

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.

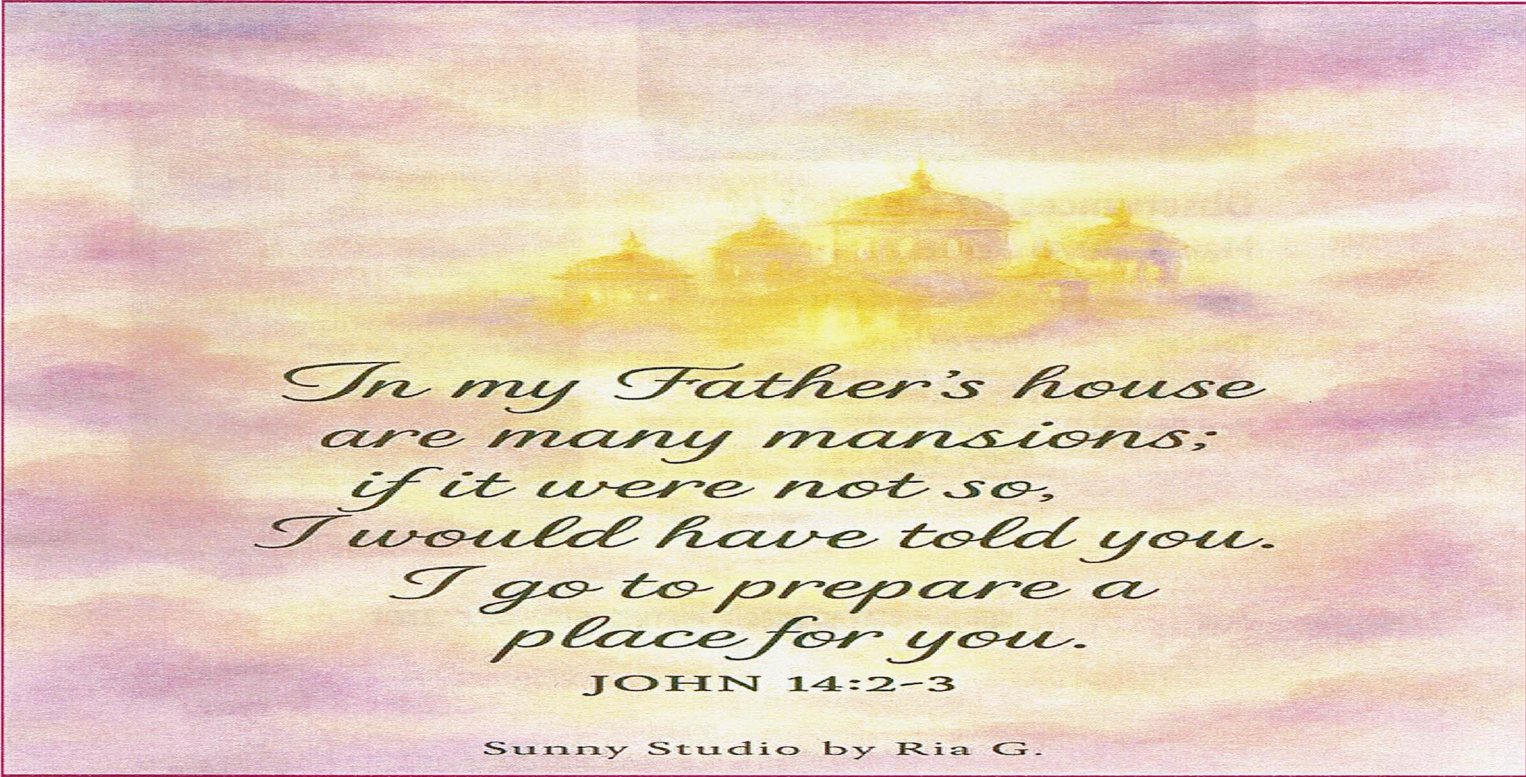
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ST. AUGUSTINE

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Rosary 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Tues & Thurs.
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Religious Education:



*In my Father's house
are many mansions;
if it were not so,
I would have told you.
I go to prepare a
place for you.*

JOHN 14:2-3

Sunny Studio by Ria G.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 3, 2026

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The word of God continued to spread,
and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased
greatly. (Acts 6:7)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.* (1 Pt 2:7)

Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6)

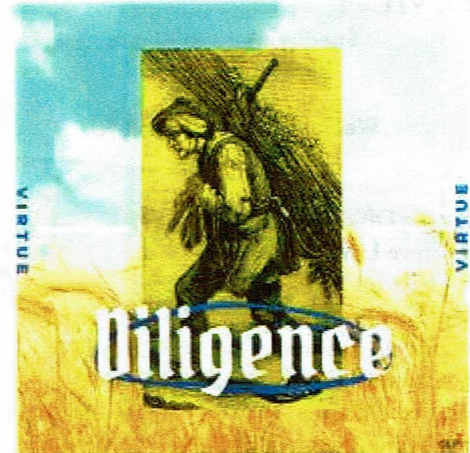
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

How often do we contemplate the
mercy of God, but fear it will run out?
How often do we consider following the
path of Christ and worry that it is too
steep? But God has not overpromised.
Dare to believe Him. Dare to follow Him.

Observances for the week of May 3, 2026

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter
Tuesday: *Cinco de Mayo*
Thursday: National Day of Prayer
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter;
Mother's Day



Virtues, Explained!

Diligence is the opposite of negligence; the diligent man pursues his goal with the same faithfulness with which God has pursued us, wayward as we are, through the long course of salvation history. It is the virtue by which man can secure for himself true happiness.

Blessing of Peace

Dear Lord,
You have said, "Do not let your hearts
be troubled."
Bless me with Your peace.
Fill my heart with trust in You,
and hope in Your promises.
Be my rock in times of distress,
my light in times of darkness,
and my rest in the storm.
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.

GRADUATING SENIORS

Church Family,

Please provide the names of your graduates

Their school and majors to

stmonicachurch@aol.com

Thank you.

Fr C.

St. Monica Church Family:

Thank you so much for your generous donation for our trip to Rome, Italy!

Seeing what we have been studying about these past few years brought it all to life and the experience was amazing. Our memories will last a lifetime.

Thank you again for making it possible.

Derrick Hilliard and Isaiah Figures

Wallace / Figures Family

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

The Pope's Monthly Intentions May 2026

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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 10, 2026

LECTORS - Mother's Day

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING
April 26, 2026 \$2,039.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Adults 66
Youth 8

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

ST. AUGUSTINE

James Mayo Brooks
Requested by the Brooks Family

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

CLOSED FOR SUMMER

NTLC TUTORING

Tues and Thurs
3:30-6pm CCD Bldg
Last day May 7th

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**

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MAY 10, 2026

LECTORS - Mother's Day

Jeff Gallant

Tony Fuselier

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

APRIL 26, 2026 \$1,021.04

MASS ATTENDANCE

ADULTS 56

YOUTH 14

SPANISH MASS

ADULTS 171

YOUTH 85

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021 - APRIL 26, 2026

St. MONICA

GOAL: \$100,000

RAISED: \$ 58,924

REMAINING: \$ 41,076

St. AUGUSTINE

GOAL: \$120,000

RAISED: \$ 86,384

REMAINING: \$ 33,616

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.,

Nowadays, they say it is almost impossible to get lost. With directional apps and dashboard maps, we simply speak an address and are guided step by step to our destination.

And yet, we have all had that uneasy moment: the voice leading us down unfamiliar roads, through strange neighborhoods, along a route that doesn't quite feel right. We begin to wonder: Is this really the way?

Once again, Happy Easter!

In the early Sundays of the season, we heard the Resurrection appearances of Jesus. Now the Church turns to the Last Discourse in the Gospel of John – his intimate words at the Last Supper. In the light of Easter, these are no longer just farewell words, but words of promise. They lead us toward the Ascension and open our hearts to Pentecost.

In today's Gospel, the disciples are searching. Jesus speaks of going away, and they do not understand. Thomas speaks for all of us. "Master, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

And Jesus answers not with directions, but with himself. "I am the way and the truth and the life."

This is not a map. It is a relationship. Philip presses further. "Show us the Father, and that will be enough for us."

And Jesus replies, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

In Christ, the invisible God becomes visible. The distant becomes near. The unknowable becomes known in love.

The early Church would spend generations reflecting on this mystery, seeking words to express what they had come to believe. Yet even before doctrine was defined, the Spirit was already guiding the community forward.

We see this in today's reading from Acts. As the Church grows, the apostles call forth others – filled with the Spirit and wisdom – to serve. The first deacons help the community remain rooted in both prayer and service.

This is the Way of Christ. Not simply a path to follow, but a life to be lived.

Jesus promises, "Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these."

The Way is not something we observe from a distance. It is love made visible in action, faith embodied in service, unity lived in community.

And unlike the uncertain routes of our technology, this Way does not lead us astray. It leads us home – into the very life of the Father.

So as we continue our Easter journey, we are invited not only to follow Christ, but to become signs of his presence for others.

For the Way is not a set of directions.

The Way is a Person. And that Person is Love.

Ken Canedo at www.ocp.com

Let us Pray.

*God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ,
and Spirit of God amidst us, direct our way unto you.
Make us to increase and abound in love one toward another,
and toward all men, even as we do toward you;
to the end we may establish our hearts
unblameable in holiness before you,
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.
Amen*

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 3, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/
Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

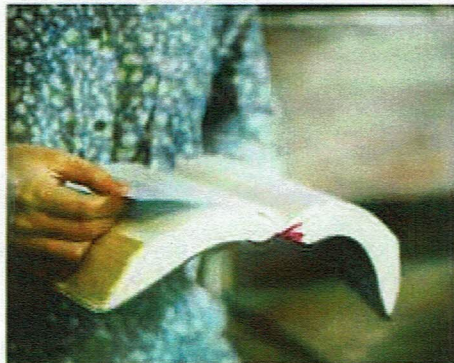
Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

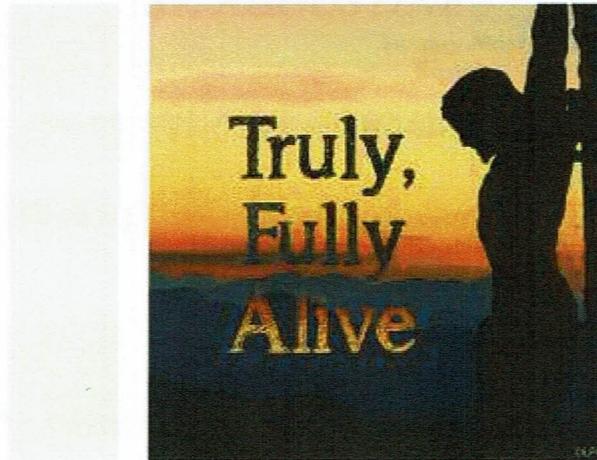
Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16
and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We generally approach life with the question, "What can this do for me?" We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I'll eventually reap some benefit, or I won't do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today's Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn't present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God's own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— 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

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Robert Musgrove
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Gary Randolph Davis
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