

# St. Monica Church

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## ST. MONICA

**Sunday Mass** 8:30 a.m.  
**Rosary** 8:00 a.m.

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

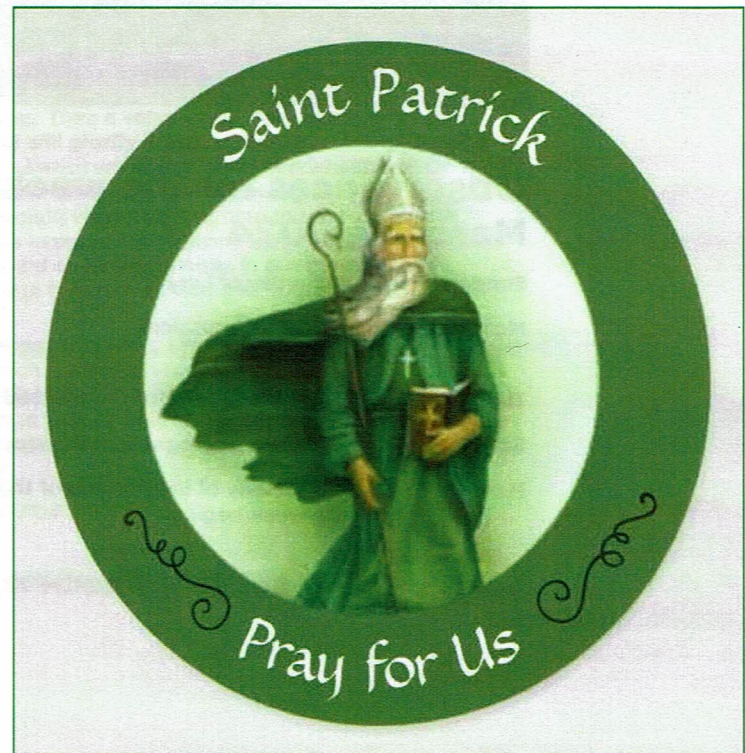
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## ST. AUGUSTINE

**Sunday Mass** 10:30 a.m.  
**Rosary** 10:00 a.m.

**Weekday Mass** Tues & Thurs.  
9:00 a.m.

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*5TH SUNDAY OF LENT*

*MARCH 17, 2024*

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD,  
for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin  
no more. (Jer 31:34)

### Psalm:

Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51)

### Second Reading:

Son though he was, he learned obedience from what  
he suffered;  
and when he was made perfect,  
he became the source of eternal salvation for all who  
obey him. (Heb 5:8-9)

### Gospel:

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,  
it remains just a grain of wheat;  
but if it dies, it produces much fruit." (Jn 12:24)

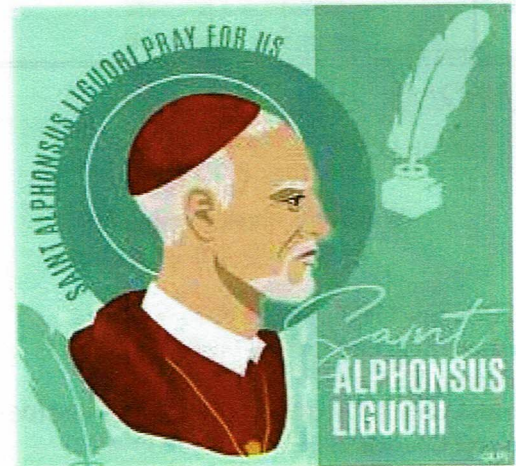
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus reminds us that the grain of wheat can never realize its potential without sacrifice. God has a plan for each one of us. May He give you strength to become who you were born to be.

## Observances for the week of March 17, 2024

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent  
**Monday:** St. Cyril of Jerusalem,  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Tuesday:** St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Saturday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop  
**Next Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord,  
Holy Week begins



## Saint of the week

St. Alphonsus Liguori, (1696-1787) was a prolific theologian and founder of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (The Redemptorists). Renowned for his profound devotion to the Eucharist and insightful theological teachings, he is the patron saint of moral theologians.

## Prayer of Bold Ask

God in heaven,  
Hear me as I call to you! Pour  
new life into me! Renew my  
heart in Your word! Help me to  
know You! Help me to glorify  
You, worship You, and trust  
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 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 13 – Free How-to backyard gardening  
9 - 12 noon  
Catholic Charities  
2450 N. Harvard**

**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 24, 2024**

**LECTORS**

**Liz Brown**

**Chika Nwaneby**

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***STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING***

MARCH 10, 2024 ..... \$1,058.50

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Youth

Adults 48

**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**  
*Columbus Miller*  
*Requested by Idela Miller*

**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 27**

**St. Augustine Knights of PC**

**April 3 & 17**

**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 5-8p St. M**

**Saturday 2:30-4p St. A**

## ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**MARCH 24, 2024**

### **LECTORS**

**Ricky Bennett & Tony Fuselier**

**Narrator - Jeff Gallant**

**Speaker - Joe Randall**

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### **STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING**

March 10, 2023            \$1,542.50

MASS ATTENDANCE

YOUTH

ADULTS

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

### **PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES**

**JUNE 1, 2021 - MARCH 10, 2024**

#### **ST. MONICA**

**GOAL:                    \$100,000**

**RAISED:                \$ 52,235**

**REMAINING:            \$ 47,765**

#### **ST. AUGUSTINE**

**GOAL:                    \$120,000**

**RAISED:                \$ 83,159**

**REMAINING:            \$ 36,841**

## **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.

As we continue our Lenten journey with Christ, the human face of God, this Sunday's readings remind us of the painful struggle Jesus had to endure to be faithful to his vocation as suffering Messiah. As we saw on the first Sunday in Lent in the story of the temptations, Jesus had to decide how he would fulfil his messianic vocation. From the beginning of his ministry, he chose the path of suffering love, the way of the Cross. Both the second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and the Gospel give us an insight into what this would cost him.

Jesus' challenge to us is clear. It is to die to self and imitate his own life-giving service: 'The one who serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, my servant will be there too (Jn 12:27). To follow Christ is to choose to walk with him through 'thick and thin', in good times and bad. It is to travel with him all the way to the Cross. And this way, as Pope Francis reminds us, is the way of de-entering and transcending. 'We have to leave behind the "selfie" culture and look at the eyes, faces, hands and needs of those around us; and in this way find, too, our own faces, our own hands, full of possibilities.' Reflect on this beautiful quote by Mike McCabe:

Each of us is like a grain of wheat planted by God.  
Just as the grain of wheat must die to produce a harvest,  
so we must die to self in order to bear the fruits of love.  
This dying to self is a gradual process and happens in little ways.  
Every act of humility involves dying to pride.  
Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice.  
Every act of kindness involves dying to cruelty.  
Every act of love involves dying to selfishness.  
Thus the false self dies, and the true self,  
made in God's image, is born and nurtured.  
It is by giving that we receive;  
It is by forgiving that we are forgiven;  
It is by dying that we are born to eternal life.

**Prayer for Lent.**

**Dear God, help me grow in faith  
and grow deeper in my relationship with You.  
Change me, Lord, and help me be more obedient to You.  
Help me get rid of the habits that don't glorify You  
and mold me to be the person You desire me to be.**

Thank You, Father. 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 17, 2024

### 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

### Monday:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/  
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

### Tuesday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27  
and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21,  
24a or Lk 2:41-51a

### Wednesday:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,  
56/Jn 8:31-42

### Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

### Friday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/  
Jn 10:31-42

### Saturday:

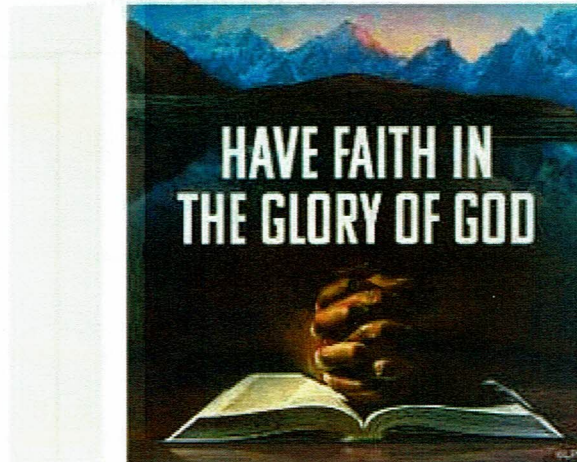
Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/  
Jn 11:45-56

### Next Sunday:

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps  
22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/  
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15;47 or 15:1-39



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "**Father, glorify your name!**" John then writes: **Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."** Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable expectation of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

**Lenten challenge:** This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

— *Father John Muir*

## IN REMEMBRANCE

Sister Phyllis Vaske  
Robert Musgrove  
Nora Faye Henderson-Evans  
Don Terry Davis  
Colleen Brooks  
Leo Sales  
Colleen Daniels-Davis  
Isaiah "Boots" Taylor  
Larry Oliphant  
Vernell Norton Jr.  
Maziah Brown & Family  
Theodore Thompson  
Lawrence Thierry  
Michael Lee  
Lester & Joan Fuselier  
Kennerd Fuselier  
Tom Thomas  
James Bertrand  
Rita Hughes  
Shirley Perkins  
Donald Williams

Gwen Monteilh Hammons  
Geraldine Jones  
Evonne Henderson  
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Madison & Ezipse Thierry Brooks  
Fairconecture Family  
Keith Brown  
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Rita Fuselier  
Olena Shaver  
Cheryl Pyles  
Fr. Ivan Hughes  
Dirk Ricard  
Samuel West

Mary Rogers  
Ecilua & Elnora Henderson  
Gary Randolph Davis  
Carmel Dennard  
James & Ruth Sayles  
Marcella & Leon Crowley  
C.D. Daniels  
Bobby Oliphant  
Herbert Peigne  
Lodis Dodd-Phillips  
Nathaniel Thompson  
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