

St. Monica Church



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Rosary 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Wed & Fri.
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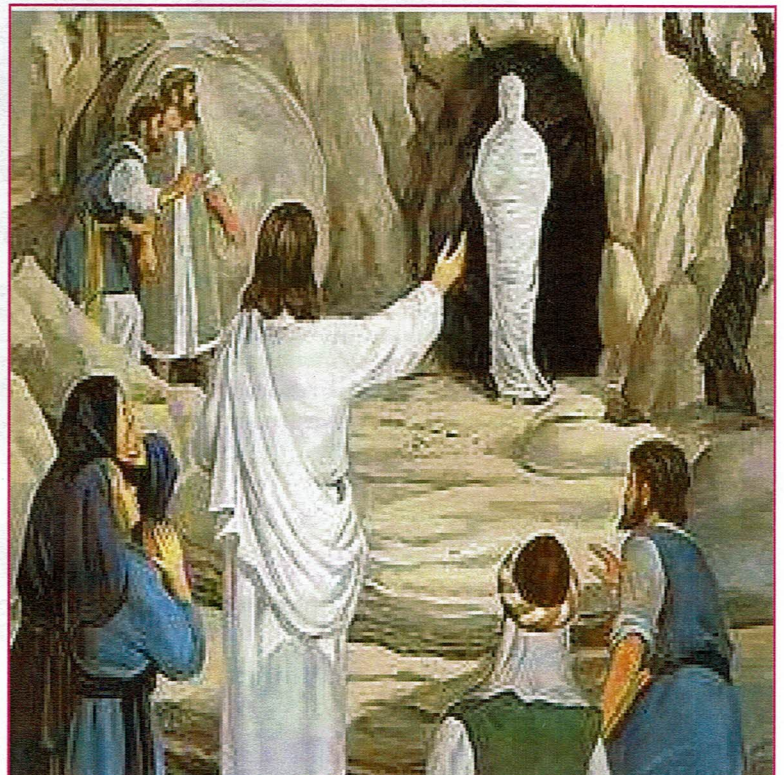
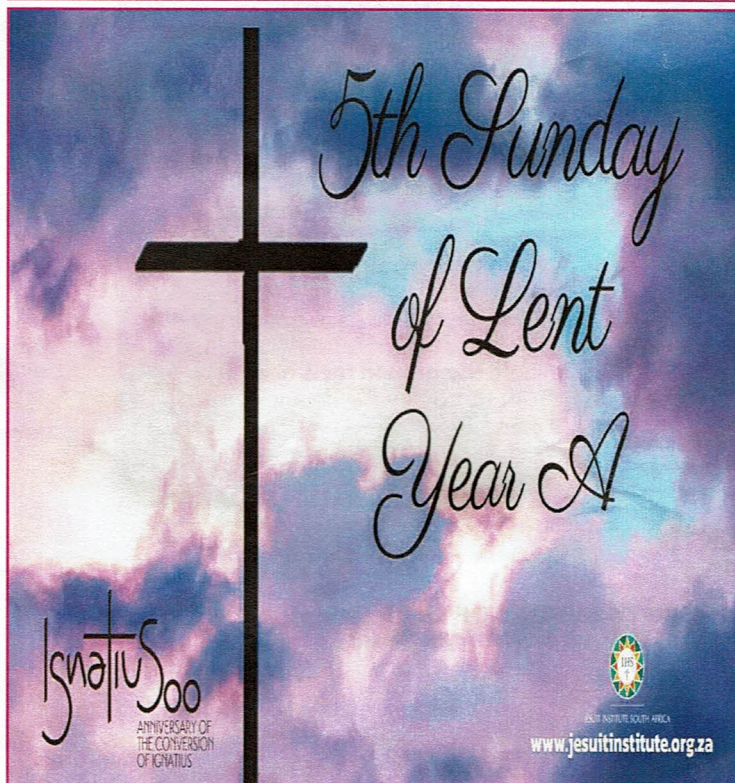
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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT **MARCH 22, 2026**

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will put my spirit in you that you may live,
and I will settle you upon your land;
thus you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ez 37:14)

Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Ps 130)

Second Reading:

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,
the one who raised Christ from the dead
will give life to your mortal bodies also,
through his Spirit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11)

Gospel:

"I am the resurrection and the life:
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."
(Jn 11:25-26)

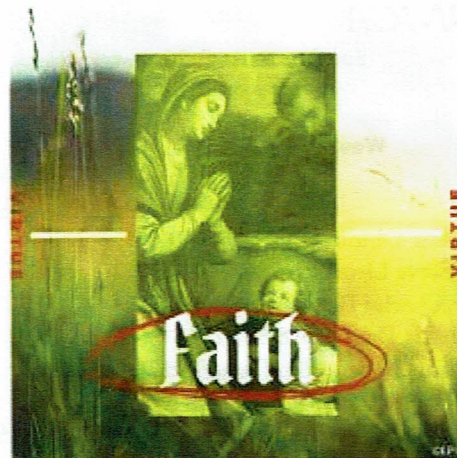
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Lazarus, come out!" Jesus calls into the tomb.
These same words he cries into the depths
of our hearts. "Come out!" God is calling you.
Come out from the sleep of your indifference.
Easter is near. Now is the time. Come out!

Observances for the week of March 22, 2026

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;
Holy Week begins



Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of faith is "man's response to God, who reveals himself and gives himself to man." (CCC 26). Faith is encouraged by the complementary virtues of hope and love, and through the gift of understanding our faith grows and strengthens.

Blessing for New Life

God, in Your goodness, restore our hope.
Where we feel imprisoned, break our chains.
Where we feel discouraged, bring us light.
Where the ground feels dry, break through with life anew.
Amen.

MARK YOU CALENDAR

Bedrock at St. Augustine Sunday:

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

After 10:30 Mass

After 12:30 Mass

All are welcome.

Spring Soccer Schedule..

March 28: 1st Games: St. M/St. A/CC - provide free meals

April 4: 2nd Game: Hispanic Community - sell tacos

April 11: 3rd Game: St. M/St. A/CC - provide free meals

April 18: 4th Game: Hispanic Community - sell tacos

April 25: Christ the King Parish - provide free meals

May 2: 6th last Game: Hispanic Community - sell tacos

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to stay up to date with any changes.

Thank you. Fr.

Holy Week - St. Monica/St. Augustine

March 30 - April 5, 2026

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

5:00 PM @ St. Monica

7:00 PM (Spanish) @ St. Augustine

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

12:00 PM @ St. Monica

3:00 PM (Spanish) @ St. Augustine

Good Friday Passion of the Lord

5:00 PM @ St. Augustine

7:00 PM (Spanish) @ St. Augustine

Easter Vigil Mass

6:00 PM @ St. Monica

7:00 PM (Spanish) @ St. Augustine.

Easter Sunday Mass

8:30 AM @ St. Monica

10:30 AM @ St. Augustine

The Pope's Monthly Intentions March 2026

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent at St. Augustine

5:30 pm in English

6:30pm in Spanish

Save the Date

Christ Care Day - Saturday April 11

We will gather at Christ the King to begin Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by a light breakfast. Following breakfast, we will head out to assist local homeowners with yard work, serving until early afternoon. This is a wonderful opportunity to lend a helping hand and support our neighbors who need extra care.

St. Monica - Dessert Sign up

Parish Life is asking for help with providing a dessert for parish repast dinners. If enough people sign up, your time should not come around often.

Please see sign up sheets at the back of the church.

Called by Name – Diocesan Event

The diocese wants parishioners to nominate young men of the parishes to consider the priesthood.

Submit names to Fr. C, or Deacon Charles

Tulsa Responds - Free Tax Service

2174 S Sheridan Rd

tulsaresponds.org

(918) 900-0918

ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MARCH 29, 2026

LECTORS - Palm Sunday

1st reading - Sadonna Davis

2nd reading - Brenda Jones

Narrator - DeJah Page

Speaker - Deacon Charles

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

March 15, 2026 \$1,510.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Youth

Adults

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

Marva Fairconecture

Requested by

Ruby Taylor & Rose Gaiters

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, Paul
McCurtain

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Wed 6-7:30pm CCD Bldg

Snacks & Drinks

Group 1

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
The Book of Joshua**

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**

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MARCH 29, 2026

LECTORS - Palm Sunday

Jeff Gallant
Joe Randall

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

MARCH 15, 2026 \$1,981.95

MASS ATTENDANCE

YOUTH
ADULTS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021 – MARCH 15, 2026

ST. MONICA

GOAL: \$100,000
RAISED: \$ 58,504
REMAINING: \$ 41,496

ST. AUGUSTINE

GOAL: \$120,000
RAISED: \$ 86,209
REMAINING: \$ 33,791

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 24 - May 9, 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

On this Fifth and final Sunday before Holy Week, the Gospel presents us with the sign of Jesus as the resurrection and the life.

The evangelist introduces Lazarus as the brother of Martha and Mary, sisters who also appear in Luke's Gospel. Clearly, they are dear friends of Jesus, as shown by the deep love and emotion he displays in this story. There are other resurrection stories in the synoptic Gospels – the raising of Jairus' daughter and the widow's son – but both involve those who had only just died. John's account is strikingly different: Lazarus has been dead for four days and is already sealed in the tomb. Jesus even delays his arrival after hearing of Lazarus' illness, rather than rushing to his side as we might expect.

Jesus explains this delay by saying:

This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.

This sign is meant for Martha and Mary and those who mourn with them; for John's community of believers; for the generations of Christians inspired by this story; for our OCIA elect as they make their final preparations for the Easter sacraments; and for each of us reflecting on this Gospel today. All who have wrestled with the mystery of death can hear their own voice echoed in the words spoken first by Martha and then by Mary:

Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

Jesus responds with one of the most profound declarations in the Gospel:

I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?

That question is not asked only of Martha. It is asked of all of us who have stood at gravesides, who have mourned loved ones, and who struggle with grief and hope. Do we believe that Jesus is the resurrection and the life?

Martha's response is one of the strongest professions of faith in the New Testament:

Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.

This is a triple declaration of Jesus' divinity: he is the Messiah, he is the Son of God, and he is the one sent by the Father. To confirm this faith, Jesus calls Lazarus from the tomb, restoring him to life.

Today's First Reading from the prophet Ezekiel echoes this promise:

Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people.

And in the Second Reading, Saint Paul assures the Christian community in Rome:

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also.

Jesus is indeed the resurrection and the life. In raising Lazarus, he offers a glimpse of the eternal life shared by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Yet this greatest sign in John's Gospel also leads directly to Jesus' own death. The gift of life will cost him his life.

That final chapter of the story begins next week, as we enter Holy Week with Palm Sunday and journey toward Good Friday – and ultimately, the Resurrection. Ken Canedo at www.ocp.com

Let us Pray.

*Father, I acknowledge the times I cling to my own strength.
Teach me to let go and place my confidence in You.
Help me approach this Fifth Sunday of Lent with a prayerful heart
and open hands. Guide me to trust Your timing and purposes.
May Your Spirit lead me into complete surrender
and reliance on You. Let my soul find rest in Your presence...amen*

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 22, 2026

Sunday:

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/
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:

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday:

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

Friday:

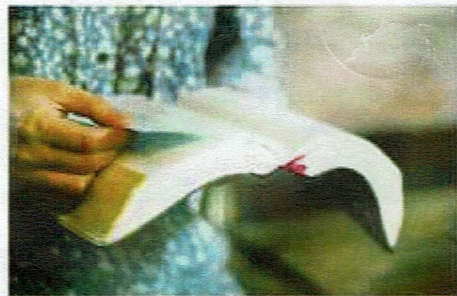
Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday:

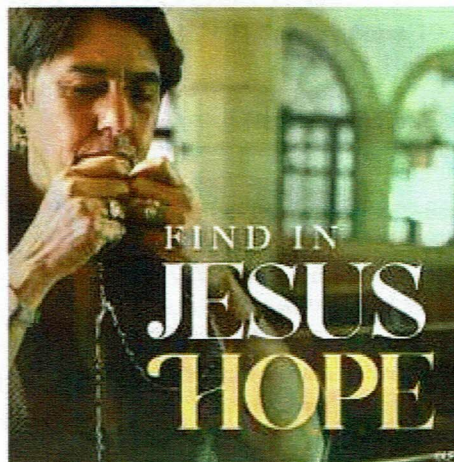
Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/
Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday:

Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-
24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or
27:11-54



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: "**Lazarus, come out!**" (John 11:43) The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, "**Untie him and let him go**" (John 11:44).

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

Lenten challenge: Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

— *Father John Muir*

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sister Phyllis Vaske
Mary Rogers
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James & Ruth Sayles
Carmel & J.C. Thompson
Willie & Dorothy Wilson
Geraldine Jones
Shamika Figures

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