

St. Monica Catholic Church

June 22, 2025

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



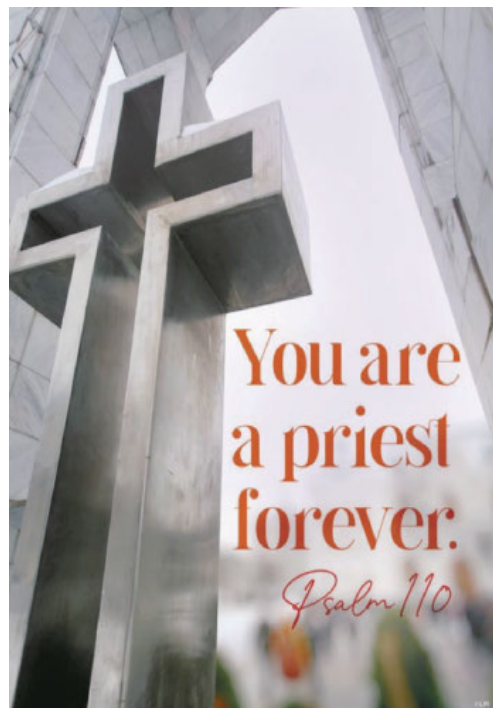
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

They all ate and were satisfied. - Lk 9:16

EL CUERPO Y LA SANGRE DE CRISTO

Comieron todos y se saciaron. - Lc 9, 16

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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

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

Tuesday	June 24	+ Hoyt Muir	Requested by: The Knights of Columbus
Wednesday	June 25	+ Gary Nilsson + Jane Crouch + R Q Shepard	Requested by: Karen Lee Requested by: Daniel and Charlene Shepard Requested by: Daniel and Charlene Shepard
Thursday	June 26	Marty and Gertrude McCann	Requested by: Chris and Christine Faustini
Friday	June 27	Fr. Amar (Health and Well-Being) + Grace Byrd + Frank Comer	Requested by: Rita Lambert Requested by: Diane Felice Requested by: Karen Lee
Saturday 4:30 PM	June 28	+ Donna Schaeffer	Req. by: Fr. Rick Schaeffer and Barbara & Art Ferrett
Sunday 8:30 AM	June 29	Living and Deceased Parishioners	
Sunday 11:00 AM	June 29	+ Bill Mutchie	Requested by: Cris David



Birthdays this Week:

Loretta Ray	Luke Whitehead	Caitlynn Grimes	Branden Pipa
Ann Downey	Colton Schneipp	Julianni Acosta	Nolan Huskey

Week at a Glance

Tuesday, June 24th: 8:00-8:25 AM: Confession 8:30 AM: Mass 6:30 PM: St. Thomas More Men's Group for Working Dads (Library)	Friday, June 27th: 8:30 AM: Mass 9:00 AM: Eucharistic Holy Hour Saturday, June 28th: 3:15-4:15 PM: Confession 4:30 PM: Mass Sunday, June 29th: 8:30 AM: Mass 11:00 AM: Mass
Wednesday, June 25th: 8:30 AM: Mass 6:00 PM: Choir Rehearsal (Church)	
Thursday, June 26th: 8:00-8:25 AM: Confession 8:30 AM: Mass 9 AM-12 PM: Food Pantry (Hall)	

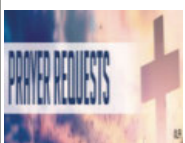
Next Weekend Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, June 28th at 4:30 PM Ushers: Mary Shackleford, George Schiffbauer EM (Body of Christ): Nanette Rund EM (Precious Blood): Ruth Boyette, Cathy Maus Lectors: Ken Freligh (1st), Carol Burridge (2nd) Altar Server: Shirley Delaney
Sunday, June 29th at 8:30 AM Ushers: Bill Black, Zethan Farmer EM (Body of Christ): Karen Lee EM (Precious Blood): Corrine Munn, Pam Mathes Lectors: Stephanie Huskey (1st), Lynne Gray (2nd) Altar Server: Mallory Bock, Nolan Huskey
Sunday, June 29th at 11:00 AM Ushers: Terry Gilmore, Sammy Sharp EM (Body of Christ): Sandy Sharp EM (Precious Blood): Jan Schneider, Linda Cleveland Lectors: Dr. Marcia Parker (1st), Laura Hall (2nd) Altar Server: Walt Egan



**If you would like to sign up for the
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QR code to the left!**

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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	James Nicholas	Diana & Tommy Downey
Marilynn Gauthier	William Parker	Darlene Sweat	Christine Taylor	Larry Beaton	Jane Twardowski-Otton
Greg Bodalski	Diane Kinnon	Fred Lininger	Mike Foster	Wayne Short	Alex de Guzman
Cheryl Flockra					



From the
Journal of
Fr. Jared

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

As we go up to receive communion, we are reminded that Jesus is the Bridegroom and we are the Bride, processing up to meet Him. When we approach the minister of communion, all are expected to make a gesture of reverence; a body bow is typically recommended if you are stable on your feet. After the minister says either, “The Body of Christ” or “The Blood of Christ”, the person receiving communion says, “Amen” clearly and audibly unless they are mute. The response is never, “Thank you” or another expression.

There are two acceptable ways to receive Jesus: 1. in your ***overlapping*** hands, making a flat throne for Jesus (your hands should look like a crossed x) or 2. in your mouth, ***tongue fully extended and mouth as open as possible***. If you receive in your hands, then they should be stationary; your hands also should not be side by side, this allows for the Eucharist to drop to the floor. **If you only have one hand available, whether because of a cane or baby, then the preference would be for you to receive on the tongue.** If you receive communion on the tongue, then the minister should be able to place Jesus on your tongue without their fingers touching the sides of your mouth. If you receive in the hand, then your hands should overlap, not just a hand underneath your wrist, as I have seen.



Preferably, you should consume the Eucharist without delay. Under no circumstances should you take the consecrated host and dunk it in the Precious Blood. This action called intinction is typically reserved for priests under special circumstances and part of rituals connected to non-Latin Rite churches. It is not the norm in most of the United States. I would also invite you to refrain from having anything in your hands, if you are going to receive in your hands.

If a child does not seem old enough to receive communion, then they or their accompanying family members could be asked if they have received their first holy communion. If a person comes up not knowing how to receive, then in my experience, typically they are not Catholic, and they will be given a blessing. (If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, then come up with your arms folded across your chest. The prayer of blessing will typically be said silently.)

Lastly, many do the Sign of the Cross after receiving communion; this is a family practice that has crept into Mass and not taught in the Universal Church. **I would discourage it for three reasons: 1. Why are we calling upon the Trinity as we are receiving the Son? 2. Particles from our fingers could fall on the floor, and 3. We are adding something the Church hasn't asked us to do. We do not just do things in liturgy because they are nice.**

Rely on Our Redeemer,

Fr. Jared S. De Leo

Grow Strong in Your Faith

With Carley Romer

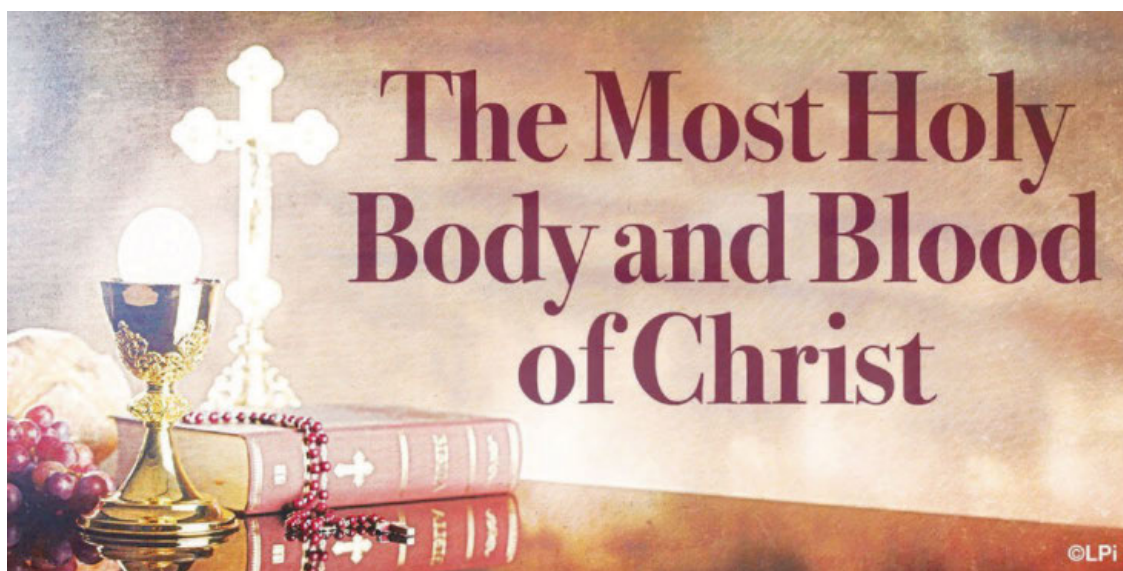
Dear Parishioners of Saint Monica's Parish,

Happy Corpus Christi! Today is such a beautiful day. It's a day to remind us of our love of Jesus in the Eucharist and renew our belief in the True Presence. This past week, several of the children in our parish were able to attend Vacation Bible School, where they learned more about their faith while exploring the Alaskan forests. On Tuesday, they learned about the True Presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. Let us take time today to renew and strengthen our belief in the True Presence, just as our little children did this week.

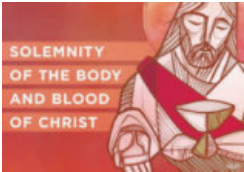
This Sunday, some members of our choir will be singing a sequence before the Gospel. The verses were written by Saint Thomas Aquinas, one of the greatest minds the Church ever had. He was a genius who wrote many amazing books about our faith. Yet, it is his love of Christ in the Eucharist that constantly inspires me. His love for the Eucharist was so great. It is said that he used to come and lay his head against the tabernacle, putting everything he wrote in God's hands. He also composed the *Tantum Ergo* and *O Salutaris Hostia* we sing in Adoration. We must all strive to have his childlike love of Jesus in the Eucharist. As you receive Communion today or the next time you go, talk to Jesus while He is physically with you. The time right after I receive Jesus is my favorite part of the day. I feel His peace surround me like a big hug, and I don't ever want it to go. Let Jesus come into your heart today, and make His home there. I hope you have a blessed week!

With Peace,

Carley



St. Monica Events and Updates



Corpus Christi

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi will be this weekend: June 21st-22nd. Immediately following the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass, we will have a Eucharistic Procession around our church grounds. All are welcome!

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

St. Thomas More Men's Group for Working Dads This Tuesday Evening

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month

6:30 PM in the Parish Library

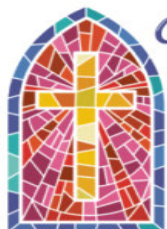
A Night of Fellowship

First Official Meeting is This Tuesday, June 24th



Please Pray for Our Group Attending the Steubenville Florida Youth Conference Next Weekend!

Next weekend (June 27th-29th), 13 teens from St. Monica, 2 teens from Our Lady of Good Counsel, 6 adult chaperones, and Fr. Jared will be attending the Steubenville Florida Youth Conference in Orlando. Please pray for them, that they will be open to receiving all the graces that the Lord has to offer them at the Conference.



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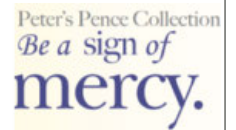
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June 14-15, 2025

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Candles	\$72.00

In today's Gospel, the disciples suggest that Jesus disperse the crowd so that they might individually seek food and lodging. The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand is Jesus' powerful reminder that when we share our gifts in His name, there is always more than enough!

Second Collection for Peter's Pence This Weekend: June 21st-22nd



This weekend is the Peter's Pence

Second Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo to be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous!

Adult Confirmation—Congratulations!

On Sunday, June 8th at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine, Brian Dolan, one of our parishioners, received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Pohlmeier. Please keep Brian in your prayers, that he will always boldly live out the graces of his Confirmation.



Photo Credit: Fran Ruchalski

Around the Diocese

Marian Celebration

Please join us as we honor Our Lady of Medjugorje,
Queen of Peace
June 25th, 2025
Our Lady Queen of Peace – Gainesville, Florida



- 4:00 PM Adoration and Confessions
- 4:30 PM Rosary with the Cenacolo Community
- 5:45 PM Benediction
- 6:00 PM Holy Mass with Fr. Al Esposito as Celebrant
- 7:00 PM Guest Speaker: Barbara Lorenzo,
Author of My Mission to Medjugorje
Reception to follow



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or text "Food" to 304-304

Exploring the Documents of Vatican II – Part 3 Monday, July 7th at 6:30 PM at the Shrine

Join us for the third part of this speaker series. The 16 documents of Vatican II are over 50 years old, but their impact reverberates in the Catholic Church just as loudly today. During this Jubilee Year of Hope, there is a call to revisit these important Church teachings and reflect on them more fully as we celebrate this year.

This series is being provided by the Office of Christian Formation and will be held at the Pilgrim Center of the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche.

For more information, visit: <https://dosaf1.com/event/exploring-the-documents-of-vatican-ii-3/> or scan the QR code!



Upcoming Jubilee Year Events

Saturday, 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 or 904-484-5845 for more info.

Friday, July 25 - Feast of St. James Celebration:
12 to 9 PM, National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, Castillo de San Marcos, Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine. Celebrate St. James with us! The event begins with the veneration of the St. James statue and the St. James Fair at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche. Join us for a procession of the statue through the streets of St. Augustine, followed by a Mass and reception at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine. For details, visit: <https://dosaf1.com/event/feast-of-st-james>

“Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.” - Romans 12:12



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Grace and Recovery Foundation – One Day Event

Many families have been impacted by addiction, abuse, neglect, abandonment, or violence. Join us next Saturday, June 28th at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche in St. Augustine for a Day of Healing from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. We look forward to hearing from our guest speaker, Father Martin Ibeh, a new healing workshop, meals, witness talks, prayer, and meditation time. Space is limited. For more information and to register, visit: <https://graceandrecovery.org> or contact Stacy Bogle at stacy@graceandrecovery.org



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JUNE 28TH

AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA LECHE

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