

# St. Monica Church



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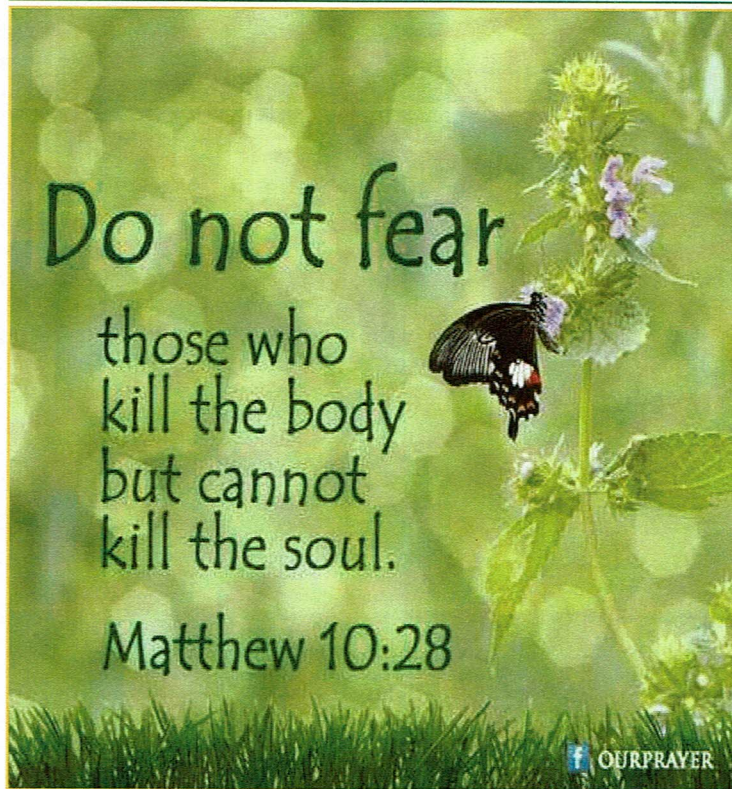
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Religious Education:

## ST. AUGUSTINE

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**Rosary** 10:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m.

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



*12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 21, 2026*

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"Sing to the LORD,  
praise the LORD,  
for he has rescued the life of the poor  
from the power of the wicked!" (Jer 20:13)

### Psalm:

Lord, in your great love, answer me. (Ps 69)

### Second Reading:

But the gift is not like the transgression.  
For if by the transgression of the one the many died,  
how much more did the grace of God  
and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ  
overflow for the many. (Rom 5:15)

### Gospel:

"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light;  
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops."  
(Mt 10:27)

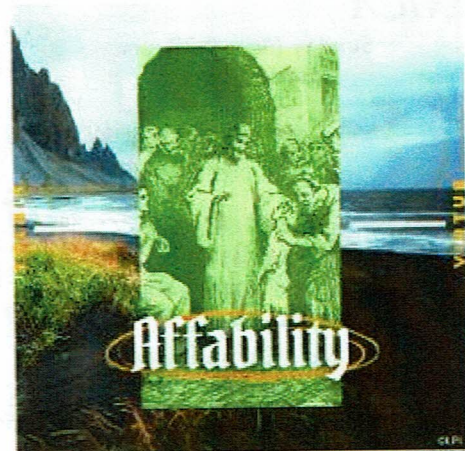
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light." We all hear God's voice whispering in our hearts. Discipleship means speaking those words out loud. We all feel the Spirit sing into our souls. Discipleship means that we dance to the tune.

## Observances for the week of June 21, 2026

- Sunday:** 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; *Father's Day*  
**Monday:** St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs  
**Wednesday:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
**Saturday:** St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Next Sunday:** 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Virtues, Explained!

In being affable, we make ourselves friendly, approachable, and agreeable to those around us, regardless of how they make us feel. "How good and how pleasant it is when brothers dwell together as one," writes King David in Psalm 133.

## Blessing for Juneteenth

Dear Lord,  
Pour Your goodness and grace upon our brothers and sisters. Even as we celebrate our triumphs, be with us in today's work that strives to bring justice to the oppressed and liberty to captives. Write Your message of freedom in our hearts, so that we might live more deeply healed. Amen.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## **Bedrock at St. Augustine Sunday:**

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

After 10:30 Mass and After 12:30 Mass

## **June 26**

Dinner with Fr. C

## **June 30**

Recipes sharing night at St. Monica at 6 pm

## **July 2**

The Centennial Celebration Committee 5:30pm

## **July 3**

Dinner with Fr. C at 6pm

## **July 6 to 9**

Priests Conference in Wheeling  
(No morning Mass)

## **July 14**

The Centennial Celebration Committee 5:30pm

## **July 16**

Finance Council Meeting at St. Monica at 5pm

## **July 17**

Dinner with Fr. C

## **July 18**

Bedrock is hosting a mobile clinic at St. Augustine's  
Community is welcome  
7am - 1pm

## **July 28**

Cornhole Tournament - TBA

## **July 30**

The Centennial Celebration Committee 5:30pm

## **August 8**

75th anniversary of Catholic Daughters

## **The Pope's Monthly Intentions**

### **For the values of sports**

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

### **Dinner with Fr C**

**July 3 and 17.** Kindly sign up.

Menu...

Veggie Tray, Salad, Pork chop or Chicken Cacciatore, sweet potato, jollof rice, moimoi and fruits.

### **Instructions:**

4 sign-ups from St. A and 4 sign-ups from St. M. (Total 16)

Each person must bring a family member, friend, who may have disconnected from the church or is thinking about becoming Catholic.

A great time to build up and strengthen relationships and pray for one another.

Thank you. Fr

### **The North Tulsa Learning Center**

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Year 6 starts September 1, 2026! The North Tulsa Learning Center (NTLC) continues to be an innovative partnership between St. Augustine and St. Monica Catholic parishes and Bishop Kelley High School. The BK students and faculty tutor kids focusing on reading and math. Adult volunteers are needed to provide support. You don't have to tutor but just be present. It is a true blessing to watch the tutors and students interact in a positive and fun environment. The NTLC is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 6 pm at St. Augustine Religious Education Center. You can volunteer for as little as an hour a shift. Contact at Jennifer at [Jthomasamos@rocketmail.com](mailto:Jthomasamos@rocketmail.com) to sign-up. Volunteer and be part of something special.

## ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JUNE 28, 2026

### LECTORS -

Ethelyn Harbin

Elaine Henderson

[www.stmonica-tulsa.org](http://www.stmonica-tulsa.org)

### STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

June 14, 2026      \$1,610.00

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Adults    55

Youth     2

## **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**

*Loretta Johnson*

*Requested by the Nickles Family*

### **ST. AUGUSTINE**

*James & Colleen Brooks*

*Requested by the Brooks Family*

## **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

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

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Wed 6-7:30pm CCD Bldg  
Closed for Summer

### **NTLC TUTORING**

Tues and Thurs  
3:30-6pm CCD Bldg  
Closed for Summer

### **SPANISH MASS**

**ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH**  
Sundays at 12:30

### **Bible study**

Thursdays 10:00 - 11:15am  
St. Monica Bradley Hall  
The Book of Joshua

### **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

JUNE 28, 2026

### LECTORS -

Reggie Hurd

Earlene Stevenson

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### *STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING*

JUNE 14, 2026 \$1,080.50

### MASS ATTENDANCE

ADULTS 250

YOUTH

### SPANISH MASS

ADULTS

YOUTH

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

***JUNE 1, 2021 – JUNE 14, 2026***

### ***St. MONICA***

**GOAL: \$100,000**

**RAISED: \$ 59,174**

**REMAINING: \$ 40,826**

### ***St. AUGUSTINE***

**GOAL: \$120,000**

**RAISED: \$ 86,509**

**REMAINING: \$ 33,491**

### **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*

*June 6, 20*

*July 11, 25*

*Aug 8, 22*

## **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.,

There's a story of a five-year-old boy who was visiting his grandmother's house when a fierce thunderstorm broke out. The rain came down in sheets. The wind howled through the trees. Lightning flashed across the sky, followed by rolling thunder that seemed to shake the ground itself.

When it was time to go home, his father walked outside wearing a large overcoat and called to him.

"Son, come here." The father wrapped the coat around the boy and together they stepped into the storm.

Under that coat, the child could see nothing. He could not see the road. He could not see the rain. He could not see where they were going. But he was not afraid. He knew his father could see. So he simply held on and trusted him.

A few moments later, the coat opened, and they were home.

In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus called his apostles by name and sent them out into the world. "The kingdom of heaven is at hand," he told them. "Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons."

It was a bold mission. And it remains our mission today.

Jesus knows that discipleship is not always easy. In this Sunday's Gospel – and continuing into next Sunday – he speaks honestly about the cost of following him. Yet alongside that challenge comes a powerful reassurance:

Fear no one.

The words echo throughout today's Gospel like a refrain.

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge.

So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Our world can often feel like a storm. We are surrounded by angry voices, harsh rhetoric, hurtful social media, and acts of violence born of prejudice and fear. Sometimes it can be difficult to witness to the Gospel when faith itself is dismissed, mocked, or misunderstood.

The prophet Jeremiah knew that feeling well. In the First Reading he laments: "Terror on every side! All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine."

Yet Jeremiah refuses to let fear have the final word. He immediately proclaims: "But the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion."

That same confidence is offered to us.

As disciples of Jesus, we are not called to answer hatred with hatred or anger with anger. We proclaim the Gospel most convincingly through lives marked by kindness, compassion, mercy, and courage. The world may be noisy, but Christ invites us to remain faithful.

Like the little boy walking through the storm beneath his father's coat, we may not always see the road ahead. The winds may howl around us. The thunder may rumble in the distance.

But we do not walk alone. The One who calls us is the One who guides us.

Even when we cannot see the road ahead, we can trust the One who leads us home.

Ken Canedo at [www.ocp.com](http://www.ocp.com)

### **Let us Pray**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of June 21, 2026

#### Sunday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35/  
Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

#### Monday:

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5

#### Tuesday:

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/  
Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

#### Wednesday:

**Vigil:** Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab,  
15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

**Day:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,  
14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

#### Thursday:

2 Kgs 24:8-17/ Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/  
Mt 7:21-29

#### Friday:

2 Kgs 25:1-12/ Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/  
Mt 8:1-4

#### Saturday:

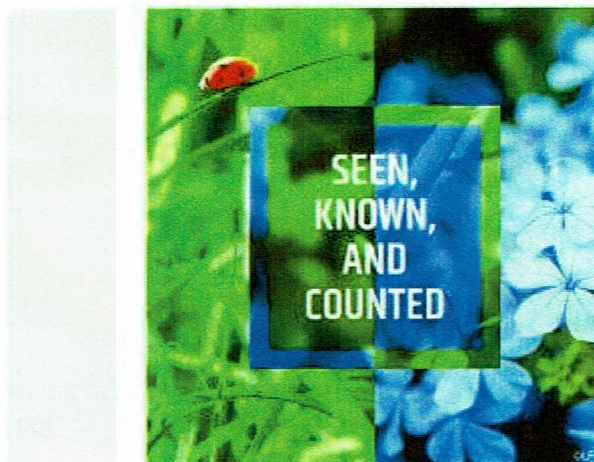
Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/ Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7,  
20-21/Mt 8:5-17

#### Next Sunday:

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/  
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42



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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Jean Améry, a Holocaust survivor tortured by the Nazis, later wrote about the abyss of human evil. He described his reaction as an "indignant despair." Haven't we all, to some degree, felt that abyss opened beneath us? A sudden loss, a violent headline, a moment of loneliness or panic, when the world feels fragile and meaning seems to collapse?

It is to this fear that Jesus speaks in today's Gospel: "**Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body.**" (Matthew 10:28) He does not deny evil or pretend we will never suffer. Instead, He reframes the abyss: do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Your life is seen, known, and counted by the Father. Even the hairs of your head, even the sparrow's fall.

This is no superficial comfort. Jesus himself has entered the abyss: suffering, death, even our sense of forsakenness, and he has come through it. That is why his words, "Do not be afraid," hold such weight. They do not erase the abyss but build a bridge across it.

Faith is not pretending everything is fine. It is staring into the abyss and still choosing trust. And in that trust, we discover we are never alone. Christ stands with us, and the Father's care surrounds us. That is the only comfort deep enough for our (often fearful) hearts.

— *Father John Muir*

## 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  
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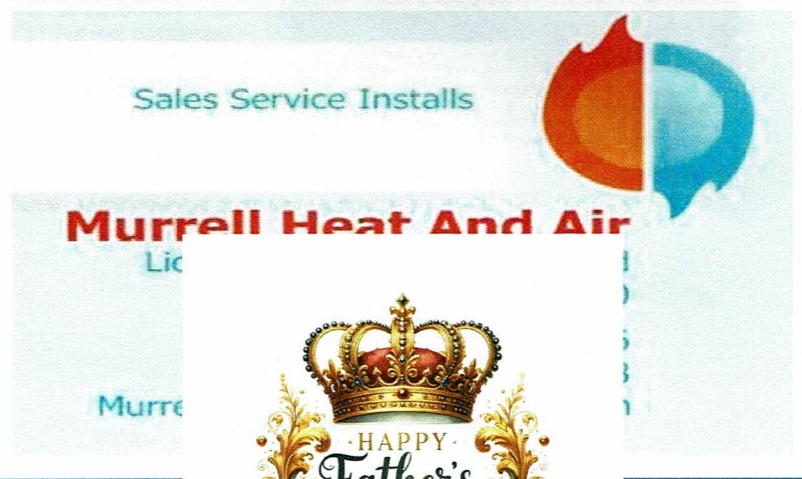
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