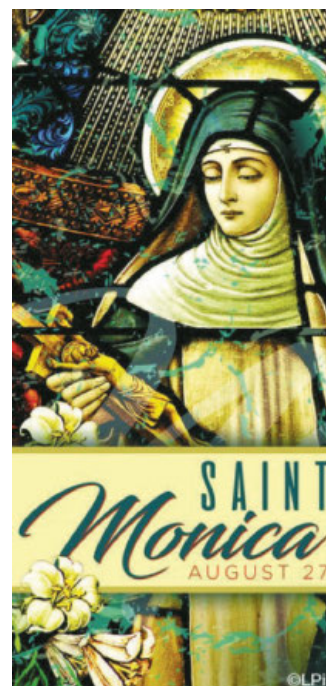
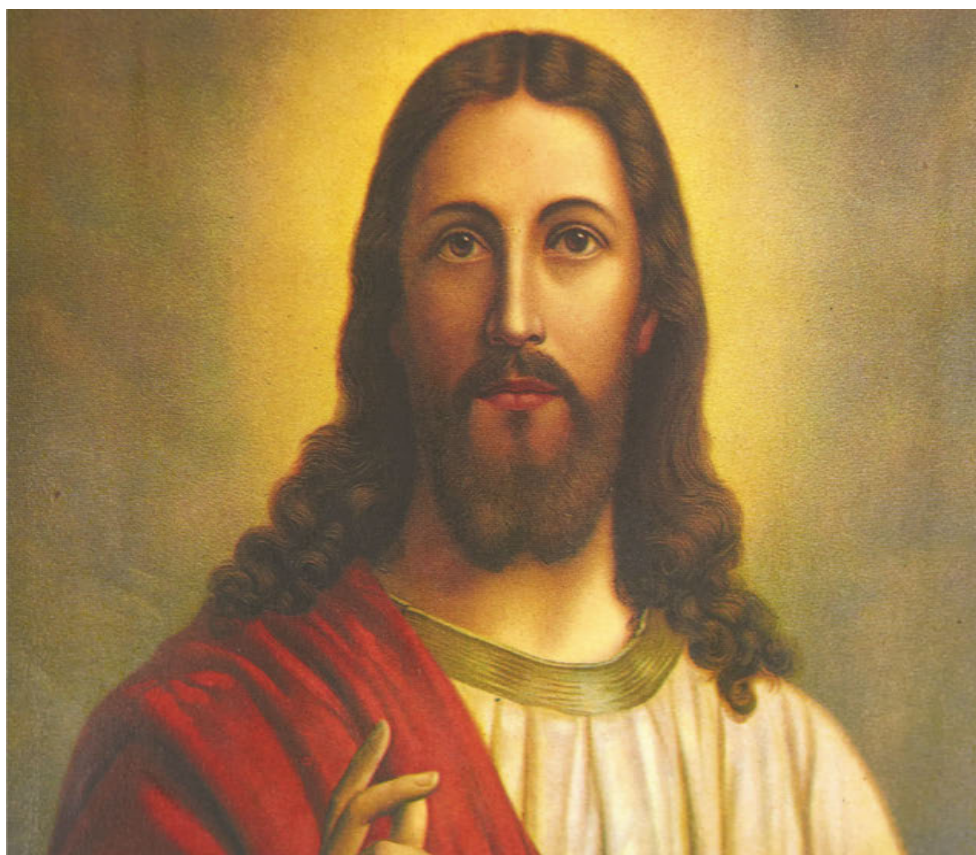


St. Monica Catholic Church

August 24, 2025

Celebrating the Feast of St. Monica & 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 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 Adoration

First Fridays 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Other Fridays 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary

First Friday of the Month 8:00 AM

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:29-30

"Vendrán muchos del oriente y del poniente, del norte y del sur, y participarán en el banquete del Reino de Dios. Pues los que ahora son los últimos, serán los primeros; y los que ahora son los primeros, serán los últimos". - Lc 13, 29-30

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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	Aug 26	+ Jackie Smith	Requested by: Jon Davil
Wednesday	Aug 27	Shirley Delaney + Helen Klemash (Mary Iovino's sister) + Patricia Adams	Requested by: Bob & Joyce Fitzsimmons Requested by: Sammy & Sandy Sharp Requested by: Karen Lee
Thursday	Aug 28	+ Jim and Jeanette Dickerson	Req. by: Mary Ann Bridges, Robert Farmer, & Family
Friday	Aug 29	+ Helen Klemash + John Carr Bob & Karen Lee (50th Anniversary)	Requested by: Ladies Guild Requested by: Diane Felice Requested by: Rita Lambert
Saturday 4:30 PM	Aug 30	+ Jim Dickerson	Req. by: Mary Ann Bridges, Robert Farmer, & Family
Sunday 8:00 AM	Aug 31	Living and Deceased Parishioners	
Sunday 11:00 AM	Aug 31	+ Alexander Hardie	Requested by: Nick & Natalie Winiewicz

Birthdays this Week:



Richard Brusseau	Elizabeth Laibl	Stephanie Huskey	Timothy Pybas
Mary Ann Belcher	Jim McMillan	Linus Wiesner	Julie Pybas
John Harward	Carl Richter	Rosa Scileppi	Jose Perez

Week at a Glance

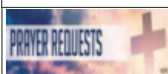
Tuesday, August 26th: 8:00-8:25 AM: Confession 8:30 AM: Mass 6:30 PM: 4th Degree Knights Meeting (Parish Hall)	Friday, August 29th: 8:30 AM: Mass 9:00-11:00 AM: Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday, August 27th: 8:30 AM: Mass 5:30 PM: Bible Study (Library) 6:00 PM: Choir Rehearsal (Church)	Saturday, August 30th: 3:15-4:15 PM: Confession 4:30 PM: Mass
Thursday, August 28th: 8:00-8:25 AM: Confession 8:30 AM: Mass 9 AM-12 PM: Food Pantry (Hall)	Sunday, August 31st: 8:00 AM: Mass 9:20-10:20 AM: CCF and Youth Ministry (Parish Hall) 9:30 AM: OCIA (Office) 11:00 AM: Mass

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, August 30th at 4:30 PM Ushers: Tina Wilson, Kellie Thropp EM (Body of Christ): Cris David EM (Precious Blood): Joyce Fitzsimmons, Sharon Harris Lectors: Ken Freligh (1st), George Schiffbauer (2nd) Altar Server: Shirley Delaney
Sunday, August 31st at 8:00 AM Ushers: Bradlie Mulvey, Kevin Donnelly EM (Body of Christ): Jac Carr EM (Precious Blood): Cheryl Carr, Mary Mundy Lectors: Ansley Hall (1st), Karen Lee (2nd) Altar Server: Nolan Huskey, Corey Donnelly
Sunday, August 31st at 11:00 AM Ushers: Bill Black, Sammy Sharp EM (Body of Christ): Joe Iovino EM (Precious Blood): Mary Iovino, Ted Bianculli Lectors: Megan Romer (1st), Charlene Shepard (2nd) Altar Server: Carley, Zoey, and James Romer

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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!



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-Otten
Greg Bodalski	Diane Kinnon	Fred Lininger	Mike Foster	Wayne Short	Alex de Guzman
Cheryl Flockra	Harry Burrige	Carlos Azula	Brenda Snyder	Tom Porwoll	Marek Maciaga, Family & Friends



From the
Journal of
Fr. Jared

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

This year, we commemorate a monumental milestone in the life of the Church: the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea, convoked by Emperor Constantine in the city of Nicaea, which is now Iznik, Turkey. This extraordinary gathering was a defining moment in all of Christian history, as bishops from across the Roman Empire assembled to affirm the foundational truths of our faith.

The Council of Nicaea was convened in reaction to growing theological disputes, particularly the nature of Christ. At the heart of the controversy was the teaching of Arius, who claimed that Jesus Christ was not fully divine. In defense of the apostolic faith, the council declared that the Son is “of the same substance” (*homoousios*) with the Father—fully God and fully man.

Out of this profound theological clarity came the original form of what we now call the Nicene Creed. This profession of faith has been recited by Christians across the centuries and around the globe, uniting us in the essential beliefs of the Gospel. When we proclaim the Nicene Creed at Mass or in prayer, we echo the voices of those early Church Fathers who courageously stood for the truth of Christ’s divinity.

As we reflect on 1700 years since Nicaea, we are reminded that the truths of our faith are not only historical, but living and active. The Creed is not a relic of the past—it is a living testimony to the Triune God we worship and serve. It continues to shape our understanding, anchor our beliefs, and unite us across cultures and centuries.

In recognition of all that this prayer means to us and its essential nature in the Mass, I will be offering my next adult education class, titled *Navigating the Nicene Creed*. It will be offered on Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m. in light of my responsibilities at St. John the Evangelist and on Thursdays at 6:45 p.m.

The schedule will be as follows:

	<i>Morning Sessions</i> (Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.)	<i>Evening Sessions</i> (Thursdays at 6:45 p.m.)
<i>Week 1</i>	September 2	September 4
<i>Week 2</i>	September 9	September 11
<i>Week 3</i>	September 16	September 18
<i>Week 4</i>	September 23	September 25
<i>Week 5</i>	September 30	October 2

Rely on Our Redeemer,

Fr. Jared S. De Leo

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“Only God knows the good that can come about by reading one good Catholic book.”

- St. John Bosco



If we care about what we feed our bodies, shouldn't we also care about what we feed our souls? One thing that we can do to give our souls a boost is spiritual reading. Maybe we should turn off our TVs for a while, set down our phones, and put our video games on pause. After all, heaven is on our horizon. Shouldn't we be spending more time getting to know our God better?

So, what if reading isn't your thing? Why not try reading just a little bit every day? Try The Word Among Us that is available monthly for free at the entrances of our church. Or you can subscribe without charge to daily online email devotions that arrive promptly in your inbox each morning. They give you a short daily scripture reading and an inspiring reflection. Fifteen minutes max! Just search the Dynamic Catholic or the Morning Offering websites to sign up. If you find yourself wanting more, try to find a spiritual book that interests you and commit to reading a chapter a day. Keep a highlighter or a pencil nearby to mark things that you might want to go back to later.

And for those of you who love to read books, try reading one spiritual book for every romance, murder mystery, or non-fiction book you read. Or read both if you like! We have a sampling of books in the Parish Book Nook at the entrance of our church that change each week or so. You are welcome to take one at any time. No need to sign them out. You can keep them as long as needed and then return them when you are done. If you don't see anything there that appeals to you, you can also browse our entire library in the church hall. There is something there for everyone. The library is open during coffee and donuts time on Sundays until CCF classes begin and during office hours on weekdays. (If you have spiritual books of your own at home that you would like to donate and share with others, they will be appreciated.)

Before you know it, you'll find that the more you read about God, the more you will want to know!



St. Monica Events and Updates



We Welcome Bishop Pohlmeier This Saturday!

This Saturday, August 23rd at 4:30 PM, Bishop Pohlmeier will preside at Mass as we celebrate the Feast of St. Monica. We will have a light reception following the Mass in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

Catholic but not Confirmed?



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Adult Confirmation classes
starting soon! Call or text
Karen Lee: (386) 972-0316

Ladies Guild Meeting

The first meeting for the Ladies Guild 2025 - 2026 season is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 11 AM**. Although the Guild typically meets the first Tuesday of the month, we have moved it to the second Tuesday (only for September), due to its proximity to Labor Day weekend.



Weekly Offering

Thank You for Your Generosity!

August 15-17, 2025

Weekend Offertory	\$5,570.56
Children's Gifts	\$9.00
Solemnity of the Assumption (August 15th)	\$1,336.00
Mission Appeal	\$500.00
Building and Restoration	\$225.00
Food Pantry	\$85.00

This weekend's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself - my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God - is as important as the monetary gift I offer.



4th Degree Knights Meeting This Tuesday

Our next 4th Degree Knights meeting will be at St. Monica's this Tuesday, August 26th. We will have dinner at 6:30 PM with installation of assembly officers to follow, officiated by state officers.

Volunteer Opportunity at Haven Hospice



Haven Hospice is in need of volunteers! A representative from Haven Hospice will be in the Hall next Sunday, August 31st after the 8:00 AM Mass. Please visit the booth to find out how you can help!

Around the Diocese



Diocesan Planning Study – Don't Miss Your Chance to Be Heard!

Only two Listening Sessions remain for the diocesan planning study. Your feedback will help determine whether the diocese moves forward with a potential capital campaign. Please join us at one of these final gatherings:

- Tuesday, August 26, 6:30–8 p.m., Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ponte Vedra
- Wednesday, August 27, 6:30–8 p.m., San Juan del Rio, St. Johns

If you can't attend, you can still learn more about the potential campaign and share your input by completing the online survey. Visit <https://steiergroup.com/survey> or scan the QR code to the right. Select Diocese of St. Augustine to read the fact sheet, then click "Take the Survey" (below Bishop Pohlmeier's photo) to offer your thoughts.



26th Annual Augustinian Address: This Thursday, August 28th

In honor of the Feast of St. Augustine, our patron, Bishop Pohlmeier will lead Solemn Vespers at 6 PM, followed by an address with Augustinian Father Alvin Paligutan at the Cathedral Basilica, 38 Cathedral Place, St. Augustine. A reception will follow in the rectory courtyard.

Around the Diocese



Catholics in Recovery: Thursday, September 4th from 6 to 8 PM at Assumption Catholic Church

Catholics in Recovery is a group of men and women who are recovering or who have a desire to recover from alcohol or drug addiction. This group meets every first Thursday of the month at Assumption Catholic Church in Jacksonville with Mass starting at 6 PM, followed by a potluck dinner, fellowship, and a speaker in Kohl's Hall—Rosary and Reconciliation before Mass. For more information, contact Paul W. at prwit904@gmail.com

Upcoming Jubilee Year Events:

September 13th – Jubilee of Consolation: A Night of Remembrance and Peace



All are invited to a special evening of healing and prayer on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 4 to 6:30 PM at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios, 101 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine. This Jubilee event offers a sacred space to bring your grief, hope and longing before God. It is especially meaningful for those who are experiencing pain or affliction due to bereavement. The evening includes Mass celebrated by Father Edward Rooney, opportunities for personal prayer, and conversations with consolation ministers, spiritual directors, and Catholic therapists. Attendees may honor loved ones by adding their names to a remembrance poster and placing a small cross in their memory. No registration is needed. Candles will be available for \$6.00 in the gift shop starting at 3:15 PM. For more info, email Regina Quiñones at rquinones.redbirdministries@gmail.com or call (904) 910-7221.

Saturday, September 20th: Jubilee of Justice 10 AM to 6 PM, St. Catherine of Siena, Orange Park

Join us for a day of learning and reflection on the meaning of “justice” in the Catholic Church and how we can exercise justice in our everyday lives as it relates to our family community and the world. Learn how justice is an integral part of the Jubilee Year of Hope. Breakout sessions on immigration and refugees, migrant workers, care of creation, and the death penalty provide opportunities for learning, reflection, and discussion. Lunch will be served. The program ends with a justice-themed Mass at 5 PM. Please bring a reusable water bottle and coffee mug. For more details, contact Anita Hassell at (904) 899-5500 or email ahassell@ccb dosa.org

460th Founder's Day: Saturday, Sept 6th



Celebrate 460 years of the Catholic Faith at Mission Nombre de Dios, 101 San Marco Ave. in St. Augustine, site of the first Catholic Mass of Thanksgiving and the founding of what would become the oldest continuously occupied European settlement in the U.S. – St. Augustine. Fun for the family begins at 10 AM with a landing and reenactment by Historic Florida Militia, an outdoor Mass following with Bishop Pohlmeier as the celebrant, a procession, and historical demonstrations. Free admission and parking at Mission Nombre de Dios; regular rates apply at the Fountain of Youth. For more information, call (904) 824-2809.



7th Annual Diocesan Blessing of Homeschool Families: September 15th

The 7th Annual Homeschool Family Mass and Reception will be held on **Monday, Sept 15th at Holy Family Parish on Baymeadows Rd in Jacksonville**. We will have 5:45 PM Mass with Bishop Pohlmeier and a 6:45 PM Reception in the parish hall with food and entertainment.

All families who homeschool are welcome to attend, but **an RSVP is necessary for planning**. Visit: <https://form.jotform.com/251884222579163> or scan the QR code to register!



Healing the Pain of Abortion

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat is a beautiful opportunity for any man or woman who is struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion or miscarriage in their life. Come and receive peace, forgiveness of self and others, and the compassion of God. These retreats are private, strictly confidential, and for people of all faiths. **Our next English retreat will be September 26-28, 2025.** For more info, call 904-221-3232 or email rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com. All calls and inquiries are very confidential. Come and be restored!

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