

St. Monica Church

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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
Secretary: Liz Brown 918-587-2965
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RCIA: Jennifer Thomas: 918-720-9081
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Ladies of Peter Claver: Judy Clark 918-425-5215
Choir: ZaQue Hutchinson 918-907-8659
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Technology: Glenda Reed 918-269-0527
Men's Club: Reggie Hurd 918-409-1300
Soccer League: Fr. C 918-607-8681
Religious Education:

Matthew 18:19-20

Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name,

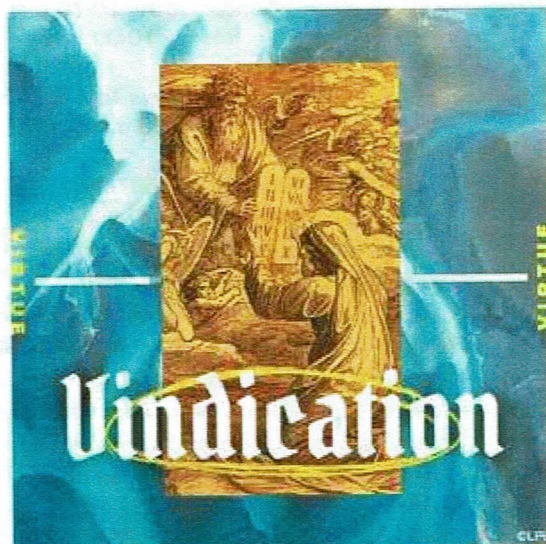
there I am with them.



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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SEPTEMBER 6, 2026**

Weekly Scripture



Virtues, Explained!

Most commonly, we understand the term "vindication" in a very legal, argumentative context. We say someone is "vindicated" when they are proven innocent, or when their good name is defended from an accusation.

This isn't so far from what vindication means in the sense of virtue, either. Vindication is related to the virtue of justice, which demands we honor our duty to God and to one another. Justice seeks to ensure the fairness of human interaction. It seeks to safeguard truth against those who would co-opt it for their own purposes.

If we truly put our trust in God and seek to do His will, we may not always have popularity, but we will have truth: "Commit your way to the Lord, trust in him and he will act, and make your righteousness shine like the dawn, your justice like noonday." (Psalm 37:5-6)

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

But if you warn the wicked,
trying to turn him from his way,
and he refuses to turn from his way,
he shall die for his guilt,
but you shall save yourself. (Ez 33:9)

Psalm

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
(Ps 95)

Second Reading

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another;
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the
law. (Rom 13:8)

Gospel

Amen, I say to you,
whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in
heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth shall be
loosed in heaven. (Mt 18:18)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

Christ tells us that "where two or three are
gathered in my name, there am I in the
midst of them." Our faith compels us to be in
community with one another. No one should
be a Christian alone. How can you draw
closer to others who love Christ?

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

BIBLE STUDY..

September 10

Begins on Thursday 10 am

Venue is St. Monica Bradley Hall.

We will be studying the book of Judges.

"Lord, thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" Psalm 119:105

Come and join us.

St. Monica Catholic Church - Centennial Celebration

September 12

Walk for 200

September 17

Centennial Banquet

September 18

Mass and Centennial Garden Blessing and Dedication

Fall Soccer League Schedule...

1. Friday **Sept. 18**...5pm to 5:45 pm ...Help us bag up soccer gear for 180 players. Need 10 volunteers.

2. Saturday, **Sept 19**: 9 am to 11 am. Soccer equipment distribution day.

Help players check in and pick up equipment.

Need 12 volunteers.

3. Saturday, **Sept. 26**. Game 1.

St. M/St. A provide and serve 600 free hotdogs.

Need volunteers.

4. Saturday Oct. 3. Game 2

Hispanic Apostolate sale tacos.

5. Saturday Oct. 10. Game 3

Christ the King parish to provide free meals.

6. Saturday, Oct. 17..Game 4.

Hispanic Apostolate sale tacos

7. Saturday Oct. 24: Game 5.

St. Bernard provides free meals

8. Saturday, Oct. 31..Final Game.

Red Cross provide free meals:

Knight of Columbus give away 300 winter coats.

Hispanic Apostolate dancers to entertain the crowd.

Need lots of volunteers.

Please sign up at the back table.

Thank you,

Fr. C

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 - September 2026

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Reach One Mission Formation

REACH ONE MISSION FORMATION — WEEK 4

It's All About Relationships

"With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well."

— 1 Thessalonians 2:8

Jesus shared the Good News through relationships. He spent time with people, listened to them, noticed their needs, and loved each person personally. We follow His example when we take a sincere interest in the people God has placed in our lives.

Evangelization is not about treating someone like a project or forcing a conversation about faith. It begins by building genuine friendships, listening carefully, asking thoughtful questions, and allowing others to feel known and valued. As trust grows, opportunities to share God's love can develop naturally.

Reflect: How well do I listen to others? Do the people in my life feel truly seen, heard, and valued by me?

This Week's Mission:

Choose one person with whom you would like to strengthen your relationship. Spend intentional time talking with that person. Ask an open-ended question, listen without interrupting, and ask a follow-up question that shows genuine interest.

Remember that relationships take time. Be patient, remain curious, and allow the Holy Spirit to guide the conversation. Continue praying for at least **15 minutes each day**, inviting the Holy Spirit to help you see and love others as Jesus does.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank You for the people You have placed in my life. Teach me to listen with compassion, love without judgment, and build relationships that reflect Your love. Holy Spirit, guide my words and help me recognize opportunities to bring others closer to You.

Amen.

October 31, 6-8pm

Save the date!

Saint Monica Church Trunk or Treat

December 13

Save the date!

Christmas Gala

ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

LECTORS

Sadonna Davis

Liz Brown

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

August 30, 2026 \$1,119.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Adults	62
Youth	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

Dolly Parton

Requested by

Ted Thompson & Patsy Clark

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
Starts September 10, 2026
Book of Judges

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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SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

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ADULTS 62

YOUTH 11

SPANISH MASS

ADULTS

YOUTH

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021 – AUGUST 30, 2026

St. MONICA

GOAL: \$100,000

RAISED: \$ 59,444

REMAINING: \$ 40,556

St. AUGUSTINE

GOAL: \$120,000

RAISED: \$ 86,684

REMAINING: \$ 33,316

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.,

I was having lunch at my favorite local restaurant and was amused to see a table of six people who were apparently a group of friends. I say "apparently" because they were not talking to each other. All six were on their phones, presumably checking text messages or scrolling through Instagram or TikTok. I had to wonder: Why are they even eating out together? They were physically at the same table, but they were not really present to each other.

Who are we present to on our journey through life? Who is present to us?

This Sunday and next, the Gospel comes from Matthew 18, sometimes called the Community Discourse. Jesus is speaking to his disciples about something every family, parish, friendship, and community eventually discovers: Living together is not easy.

People disappoint us. People hurt us. We misunderstand each other. We disagree.
So what do we do?

Jesus offers a path toward reconciliation. If someone sins against you, begin by speaking with that person privately. If that fails, bring others along. If reconciliation still cannot be reached, bring the matter before the community.

Notice the persistence. Jesus does not tell us to complain about the person to somebody else. He does not tell us to post about it on social media. He does not tell us simply to walk away. He asks us to keep reaching out—to remain present to each other, even when being present is difficult.

The First Reading from Ezekiel reminds us that we bear some responsibility for one another. But St. Paul tells us what must lie beneath that responsibility:

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. . . Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence love is the fulfillment of the law.

Fraternal correction without love can become judgment. Correction rooted in love becomes an invitation to reconciliation.

And then Jesus gives us the beautiful promise that brings everything together:

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Jesus is in our midst—in our families, our parishes, our communities, and in those difficult conversations when we choose reconciliation over resentment.

It is possible to sit at the same table and never really encounter each other. Jesus invites us to something deeper: to put down whatever keeps us apart, look into each other's eyes, listen to each other, forgive each other, and truly be present.

For when we are truly present to one another in love, Christ is present, too.
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Let Us Pray

Heavenly Father,
I come before You today, burdened with the weight of a broken relationship.
I ask that You **soften our hearts**, removing pride, bitterness,
and misunderstanding that stand in the way of reconciliation.
Grant us the **humility to seek forgiveness** where it is needed
and the grace to extend it freely.
Help us to **listen with open hearts** and speak with kindness and patience.
May Your love be the glue that binds us back together stronger
and more understanding than before.
I surrender this relationship to You,
trusting in Your perfect timing and healing power.
In Jesus' Name,

Worship & Observances

Back-to-School Blessing

Dear God,
We ask that You bless the students in our congregation, giving them inspirational teachers, studious habits, solid friendships, and Your grace in every moment of this school year. Bless the teachers and school staff in our congregation, too. Fill them with Your love and care so that, as they teach and minister to our young people, Your wisdom and light may be known, encountered, and shared.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of September 6, 2026

Sunday

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

Monday

1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
or 1:18-23

Wednesday

1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday

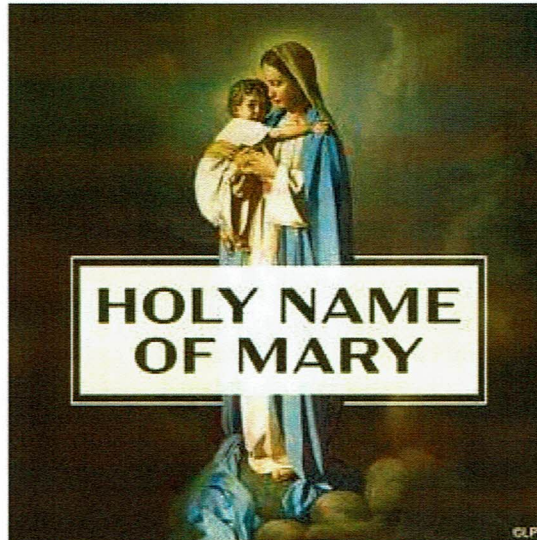
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday

Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/
Mt 18:21-35



Observances for the Week of September 6, 2026

Sunday

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday

Labor Day

Tuesday

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday

St. Peter Claver, Priest

Friday

Patriot Day

Saturday

The Most Holy Name of Mary

Next Sunday

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparent's Day

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

Samuel West
Mary Dawson
Leo Sayles
Don Terry Davis
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Danta Wilson
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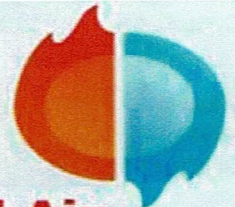
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