

St. Monica Church

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St. Augustine Church

ST. MONICA

Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m.

Rosary 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Wed & Fri.
9:00 a.m.

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FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
Lent



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10, 2024

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers,
send his messengers to them,
for he had compassion on his people and his
dwelling place.

But they mocked the messengers of God,
despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets,
until the anger of the LORD against his people was
so inflamed
that there was no remedy. (2 Chr 36:15-16)

Psalm:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Ps 137)

Second Reading:

God, who is rich in mercy,
because of the great love he had for us,
even when we were dead in our transgressions,
brought us to life with Christ. (Eph 2:4-5)

Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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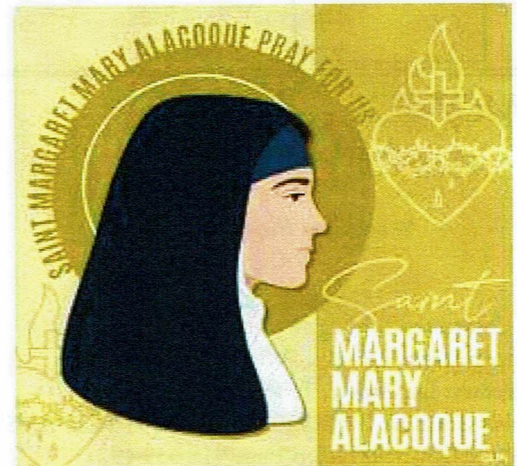
Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Out of love for us, God sent His son into the world,
to illuminate the truth that brings salvation. But
light can be blinding to eyes that have only seen
darkness. Pray that God will teach us to walk
bravely in the light.

Observances for the week of March 10, 2024

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent



Saint of the week

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was a French nun who had visions of Jesus and his Sacred Heart. She devoted her life to promoting Eucharistic adoration and the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Her Thursday night holy hours are still a common practice among modern Catholics!

Prayer for Laetare Sunday

Dear Jesus,
We've been in this season of
Lent for a few weeks now.
I want to re-commit myself
in this time — renew and
strengthen my resolve. Help
me to use these last few weeks
to grow closer to you. Amen.

Dates to Remember

SOCCER

March 22: @ 4:30pm...Organize/put together 170 bags (of soccer cleats, socks, shin-guard and jersey) at the St. Augustine gym

March 23: @ 10am..Soccer equipment distribution day at the gym and soccer clinics.

March 24: @ 10:30am..Soccer season opening Mass/Reception

March 30: @ 9:45am...1st soccer game/300+ hotdogs to be served to all.

We need helpers. We have the sign-up sheets at the back of the church. Please kindly volunteer.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

1. Sunday March 24: Palm Sunday...
2. Tuesday March 26 @ 5:30pm. Chrism Mass at Holy Family
3. Thursday March 28 @ 6:00pm. Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Monica followed by Adoration
5. Friday March 29 @ 3:00pm: Stations of the Cross at St. Augustine.
6. Friday March 29 @ 5:00pm. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at St. Augustine
7. Saturday March 30 @ 6:00pm: Easter Vigil at St. Monica
8. Sunday March 31. Easter Sunday Masses...

We encourage all to please join us in all these celebrations. God bless.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Fridays 5:30

The weekly stations of the cross during Lent will be at St. Augustine Parish this year. The Lenten meals will be done by the organizations of St. Augustine.

March 15 - Parish Council of St. Augustine

March 22 - Financial Council of St. Augustine

Black History:

There are exhibits in the back of St. Monica church. Please take time to read and look at the pictures, articles, and history of the church in preparation for our anniversary. The exhibit will stay until March 17.

Please do not remove any pages from the books and do not remove books from church building. Anyone who has historical material to donate/ give for this exhibit, contact Marilyn Troupe.

The focus for this years history will be the Sisters of the Holy Family. There are free pamphlets available for everyone at both St. Monica and St. Augustine. There will be items to purchase later in March.

COMMUNITY

April 20 - Community health fair 10am-1pm Maternal Infant Health Lacy Park / 2134 N. Madison Pl. Sponsored by Eastern Oklahoma Black Nurses Association EOBNA

ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MARCH 17, 2024

LECTORS

Ethelyn Harbin
Sadonna Davis

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

MARCH 3, 2024 \$2,634.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Youth 4
Adults 65

MASS INTENTIONS

1st SUNDAY OF THE MONTH MASS, IN MEMORY OF
MAXINE STALEY

4th SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, IN MEMORY OF
MR. & MRS. C.Y. GIBBS

ST. MONICA

ST. AUGUSTINE

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS

St. Monica & St. Augustine

Barbara Mason, Mary Dawson, Princetta Newman,
James Brooks, David DeVille, Charles Towns Jr.,
Rachel Stake, Idela Miller, Norma Stripling, Marva
Fairconeture, Gloria Noble, Ivory J. Parker, Kim
Thompson, Deborah Craven-Moss, Willard Thierry,
Patricia Lyons, James Jones, Deacon Steve, Bobbie
Barnett, Joselinn Fuselier, Orsbon Hawkins, Michael
Thierry, Elmira Oliphant, Melvin Noble, Sr.,
Gloria Petit

******* PARISH NEWS *******

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Wed 6-7:30pm CCD Bldg

SNACKS

St. Monica Parish & Finance
March 13 & 27

NTLC TUTORING

Tues and Thurs
3:30-6pm CCD Bldg

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL)

ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH
CATHOLIC MASS EVERY SUNDAY 10:30AM
PLEASE KINDLY HELP US TO SPREAD THE NEWS.

SPANISH MASS

ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH
Sundays at 12:30

Bible study

The Book of Exodus
Thursdays 10:00 am
St. Augustine Religious Education Center
Did I say entertaining?

SPANISH CLASS

Tuesday 6-7:30 St. M
Saturday 2:30-4p St. A

*Spanish Class at St. Monica Hall
is on hold for now*

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MARCH 17, 2024

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

March 3, 2023 \$2,513.75

MASS ATTENDANCE

YOUTH

ADULTS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021 - MARCH 3, 2024

ST. MONICA

GOAL: \$100,000

RAISED: \$ 52,195

REMAINING: \$ 47,815

ST. AUGUSTINE

GOAL: \$120,000

RAISED: \$ 83,134

REMAINING: \$ 36,866

RICA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Wed 6-7:30pm St. Monica In person / Zoom

NAMI

***National Alliance of Mental Illness
St. Augustine Parish - CCD building
4th Monday of the month 6-7:30 pm***

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM – Call the Parish at 587-2965

FIRST EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION– Celebrated once a year. Call the Parish

RECONCILIATION – Sunday before Mass or anytime by appointment.

MARRIAGE – A minimum of six months preparation is required. Call the Pastor before the date is set.

VISITATION OF THE SICK – The last Friday of each month

COMMUNION TO THE SICK – In the event of illness, please contact the Pastor. Eucharist is brought to shut-ins weekly. Please call the Pastor if you know of someone unable to attend Mass.

VOCATIONS – Anyone interest in becoming a Priest, Deacon or Lay Minister. Contact the Pastor

OTHER INFORMATION

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If interested in becoming Catholic, contact the Parish

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME! Please register in the Church by contacting an usher

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Every Wednesday from 6:00 p.m.–7:30p.m. from September to May @ St. Augustine.

BULLETIN DEADLINE – Please submit bulletin announcements to the office before noon on Tuesdays at least two weeks prior to your scheduled event. Send electronically to stmonica-church@aol.com

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From the desk of Fr. C.

Food-for-thought.

*Welcome to this fourth Sunday of Lent. In the Church's liturgical calendar, it is called **Lætare (Rejoice) Sunday**, from the first words of today's liturgy. As on **Gaudete Sunday** in Advent, rose-colored vestments may replace violet, and flowers may grace the altar, symbolizing the Church's joy that we are half-way into lent as our anticipation of the feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday grows higher.*

The central theme of today's readings is that our salvation is the free gift of a merciful God, given to us sinners through Jesus, His Son. The readings stress God's mercy and compassion and remind us of the great love, kindness, and grace extended to us in Christ. The high point of this weekend's reading is John 3:16 which has been described as the miniature gospel explaining why God sent His Own Son into our world to die for us and save us, thus demonstrating God's unconditional love for us.

We need to reciprocate God's love by loving Him in others. God's love is unconditional, universal, forgiving, and merciful. Let us try to make an earnest attempt to include these qualities in sharing our love with others during Lent. Our rebirth by water and the Spirit must be an ongoing process. That is, we must lead a life of repentance and conversion which will bring us, with the help of the Holy Spirit living within us, to an ongoing renewal of life through prayer, adoration, Bible reading, frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist, and doing corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

God's love is unconditional, and he never gives up on any one of us. Never!!! All he asks in return is that we not give up – on ourselves or on one another. He has the power to make everyone of us grow large and grow whole. And he wants to give us that power, so that we will thrive and will help one another to thrive.

Lenten prayer for a clean heart

*Father, our source of life,
I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand;
let me walk more readily in Your ways.*

*Guide me in Your gentle mercy,
for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.
Father of love, source of all blessings,
help me to pass from my old life of sin
to the new life of grace.*

*Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom.
I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.*

Please do not forget to read the bulletin and see the various volunteering opportunities we have in the coming days. Give us your time and God will surely continue to bless you.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 10, 2024

Sunday:

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 *Scrutiny:*
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday:

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday:

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday:

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/
Jn 5:31-47

Friday:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday:

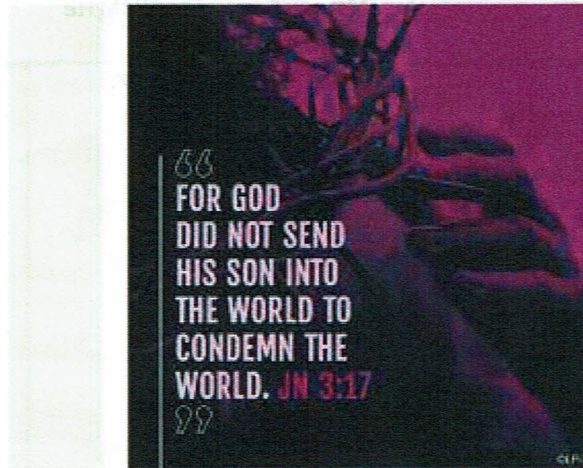
Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/
Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday:

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/
Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 *Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if *they* are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "**For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him**" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it *without an act of condemnation*. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

— Father John Muir

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sister Phyllis Vaske
Robert Musgrove
Nora Faye Henderson-Evans
Don Terry Davis
Colleen Brooks
Leo Sales
Colleen Daniels-Davis
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Maziah Brown & Family
Theodore Thompson
Lawrence Thierry
Michael Lee
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