

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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Religious Education:

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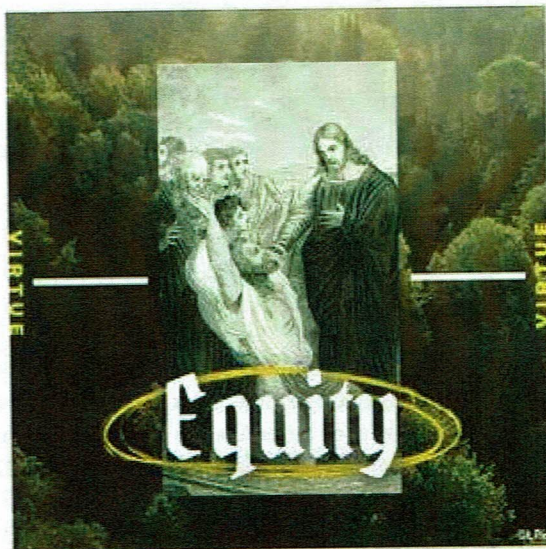


The Parable of Two Sons

Matthew 21:28-32

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SEPTEMBER 27, 2026**

Weekly Scripture



Virtues, Explained!

Our God is just — but our God is also merciful. Practicing the virtue of equity means striving to imitate God in both these important aspects.

Governments draft legislation and authorities enforce laws in an attempt to create a system of rules and regulations that will ensure the common good. But we live in a fallen world, and there will never be a perfect justice system. Following one law will demand much more of one man than it does another, just the same as breaking one law will be easier for one woman than it is for another — and exacting punishment for the sake of punishment is never justice.

The virtue of equity is practiced by those who attend to the letter of the law, but who do so using their God-given human faculties and the mercy required of a Christian. To practice equity is to look at the whole picture — especially the divinely crafted person at the center of it.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed,
he does what is right and just,
he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

Psalm

Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading

That at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the
earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. (Phil 2:10-11)

Gospel

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,
tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering the kingdom of God before you."
(Mt 21:31)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

The owner of the vineyard gave both his
sons the same opportunity. Only one took it,
even though he had rejected it at first.
Always remember: it is never too late to do
the will of God. He waits for you.

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:

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 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!

ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 4, 2026

LECTORS

Liz Brown

Gina Figures

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

September 20, 2026 \$1,508.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Adults	65
Youth	7

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

Dr. Marilyn K. Troupe
Requested by the Legacy Committee

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 30
No Classes
Resume Oct 7

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

OCTOBER 4, 2026

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 \$1,938.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

ADULTS 83

YOUTH 22

SPANISH MASS

ADULTS

YOUTH

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021 – SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

ST. MONICA

GOAL: \$100,000

RAISED: \$ 59,544

REMAINING: \$ 40,456

ST. AUGUSTINE

GOAL: \$120,000

RAISED: \$ 86,734

REMAINING: \$ 33,266

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.,

A young priest once conducted a survey in his parish bulletin and website. His question was simple: "Do you think there should be an evening Bible study?" More than fifty parishioners said yes. Encouraged by the response, the priest began making plans.

A few days later, his wise and experienced pastor gently suggested that he had asked the wrong question. Instead of asking, "Do you think there should be a Bible study?" he should have asked, "Are you willing to attend an evening Bible study?" So a second survey was taken. This time, only twelve people said yes.

There is a difference between saying Yes and actually doing Yes.

Jesus makes that distinction in today's Gospel with the parable of the two sons. One son refuses his father's request to work in the vineyard, but later changes his mind and goes. The other readily says yes—but never shows up.

*"Which of the two did his father's will?" Jesus asks.
The answer is obvious. The first son.*

*Then Jesus turns the parable toward the chief priests and elders:
"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you."*

Those words must have been shocking. The religious leaders knew how to say Yes to God. They knew the Law. They knew the prayers and rituals. Yet Jesus points toward people regarded as public sinners—people who had said No to God through their lives but were now responding to the call of John the Baptist and changing their hearts.

That same possibility runs through the First Reading from Ezekiel. God refuses to define us forever by what we have done in the past. The person who turns away from wickedness and begins doing what is right "shall surely live."

Obedience is conversion of the heart.

*And that brings us to Saint Paul's magnificent Christ Hymn in Philippians:
"He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."*

We usually hear these words on Palm Sunday, but today they illuminate Jesus' parable in a deeper way. Christian obedience is not simply following rules or reluctantly doing what we are told. Jesus shows us an obedience rooted in love—a heart so completely given to the Father that his Yes becomes his life.

Our own Yes to God will never be as perfect. Sometimes, like the first son, we say No. We choose our own way. We resist what God asks of us.

But the astonishing message of today's readings is that our No does not have to be our final answer.

*We can change our minds.
We can change our hearts.
We can turn around.*

The father asked both sons to go into the vineyard. The invitation was the same. What mattered in the end was not what they said, but what they did.

*Perhaps that is the question today's Gospel leaves with us. Not simply:
Do I believe in following Jesus?*

*But:
Am I willing to follow him?*

*There is a difference between saying Yes and actually doing Yes.
And God's vineyard is waiting.
Ken Canedo at www.ocp.com*

Let Us Pray

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank You for Your patience and forbearance with me.

*I confess that I often resist Your will,
either by trying to save myself, by seeking my own way,
or by prioritizing my comfort over Your glory.*

*Forgive me, and by Your grace,
make me a glad and humble "yes man/woman" to You.*

Amen

Worship & Observances

Prayer for Autumn

Dear God,
As the weather changes,
the birds migrate, and autumn's
flowers, colors, and clouds make
their entrance, we thank You for
the gift of this beautiful season!
Help us use this season to
draw closer to each
other and to You.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of September 27, 2026

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

Monday

Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,
4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday

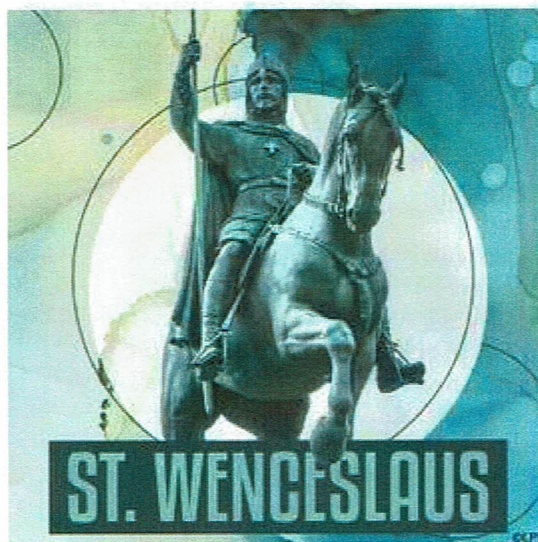
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/
Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/
Mt 21:33-43



Observances for the Week of September 27, 2026

Sunday

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday

Monday

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and
Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday

Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Wednesday

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church

Friday

The Holy Guardian Angels

Next Sunday

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life 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
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Leo Sayles
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Danta Wilson
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