

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: Steve Litwack 918-747-0574
Deacon: Charles Beard 918-340-0090
Secretary: Liz Brown 918-587-2965
Parish Council: Sadonna Davis 918-284-9970
Finance Council: Helen Page 918-639-4922
Ladies of Peter Claver: Minyan Burton 918-640-1546
Legion of Mary: Yvonne Hunter 918-587-2965
Catholic Daughters: Amelia Henderson 918-852-0945
Choir: ZaQue Hutchinson 918-907-8659
Parish Life/Benevolent: Linda DeJear 918-639-3485
RCIA: Jennifer Thomas: 918-720-9081
Technology: John Baker 918-398-4268
Men's Club: James Page 918-587-2965
Religious Education:

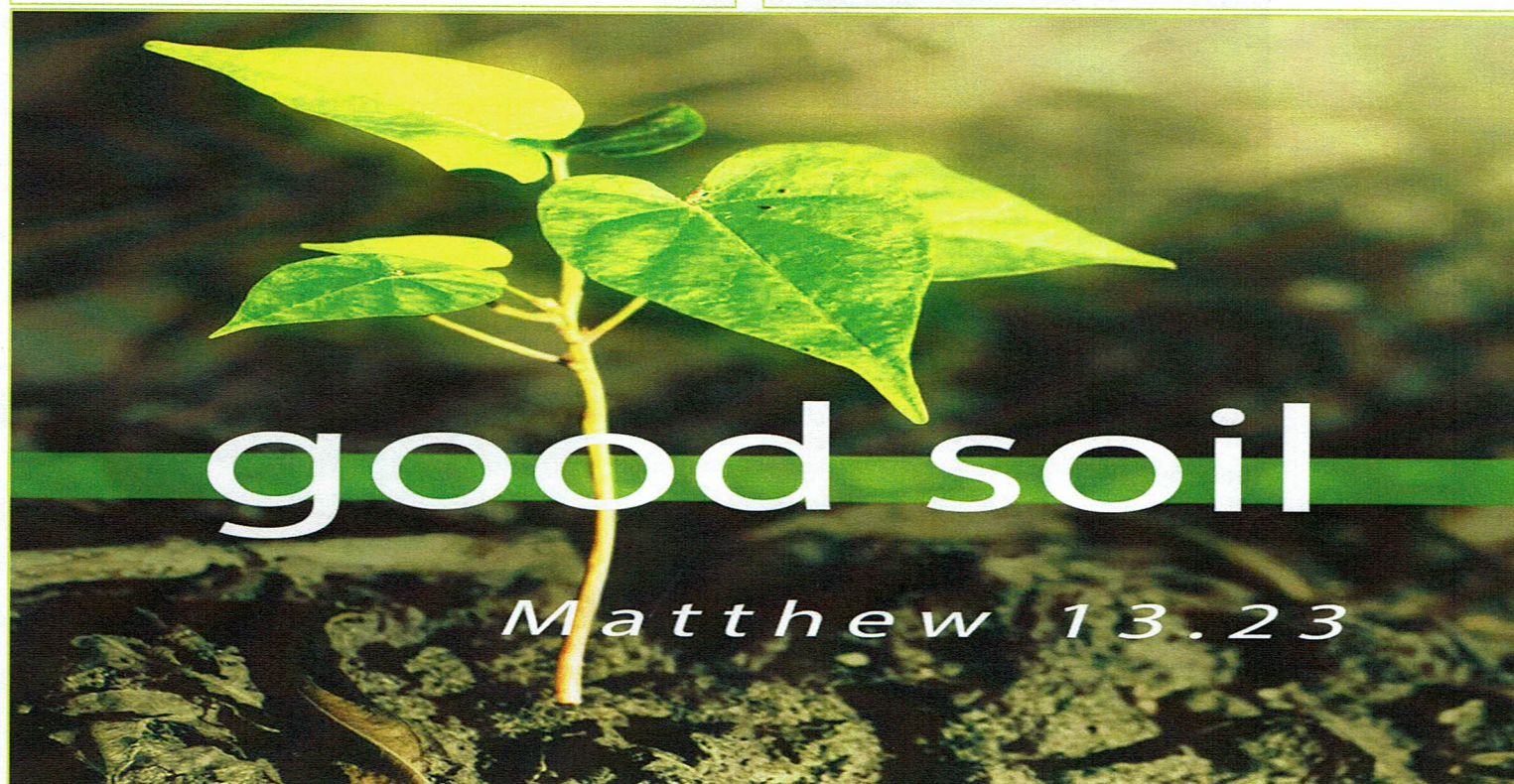
ST. AUGUSTINE

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Choir: ZaQue Hutchinson 918-907-8659
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RCIA: Jennifer Thomas: 918-720-9081
Technology: Glenda Reed 918-269-0527
Men's Club: Reggie Hurd 918-409-1300
Soccer League: Fr. C 918-607-8681
Religious Education:



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 12, 2026

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

My word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it. (Is 55:11)

Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful
harvest. (Ps 65)

Second Reading:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing
compared with the glory to be revealed for us.
(Rom 8:18)

Gospel:

Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people
longed to see what you see but did not see it,
and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. (Mt 13:17)

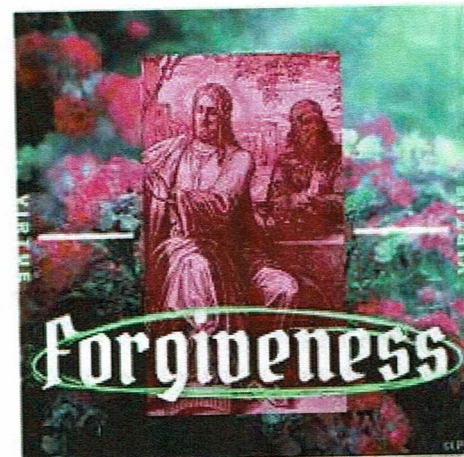
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our hearts are fertile ground for the Word
of God, but we must be careful gardeners.
Be conscious of what damages and depletes
the soil of your heart. Pay attention to what
nourishes it, so that the goodness of the Word
can bloom forth into the world.

Observances for the week of July 12, 2026

Sunday:	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Henry
Tuesday:	St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Saturday:	St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Next Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Forgiveness is love in action. It is
mercy extended for no other reason
than a desire to be like God, who
forgives us out of sheer goodness.
The Catechism says that forgiveness
proves that "love is stronger than
sin."

Blessing for Abundant Growth

Dear God,
Bless our efforts in Your Name.
Help us to understand Your will.
Allow us to follow the invitation You
have provided.
We want to be rich soil — help us
respond
deeply and abundantly to every place
You call.
Amen.

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. 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

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, Saturday 8a - 12pm

Bedrock is hosting a mobile clinic at St. Augustine's

Ages 18+; first come, first served

Medical care/screening

Community Resources

Food Resources

Kids Zone (must be accompanied by an adult)

Community is welcome!

July 19, Sunday

Healthcare workers at St. Augustine

July 28

Cornhole Tournament - TBA

July 30

The Centennial Celebration Committee 5:30pm

August 8

70th Anniversary of the Catholic Daughters

August 9

Bake Sale by the Legacy Committee

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

July 2026

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God

Dinner with Fr C

July 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 to sign-up. Volunteer and be part of something special.

October 17 - 18

St. Monica Catholic Church Celebrating 100 Years
Events leading up to the Celebration!
See flyer in email and on bulletin board

ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JULY 19, 2026

LECTORS -

Elaine Henderson

Sadonna Davis

www.stmonica-tulsa.org

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

June 28, 2026 \$2,623.00

July 5, 2026 \$2,142.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Adults 58

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

Howard Nickles

Requested by the Nickles Family

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, 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

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

JULY 19, 2026

LECTORS - Youth Sunday

Jimena Garcia

Manuel Garcia

www.staugustine-tulsa.org

Staugustineparishtulsaok@yahoo.com

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

JUNE 28, 2026 \$1,074.00

JULY 5, 2026 \$1,406.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

ADULTS 52

YOUTH 10

SPANISH MASS

ADULTS 57

YOUTH 19

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021 - JULY 5, 2026

St. MONICA

GOAL: \$100,000

RAISED: \$ 59,174

REMAINING: \$ 40,826

St. AUGUSTINE

GOAL: \$120,000

RAISED: \$ 86,534

REMAINING: \$ 33,466

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

July 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

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From the desk of Fr. C.,

For the next three Sundays, the Gospel is taken from Matthew chapter 13, which many Scripture scholars consider as the heart of Matthew's Gospel. If we were to describe this chapter in modern terms, we might call it Jesus' mission statement.

Its focus is the Kingdom of God, and today's Gospel reveals how that Kingdom takes root and bears fruit in those who hear God's Word and allow it to grow within them.

Jesus tells the familiar Parable of the Sower. Some seed falls on the path and is carried away. Some falls on rocky ground and withers beneath the sun. Some is choked by thorns. But some falls on rich soil and yields an abundant harvest.

When Jesus later explains the parable to his disciples, the meaning becomes clear. The seed is the Word of God. The soil is the human heart. The harvest depends on our willingness to listen, understand, and persevere.

This teaching echoes the beautiful promise found in today's First Reading from Isaiah:

"Just as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there till they have watered the earth... so shall my word be. My word shall not return to me void."

God's Word is never wasted. Like rain falling upon a field, it quietly accomplishes its purpose. Long before we see the harvest, God is already at work beneath the surface.

St. Paul expands this vision in today's Letter to the Romans. All creation, he says, waits with eager longing for the children of God to reveal who they truly are. The fulfillment of God's Word is not merely a private matter. The entire world longs for the fruits that God's Spirit can bring forth through us.

There once was a little girl in Philadelphia who wanted to attend Sunday School but could not because the church building was too small. Determined to help, she began saving pennies so that a larger church might someday be built.

Before her dream could be realized, she became seriously ill and, sadly, passed away. After her death, her family discovered 57 pennies beneath her pillow and a note explaining why she had saved them.

At her funeral, the pastor shared her story. The newspapers picked it up. What could 57 pennies accomplish?

Quite a lot, as it turned out.

Inspired by the little girl's generosity, people throughout the community began contributing. Within six years, those humble pennies had grown into \$250,000, providing the foundation for Baptist Temple, Good Samaritan Hospital, and Temple University.

Like the tiny seed in Jesus' parable, a small act of faith became a harvest beyond anyone's imagining.

The same is true whenever we allow God's Word to take root in our hearts. A prayer offered in faith. A quiet act of mercy. A word of encouragement. A simple invitation. We may never see the full harvest, but God does.

The seed is small, the soil is hidden, and the harvest may be years away. But God never ceases to bring forth life from what is planted in faith.

Let us Pray

*Heavenly Father,
I come to You acknowledging that my faith is often weak and easily shaken.
Please increase my faith,
open my eyes to Your presence in my daily life,
and help me to trust in Your promises
even when I am surrounded by doubts and challenges.*

Amen

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 12, 2026

Sunday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/
Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday:

Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday:

Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday:

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday:

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday:

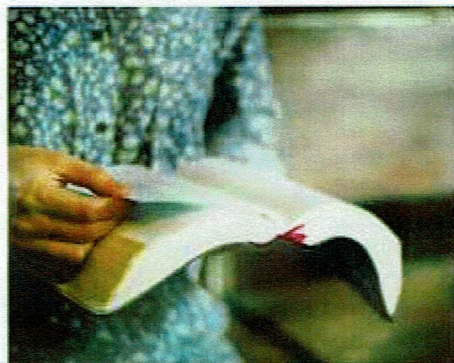
Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 12abcd, 16/
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday:

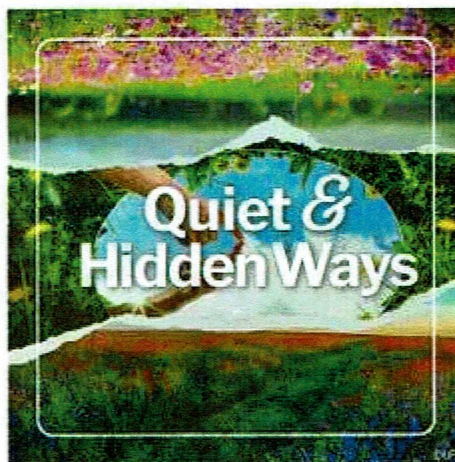
Mt 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday:

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. **"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it."** By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing.

God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed **"understand the Word."** Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold.

Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen.

— 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
Calvin 'Butch' Burton
Ray Craven

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Mary Dawson
Leo Sayles
Don Terry Davis
Marilyn Kay Troupe
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