

# St. Monica Church

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

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

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Technology: John Baker 918-398-4268  
Men's Club: James Page 918-587-2965  
Religious Education:

## ST. AUGUSTINE

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**Rosary** 10:00 a.m.

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THE *Lord*  
*is my* SHEPHERD  
*I shall not want.* *Psalm 23:1*



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 26, 2026

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Peter said to them,

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you,  
in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins;  
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)

### Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)  
Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

By his wounds you have been healed.  
For you had gone astray like sheep,  
but you have now returned to the shepherd and  
guardian of your souls. (1 Pt 2:24-25)

### Gospel:

"I came so that they might have life and have it more  
abundantly." (Jn 10:10)

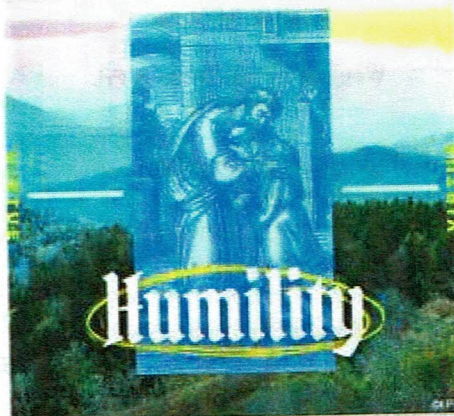
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"The sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice," Jesus says. Do we know the voice of Jesus when he speaks to us? Have we spent time in conversation with him? This week, listen for the voice of Jesus in your life, and follow where it leads.

## Observances for the week of April 26, 2026

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter;  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Tuesday:** St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;  
St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and  
Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** St. Pius V, Pope
- Friday:** St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer
- Saturday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter



## Virtues, Explained!

True humility does not require us to ignore, underestimate, or hide our gifts — it merely demands that we use these gifts rightly, with the knowledge that they are from our Creator and meant for His glory, not our own.

## Blessing of the Good Shepherd

Dear Jesus,  
Be the Good Shepherd in my life.  
Help me to know your voice and  
to respond.  
Help me to find your fold and the  
paths on which you lead.  
Bless me with verdant pastures  
and restful waters.  
Refresh my soul.  
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..**

### **May 2:**

6th last Game: Hispanic Community - sell tacos

### **FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**

<https://www.facebook.com/northtulsasoccerleague>

to stay up to date with any changes.

Thank you. Fr.

## **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

## **Letter from Deacon Michael Jenkins:**

To Fr. C, and  
the parishioners of St. Monica and St. Augustine,

I was truly overwhelmed by your hospitality, kindness, and monetary gifts I received from all of you.

I had a wonderful time in Tulsa, and I pray that you were pleased with the Lenten Revival.

Thank you for the reception each night and for the photos from John F. Baker Sr.

May God continue to bless you, my dear brothers and sisters.

Always remember our theme:

HEAVEN IS THE GOAL.

Love and Prayers.

Dcn. Michael V. Jenkins

## **The Pope's Monthly Intentions April 2026**

### **For priests in crisis**

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer

### **May 2**

Save The Date

Saturday, May 2, 2026

### **Marilyn K. Troupe Derby Day Party**

Bradley Hall

4:00-7:00 p.m.

Derby Attire Encouraged

Tickets \$15.00

Sponsored by St. Monica Legacy Committee

**May 15 - 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

**May 31 - 9:30am**

Free Disaster Preparedness Presentation

To help families to be prepared and recover faster  
From a disaster.

It's Free, Refreshments provided

St. Monica Church

**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

## ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MAY 3, 2026

### LECTORS

[www.stmonica-tulsa.org](http://www.stmonica-tulsa.org)  
[Stmonicochurch@aol.com](mailto:Stmonicochurch@aol.com)

#### *STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING*

April 5, 2026 Easter \$2,850.36  
April 12, 2026 \$1,542.00  
April 19, 2026 \$1,065.00

#### MASS ATTENDANCE

Adults (Youth)	3/29 Palm Sunday	63 (5)
	4/02 Holy Thursday	47 (7)
	4/04 Easter Vigil	93 (20)
	4/05 Easter Sunday	90 (10)

### **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, Mario Holman

\*\*\*\*\* **PARISH NEWS** \*\*\*\*\*

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Wed 6-7:30pm CCD Bldg

**Snacks & Drinks**

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  
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**

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MAY 3, 2026

### LECTORS

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

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### *STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING*

APRIL 5, 2026 EASTER	\$2,190.49
APRIL 12, 2026	\$1,814.00
APRIL 19, 2026	\$1,075.60

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Adults (Youth)	3/29 Palm Sunday	59 (11)
	4/03 Good Friday	51 (11)
	4/05 Easter Sunday	122 (35)

SPANISH MASS	3/29 PALM SUNDAY	159 (65)
	4/02 HOLY THURSDAY	50 (19)

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

***JUNE 1, 2021 - APRIL 19, 2026***

### ***ST. MONICA***

<b>GOAL:</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>RAISED:</b>	<b>\$ 58,874</b>
<b>REMAINING:</b>	<b>\$ 41,126</b>

### ***ST. AUGUSTINE***

<b>GOAL:</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>
<b>RAISED:</b>	<b>\$ 86,234</b>
<b>REMAINING:</b>	<b>\$ 33,766</b>

### **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.,

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday, when the readings invite us to contemplate one of the most tender images in all of Scripture: Christ as the shepherd who leads and cares for his flock.

In an interesting way, this Sunday forms a quiet bookend with the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Both Sundays proclaim Psalm 23 as the Responsorial Psalm:

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

And both Sundays invite us to reflect on the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep.

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we heard the story of Jesus healing the man born blind in John chapter 9. Today's Gospel moves to the next chapter, where Jesus deepens that revelation by describing himself as the gate through which the sheep enter. Jesus says:

*The sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.*

*It is an image of trust, recognition, and belonging.*

This Gospel passage always reminds me of a moment from my college days in Ventura County, California. Our campus was surrounded by rolling hills and open fields where sheep grazed peacefully in the mornings.

One day at sunrise, I was walking along the edge of the campus when I heard the sound of someone singing, gently drifting across the hillside.

As I looked up the trail, I saw a young shepherd walking slowly along the path. Behind him followed a small flock of sheep. They moved calmly in his direction, attentive to his soothing voice. Their soft bleating seemed almost like a quiet harmony accompanying his song.

*In that peaceful moment, the words of the Gospel suddenly felt very real:  
The sheep hear his voice... and they follow him.*

But the image of the shepherd in John's Gospel carries more than comfort. It also carries challenge. In the previous chapter, the Pharisees refused to believe that God could work through Jesus, even after he restored sight to the man born blind. That conflict continues in today's passage when Jesus speaks bluntly:  
*All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.*

*The voice of the true shepherd is different. His voice leads not to confusion or fear, but to life. And not merely life in the ordinary sense, but life overflowing with grace.*

*I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.*

*The First Letter of Peter echoes that same image with quiet reassurance:  
You had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

*The shepherd imagery woven throughout the Bible is rich with hope. Our shepherd knows us personally. He gently calls each of us by name. He walks before us and leads us to abundant life – even when we wander and lose our way.*

*Listen carefully. The voice of the Good Shepherd still echoes across the hills of Easter morning.  
Ken Canedo at [www.ocp.com](http://www.ocp.com)*

**Let us Pray.**

*Almighty God,*

*You sent Jesus, our good shepherd, To gather us together.*

*May we not wander from his flock, But follow wherever he leads us,*

*Listening for his voice and staying near him.*

*In the journey of faith we are prone to wander. We drift away from many things.*

*Sometimes not even knowing that we have drifted away*

*from the communities that anchor us in our faith.*

*We pray for the voice of the Shepherd to guide us,*

*especially in times of wandering and drifting,*

*so that we may rejoin and reconnect*

*with the places and relationships that ground and anchor us*

*In faith, love and community.*

## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of April 26, 2026

#### Sunday:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/  
1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

#### Monday:

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18  
(second choice)

#### Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Jn 10:22-30

#### Wednesday:

Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/  
Jn 12:44-50

#### Thursday:

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/  
Jn 13:16-20

#### Friday:

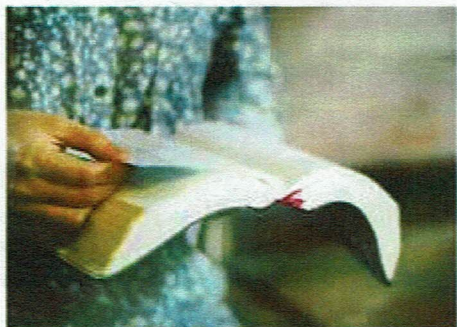
Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/  
Jn 14:1-6

#### Saturday:

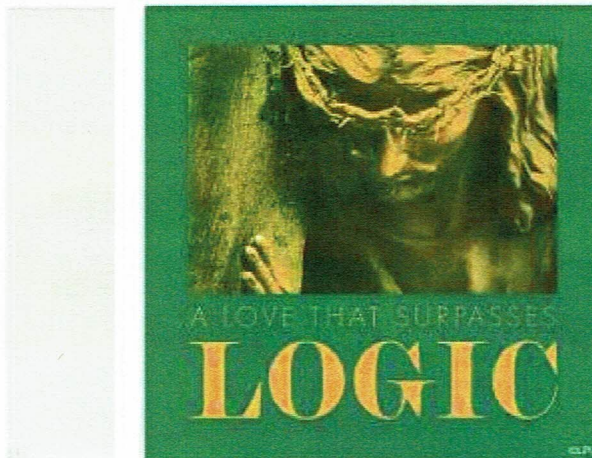
Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Jn 14:7-14

#### Next Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/  
Jn 14:1-12



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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

*"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11*

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: **"I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep."** (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: *I will die for them.* The crowd understandably responds: **"He is out of his mind."**

C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.

— 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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