

# St. Monica Church



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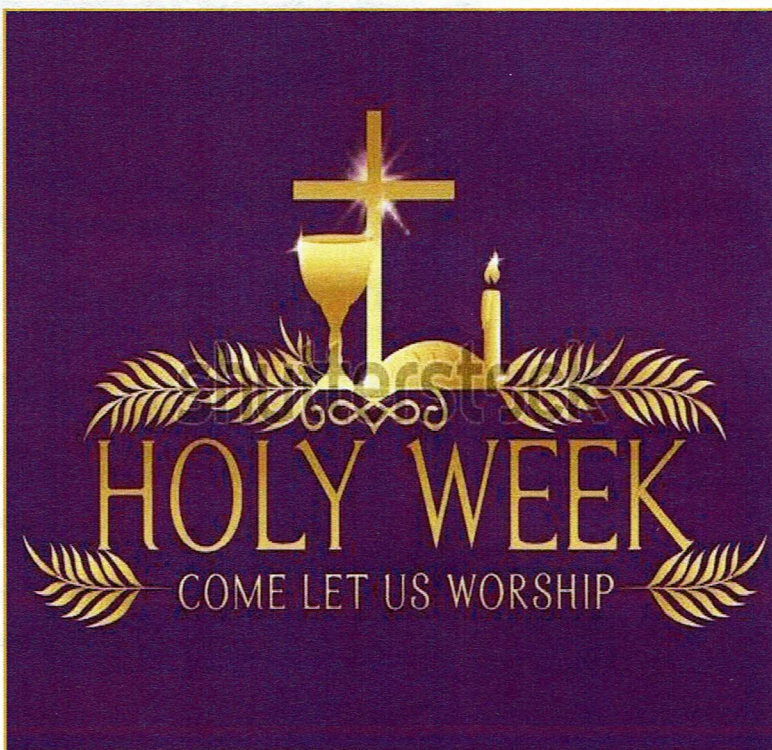
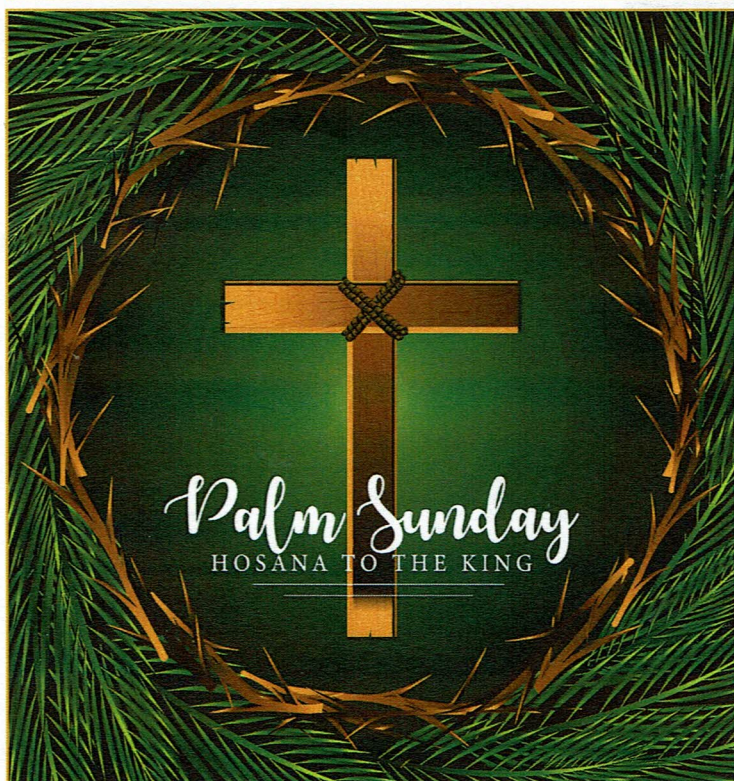
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Finance Council: Helen Page 918-639-4922  
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## ST. AUGUSTINE

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**PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK**

**MARCH 29, 2026**

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

I gave my back to those who beat me,  
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;  
my face I did not shield  
from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)

### Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

### Second Reading:

He humbled himself,  
becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.  
Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

### Gospel:

The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch  
over Jesus  
feared greatly when they saw the earthquake  
and all that was happening, and they said,  
"Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Mt 26:54)

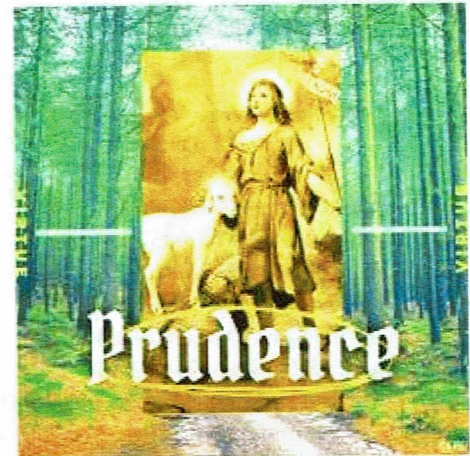
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

This week, we see things that break our heart —  
God betrayed. This week, we see things that shake  
our faith — God bleeding on a cross. This week,  
this Holy Week, with all its difficult moments, can  
change us, if we let it. Are we ready?

## Observances for the week of March 29, 2026

**Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;  
Holy Week begins  
**Wednesday:** April Fools' Day  
**Thursday:** Holy Thursday  
**Friday:** Good Friday  
**Saturday:** Holy Saturday  
**Next Sunday:** Easter Sunday



## Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of prudence is  
like glasses for a soul made  
nearsighted by original sin.  
Prudence disposes our practical  
reason to not only discern what is  
good, but to choose the right way  
of achieving that good.

## Blessing for Holy Week

Be with us this week, Lord,  
journeying closer and closer to  
Your pierced and Sacred Heart.  
Immerse us in Your intense and  
undying love.  
Help us to encounter Your passion  
in new ways that inform, surprise,  
and inspire us.  
Amen.

# MARK YOUR 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..**

**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.

**April 8** - 6pm: First Reconciliation for First Holy Communion Candidates.

**April 11** - 8am: Christ Care Day with Mass starting at @ Christ the King Parish

**April 24** - 6pm: Dinner with Fr. C in the rectory. Details coming

**May 16** - 9am: First Holy Communion Rehearsal at St. A

**May 17** - 12:30pm: First Holy Communion at St. A

**May 21** - 5pm: Finance Council at St. M

**June 1-5:** Priests annual Convocation  
No Morning Mass.

**June 6** - 9am to 2pm: Confirmation Retreat at Catholic Charities.

**June 14** - 10:30am: Confirmation Mass at St. A

### **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](http://tulsaresponds.org)

(918) 900-0918

### **Chrism Mass/Blessings of the Oils.**

**Tuesday, March 31** at Holy Family at 5:30 pm. Please try and attend if possible.

Fr. C

**ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**APRIL 5, 2026**

**LECTORS - Easter Sunday**

Liz Brown

Deborah Craven Moss

[www.stmonica-tulsa.org](http://www.stmonica-tulsa.org)

*STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING*

March 22, 2026      \$ 599.00

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**

*Special Intentions of  
The Catholic Daughters  
Requested by Jo Ella Newberry*

**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 2

**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

**APRIL 5, 2026**

### **LECTORS - Easter Sunday**

*Reginald Hurd*

*Joe Randall*

**www.staugustine-tulsa.org**

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### *STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING*

MARCH 22, 2026                      \$ 651.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

YOUTH

ADULTS

## ***CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES***

***JUNE 1, 2021 - MARCH 22, 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](mailto:stmonicachurch@aol.com)

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From the desk of Fr. C.,

*Holy Week begins not at the altar, but on the road.*

*We gather holding branches – living signs of welcome – and we speak a word that belongs to crowds and kings alike: Hosanna. It is a word of praise, yes, but also a plea: Save us. Already, Palm Sunday refuses to be simple.*

*Almost immediately, the liturgy turns. The voices that rang with joy now cry out in accusation. The palms remain in our hands as the Passion is proclaimed. The Church does not allow us to linger too long in triumph, nor does she rush us past the Cross. Palm Sunday holds these opposites together, asking for restraint, balance, and deep attentiveness.*

*This tension should shape every liturgical choice today. The commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem – whether marked by a full procession, a solemn entrance, or a simple gathering – must serve the Passion, not eclipse it. Even the most elaborate procession is only a doorway. The destination is the suffering Christ.*

*The Scriptures guide us carefully. Isaiah's Suffering Servant speaks with quiet resolve, offering his back to those who strike him, trusting that God will not abandon him. Saint Paul, in the ancient Christ Hymn from Philippians, draws our eyes downward – into humility, obedience, and death – before lifting them toward exaltation. Glory comes, but not yet.*

*For many in our assemblies, this proclamation of the Passion will be their only encounter with the story before Easter. That reality places a sacred responsibility on our planning. The Passion must be proclaimed clearly, reverently, without haste or embellishment. The silence that follows matters. The music that responds matters. Sometimes, the most faithful choice is to let the weight of the story rest on the assembly without commentary.*

*Matthew's Passion confronts us with a world unraveling, as fear, power, self-preservation, and violence collide around the Innocent One. Even Pilate steps back, washing his hands as if holiness could be avoided. Yet beneath the chaos, God's purpose remains intact. Jesus does not lose control of his life; he gives it.*

*As Holy Week begins, Palm Sunday teaches us how to walk it: not triumphantly, not despairingly, but attentively – branch in hand, Passion in our ears, moving steadily toward the mystery that will save us.*

Ken Canedo at [www.ocp.com](http://www.ocp.com)

**Let us Pray.**

Lord, guide my steps today as You guided Christ into Jerusalem.

Let Your wisdom light my path,

helping me make choices that honor You.

Fill my heart with discernment, patience, and humility.

May I follow Your ways,

seeking truth and righteousness in all I do.

Strengthen my faith,

and let me walk boldly in Your light,

knowing that with You,

every path leads to eternal peace and joy.

Amen.

## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of March 29, 2026

#### 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

#### Monday:

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

#### Tuesday:

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

#### Wednesday:

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

#### Thursday:

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

#### Friday:

Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

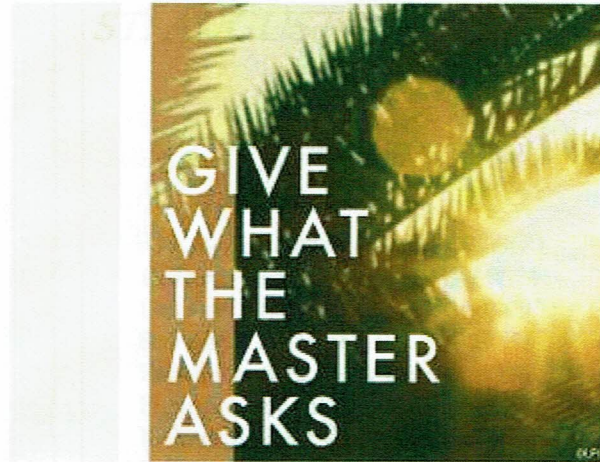
#### Saturday:

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

#### Next Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus: **"A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head" (Matthew 26:7)**. The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week?

Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: **"She has done a good thing for me" (Matthew 26:10)**. Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about.

What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

**Lenten Challenge:** Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted.

— Father John Muir

## IN REMEMBRANCE

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

*Gwen Monteilh Hammons  
Robert Musgrove  
James Madison & Espize Thierry Brooks  
Gary Randolph Davis  
Carmel Dennard  
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