

St. Monica Church

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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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Religious Education:

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Faith
is taking
the first step

even when you
don't see the
whole staircase.

— Martin Luther King Jr.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 16, 2026

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD:

Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed. (Is 56:1)

Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

Second Reading:

For God delivered all to disobedience,
that he might have mercy upon all. (Rom 11:32)

Gospel:

Then Jesus said to her in reply,
"O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." (Mt 15:28)

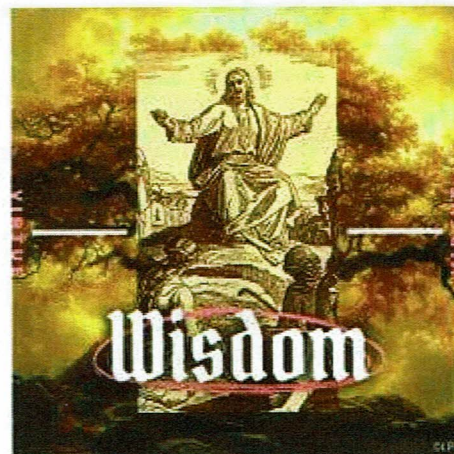
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Canaanite woman did not take Jesus' initial refusal as rejection, but as an invitation to engage with God, to show him the depth of her faith. When our prayers are not answered as we wish, will we have the courage to do the same?

Observances for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday:	St. John Eudes, Priest
Thursday:	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Pius X, Pope
Saturday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does — but only if you accept it. Wisdom originates in both our will and in our intellect, meaning we must ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of wisdom — and remember to be ready when it comes.

Prayer for Conversion in Our Communities

Dear God,
Move in our community:
Bring Your light to the darkness,
Your justice to the oppressed,
Your hope to those in despair,
Your healing to those in pain.
Work in us, Lord, and change our hearts,
making us more loving, more merciful, and more compassionate.
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 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. Monica 4pm

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

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

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 One Mission Formation

Week 2: The Mission of the Laity

You don't have to be a priest, sister, or religious leader to have a mission.

Through our Baptism, each of us is called to participate in the mission of the Church. Our everyday lives—our families, friendships, workplaces, neighborhoods, and communities—are places where we can bring the love of Christ to others.

Think About This...

Where has God placed **you** to make a difference?

Who are the people you encounter every day who may need encouragement, kindness, or simply someone to listen?

Do you think of your everyday life as part of your Christian mission?

This Week's Challenge

Choose **one person you regularly encounter** and be intentional about showing Christ's love to that person this week. It may be as simple as listening, encouraging, checking on them, or praying for them.

Remember

You don't have to travel somewhere to become a missionary. Your mission begins right where God has placed you

The North Tulsa Learning Center - NTLC

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

****** St. Monica Trivia ******

Fun Facts

Question #3

St. Monica was human, and endured many hardships, but through it all she became a saint.

In what way do you connect with St. Monica?

ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

AUGUST 23, 2026

LECTORS

Quentin Henley

Ethelyn Harbin

www.stmonica-tulsa.org

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

August 9, 2026 \$ 855.00

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

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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
September 9, 2026

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

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AUGUST 23, 2026

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AUGUST 9, 2026 \$1,337.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

ADULTS

YOUTH

SPANISH MASS

ADULTS

YOUTH

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021 – AUGUST 9, 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.,

Some prayers seem to disappear into silence.

We ask for healing. We pray for a loved one. We plead for peace in a troubled family or hope in a difficult time. Yet heaven seems quiet. We wonder if anyone is listening.

The Canaanite woman in today's Gospel must have felt that way.

She was an outsider, a Gentile in a world where she had little reason to expect a hearing from a Jewish rabbi. Yet she approached Jesus with a mother's desperate plea for her daughter. At first, Jesus said nothing. Even the disciples wanted to send her away.

Still, she remained.

She uttered one of the simplest and most heartfelt prayers in all of Scripture:

"Lord, help me."

She refused to let silence become despair. Then came the words that changed everything:

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

This is the only person in Matthew's Gospel whose faith Jesus calls great. It is not one of the apostles. It is not one of the religious leaders. It is not even someone from the house of Israel. It is a foreign woman whose only claim is her unwavering trust in God's mercy.

The other readings help us understand why this story matters. Isaiah envisions a day when foreigners will be welcomed on God's holy mountain. Saint Paul rejoices that God's saving love reaches beyond every boundary. Together they proclaim what the Gospel reveals: God's mercy is never confined by the walls we build.

Perhaps that is the invitation for us today.

There will be moments when our prayers seem to meet only silence. We may wonder whether God has turned away or whether our hopes have gone unheard. The Canaanite woman reminds us not to mistake silence for absence. She continues to trust. She continues to ask. She refuses to walk away.

Maybe that is what great faith looks like.

Not a faith that never struggles.

Not a faith that always understands.

But a faith that continues to pray, with quiet confidence and enduring hope:

"Lord, help me."

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Prayer for Healing.

*Heavenly Father,
I come before you in faith,
seeking your healing touch on me and on all the sick.
We believe in your power to restore health and well-being.
Please lay your hands upon us
and remove any sickness or pain from our bodies.
Grant us strength and vitality
so that we may continue to serve you and others.
In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.*

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30,
35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/
Mt 22:1-14

Friday:

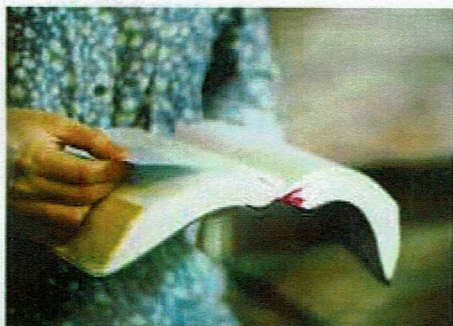
Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

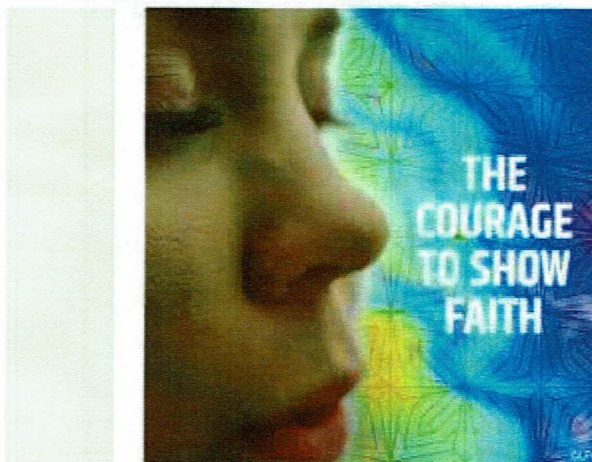
Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-
14/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, **"Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David."** At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her, **"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."** But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. **"Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."** Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, **"O woman, great is your faith,"** it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

— 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
Calvin 'Butch' Burton
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Maxine Jeffers-Holman

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