

# St. Monica Catholic Church

March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent



**From the  
Journal of  
Fr. Jared**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

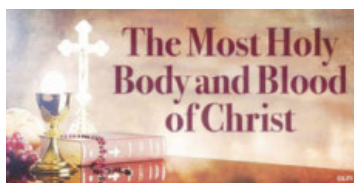
When we speak of the Institution Narrative & Consecration, we need to discuss the idea of real presence. Jesus becomes really

present in many ways during the Mass. First, He becomes present in the assembly, where two or three are gathered in His name. He is always present in His Word when it is read or proclaimed.

The Church uses the term “real presence” to point to the fact that Eucharist is not merely a symbol or a remembrance of what Jesus has done. Jesus becomes really present during the Eucharistic Prayer, and His presence remains as long as the Eucharist remains.

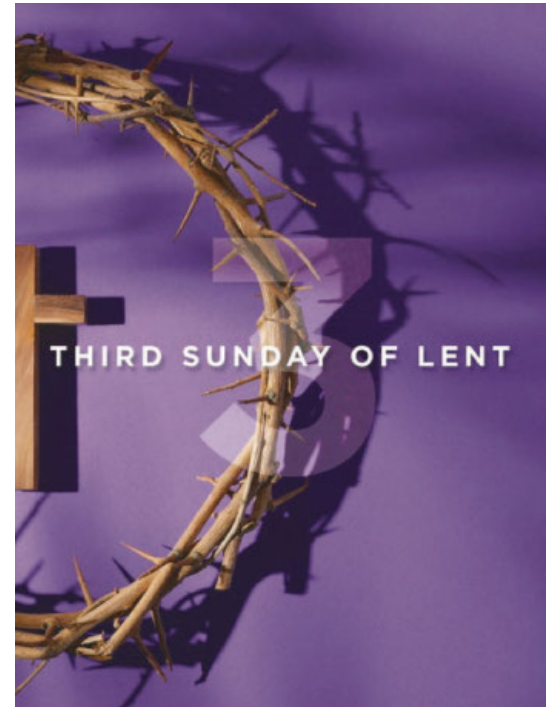
The term that is typically connected to the Eucharist is transubstantiation, meaning a change of substance. The unconsecrated host and altar wine with the words of Jesus echoed through the priest do not change the physical appearance of the Eucharist, which would be more aptly called transformation or transfiguration, a change in form. Instead, the substance/essence of the Eucharist becomes the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, while retaining the appearance of unleavened bread and altar wine.

The term “transubstantiation” is connected to St. Thomas Aquinas, but the teaching of real presence has persisted since the beginnings of the Church. The presence of Jesus remains after the change of substance. It does not return to its previous state, which is why the Precious Blood is consumed, and the Body of Jesus is kept in the Tabernacle for further adoration. While our senses cannot grasp the change, the change happens regardless. Many, who broke off from the Church, would make fun of the Church’s teaching by twisting the Latin of the priest in consecration, “HOC EST ENIM CORPUS MEUM” to hocus pocus, reducing it to a magic spell.



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

Every Friday During Lent 8:00 AM

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

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



### Stations of the Cross

On Fridays during Lent, we have Stations of the Cross in the church at 6 PM. Fr. Jared will hear Confessions each Friday during Stations beginning at 5 PM **except this Friday, March 28th** and Good Friday (April 18th). **Our youth will put on our Living Stations Shadow Play on Good Friday in the Parish Hall at 6 PM.** All are welcome!

### Lenten Penance Service: Sunday, April 6th



Our Lenten Penance Service will take place on **Sunday, April 6th at 2:00 PM in the church.** Please join us for this prayer service with individual Confessions following. This is a wonderful opportunity to repent and experience God's mercy during the Lenten Season.



### Confirmation Mass Next Sunday!

Next Sunday at the 8:30 AM Mass, Bishop Pohlmeier will be coming to St. Monica's to confirm four of our young parishioners: Kira Carr, Oscar Lopez-Martinez, Eduardo McLerran, and Maria McLerran. Please pray for our Confirmation candidates in their final week of preparation!

### Next Teen Night is Saturday, April 12th!



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



### We Pray for the Repose of the Soul of James (Buddy) Perry

Buddy Perry, the husband of Mary Jo Perry and the father of Jim Perry and Gini Perry Smith, has recently passed away. Buddy was a member of First Presbyterian Church and attended St. Monica's with Mary Jo, one of our parishioners, later in life. Buddy lived a full life devoted to God and his family. Please pray for the repose of Buddy's soul and for peace and comfort for his family and friends. May Buddy's soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

### BASA Update



Please be sure to donate to the Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal if you have not already! Our parish participation goal is 47%; so far we are at 8.61%. (This translates to a participation goal of 129 donors and so far we are at 21 donors.) We appreciate your support of this important cause!

### Weekly Offering

**Thank You for Your Generosity!**

March 15-16, 2025

Offertory	\$7,098.38
Children's Gifts	\$14.00
Eastern European Churches (2nd Coll.)	\$1,030.00
Youth Ministry	\$200.00
Food Pantry	\$175.00
Candles	\$65.01

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!



### Easter Candy Needed for Children's Easter Egg Hunt!

We are in need of Easter Candy for our Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt! Please be sure that any candy donations are individually wrapped and can fit inside a plastic Easter Egg. You can drop off any candy donations to the Parish Office by **Friday, April 11th.** Thank you so much!

### Nutritious Meals Help Children Grow Healthy in Guatemala

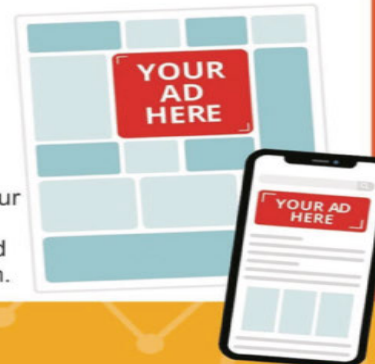


In Santa María Chiquimula, Guatemala, over half the community is affected by malnutrition. Amid rising food prices and job loss, Ana Belén and her husband were struggling to provide for their growing family. But they saw a ray of hope through their participation in a Catholic Relief Services' program that helps them ensure their children are healthy and have the nutrition they need to thrive and play. Visit [crsricebowl.org/week-3](https://crsricebowl.org/week-3) to read this week's Story of Hope.

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Tuesday	Mar 25	+ Susan Hodge and Patricia Banks Chloe Thomas (Birthday)	Requested by: Diane Hawkins and Debra Coyle Requested by: Rita Smith
Wednesday	Mar 26	+ Libby Rountree + Bill Mutchie Terry and Cindy Gilmore	Requested by: Daniel and Charlene Shepard Requested by: Harry and Carol BurrIDGE Requested by: Rita Lambert
Thursday	Mar 27	+ Hoyt Muir	Requested by: Karen and Bob Lee
Friday	Mar 28	+ Trey Gilmore + Hoyt Muir Karen Lee	Requested by: Gloria Criger Requested by: Shirley Delaney Requested by: Cris David
Saturday 4:30 PM	Mar 29	+ Hoyt Muir	Requested by: Linda Cleveland
Sunday 8:30 AM	Mar 30	Living and Deceased Parishioners	
Sunday 11:00 AM	Mar 30	+ Richard (Hoyt) Muir	Requested by: Knights of Columbus

### Next Weekend Ministry Schedule:

**Saturday, March 29th at 4:30 PM**

**Ushers:** Sharon Harris, Mary Shackelford

**EM (Body of Christ):** Cris David

**EM (Precious Blood):** Ruth Boyette, Shirley Delaney

**Lectors:** George Schiffbauer (1st), Kellie Thropp (2nd)

**Altar Server:** David Aptt

**Sunday, March 30th at 8:30 AM (Confirmation Mass)**

**Ushers:** Bill Black, Robert Farmer

**EM (Precious Blood):** Pam Mathes, Chuck Romer

**Lectors:** Corrine Munn (1st), Erin Fortner (2nd)

**Altar Server:** Corey and Connor D., Joey K., Jac C.

**Sunday, March 30th at 11:00 AM**

**Ushers:** Tina Wilson, Sammy Sharp

**EM (Body of Christ):** Nanette Rund

**EM (Precious Blood):** Mary and Joe Iovino

**Lectors:** Carol BurrIDGE (1st), Dr. Maria Rivera-Gaw (2nd)

**Altar Server:** Tom Porwoll

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### Birthdays this Week:

Dianna Johnson

Oscar Lopez-Martinez

Julie Fazio

Chuck Romer

Tracey McCreery

Bob Fitzsimmons

Andrew Huskey

Ken Freligh

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Traveling Vocations Crucifix, please call the  
Parish Office or scan the QR code to the right!





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# Fish Fry

Every Friday During Lent

March 7– April 11

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

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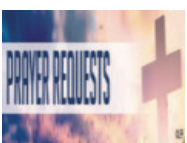
Fish Dinner	\$13.00
Fish & Shrimp Dinner	\$15.00
Shrimp Dinner	\$16.00

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Hush Puppies  
Cole Slaw  
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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	Buzzy Wiseman	Doug Scott	John Skalnik	Camryn Aldridge	Diana & Tommy Downey
Marilynn Gauthier	William Parker	Darlene Sweat	Christine Taylor	James Nicholas	Jane Twardowski-Otton
Greg Bodalski	Diane Kinnon	Joy Williams	Amy Johns	Larry Beaton	Nicole Smith and Family
Alex de Guzman	Victoria Bradshaw	Fred Lininger	Rick Carr		Brandy Delashmutt

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