

St. Monica Church

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St. Augustine 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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RCIA: Jennifer Thomas: 918-720-9081
Technology: John Baker 918-398-4268
Men's Club: James Page 918-587-2965
Religious Education:

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Religious Education:



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 30, 2026

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I say to myself, I will not mention him,
I will speak in his name no more.
But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones. (Jer 20:9)

Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. (Rom 12:1)

Gospel:

"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Mt 16:25)

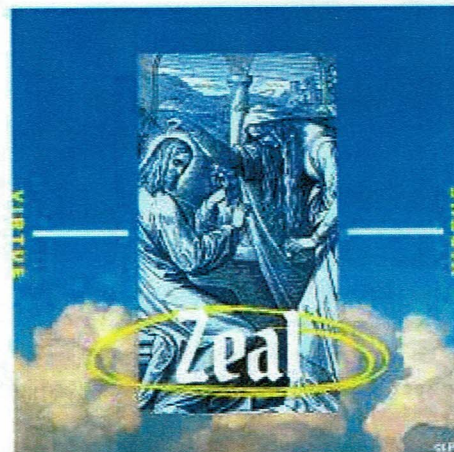
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Plenty of people are drawn to Jesus. Curious about him. Inspired by him. But can they carry the cross? Today, Jesus tells us that we cannot have one without the other — it is Christ and the cross, or nothing at all. Which will we choose?

Observances for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Virtuous zeal refers to an all-consuming love, which has for its object the Lord Himself. Closeness with God is impeded by anything contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ, so no person can be "zealous" for God if they are violent or hateful.

Prayer for Vocations

Dear God,
Give us the courage and strength to answer when You call! Give us clarity and trust to hear Your soft invitations. Give us the love to respond, and the bravery to take the steps that will bring us ever closer to You.
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

Fall Soccer Registration
200 kids is our max.

Religious Education Registration Begins. 130 students is our max.

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

The North Tulsa Learning Center - NTLC
ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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.

ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

LECTORS

Donnetta Laws

Deborah Craven-Moss

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

August 23, 2026 \$4,167.51

MASS ATTENDANCE

Adults	55
Youth	3

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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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

AUGUST 23, 2026 \$1,535.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

ADULTS 49
YOUTH 10

SPANISH MASS

ADULTS
YOUTH

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021 – AUGUST 23, 2026

St. Monica

GOAL: \$100,000
RAISED: \$ 59,394
REMAINING: \$ 40,606

St. Augustine

GOAL: \$120,000
RAISED: \$ 86,659
REMAINING: \$ 33,341

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**

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From the desk of Fr. C.,

Today's Gospel picks up right where we left off last Sunday. Peter has just proclaimed Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus calls him blessed and names him the rock upon which he will build his Church.

It is a soaring moment. And then everything comes crashing down.

Jesus tells his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, suffer greatly, be killed, and on the third day be raised. Peter cannot accept this. He takes Jesus aside and rebukes him: "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you."

And Jesus responds to the man he has just called the rock: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me."

What happened?

Jesus tells us: "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Peter knows who Jesus is. But he does not yet understand what following Jesus will mean. He can imagine the glory. He cannot yet imagine the Cross. Perhaps neither can we.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

The Cross is not something we naturally seek. Jeremiah certainly didn't. In today's First Reading, the prophet cries out to God: "You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped!"

I love the raw honesty of that passage. Jeremiah sounds almost as if he is shaking his fist at heaven. Following God has brought him ridicule and suffering, and he has had enough. He decides he will no longer speak God's name.

But he cannot stop. "Then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones." There is the mystery of discipleship. Jeremiah struggles against God and still discovers God burning within him. Peter resists the Cross and will eventually give his life for Christ. Following Jesus is a lifetime of learning to surrender our expectations and allow God to transform us.

That is why Paul's words in today's Second Reading bring all these strands together:

"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God."

Be transformed.

Peter must be transformed. Jeremiah must be transformed. So must we.

Jesus does not promise that discipleship will lead us away from the Cross. He invites us to discover that somewhere within our crosses – within sacrifice, surrender, disappointment, love, and the daily giving of ourselves – we may begin to see differently.

Not merely as human beings see. But as God sees.

And perhaps that is what it means to lose our lives for the sake of Christ:

to discover, little by little, the life that God has been inviting us to find. ken Canedo at www.ocp.com

Let Us Pray

Lord Jesus,
grant me the strength
and grace to carry my cross
with faith, patience, and love,
just as You carried Yours
for my salvation.
Amen

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101,
102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab,
13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:

1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

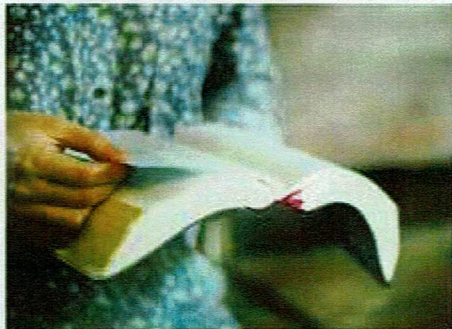
1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:

1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/
Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/
Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, "**Get behind me, Satan.**"

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a *suffering* Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. "**Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.**" In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear.

— Father John Muir

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James & Colleen Brooks
James & Ruth Sayles
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Shamika Figures*

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