

St. Monica 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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Choir: ZaQue Hutchinson 918-907-8659
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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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Soccer League: Fr. C 918-607-8681
Religious Education:

“No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

Luke 16:13

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Never will I forget a thing they have done! (Am 8:7)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. (Ps 113)

Second Reading:

There is also one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus,
who gave himself as ransom for all. (1 Tm 2:5-6)

Gospel:

"No servant can serve two masters.
He will either hate one and love the other,
or be devoted to one and despise the other.
You cannot serve both God and mammon." (Lk 16:13)

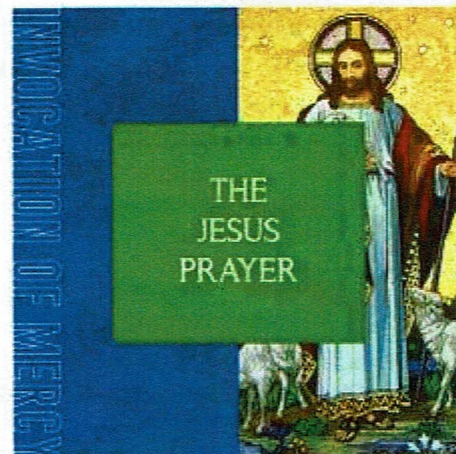
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

No servant can serve two masters, and in his goodness, God gives us the ability to choose. Will we serve mammon, the riches of this world? Or will we seek true wealth, the kind that cannot be hoarded or wasted, but only given freely away?

Observances for the week of September 21, 2025

Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday:	National Migration Week
Tuesday:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Friday:	Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Saturday:	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Next Sunday:	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday



Devotions, Explained!

The Jesus Prayer is a short invocation of mercy in the name of Jesus: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Often attributed to the tradition of Eastern Christianity, its short form makes it ideal for meditative prayer.

Prayer for Trust

Jesus,
With your gentle mercy, build
my trust. Help me to believe you
when you say you want good
for me. In every season, give
me grace. In every need, be my
answer.
Amen.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Pope's Monthly Intentions September 2025

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Soccer Schedule

Sat. Sept 27:

St. Augustine Hispanic Community to sell tacos

Sat. Oct. 4: Free meals by

Christ the King Parish

Sat. Oct. 11:

St. Augustine Hispanic Community to sell tacos

Sat. Oct. 18: Free meals by

St. Augustine/St. Monica

Sat. Oct. 25:

St. Augustine Hispanic Community to sell tacos

We need your help.

Thank you, Fr. C

Sat. Nov. 15th 10:30-3pm

Altar Server Spiritual Retreat

St. Benedict, Broken Arrow

We welcome **Fr. Gabriel Selvanadam** from the congregation of the missionaries of faith, who is on a mission appeal. He will be the main celebrant and homilist in all our Masses this weekend.

Please remember and plan on giving him your support.

Thank you. Fr. C

Today after Mass

Deacon Charles/Cascia Hall will have a student recruitment booth in the St. Monica hall.

Jubilee Year of Hope Mass attendance:

700 + worshippers

Jubilee Year of Hope Mass collection: \$2290.17

Ascension St John Bedrock Initiative

BEDROCKERS

Remember it's NOT too late to sign up. You must be signed up to take part in the Cardiovascular and Mental Health Resources as well as any other activities at the other church locations. THE CHW'S (Chamari' & Blanca) provide the referral numbers.

St Monica will host the following events so please mark your calendars.

11/1/2025 | Sweet Talk: The Truth About Diabetes and Heart Health

St. Monica Catholic Church

Scheduled for 10 am but requested time change

12/6/2025 | Check Your Temple: Know Your Numbers, Save Your Life

St. Monica Catholic Church

Scheduled for 10 am but requested time change

The North Tulsa Learning Center (NTLC)

is an innovative partnership between St. Augustine and St. Monica Catholic Parishes and Bishop Kelley High School.

Please consider volunteering an hour to assist our students as they excel in reading and math.

Volunteer times are Tuesdays and Thursdays

3:30-6pm

Contact at Jennifer at 918.720.9081 or

jgallantok@yahoo.com to sign-up

Soccer Coaches and Referees Needed

For the North Tulsa Soccer League!

Little experience is required; training offered.

—Two age groups: 7-8 year olds

9-10 year olds

—Coed teams

—**Coaches Clinic:** Saturday, September 13, 10-noon

—**Games:** Saturdays beginning September 20, - October 25, 10-Noon

—**Practices:** Tuesdays and Thursdays

beginning September 16, 6-7:30 pm

All equipment provided.

All games and practices at St Augustine's.

Call Sue Ramsey for info 918 695 7728

ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

LECTORS

Deborah Craven-Moss

Donnetta Laws-Cooper

www.stmonica-tulsa.org

Stmonicachurch@aol.com

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

September 14, 2025 \$1,742.75

MASS ATTENDANCE

Youth 9

Adults 61

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

Intentions of the Catholic Daughters

Requested by Jo Ella Newberry

ST. AUGUSTINE

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS

St. Monica & St. Augustine

Princetta Newman, Charles Towns Jr., Rachel Stake,
Idella Miller, Norma Stripling, Ivory J. Parker,
Willard Thierry, Patricia Lyons, James Jones, Billie
Clark, Deacon Steve, Joselinn Fuselier, Orsbon
Hawkins, Melvin Noble, Sr., Gloria Petit, Johnny
Towns, David Towns, Steven Bagby, Doris Minter-
Littles, Michael Turrentine, Pam Towns, Danta
Wilson

***** ***PARISH NEWS*** *****

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Wed 6-7:30pm CCD Bldg

Snacks & Drinks

Sept 24, 2025

Group 3

NTLC TUTORING

Tues and Thurs

3:30-6pm CCD Bldg

Starts this Tuesday

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL)

ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH

CATHOLIC MASS EVERY SUNDAY 10:30AM

PLEASE KINDLY HELP US TO SPREAD THE NEWS

SPANISH MASS

ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH

Sundays at 12:30

Bible study

Thursdays 10:00 - 11:15am

St. Monica Bradley Hall

Deuteronomy

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**

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

LECTORS

Joe Randall
Tony Fuselier

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

September 7, 2025 \$2,251.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

YOUTH 12
ADULTS 63

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021- SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

St. MONICA

GOAL: \$100,000
RAISED: \$ 57,179
REMAINING: \$ 42,821

St. AUGUSTINE

GOAL: \$120,000
RAISED: \$ 84,784
REMAINING: \$ 35,216

RICA

*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Wed 6 - 7:30pm St. Monica in person/
Zoom*

SPANISH CLASS - Summer

*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 the Gospel story from Luke is about the steward who mismanaged his boss' money. The steward's day of reckoning was coming fast because his boss heard about his squandering ways. In desperation, he concocts an escape strategy. By decreasing the debt of people who owed money to his boss, he found favor with them and a reassurance of their gratitude if he is fired and thrown out into the street.

Jesus is hardly holding up the dishonest steward as an example of the right use of wealth! But he is making a point to his contemporaries that the Day of the Lord is coming, when the kingdom of God will be established. The time to get ready was yesterday. The disciples were fully aware of the dishonest, if clever, business practices of those who handled money and wealth. If those shrewd money managers could craft for themselves self-serving business practices that ensured their financial future, how much more clever should a disciple be in getting ready for the Day of the Lord and the coming of the kingdom!

The First Reading from Amos is a powerful example of how an Old Testament prophet minced no words when it came to preaching God's justice against those who would take advantage of the poor. To those wealthy who even fix religious festivals to their favor – overcharging their grain and even fixing their scales for cheating! – the prophet Amos declares:

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land! . . . The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done!

And in the Second Reading from St. Paul's Letter to Timothy, the apostle suggests how important it is to pray for "kings and for all in authority." Even if government is not overtly religious, their maintenance of peace and tranquility allows believers to practice their faith.

This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.

So the readings today have some bearing on Christian responsibility in relation to social justice, politics and wealth. The readings are not advocating a state religion but are making a case for Christians to be the conscience of society, to be a voice for those who have no voice, to be hope for the hopeless – to feed those who hunger, and to ensure just policies that will not trample upon the rights of the poor. For those who believe and even those who don't believe, the Day of the Lord is coming!

Jesus said, "You cannot serve both God and mammon (that is, money)." What can we do as Christians to put mammon in service of God? How can we help make the Kingdom of God a reality in the world today?

Ken Canedo at www.ocp.com

Prayer For Justice

Heavenly Father,
You are a God of justice and righteousness,
and we turn to You with hearts burdened by the injustices we see around us.
Lord, we ask for Your intervention in situations where wrongs need to be made right.
Bring fairness, truth, and healing where there are brokenness and pain.
Help us to trust in Your perfect timing and Your ultimate plan, even when the wait feels long.
Give us strength and courage to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You.
Thank You for being a God who cares deeply for the oppressed and defends the vulnerable.
We place our trust in You, knowing that Your justice will prevail.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of September 21, 2025

Sunday:

Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/
1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday:

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/
Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday:

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab,
4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday:

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday:

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/
Lk 9:7-9

Friday:

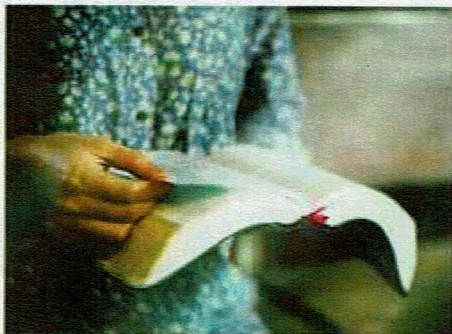
Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday:

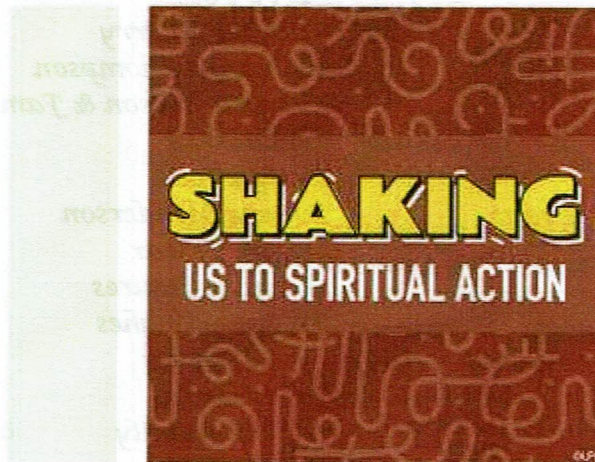
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/
Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday:

Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/
1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. "Really great work, John," he said. "I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay." I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus' brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the **"master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently" (Luke 16:8)**. What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don't care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he *wants* us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

— Father John Muir

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sister Phyllis Vaske
 Robert Musgrove
 Geraldine Jones
 Carmel & JC Thompson
 Madison & Ezipse Thierry Brooks
 Lester & Joan Fuselier
 Lemond Harris
 Rita Fuselier
 Lodis Dodd-Phillips
 Helen Thompson
 LaQuita Thierry
 Juanita Thierry
 Glen Vann
 Nora Faye Henderson-Evans
 Loly & Ruth Page
 Nelson Wallace Jr.
 Rita & Wellington Hughes
 Dirk Ricard
 Cheryl Pyles
 Norton Family

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 Donald Williams
 Gary Randolph Davis
 Carmel Dennard
 James & Ruth Sayles
 Willie & Dorothy Wilson
 Roy Stake
 Larry Potts
 Michael Thierry
 Nathaniel Thompson
 Everett Wilson & Family
 Tom Harris
 Evelyn Todd
 Evonne Henderson
 David DeJear
 Shamika Figures
 Fr. Ivan Hughes
 Olena Shaver
 Tom Thomas
 Nickles Family

Mary Rogers
 Samuel West
 Don Terry Davis
 Mayo & Colleen Brooks
 Leo Sayles
 Calvin "Butch" Burton
 Kennard Fuselier
 Connie & Lola Thierry
 Maziah Brown & Family
 Theodore Thompson
 Lawrence Thierry
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