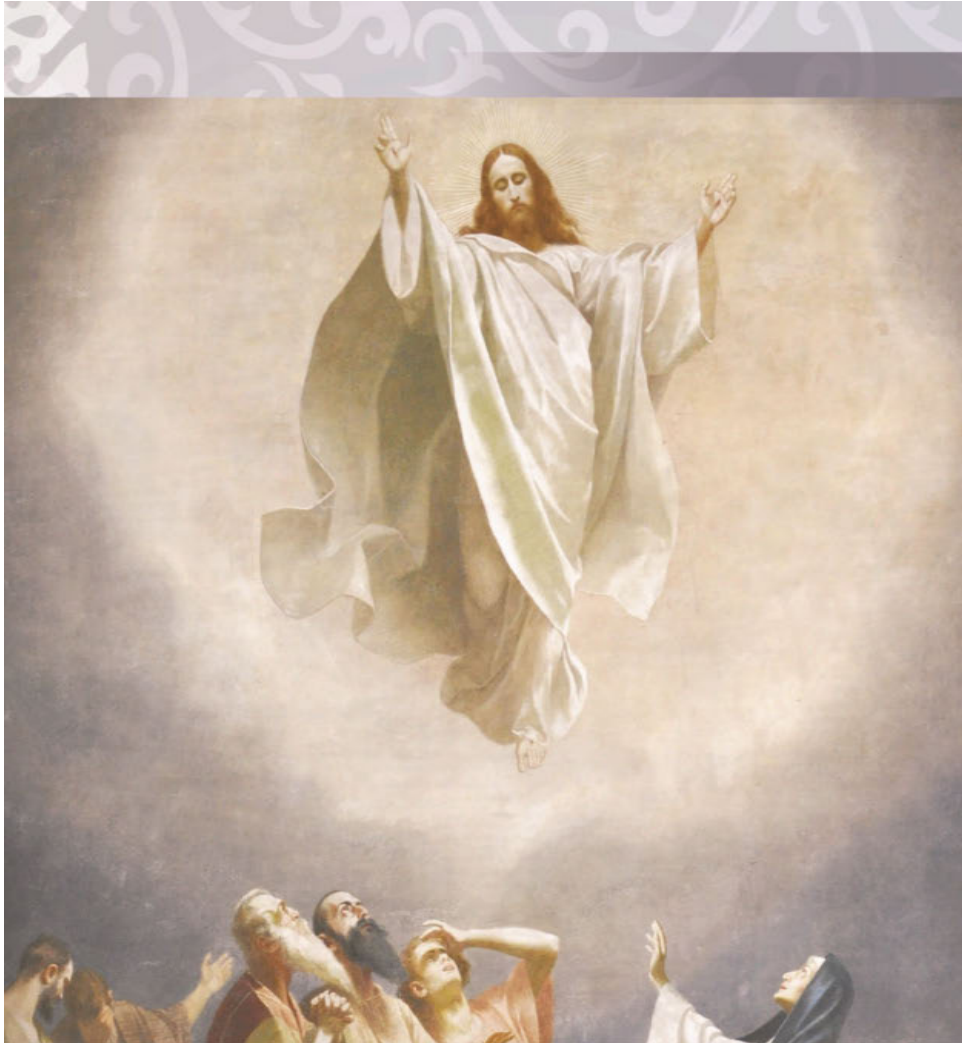


# St. Monica Catholic Church

June 1, 2025

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

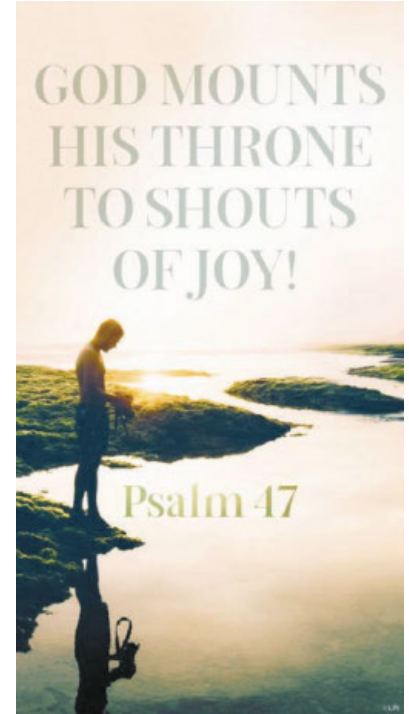


## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. - Lk 24:51

Levantando las manos, los bendijo, y mientras los bendecía, se fue apartando de ellos y elevándose al cielo. - Lc 24, 51

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### 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](http://www.stmonicacatholicchurch.com)

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

Tuesday	June 3	+ Jane Williams	Requested by: The Costello Family
Wednesday	June 4	Paola Kuehmeier (Birthday) Nancy Gorman and Children + Mylene Garcia	Requested by: Mr. and Mrs. William Satchwell Requested by: The Costello Family Requested by: Marlyn Rogers
Thursday	June 5	Ellen Reid	Requested by: Tim and Mary Reid
Friday	June 6	Ladies Guild + Normie Byrd Jr. + Johnny Gorman	Requested by: Ladies Guild Requested by: Diane Felice and Family Requested by: Mike and Nora Kerrigan
Saturday 8:30 AM	June 7	Mary Kate Linzy	Requested by: Mike and Jane White
Saturday 4:30 PM	June 7	+ Sarah Burke	Requested by: Rosa Scileppi
Sunday 8:30 AM	June 8	Living & Deceased Parishioners	
Sunday 11:00 AM	June 8	+ Bill Mutchie	Requested by: Bob and Karen Lee



### Birthdays this Week:

Fr. Jared De Leo	Helen Hoffman	Vernon Javes	Levi Nobles
Janice Pounds	June Landry	David Purcell	Savannah Nobles
Alex DeGuzman	Meghan Pipa	Paola Kuehmeier	

### Week at a Glance

#### Monday, June 2nd:

9:30 AM: Adult Faith Formation  
Video Series (Last Session) - Library  
6 PM: Boy Scouts (Parish Hall)

#### Tuesday, June 3rd:

8:00-8:25 AM: Confession  
8:30 AM: Mass  
6:00 PM: Boy Scouts (Parish Hall)

#### Wednesday, June 4th:

8:30 AM: Mass  
5:30 PM: Bible Study (Library)  
6:00 PM: Choir Rehearsal (Church)  
7:00 PM: Knights of Columbus  
Meeting (Parish Hall)

#### Thursday, June 5th:

8:00-8:25 AM: Confession  
8:30 AM: Mass  
9 AM-12 PM: Food Pantry

#### Friday, June 6th:

8:30 AM: Mass  
9:00 AM: Eucharistic Holy Hour

#### Saturday, June 7th:

8:30 AM: First Saturday Mass  
3:15-4:15 PM: Confession  
4:30 PM: Mass

#### Sunday, June 8th:

8:30 AM: Mass  
11:00 AM: Mass

### Next Weekend Ministry Schedule:

#### Saturday, June 7th at 4:30 PM

**Ushers:** Ellen Fitzhenry, Tina Wilson  
**EM (Body of Christ):** Shirley Delaney  
**EM (Precious Blood):** Ruth Boyette, Carol Burrridge  
**Lectors:** Helen Muir (1st), Mary Lawnicki (2nd)  
**Altar Server:** David Aptt

#### Sunday, June 8th at 8:30 AM

**Ushers:** Bill Black, Robert Farmer  
**EM (Body of Christ):** Kevin Donnelly  
**EM (Precious Blood):** Corrine Munn, Karen Lee  
**Lectors:** Pam Mathes (1st), Erin Fortner (2nd)  
**Altar Server:** Joey Kuehmeier, Corey Donnelly,  
Kira Carr, Jasmine and Perla Lopez-Martinez

#### Sunday, June 8th at 11:00 AM

**Ushers:** Sammy Sharp, Dr. Maria Rivera-Gaw  
**EM (Body of Christ):** Megan Romer  
**EM (Precious Blood):** Linda Cleveland, Jan Schneider  
**Lectors:** Dr. Marcia Parker (1st), Chuck Romer (2nd)  
**Altar Server:** Carley, Zoey, and James Romer



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



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	Fred Lininger	Amy Johns	Larry Beaton	Nicole Smith and Family
Alex de Guzman	Victoria Bradshaw	Anna Dang	Rick Carr	Joseph Dang	Brandy Delashmutt
Domingo Nguyen	Maria Nguyen	Mike Foster	Wayne Short		



From the  
Journal of  
Fr. Jared

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

In the Vatican's *Instruction on Certain Questions Regarding the Collaboration of the Non-Ordained Faithful in the Sacred Ministry of*

*Priests* promulgated on August 15, 1997, we read:

In eucharistic celebrations deacons and non-ordained members of the faithful may not pronounce prayers—e.g. especially the eucharistic prayer, with its concluding doxology—or any other parts of the liturgy reserved to the celebrant priest. Neither may deacons or non-ordained members of the faithful use gestures or actions which are proper to the same priest celebrant. It is a grave abuse for any member of the non-ordained faithful to “quasi preside” at the Mass while leaving only that minimal participation to the priest which is necessary to secure validity. (ICP Practical Provisions 6 §2)

What does this mean? **You are not meant to mouth the words the priest says when praying on your behalf or replicate his actions.** For example, think about how many mirror the priest in extending their hands when the priest extends his and says, “The Lord be with you.” During the Mass, the Priest typically extends his hands 28 times. This position of extended hands is known as the “orans” position or praying position. This ancient gesture of prayer is exclusively reserved to the priest when they are praying for and in the name of the people of God. **During the Our Father, the faithful are not to use the orans position, not even the deacon can use it.**

In the older tradition of the Mass, the Our Father was said exclusively by the priest on behalf of the people. Now the people join the priest in praying the Our Father, but they are invited to keep their hands folded or at their side. The extended hand position by the lay people started with the mindset that all the people of God are equal, which is true in dignity but not in role. It also became a protest in some places, like people calling the priest by their first name without their title.

I also want to address the position of holding hands during the Our Father. It is widespread in many parishes, yet the Church has never taught this. Some would argue that holding hands conveys the family style union of the Church, but our reciting or singing the prayer in unison already expresses this. It is also awkward for those who don't want an acquaintance or stranger holding their hand. This practice can drag this prayer of adoration and petition that is vertical and addressed to God to something solely human and horizontal, just about the community. The best argument for not holding hands is that the holding of hands anticipates and then duplicates the sign of peace offered a few moments later. This action of private prayer is being brought in a communal prayer in a way it is not meant to be.

Rely on Our Redeemer,

*Fr. Jared S. De Leo*



# Grow Strong in Your Faith

*With Karen Lee*



When I think of Jesus ascending into heaven, I often think of this painting that my good friend, Miss Pat, created before a stroke severely restricted her ability to move. She told me that she had been inspired by God to paint it.

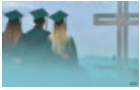
Even though her life had been dramatically changed by her stroke, her love for Jesus remained steady and sure. Over the years, as I visited her at the nursing home, I was amazed that despite her pain and limitations, she was always full of joy. She had a sign in her room next to her painting of Jesus that quoted Philippians 4:13 – “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” And with absolute faith in Him, she did.

Miss Pat was often seated in her wheelchair near the nurse’s station, where those who needed a little extra attention could be found. Even though she had great difficulty moving, she was like a guardian angel to those sitting around her. She comforted those who would cry because they missed their families. If someone was anxious or agitated, she would soothe them as if they were a child, using only her voice. When she saw someone was in trouble, she would call a nurse to get them help quickly. And she would always tell everyone about Jesus.

Time has passed since then and Miss Pat is with Jesus now. She was an inspiration to me. I hope her story somehow inspires you, too.



## St. Monica Events and Updates



### Grad Mass This Sunday, June 1st

This Sunday at the 8:30 AM Mass, we honor and have a special blessing for our graduating high school seniors. We will also have a reception following the Mass in the Parish Hall. Please keep our graduating seniors in prayer as they move on to the next chapter of their lives!

**Pointing the way to fun!**

### Don't Forget to Register for Vacation Bible School!

This year VBS will be at St. Monica's from June 16th—20th! Each day will begin with Mass at 8:30 AM, and we will end VBS at Noon.

Children ages 4-12 are welcome!

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and on the homepage of our website. If you would like to volunteer, please call or text Cheryl Carr at 386-336-2382.



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### Weekly Offering

**Due to an early bulletin deadline for the Memorial Day holiday, last weekend's offertory donations will be listed in next weekend's bulletin. Thank you for your generosity!**

Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would one day receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth – to use our time and talents to spread the good news of salvation.

### Pentecost

Pentecost is next weekend: June 7th-8th.

To inform those who are sensitive to incense, incense will be used at the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass. It will not be used at the 4:30 PM Saturday Mass or the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Fish Fry**

Friday, June 6th

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

St. Monica Parish Hall

410 Oak Street, Palatka

All proceeds benefit the St. Monica Youth Group trip to Steubenville Florida!

Fish or Shrimp Dinner **\$15.00**

**Dinners Include:**

French Fries Hush Puppies Cole Slaw  
Dessert and Drink

Dinners are pre-sold.

Please purchase your ticket after each Weekend Mass prior to the event.  
Tickets will not be available at the door.

**Eat In or Take Out**



### Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet

Would you like to give your dad or a special man in your life the gift of prayer for Father's Day, whether he is still living or has passed on? In observance of Father's Day, the Respect Life Team is offering spiritual bouquets where fathers and spiritual fathers will be remembered in the Father's Day Masses offered in our church. If you are interested in giving this gift, the Respect Life Team will be offering Mass cards and the opportunity to have your dad and/or spiritual father's name placed by the altar on Father's Day weekend.

We ask for a donation of \$5, which will support St. Monica's Respect Life Ministry. **To sign up and receive a Mass card, please see one of the Respect Life representatives outside the church after any of the Masses this weekend (May 31st-June 1st) or next weekend (June 7th-8th).**



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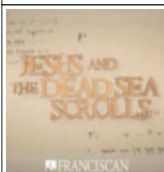
### Do You Have an Artificial Christmas Tree That You Would Like to Donate or Let Us Borrow for VBS?

In order to make our theme of True North come to life, our VBS leaders are in need of artificial Christmas trees to place around the Parish Hall. If you have an artificial Christmas tree that you would like to either donate or let us borrow for VBS, you can bring it to the Parish Hall between 9 AM and 2 PM, Monday-Friday and give it to Rick Carr. Please let him know if you are donating it or letting us borrow it. If you are letting us borrow your tree, we will be sure to label it with a tag so you get the same one back! If you are unable to drop off your tree during that time, please call the Parish Office at 386-325-9777 to arrange a time to drop it off. Thank you!

### Non-Perishable Food Drive This Weekend for Palatka Catholic Charities



**This weekend** we have a non-perishable food drive for Catholic Charities in Palatka. This is a wonderful way to help those in need in our community who may not be able to come to our Food Pantry or are in need of additional assistance. Please bring one or more non-perishable food items to Mass with you this weekend and place them in the bin at the ramp or 4th Street entrance. **Any non-perishable food items will be greatly appreciated. Here are some examples of what Catholic Charities is looking for: Instant Mashed Potatoes, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruit and Vegetables, Canned Meat, Ready to Eat Meals.** Thank you for your support!



### Adult Faith Formation Opportunity: Last Meeting This Monday!

Begin forming a deeper connection to the roots of your faith. St. James the Lesser Small Christian Community invites you to view this new series from Franciscan University about the Dead Sea Scrolls. Father Dave Pivonka and Dr. John Bergsma explore how these discoveries reveal deeper truths about Jesus, the Sacraments, and the Early Church.

**We meet in the Parish Library at 9:30 AM on Mondays. Our last meeting will be this Monday, June 2nd.**

## Around the Diocese



### Upcoming Jubilee Year Events

**June 7 – Jubilee of Sports:** See next page!

**June 28 – Jubilee of Young Adults:** 12:30–6 PM, San Juan del Rio Catholic Church Auditorium, 1718 State Road 13, St. Johns. Young adults are invited to a day of reflection, dialogue and prayer on navigating life as modern pilgrims of hope. Includes lunch, keynote, small group faith sharing, Reconciliation, Adoration, Mass, and fellowship. Contact Monina Mulleague at [monina@sjdrparish.org](mailto:monina@sjdrparish.org) or 904-484-5845 for more info.

### Courage Ministry Day of Reflection



Courage Ministry is a nationwide Catholic apostolate for men and women who experience same-sex attractions and those who love them. All are invited to join Bishop Emeritus Felipe Estévez and Fr. Ed Murphy, director of the local Courage Ministry, for a day of reflection at Assumption Church, 2403 Atlantic Blvd, Jacksonville, beginning with Mass at 9:30 AM. The event will end at 2 PM. For more information, contact Matthew Schmidt at [mschmidt@assumptioncatholicchurch.org](mailto:mschmidt@assumptioncatholicchurch.org).



### Retrouvaille Couple's Retreat

**PARTNERS, NOT OPPONENTS:  
SOLVING CHALLENGES TOGETHER**

Are you and your spouse fighting each other instead fighting your problems together? The Rediscovery Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat teaches couples how to transform conflict into opportunities for growth and connection. Learn practical skills to address issues as a team rather than as adversaries. This program helps you identify root causes of tension and work collaboratively toward solutions. Join us June 13-15 at Marywood Retreat Center to discover how to stand united against problems instead of divided against each other. Registration deposit is \$450 and includes accommodations Friday and Saturday night and meals for the weekend. Register at [marriagelifeline.org](http://marriagelifeline.org) or call 866-470-2243. Your marriage deserves this investment.

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# JUBILEE OF SPORTS

## *A Celebration of Fellowship and Community*



**Saturday, June 7 | 6:35 p.m.**

**VyStar Ballpark** 301 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32202

### 3 TICKET OPTIONS:

#### **SkyDeck Tickets (limited availability)**

- All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Style Picnic\*
- Picnic Buffet Includes: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, BBQ Chicken, Loaded Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Fresh Fruit Salad, Brownies, Cookies, Soda and Water
- Access 1-hour prior to game start and watch the game in a reserved area of the ballpark.
- Guest speaker and prayer service led by Very Rev. Jason Trull, V.G., V.F.

#### **Shrimp Net Tickets**

- All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Style Picnic\*
- Picnic Buffet Includes: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Chips, Cookies, Soda and Water

**Section 114 Tickets** • Reserved seating for the Diocese of St. Augustine

### ALSO INCLUDED:

- » Most Rev. Erik T. Pohlmeier will greet attendees
- » Jubilee SWAG and resources will be distributed
- » Fireworks display after the game

Link to Purchase Tickets:

[fevo-enterprise.com/group/Diocesest4](https://fevo-enterprise.com/group/Diocesest4)



**Join us at the ballpark on Saturday, June 7 for a Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp baseball game.**

This event is a wonderful opportunity to come together in the spirit of fellowship and enjoy the unifying power of sports. Pope Francis often highlighted the profound impact of sports on society. He emphasized that sports serve as a means of encounter and fraternity, fostering unity, respect and joy within the community.

Coordinating this event is the Diocesan Office of Communications.  
For more details, email Kimberly Whiting at [kwhiting@dosafl.com](mailto:kwhiting@dosafl.com) or call (904) 262-3200, ext. 115.



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