

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: Charles Beard 918-340-0090
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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
OCIA: Jennifer Thomas: 918-720-9081
Technology: John Baker 918-398-4268
Men's Club: James Page 918-587-2965
Religious Education:

ST. AUGUSTINE

Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.
Rosary 10:00 a.m.

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

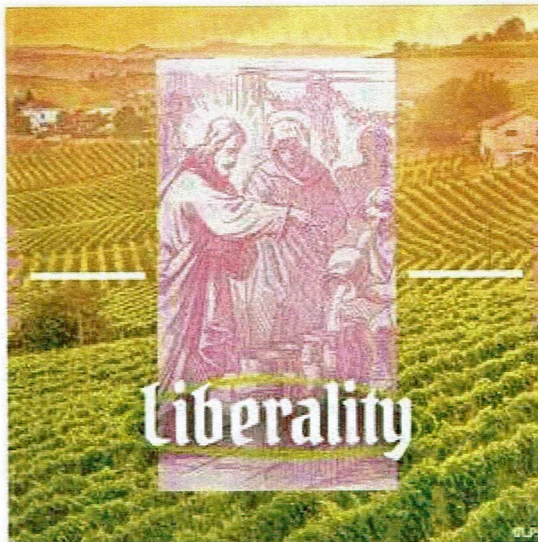
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Technology: Glenda Reed 918-269-0527
Men's Club: Reggie Hurd 918-409-1300
Soccer League: Fr. C 918-607-8681
Religious Education:

So those who are
last now,
will be first then,
and those who are
first will be last.

— MATTHEW 20:16 —

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Weekly Scripture



Virtues, Explained!

Jesus told the rich young man that in order to be saved, he must sell all he owned and give the proceeds to the poor. This is the virtue of liberality — giving of one's resources freely and in abundance.

However, the virtue of liberality should be practiced by each person according to his state in life. The rich young man could afford to lose everything — and indeed, was too attached to his wealth. We are all called to give selflessly of what we have, but “we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us,” writes St. Paul (Romans 12:6).

Some of us have too much time and have grown idle. Some of us have too much talent and use it only to benefit ourselves. Some of us have too much wealth, and hoard it jealously. Whatever we have too much of will keep us from God. So let's practice liberality, and be generous.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call him while he is near. (Is 55:6)

Psalm

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

Second Reading

I am caught between the two.
I long to depart this life and be with Christ,
for that is far better. (Phil 1:23)

Gospel

“What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?
Are you envious because I am generous?”
(Mt 20:14-15)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

The master rewards the latecomers with the
same wage as those who labored all day,
upsetting the construct of who deserves
what — and why. May we never seek to be
the judge of what others deserve. May we
labor in our vineyard with joy and gratitude.

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. Monica Sunday:

For the next 6 weeks.

After Mass, **Bedrock** (Ascension St. John) will be offering blood pressure, A1C, and cholesterol checks and information/sign-up for a free heart screening.

After 8:30am

BIBLE STUDY..

Begins on Thursday 10 am

Venue is St. Monica Bradley Hall.

We will be studying the book of Judges.

October 3, Saturday

Tulsa Rosary Rally 8am

October 4, Sunday

Pet Blessing 2pm St. Monica

St. Monica Catholic Church - Centennial Celebration

October 17

Centennial Banquet

October 18

Mass and Centennial Garden Blessing and Dedication

Fall Soccer League Schedule...

Saturday, Sept. 26. Game 1.

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

Need volunteers.

Saturday Oct. 3. Game 2

Hispanic Apostolate sale tacos.

Saturday Oct. 10. Game 3

Christ the King parish to provide free meals.

Saturday, Oct. 17..Game 4.

Hispanic Apostolate sale tacos

Saturday Oct. 24: Game 5.

St. Bernard provides free meals

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.

Saturday, October 31, 6-8pm

Save the date!

Saint Monica Church Trunk or Treat

Sunday, December 13

Save the date!

Christmas Gala

ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

LECTORS

Elaine Henderson

Brenda Jones

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

September 13, 2026 \$1,591.50

MASS ATTENDANCE

Adults	68
Youth	5

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

Marva Fairconeture
In honor of her 90th Birthday
September 22
Requested by her daughters
Ruby & Rose

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,
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

Sept 23

**Mandatory parent meeting for all
Post Confirmation Participants**

NTLC TUTORING

Tues and Thurs
3:30-6pm CCD Bldg

SPANISH MASS

ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH
Sundays at 12:30

Bible study

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

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

LECTORS

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 \$1,436.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

ADULTS 54

YOUTH 12

SPANISH MASS

ADULTS

YOUTH

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021 – SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

St. MONICA

GOAL: \$100,000

RAISED: \$ 59,544

REMAINING: \$ 40,456

St. AUGUSTINE

GOAL: \$120,000

RAISED: \$ 86,709

REMAINING: \$ 33,291

OCIA

*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.,

"It's not fair!"

That might be our first reaction to today's Gospel. Jesus tells the parable of a landowner who goes out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. He returns at 9:00, Noon, 3:00, and even 5:00, near the end of the workday, and hires still more workers.

At paytime, those hired last receive a full day's wage. You can almost see the dawn crew rubbing their hands in eager expectation. After all, they toiled in the hot sun all day! Surely they will receive more.

But they don't. Everyone receives the same wage.

Naturally, the dawn workers grumble. The landowner replies:

"My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? . . . Are you envious because I am generous?"

And then Jesus concludes:

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

This parable probably threw Matthew's community for a loop. Matthew was writing for a Christian community with strong Jewish roots at a time when the Church was expanding to embrace Gentiles and others who had only recently come to faith. Some might understandably have wondered: We have been faithful all this time. Don't we deserve something more?

Jesus turns the question around.

The Kingdom of God is not something we earn according to how many hours we have worked. It is a gift. God's generosity cannot be measured by our human calculations of who deserves what.

The First Reading from Isaiah prepares us beautifully for this teaching:

"Let the scoundrel forsake his way . . . Let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving."

Generous in forgiving.

That is the God Jesus reveals in the vineyard: a God who keeps going out, hour after hour, looking for more people to invite in.

Perhaps that is the real surprise of this parable. The landowner never stops looking for workers. Dawn. Nine o'clock. Noon. Three o'clock. Five o'clock. There is always room for one more.

And that says something important about our Christian communities. I think of youth groups and choirs who have been together for a long time. It is easy to become comfortable with familiar friends and familiar ways of doing things. Without intending to, we can begin acting as though the vineyard belongs to us.

But it doesn't.

By the very nature of Christian ministry, we are always called to welcome new people, with new gifts and talents that our community may very much need.

Some of us arrived at dawn. Others came at Noon. Still others may be walking into the vineyard at five o'clock.

God rejoices that they came at all.

And so should we. Ken Canedo at www.ocp.com

Let Us Pray

"Heavenly Father, You are the giver of every good gift.

All that I have comes from You. Create in me a generous heart—
a heart that gives without counting the cost, serves without seeking praise,
and loves without expecting anything in return...

May my generosity reflect Your mercy. May my giving glorify You.

And may my life become a gift for others.

Amen."

Worship & Observances

Prayer for an OCIA Class

Dear God,
You never cease calling
each of us to You.
Be with our OCIA class as we
journey to know You better.
Inspire our conversations,
guide our lessons,
and direct our hearts as
each of us seeks Your will.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of September 20, 2026

Sunday

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
Mt 20:1-16a

Monday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

Friday

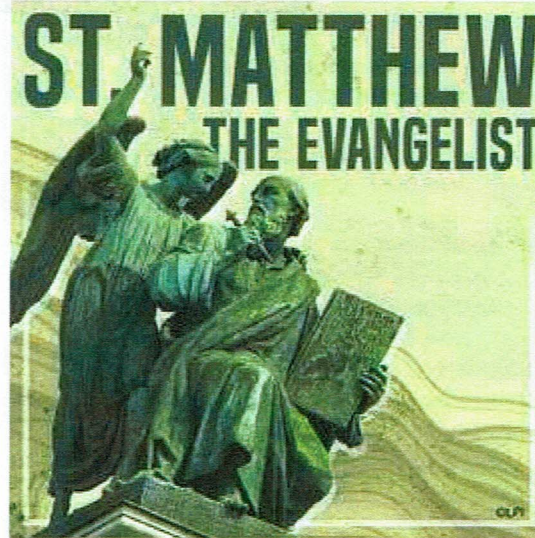
Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/
Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/
Mt 21:28-32



Observances for the Week of September 20, 2026

Sunday

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday

Monday

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist;
National Migration Week

Wednesday

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Saturday

Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Next Sunday

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday

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
Marilyn Kay Troupe
Danta Wilson
Nelson Wallace Jr.
Lee Andrew Jeffers



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