

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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Religious Education:

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

No one does he command to act unjustly,
to none does he give license to sin. (Sir 15:20)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden,
which God predetermined before the ages for our glory.
(1 Cor 2:7)

Gospel:

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses
that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:20)

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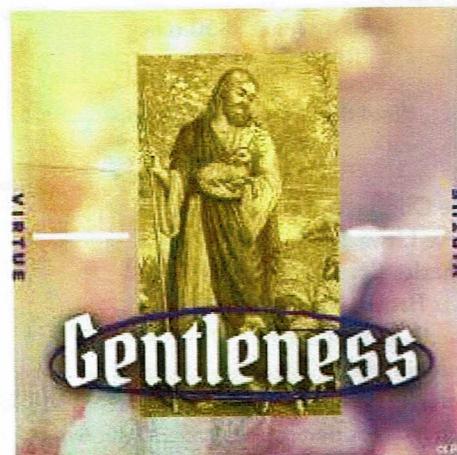
Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

Jesus does not want us to live within the law — he wants the law to live within us. God's law, fulfilled by His Son, is rich soil. We must let it nourish the words and the decisions of our Christian life — only then will it flow forth into the world.

Observances for the week of February 15, 2026

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Presidents' Day
- Tuesday:** The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday
- Saturday:** St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent



Virtues, Explained!

Gentleness disposes us to receive the inspirations of the Spirit, who "reveals to men who Jesus is" (CCC 152). In cultivating a spirit of gentleness, we more closely resemble Christ, who was unfailingly gentle, even in the face of violence and death.

Blessing of Love

Heavenly Father,
Ignite us with Your love.
Reveal to us Your will,
guide us in Your path,
Pour Your blessings upon us,
You who are the giver of every
good thing.
Help us to live, work, act, and
speak
in ways that bring honor and
glory to You.
Amen.

MARK YOU CALENDAR

Black History Month Programs:

St. Monica Hall after 8:30 mass

February 15:

Ameila Henderson

Black History Questionnaire/Black History Video

February 22:

Joyce Williams Black History Speaker.

Tuesday, February 17: 12:30-7pm Fat Tuesday

St. Monica Hall

Wednesday, February 18: Ash Wednesday

Mass at 9 am at St. Monica

5:30 pm at St. Augustine

7:30 pm at St. Augustine in Spanish.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent at St. Augustine

5:30 pm in English

6:30pm in Spanish

Bedrock at St. Augustine Sunday, Feb. 22:

After Mass, Bedrock (Ascension St. John) will be offering blood pressure checks and information/ sign-ups for a free heart screening for those who are eligible.

All are welcome.

Monday, February 23.

Spring Soccer Registration Begins

Bedrock

2nd Sunday of the month until March 8, 2026

Will be in Bradley hall to take blood pressure

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

January 2026

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

2026 Lenten Revival:

March 8 to 9 @ 6pm

with Rev. Mike Jenkins.

Fellowship after each session

St. Monica Hall

Sunday, March 15

African Mass - St. Monica

Parish Lenten Revival

March 16 to 18

Fr. Juan Grajeda

Begins at 6 pm daily (Spanish)

St. Augustine

Dear Parishioners,

Kindly remember to **bring your palms** (from last Palm Sunday). We need to make ashes for the coming Ash Wednesday from those palms.

Kindly place inside the basket at the back of the Church.

Thank you.

Fr. C

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ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

LECTORS

Liz Brown
Quentin Henley

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

February 8, 2026	\$1,661.00
February 1, 2026	\$1,867.39

MASS ATTENDANCE

Youth	7	3
Adults	65	46

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

ST. MONICA

Special Intentions

Requested by The Catholic Daughters

ST. AUGUSTINE

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS

Princetta Newman, Charles Towns Jr., Rachel Stake, Idella Miller, Norma Stripling, Patricia Lyons, James Jones, Billie Clark, Deacon Steve, Joselinn Fuselier, Melvin Noble, Sr., Gloria Petit, Johnny Towns, David Towns, Steven Bagby, Doris Minter-Littles, Pam Towns

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Wed 6-7:30pm CCD Bldg

Snacks & Drinks

*Closed for Ash Wednesday the 18th
Starts back on the 25th*

Group 5

NTLC TUTORING

*Tues and Thurs
3:30-6pm CCD Bldg*

SPANISH MASS

ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH
Sundays at 12:30

Bible study

*Thursdays 10:00 - 11:15am
St. Monica Bradley Hall
Will resume in Spring*

NAMI

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

Senior Saints Mass And Potluck Luncheon

*Every 4th Wednesday 12 noon
Bradley Hall
Will resume February 2026*

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

FEBRUARY 8, 2026	\$1,141.00
FEBRUARY 1, 2026	\$1177.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

YOUTH	16	10
ADULTS	60	52

SPANISH MASS

YOUTH	
ADULTS	

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021- FEBRUARY 8, 2026

ST. MONICA

GOAL:	\$100,000
RAISED:	\$ 58,397
REMAINING:	\$ 41,606

ST. AUGUSTINE

GOAL:	\$120,000
RAISED:	\$ 85,134
REMAINING:	\$ 34,866

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Wed 6 - 7:30pm St. Monica in person/Zoom

SPANISH CLASS

St. Monica - Tuesday 6-7:30pm
St. Augustine - Saturday 12-2pm
February 3 - April 18, 2026

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 stmonicachurch@aol.com

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From the desk of Fr. C.,

The Sermon on the Mount continues as the focus of the Gospel readings during Winter Ordinary Time, and today's passage from Matthew chapter 5 contains some of the most challenging verses in the Gospel. Before turning to that teaching, however, let's consider the other readings.

The First Reading comes from the Book of Sirach, also known by its Latin title *Ecclesiasticus*, or "Church Book," so called because the early Church made extensive use of this wisdom text in moral instruction for catechumens and the faithful. Sirach reflects powerfully on moral freedom:

If you choose, you can keep the commandments; they will save you. Before you are life and death, good and evil; whichever you choose shall be given you.

Freedom of the will is one of God's greatest gifts. God places before us the choice between good and evil and invites us to choose life. What is equally clear is that God does not choose sin or injustice on our behalf. The responsibility for our moral choices rests with us.

The Second Reading continues from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Writing to a Christian community surrounded by moral confusion, Paul reminds them that true wisdom does not come from the world, but from God:

What eye has not seen and ear has not heard... what God has prepared for those who love him, God has revealed through the Spirit.

This reading complements Sirach beautifully. If the First Reading emphasizes our freedom to choose, the Second reminds us that God does not leave us unassisted. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, God prepares us to live according to divine wisdom rather than worldly standards.

Together, these readings lead us into today's Gospel. Jesus makes it clear that he has not come to abolish the Law, but to fulfill it. He then calls his disciples to a righteousness that surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees – not through legal technicalities, but through holiness of heart.

Jesus' striking examples – equating anger with murder and lust with adultery – may sound harsh to modern ears. Yet Matthew presents these teachings to a Jewish Christian community still shaped by strict legal interpretation. Jesus' strong language is meant to awaken his listeners to the truth that holiness requires more than outward observance. It calls for an interior conversion, where the heart itself is transformed by God's grace. Ken Canedo at www.ocp.com

Let us Pray.

Dear God,

please give me wisdom to choose what makes You happy every day.

Lord, guide my thoughts so I don't get distracted from doing what's right.

God, help me not rush into choices. Teach me to wait for Your peace.

Lord, help me see what will happen from my choices, so I can choose the good way.

God, bring friends into my life who help me make wise choices.

Lord, stop the wrong voices in my head and let me only hear You.

God, help me choose faith over fear and honesty over lying.

Lord, let my choices show love, kindness, and respect.

God, remind me to pray before I decide anything important.

Lord, help me want what You want more than trying to please people.

Amen

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 15, 2026

Sunday:

Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/
1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,
27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday:

Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday:

Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday:

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and
17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 9:22-25

Friday:

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday:

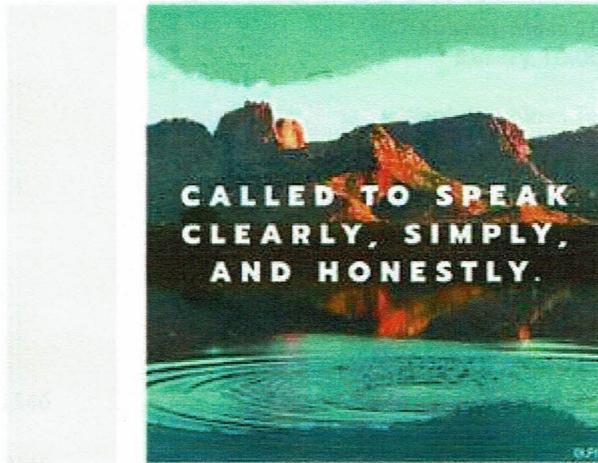
Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday:

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: "NO." It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One" (Matthew 5:37). He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

Lenten Challenge: Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere "yes" to something important, or a humble "no" to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.

— Father John Muir

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sister Phyllis Vaske
Mary Rogers
James & Colleen Brooks
James & Ruth Sayles
Carmel & J.C. Thompson
Willie & Dorothy Wilson

Gwen Monteith Hammons
Robert Musgrove
James Madison & Espize Thierry Brooks
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Calvin 'Butch' Burton

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