jake Whitmore	Diana & Tommy Downey
Marilynn Gauthier	William Parker	Darlene Sweat	Christine Taylor	James Nicholas	Camryn Aldridge
Greg Bodalski	Diane Kinnon	Joy Williams	Buddy Perry	Jake Hamilton	Jane Twardowski-Otton
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