

# 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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Deacon: Steve Litwack 918-747-0574  
Deacon: Charles Beard 918-340-0090  
Secretary: Liz Brown 918-587-2965  
Parish Council: Sadonna Davis 918-284-9970  
Finance Council: Helen Page 918-639-4922  
Ladies of Peter Claver: Minyan Burton 918-640-1546  
Legion of Mary: Yvonne Hunter 918-587-2965  
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Choir: ZaQue Hutchinson 918-907-8659  
Parish Life/Benevolent: Linda DeJear 918-639-3485  
RCIA: Jennifer Thomas: 918-720-9081  
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.

**Weekday Mass** Tues & Thurs.  
9:00 a.m.

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Religious Education:

**I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH,  
AND THE GATES OF HELL**  
*shall not prevail against it.*

**MATTHEW 16:18 ESV**



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**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**    **AUGUST 23, 2026**

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder;  
when he opens, no one shall shut,  
when he shuts, no one shall open. (Is 22:22)

### Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

### Second Reading:

For from him and through him and for him are all things.  
To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

### Gospel:

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.  
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;  
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt 16:19)

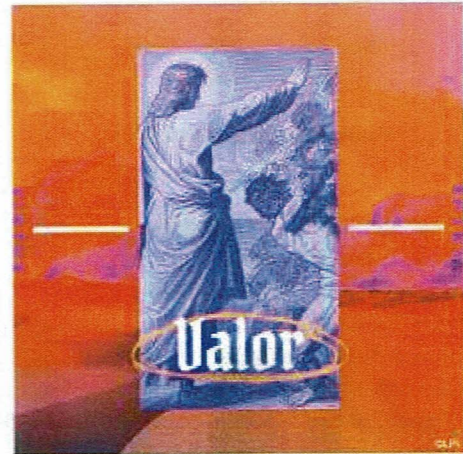
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks his apostles. Peter is the first to answer. He knows who Jesus is. Do we? In everything we do and everything we are, let us say together with Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

## Observances for the week of August 23, 2026

|                     |                                                |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday:</b>      | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time                   |
| <b>Monday:</b>      | St. Bartholomew, Apostle                       |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>     | St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest         |
| <b>Thursday:</b>    | St. Monica                                     |
| <b>Friday:</b>      | St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church |
| <b>Saturday:</b>    | The Passion of St. John the Baptist            |
| <b>Next Sunday:</b> | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time                   |



## Virtues, Explained!

Though valor itself is not a cardinal or theological virtue, as a Latin-based word that means "strength," we associate it with the gift of fortitude. It conjures an image of fortitude on the battlefield — of fidelity to the good fight, regardless of the coming attack.

## Prayer for the Pope

Dear God,  
Be with Our Holy Father in his ministry. Bless, anoint, and protect him in his comings and goings. Inspire his words, direct his interactions, guide his prayer. 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 20: Fall Soccer Registration

200 kids is our max.

## August 22: Religious Education Registration Begins.

130 students is our max.

## Cancelled: 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

## October 31, 6-8pm

Save the date!

Saint Monica Church Trunk or Treat

## 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 3: Living the Mission

**Our mission begins with the people God has already placed in our lives.**

Being a missionary disciple doesn't always mean doing something big. Often, it begins by noticing the people around us, listening to them, caring about their lives, and allowing God to work through our everyday relationships.

### Think About This...

- Who has God already placed in your life?
- Is there someone you see regularly who may need encouragement, friendship, or prayer?
- Do you sometimes become so busy that you miss opportunities to truly notice others?

**How might an ordinary relationship become an opportunity to share the love of Christ? his Week's Challenge-**

Think of **one person** God may be placing on your heart. Pray for that person by name this week. Don't worry about what you are supposed to say or do. Simply pray: "**Lord, show me how I can love this person well.**"

Then pay attention to the opportunities God provides.

### Remember

**Mission doesn't always begin with talking about Jesus. Sometimes it begins by genuinely caring about someone.**

Lord, open my eyes to the people You have placed around me and help me recognize where You are already at work.

## The North Tulsa Learning Center - NTLC

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

AUGUST 30, 2026

### LECTORS

Patsy Clark

Derrick Figures

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

### STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

August 16, 2026                      \$1,855.00

### MASS ATTENDANCE

|        | <u>8/2</u> | <u>8/9</u> | <u>8/16</u> |
|--------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Adults | 65         | 66         | 74          |
| Youth  | 2          | 6          | 4           |

## **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**

*Nelson Wallace, Jr.*

*Shemika Figures*

*Requested by the Wallace-Figures Family*

## **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, 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

## ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**AUGUST 30, 2026**

### **LECTORS**

**Jeff Gallant**

**Marcie Crow**

**www.staugustine-tulsa.org**

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### ***STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING***

AUGUST 16, 2026                      \$ 815.54

### **MASS ATTENDANCE**

|        | <u>8/2</u> | <u>8/9</u> | <u>8/16</u> |
|--------|------------|------------|-------------|
| ADULTS | 67         | 55         | 56          |
| YOUTH  | 14         | 11         | 11          |

### **SPANISH MASS**

ADULTS

YOUTH

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

***JUNE 1, 2021 - AUGUST 16, 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*

## **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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### **and Websites:**

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

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

*From the desk of Fr. C.,*

*The Gospel today revolves around two questions.*

*Jesus first asks his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" The answers come quickly: John the Baptist. Elijah. Jeremiah. One of the prophets. The voices of the crowd recognize Jesus as someone extraordinary, but they stop short of the truth.*

*Then Jesus asks a second question.*

*"But who do **you** say that I am?"*

*The conversation suddenly becomes personal. Simon Peter answers with words that echo through every generation of believers: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

*Jesus responds by giving Peter a mission. "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."*

*Matthew's Gospel is one of only two places where Jesus speaks the word Church – the assembly of God's people. Faith is deeply personal, but it is never meant to be lived in isolation. Christ gathers us into a community that proclaims his name, celebrates his presence, and continues his mission in the world. Peter's ministry of leadership remains a visible sign of that unity through the Church and the successor of Peter, the Pope.*

*The First Reading from Isaiah reminds us that leadership is entrusted by God. The Second Reading ends with St. Paul's hymn of praise for Jesus Christ:*

*"For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."*

*Every generation hears the same question that Jesus asked at Caesarea Philippi.*

*Who do **you** say that I am?*

*May our answer be more than words. May it be the faith we profess, the life we live, and the communion we share with the Church that continues to bear witness to Christ in every age.  
ken Canedo at [www.ocp.com](http://www.ocp.com)*

### **Prayer That I May Know Him More**

Lord,  
I love You and want to know You more and more.  
I long that I may become increasingly intimate  
with You my God and Saviour.  
Give me a thirst for You with every passing day,  
and may I settle for nothing less than  
the very closest relationship with You  
as I press on to the high calling of becoming just like Jesus.  
Draw me nearer to You precious Lord,  
and keep me moment by moment wrapped  
in Your grace and love.  
Amen.

## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of August 23, 2026

#### Sunday:

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

#### Monday:

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/  
Jn 1:45-51

#### Tuesday:

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/  
Mt 23:23-26

#### Wednesday:

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/  
Mt 23:27-32

#### Thursday:

1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Mt 24:42-51

#### Friday:

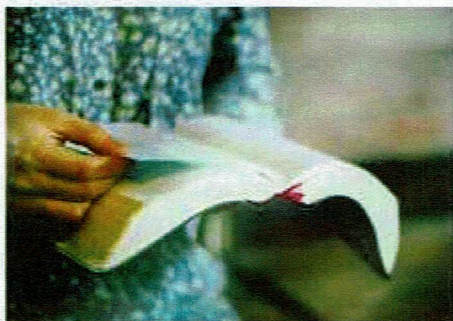
1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/  
Mt 25:1-13

#### Saturday:

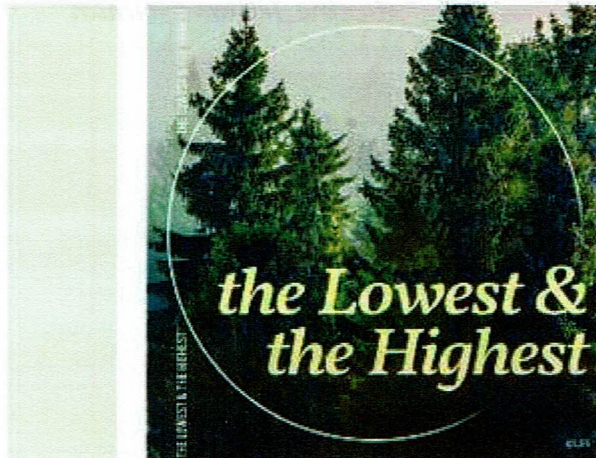
1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/  
Mk 6:17-29

#### Next Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/  
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

— 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  
Ray Craven  
Maxine Jeffers-Holman*

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