

# 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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Finance Council: Helen Page 918-639-4922  
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Legion of Mary 918-587-2965  
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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:

## ST. AUGUSTINE

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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:



**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile,  
and their wanton revelry shall be done away with. (Am 6:7)

### Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)  
Or: Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness,  
devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. (1 Tm 6:11)

### Gospel:

Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses  
and the prophets,  
neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from  
the dead.' (Lk 16:31)

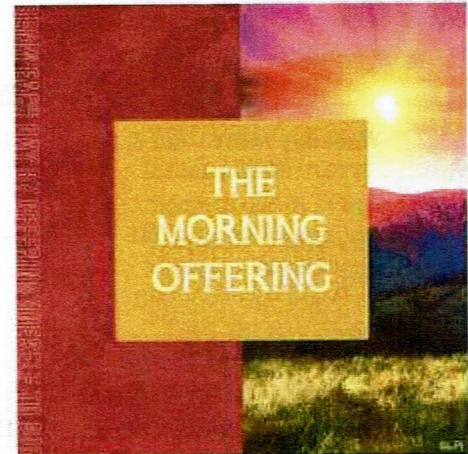
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The rich man had a chance, every day  
of his life, to choose righteousness. But  
righteousness wasn't convenient for him. He  
discovered too late that the only time we  
have to follow God is now. Here. This moment.  
Will we take our chance?

## Observances for the week of September 28, 2025

|                     |                                                                    |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday:</b>      | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;<br>Priesthood Sunday                 |
| <b>Monday:</b>      | Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels                      |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>     | St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church                        |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>   | St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus,<br>Virgin and Doctor of the Church |
| <b>Thursday:</b>    | The Holy Guardian Angels                                           |
| <b>Saturday:</b>    | St. Francis of Assisi                                              |
| <b>Next Sunday:</b> | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;<br>Respect Life Sunday               |



## Devotions, Explained!

There are many variations of  
the Morning Offering, but all  
share the same purpose: to  
begin each day by offering  
oneself to God, along with  
all the experiences, struggles  
and blessings that the day will  
bring.

## Prayer for the Sick

For those in pain and in sorrow,  
God be their comfort.  
For caretakers and medical  
staff, God give them grace.  
Surround those afflicted with  
Your love, care, and mercy, You  
who are our healing and hope.  
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.

#### **Sunday October 5 - 1pm**

Blessing of Pets - Deacon Charles  
St. Monica parking lot

#### **Tuesday October 7 - 5pm**

St. Monica Parish Council Meeting

#### **Monday - Friday October 13 - 17**

Diocesan Priests' Annual Retreat at Subiaco

#### **Tuesday October 14 5:30pm**

Centennial Celebration Committee Meeting

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

Altar Server Spiritual Retreat  
St. Benedict, Broken Arrow

### **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

Why wait until someone is homeless?

**Catholic of Eastern Oklahoma** steps in before crisis - keeping families fed, housed, and hopeful.

Next weekend (Oct. 4 & 5) is Catholic Charities Annual Appeal weekend and we will take a second collection of your commitment to those in need in our community.

Together, we are Love Changing Lives.

Thank you for making a difference.

## Ascension St John Bedrock Initiative

### **BEDROCKERS**

Please take part in all of the events. They are very Educational and informative.

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

10 am

**12/6/2025** | Check Your Temple:

Know Your Numbers, Save Your Life

St. Monica Catholic Church

10 am

### **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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

kindly remember to support our **North Tulsa**

**(St. Augustine/St. Monica) Soccer League** by

buying our raffle ticket. For just \$10.00, you have the chance to win a 65" Smart, flat screen tv, or a Nutri-blender or Comforter set. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets will be on sale until the final draw on October 25 during our last soccer games. We have provided good quality, affordable, and enriching soccer experience to 1480+ kids. Your support will help us in continuing to run the program.

Thank you and God bless. Fr. C

## ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 5, 2025

### LECTORS

Ethelyn Harbin

Brenda Jones

www.stmonica-tulsa.org

Stmonicachurch@aol.com

### STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

September 21, 2025                      \$1,523.00

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Youth            7  
Adults           58

## 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

Gloria Noble

*Requested by the Saint Monica Ladies Club*

### 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

## **\*\*\*\*\* PARISH NEWS \*\*\*\*\***

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Wed 6-7:30pm CCD Bldg

### **Snacks & Drinks**

Oct 1, 2025

Group 4

## **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**

**OCTOBER 5, 2025**

### **LECTORS**

Jeff Gallant

William Clark

**www.staugustine-tulsa.org**

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### **STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING**

September 21, 2025                      \$1,346.75

MASS ATTENDANCE

YOUTH

ADULTS

## ***CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES***

***JUNE 1, 2021– SEPTEMBER 21, 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](mailto:stmonicachurch@aol.com)

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### **and Websites:**

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From the Desk of Fr. C.,

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, a story so well known to us Christians that we might take it for granted. We need to listen to it with fresh ears and an open mind.

The rich man lived a lavish lifestyle. His heart was hardened by his failure to see or acknowledge Lazarus, the poor man who begged at his door. When they both died and entered eternity, the rich man tried to use Lazarus as a means to save his brothers, despite his lack of care for the beggar during his earthly life. That concern for family may have been commendable but it demonstrated his failure to trust God's word (the reference to Moses and the prophets).

I don't think the message of this parable is to simply say that the poor will go to heaven and the rich won't. But perhaps it shakes our complacency as we consider our world today. There are consequences for how we live our lives, not just for ourselves but for others, too.

Jesus teaches us: Be mindful of the poor who are so easily ignored. Without an eye for the needy around us, our lives become empty and self-centered. Jesus identified with the poor, the diseased and the outcast. He walked among of them and brought them hope, even as his presence and his message made the well-to-do squirm and the self-reliant uncomfortable.

This parable reminds us of the huge inequality of people in Jesus' time, an inequality that still exists today. Jesus issues a challenge: Are we too comfortable in worldly wealth and possessions, in comparison with those in our midst who are barely surviving? Can we open our eyes and our hearts to those on our doorstep, on our city streets, and even in our own families – those who might be forgotten, ignored, and in need? Ken Canedo at [www.ocp.com](http://www.ocp.com)

Heavenly Father,  
guide my heart to see the needs around me,  
to reach out without hesitation,  
and to offer what I can, trusting in Your provision.  
Let my hands be open, releasing what I hold, to reveal Your grace and mercy.  
May my actions inspire others to do the same,  
creating ripples of generosity that flow outward,  
touching lives and transforming hearts.  
In these moments of giving,  
remind me that it is more blessed to give than to receive.  
And let this truth settle deeply within,  
stirring me to live generously in all aspects of my life.

Amen.

## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of September 28, 2025

#### Sunday:

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

#### Monday:

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

#### Tuesday:

Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Lk 9:51-56

#### Wednesday:

Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

#### Thursday:

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/  
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

#### Friday:

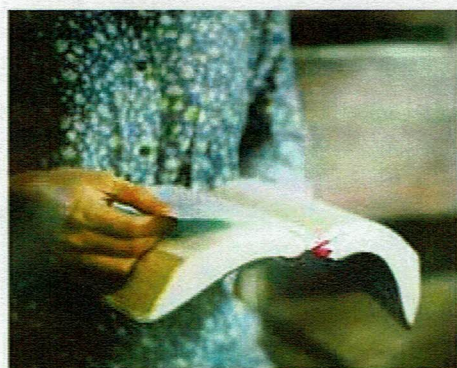
Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/  
Lk 10:13-16

#### Saturday:

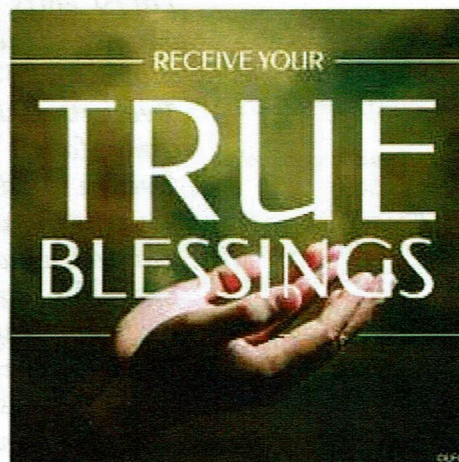
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/  
Lk 10:17-24

#### Next Sunday:

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/  
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10



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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I am embarrassed to admit that I frequently find myself dining and socializing with people who have millions and sometimes billions of dollars. I've eaten more caviar, lobster and wagyu steak than most people on the planet. I justify it by saying it's part of my job. But I have seven pairs of nice jeans and expensive shoes.

So it is rather uncomfortable to hear Our Lord say: **"My child, remember that you received what was good in your lifetime, while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented" (Luke 16:25).** Fellow rich people (and if you're American, you're rich), do we not vehemently though quietly object to this parable's karma-esque reward system? Why bless the rich man just to curse him later? And curse Lazarus just to bless him later? So Americans go to hell, while Burundians and Afghans go to heaven? What is going on?

One clue is that the condemned rich man doesn't complain of injustice. Rather, he simply begs to help his brothers to repent. Of what? We don't know exactly. Perhaps another clue is that the rich man now seems more like the downtrodden Lazarus. He knows what it is to be hungry and thirsty, to be wounded in the gutter; that he deserved that, not fancy meals and clothes. Maybe the rich man finally understands how to receive true blessings, but it is too late for him. But not for me. Not for us.

— 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

Gwen Monteilh Hammons  
Donald Williams  
Gary Randolph Davis  
Carmel Dennard  
James & Ruth Sayles  
Willie & Dorothy Wilson  
Roy Stake  
Larry Potts  
Michael Thierry  
Nathaniel Thompson  
Everrett 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  
Michael Lee  
Ecilua & Elnora Henderson  
Marshall & Irene DeJear  
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James & Ella Bertrand  
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Deborah Green  
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