

# THE PARISH of ST. MONICA

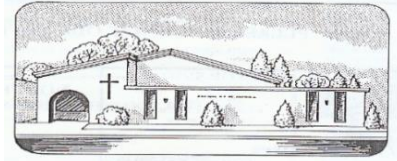
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## PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

**Fr. Duolomane (Joe) Okamba** - Pastor  
**Rev. Peter Chalykoff** - Permanent Deacon



## OFFICE HOURS

Please Contact the Office  
705-856-2032

April 20 - 21, 2024  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE** - Saturday 7:00 PM (English) Sunday 9:00 AM (Bilingual)

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE** - See Back for Mass schedule this week.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** - The sacrament is available before weekday Masses or upon request.

**NEW PARISHIONERS** - We welcome you and invite you pick up a registration form in the front entrance. Please contact the parish office for envelopes or general inquires. Welcome to St Monica's.

**INFANT BAPTISM** - Baptisms are scheduled regularly. Baptism preparation course is required. Please contact the parish office 705-856-2032 for further information.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** - Couples must register at least six months prior to their wedding request date. Registration forms are available from the Pastor following any weekend celebration of the Eucharist.

## **HOLY COMMUNION & SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

These are offered to those housebound or hospitalized. Please contact the parish office.

## **PRAYER LINE**

Please contact Andy/Sharon Stevens 705-856-2884 if you would like prayer support and/or your name added to the prayer line in the Bulletin. If you are calling on behalf of someone else, please confirm that the individual permits to having their name added to the Bulletin.

## **OUTREACH MINISTRY**

If you are aware of a parishioner or individual who is ill or has suffered the death of a loved one, contact Andy/Sharon Stevens 705-856-2884.

A card of prayer and support is sent on behalf of the Parish.

## **Mass Readings: April 20 - 21, 2024**

Entrance Antiphon	Cf. Psalm 32.5-6
First Reading:	Acts 4.7-12
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 118
Second Reading:	1 John 3.1-2
Gospel Acclamation:	John 10.14
Gospel:	John 10.11-18

<b>Monthly- February</b>		<b>Year-to-Date March, 2024</b>	
Income	<b>\$ 7,353.00</b>	Income	<b>\$ 16,046.00</b>
<u>Expenses</u>	<b><u>\$ 8,872.00</u></b>	<u>Expenses</u>	<b><u>\$27,412.00</u></b>
Difference	<b>(\$ 1,519.00)</b>	Difference	<b>(\$ 11,006.00)</b>

**Note: (indicates negative number)**

<b>SCHEDULE FOR MASSES &amp; MASS INTENTIONS for April 20 - 28, 2024</b>			
<b>Sat</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>For the repose of Jeanne D'Arc Berthiaume by Geri Plecash.</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>For the repose of Maggi Martin by Ron &amp; Lina Rody.</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>NO MASS – Father at Forum for Priests in North Bay this week.</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>For the repose of deceased family &amp; friends of Ron &amp; Lina Rody.</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>In Memory of Deceased Family &amp; Friends of the Parish of St. Monica.</b>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Volunteers Need: WEEKEND LECTORS / SACRISTANS / COLLECTION COUNTERS**

**Keep in your Prayers:** We are asked to pray for those who are ill or dealing with personal issues. Please continue to pray for: Joey Anglehart, Doris Binda, John Binda, Mary Ann Binda, Anne Germonda, Carol Green, Eleanor Jolie, Danielle Lacasse, Ann Nicholson, Margaret Robert & James Scott.

**Please pray for the Families** of our Parishioners who have lost a family member or friend in 2024: France Berthiaume, Arthur Rutland, Charles Bouffard, Erzsebet Talian, Louis Portis, Chris Simon, Stella Trovarello - May they Rest in Peace.

**Mass, Memoriam & Sanctuary Lamp Intentions:**

**Mass intentions are needed currently. The suggested donation for a Mass Intention is \$15, tax receipts are given annually.** Also, in the case of deceased family members or friends the name(s) can be added to our Memoriam Book for \$10 each entry. Mass on the last Sunday of each month is celebrated for the deceased whose names are listed in the Memoriam Book. Requests to have the Sanctuary Lamp lit for one week for personal intention at a cost of \$10.

***MEDITATION BY FATHER DUOLOMANE (JOE)***

**Meditation: John 10: 11-18**

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes himself as "the good Shepherd". The word "good" here means "generous, true". The difference between Jesus and the hired man is that the sheep do not belong to the hired man. The hireling does not know the sheep, does not care about the sheep and abandons them when the wolf comes.

Jesus is the good Shepherd because he "lays down his life for his sheep". The verb "to lay down" is used in the sense of offering consciously and freely. Jesus gives "his life for his sheep", the sheep recognize his voice and follow him. With his walking stick, the good Shepherd guides and gathers the sheep that are struggling to keep up, but he also drives away the wild animals that threaten the flock. Are we ready to be good shepherds to one another? If we Christians know how to recognize that we belong to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, then we can go out and meet our brothers and sisters, love them and lay down our lives for them through various acts of charity.

**The Pancake breakfast at Ecole Saint Joseph School netted \$362. Thank you.**

**No weekday Masses. Father Joe in North Bay for Forum with Priests of the Diocese.**

**Upcoming:**

- 1. Bishop Dowd will be in Wawa for student Confirmations on May 12<sup>th</sup>.*
- 2. Father Joe will be on vacations from about May 27<sup>th</sup> to mid July. In his absence*
- 3. Father Eric will again be present for weekend services.*

***MHS 70<sup>th</sup> Reunion is planned for July 5-7, 2024. Welcome back to the alumni.***