

St. Monica Church



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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Deacon: Charles Beard 918-340-0090
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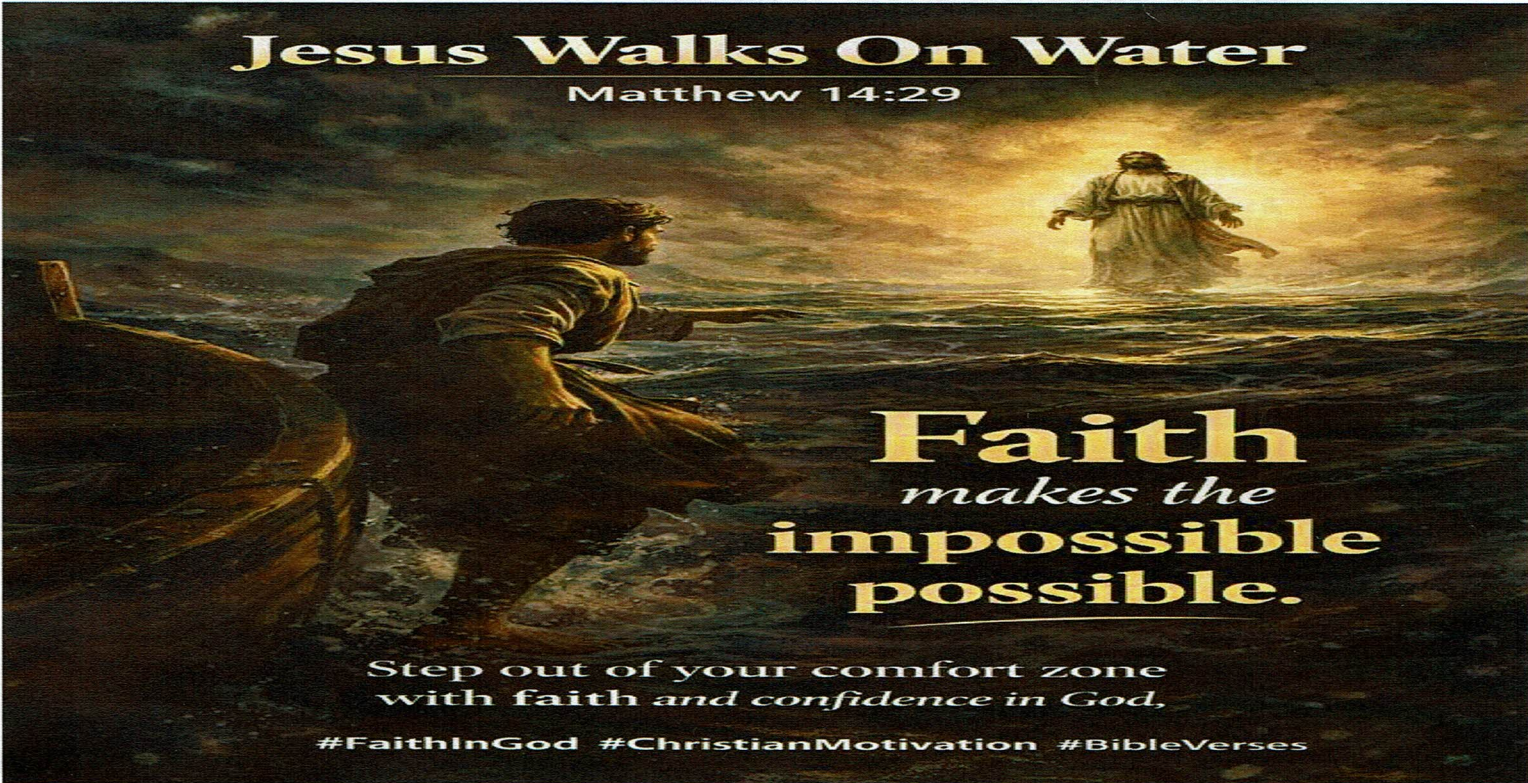
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Jesus Walks On Water

Matthew 14:29



Faith
makes the
impossible
possible.

Step out of your comfort zone
with faith and confidence in God,

#FaithInGod #ChristianMotivation #BibleVerses

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 9, 2026

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then the LORD said to him,
"Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD;
the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kgs 19:11)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

I speak the truth in Christ. I do not lie;
my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me
witness. (Rom 9:1)

Gospel:

Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter,
and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you
doubt?" (Mt 14:31)

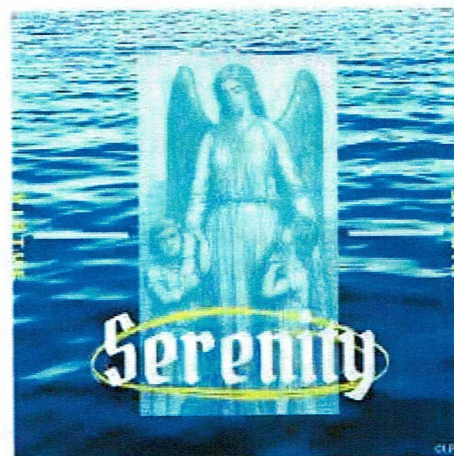
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In the midst of life's greatest storms, Jesus
comes to us, but we may not recognize him.
We may test him. In doing so, he will test us —
and likely, we will fail. But when we falter, his
saving hand is there.

Observances for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday:	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Tuesday:	St. Clare, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Thursday:	Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Saturday:	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

What is serenity? It is an attitude of
calm, one that can only be identified
when contrasted with turmoil. It
is stillness in a storm. It is Christ,
walking steadily across the raging
waves. It is the feeling we find when
we are reconciled to God's mercy.

Prayer in Faith in Trial

Dear God,
In this time of difficulty, be with me.
When I don't feel Your presence or
hear Your voice, sustain me.
When I don't see the path ahead,
guide me.
When I don't know the next step,
support me.
In every day and in every moment, be
my strength.
Amen.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OUR MISSION STATEMENT :

Formed by Word and Sacrament, we are disciples on mission to renew our parish and our world. We commit to strengthening family life, deepening prayer and building a community where faith becomes action.

Bedrock at St. Augustine Sunday:

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

After 10:30 Mass and After 12:30 Mass

August 12: St. Augustine Parish

Joint meeting of Parish & Finance Councils

Religious Education Building 6pm

August 12: St. Monica and St. Augustine

Cornhole Fun Night Wednesday at 6:30pm

St. Augustine Gym for faith fellowship and fun.

August 16: Mission Appeal by a visiting priest.

Please we need your financial support.

August 20: Fall Soccer Registration Starts.

200 kids is our max.

August 22: Religious Education Registration Begins.

130 students is our max.

August 23: African Mass at St. Francis Xavier parish in Stillwater.

August 28: Friday. Feast of St. Augustine and

Inauguration of Hispanic Apostolate at St. Augustine parish with Mass with the Bishop at 6:00 PM.

All are invited

August 29: St. Monica Feast Day Celebration

ST MONICA & ST AUGUSTINE FAMILIES

St Monica will be celebrating its annual Feast Day but more importantly, this marks the 100th year of St Monica's existence.

Due to the extreme heat, most of the activities will be held inside Bradley Hall.

FOOD, GAMES, ACTIVITIES, FELLOWSHIP.

September 26: 1st Soccer League Game

OUR VISION:

We envision a parish rooted in Christ and welcoming to all who seek Him, that draws people into deeper communion through the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, so that every person encounters the love and mercy of Christ.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions - August 2026

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Reach More Mission Formation

Week 1: A Light to the Nations

"You are the light of the world." — Matthew 5:14

God did not create us to keep our faith to ourselves. Every baptized Catholic is called to be a light by reflecting Christ's love through our words, actions, and relationships.

Think About This...

Who has been a "light" in your life and helped you grow closer to Christ?

How might God be asking you to be a light for someone this week? Evangelization isn't about having all the answers—it's about loving others and walking with them toward Jesus.

This Week's Challenge

Pray for one person by name each day this week. Ask God to bless them and help you see opportunities to encourage them.

Remember

The Church is not simply a place we go—it is a people sent on mission. "Lord, help me be Your light wherever You place me."

The North Tulsa Learning Center - NTLC

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

October 17 - 18

St. Monica Catholic Church -

Centennial Celebration

St. Monica Catholic Church Celebrating 100 Years

Events leading up to the Celebration!

See flyer in email and on bulletin board

****** St. Monica Trivia **** Fun Facts**

Question #2

In what city did St Monica illegally occupy a church to keep it from being handed over to heretics?

- A. Hippo
- B. Carthage
- C. Rome
- D. Milan

ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

AUGUST 16, 2026

LECTORS

Regina Baker

Gina Figures

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

July 26, 2026 \$1,356.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Adults

Youth

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

Ed Lacy

Requested by the Nickles Family

ST. AUGUSTINE

Biff Beard

Requested by the Beard 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, William Holman, Keith
Thierry, Doris McKnight

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Wed 6-7:30pm CCD Bldg
Closed for Summer

NTLC TUTORING

Tues and Thurs
3:30-6pm CCD Bldg
September 1, 2026

SPANISH MASS

ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH

Sundays at 12:30

Bible study

Thursdays 10:00 - 11:15am
St. Monica Bradley Hall

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
See sign up sheet

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

AUGUST 16, 2026

LECTORS - Youth Sunday

Emelia Nguyen

Francisco Todd

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

AUGUST 2, 2026 \$3,154.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

ADULTS

YOUTH

SPANISH MASS

ADULTS

YOUTH

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021 - AUGUST 2, 2026

St. MONICA

GOAL: \$100,000

RAISED: \$ 59,394

REMAINING: \$ 40,606

St. AUGUSTINE

GOAL: \$120,000

RAISED: \$ 86,609

REMAINING: \$ 33,391

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
Aug 22*

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.,

Today's Gospel begins immediately after the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. Having fed the hungry crowds, Jesus withdraws to the mountain to pray. He sends his disciples ahead by boat while he remains alone with his Father.

Soon the disciples find themselves surrounded by darkness and wind.

The boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. Jesus came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified.

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter, with characteristic boldness, asks to come to Jesus across the water. For a few moments he does the impossible. But when his eyes leave the Lord and focus instead on the storm, fear overtakes faith.

"Lord, save me!" he cries. Immediately, Jesus reaches out his hand.

This familiar Gospel has much to teach us. Christ is Lord even over the wind and the waves. Peter reminds us how easily confidence can become when life grows uncertain. Yet his desperate prayer is perhaps the simplest and most profound prayer any disciple can offer: "Lord, save me!"

The Lord can calm the storms that surround us. The deeper question is whether we have the faith to reach for the hand already extended toward us.

The First Reading offers another unforgettable encounter with God. The prophet Elijah waits upon the mountain for the Lord to pass by. A mighty wind tears across the landscape. Then comes an earthquake. Then a blazing fire. Surely the Lord will appear in one of these overwhelming signs. But the Lord is in none of them.

Instead, Elijah hears the sound of a tiny whisper.

When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Like Moses before him, Elijah recognizes that he stands in the holy presence of God. Not in power. Not in spectacle. But in a silence so gentle that it can only be received by a listening heart.

This is the quiet genius of the Lectionary. It places Elijah's whispered encounter beside Matthew's storm-tossed sea, revealing a deeper truth. Notice where today's Gospel begins:

After he had fed the people, Jesus went up on the mountain by himself to pray.

Before Jesus calms the storm, before he reaches for Peter's sinking hand, he first enters the silence of prayer. Perhaps that is where we are invited to meet him as well.

We often look for God in dramatic moments – in extraordinary events, unexpected miracles, or unmistakable signs. Yet today's readings gently remind us that the Lord often comes in quieter ways: in the stillness of prayer, in the whisper that reaches the heart, in the peace that cannot be explained.

It is there, in that sacred silence, that we discover the courage to pray Peter's simple prayer:

"Lord, save me."

And it is there, in that same silence, that we find Christ already reaching out his hand.

May we quiet our hearts enough to hear his gentle whisper, trust the hand extended toward us, and follow him wherever he leads.

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Let us Pray.

Please strengthen my faith, Lord.

Help me fully surrender to You.

*Teach me to love You deeply, to cherish myself,
and to extend love to others, even in times of pain.*

May my faith be fortified as I learn to live in accordance with Scripture—to love, serve, and forgive.

Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday:

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/
Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday:

Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday:

Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/
Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday:

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday:

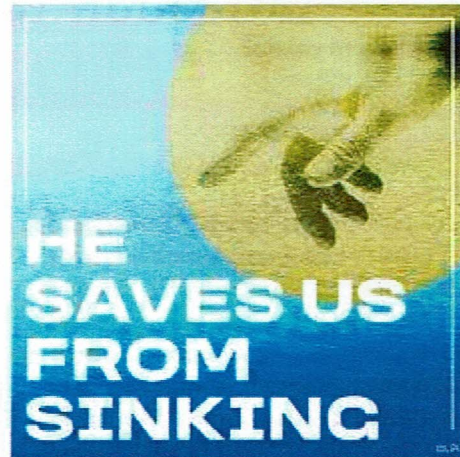
Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-
7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11,
12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process. How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first. "**Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.**" But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, "**Lord, save me.**" Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. This is the paradox leaders often face. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations, such as subtle fears and compromises, that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy. Jesus helps Peter overcome both the obvious and hidden sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders.

— Father John Muir

IN REMEMBRANCE

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