

# St. Monica Church



# St. Augustine Church

## ST. MONICA

**Sunday Mass** 8:30 a.m.  
**Rosary** 8:00 a.m.

**Weekday Mass** Wed & Fri.  
9:00 a.m.

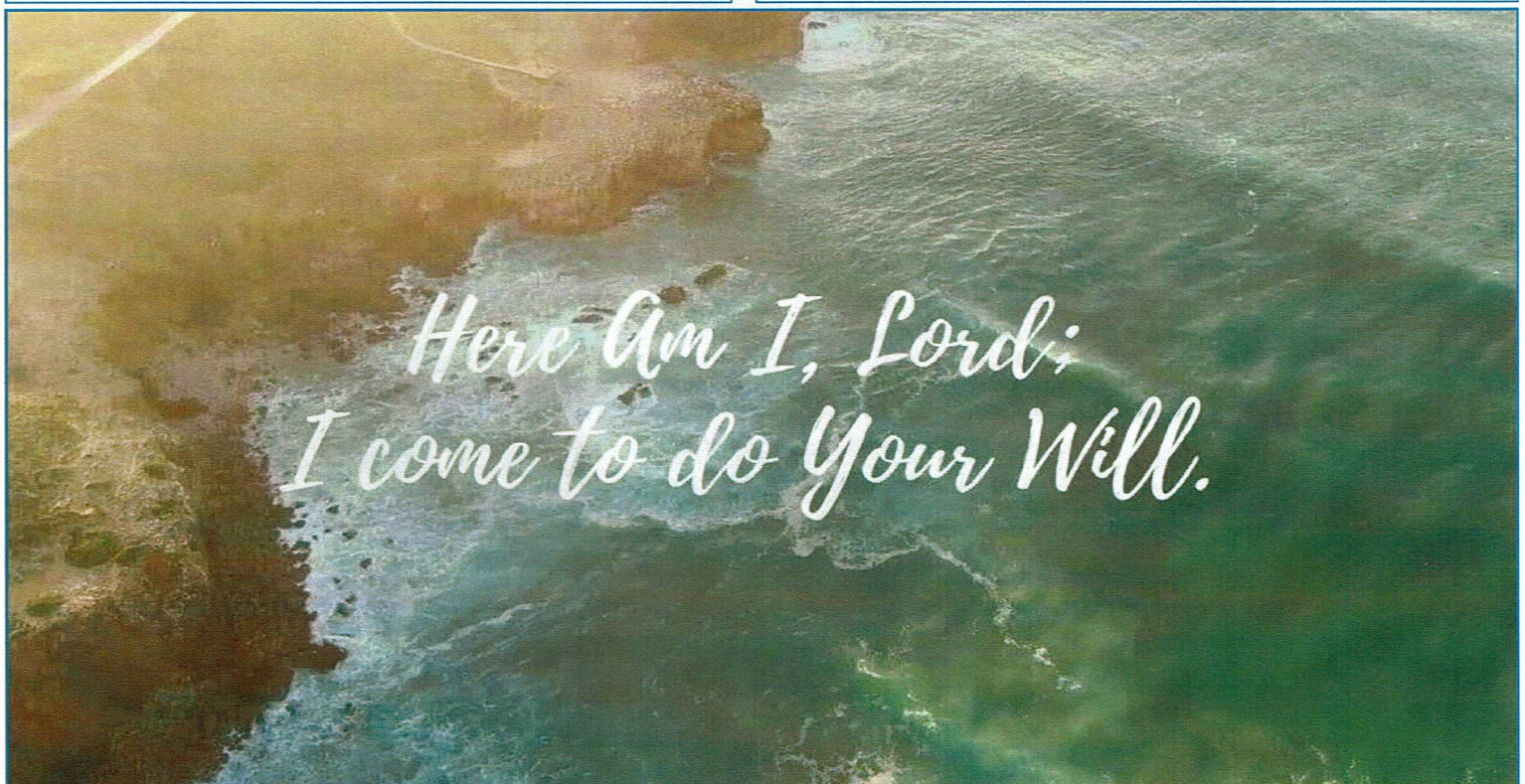
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Technology: John Baker 918-398-4268  
Men's Club: James Page 918-587-2965  
Religious Education:

## ST. AUGUSTINE

**Sunday Mass** 10:30 a.m.  
**Rosary** 10:00 a.m.

**Weekday Mass** Tues & Thurs.  
9:00 a.m.

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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:



**2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 18, 2026**

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

I will make you a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.  
(Is 49:6)

### Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

### Second Reading:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:3)

### Gospel:

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,  
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the  
world." (Jn 1:29)

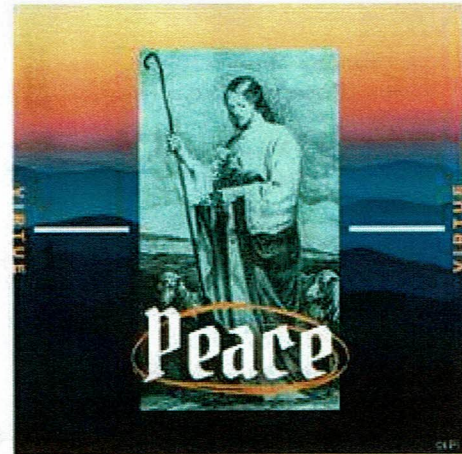
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Do we recognize Christ when we see him? Do we have the courage to point him out, to show others who he is? John cried out so the whole world could hear: "He is the Son of God." Always and everywhere, let us do the same.

## Observances for the week of January 18, 2026

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** Martin Luther King Day  
**Tuesday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr;  
St. Sebastian, Martyr  
**Wednesday:** St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr  
**Thursday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of  
Unborn Children  
**Friday:** St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;  
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin  
**Saturday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the  
Church  
**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



## Virtues, Explained!

Our modern Catholic understanding of peace is derived from the Hebrew concept of *shalom*, or wholeness, and refers not just to an absence of violence but to a personal reconciliation with one's Creator.

## Blessing of the Beloved

Dear God,  
Bless and anoint us today. You are our Father and guide.  
Remind us of our identity in You: loved, called, and equipped for mission.  
Bless us as we journey, giving us strength for each day and grace in each step.  
Amen.

# MARK YOU CALENDAR

## **Bedrock**

**2nd Sunday of the month until March 8, 2026**  
Will be in Bradley hall to take blood pressure

**Wednesday, January 21: 10 am to 3 pm**  
Catholic Leadership Institute Programs continues  
St. Monica

**Tuesday, February 10**  
Parish Council Meeting at St. M @ 5pm

**Wednesday, February 11: 10 am to 3 pm**  
Catholic Leadership Institute Programs  
St. Monica

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St. Monica

## **February 11 – February 14, 2026**

Lectio Retreat at St. Joseph Monastery - Tulsa, Ok  
February 11th - 6:30-8:30 pm,  
February 12, 13 - 8:30 am -4:00 pm  
February 14, - 8:30 am -2:00 pm.

Please visit [www.stjosephmonastery.org](http://www.stjosephmonastery.org).  
Click on RETREATS for details and registration.  
You may also contact us at [lectio@stjosephmonastery.org](mailto:lectio@stjosephmonastery.org)

**Sunday, February 15**  
African Mass - St. Monica

## **The Pope's Monthly Intentions January 2026**

### **For prayer with the Word of God**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

**Tuesday, February 17: 12:30-7pm** Fat Tuesday sign up sheets are on the back table for volunteers and needed items to donate.  
Help spread the word. More details to come

**Wednesday, February 18: Ash Wednesday.**  
Mass at 9 am at St. Monica  
5:30 pm at St. Augustine  
and 7:30 pm in Spanish.

**Monday, February 23.**  
Spring **Soccer** Registration Begins

**March 8 to 10.**  
Parish Lenten Revival @ St. Monica  
Deacon Michael V. Jenkins  
Begins daily at 6 pm (**English**)

**March 16 to 18.**  
Parish Lenten Revival @ St. Augustine  
Fr. Juan Grajeda  
Begins at 6 pm daily (**Spanish**)

Dear Parishioners,  
Kindly remember to **bring your palms** (from last Palm Sunday). We need to make ashes for the coming Ash Wednesday from those palms.  
Kindly place inside the basket at the back of the Church.  
Thank you.  
Fr. C

## ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 25, 2026

### LECTORS

Brenda Jones  
Elaine Henderson

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

[Stmonicachurch@aol.com](mailto:Stmonicachurch@aol.com)

### STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

January 11, 2026 \$1,458.00

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Youth  
Adults

## **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 St. Monica Men's Club

### **ST. AUGUSTINE**

Colleen Brooks  
Requested by the Brooks Family

## **PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS**

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

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

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Wed 6-7:30pm CCD Bldg

Snacks & Drinks

Group 4

## **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  
Will resume in Spring

## **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  
Will resume February 2026

## ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 25, 2026

### LECTORS

Leong Chew  
Tony Fuselier

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### *STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING*

JANUARY 4, 2026                      \$ 595.50

MASS ATTENDANCE

YOUTH  
ADULTS

SPANISH MASS

YOUTH  
ADULTS

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

***JUNE 1, 2021- JANUARY 11, 2026***

### ***ST. MONICA***

**GOAL:**                      \$100,000  
**RAISED:**                 \$ 58,369  
**REMAINING:**            \$ 41,631

### ***ST. AUGUSTINE***

**GOAL:**                      \$120,000  
**RAISED:**                 \$ 85,059  
**REMAINING:**            \$ 34,941

### **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*  
*February 3 - April 18, 2026*

## **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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From the desk of Fr. C.,

Welcome to Ordinary Time 2026, a split liturgical season so designated not because it is dull or boring in comparison with the Advent–Christmas seasons just completed or the Lent–Easter seasons to come. The word ordinary stems from the ordinal numbers: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, and so forth.

Scripturally, Ordinary Time focuses on the words and deeds of Jesus as he proclaims the Kingdom of God to the people of Israel and, through them, to the world. During these weeks, we hear Jesus teach with wisdom and creativity, we witness his effectiveness as a preacher, and we marvel at his miracles. In short, Ordinary Time invites us to deepen our relationship with Jesus as we learn more about who he is and what it means to follow him. What do the readings teach us today?

The First Reading is once again from the prophet Isaiah, a constant presence during Advent and Christmas. This passage comes from chapter 49 and is attributed to Deutero-Isaiah, who wrote to reassure God's people during their Babylonian captivity.

*You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory...*

*I will make you a light to the nations,*

*that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

Although the people have been released from captivity and are returning home, they are discouraged and uncertain about the future. Deutero-Isaiah presents himself as the Servant of God, called from the womb to speak God's word and restore hope. Today's Responsorial Psalm echoes that call perfectly: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

The Second Reading continues this teaching. Saint Paul writes to the Corinthians as one who has also been called – called to be an apostle, called to holiness, called by the will of God.

All of this comes together in today's Gospel. John the Baptist points to Jesus and declares, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

From Deutero-Isaiah to Saint Paul to John the Baptist, the message is clear: It is we who are called – called to speak God's word, to strengthen one another, and to point the way to Jesus Christ.

A college student was pondering what to do with his life, and he decided to vent his frustrations on God. He went into the campus chapel, sat in a pew, looked up to heaven and prayed, "All we have on this earth are problems and a bunch of dummies who will never figure out how to solve them. Even I could make a better world than this one." And somewhere deep inside his heart, the student heard God's answer: "That's what you're supposed to do." From OCP.OR

### **Let Us Pray..**

Father,  
thank you, that you never leave us,  
even when life seems so ordinary and common.  
Thank you that you are still working in and through our lives of instant oatmeal and rent bills.  
Help us to see your grace in every aspect of our lives.  
We are so thankful for the opportunity to praise you in this very present minute.  
Amen.

## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of January 18, 2026

#### Sunday:

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/  
1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

#### Monday:

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and  
23/Mk 2:18-22

#### Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/  
Mk 2:23-28

#### Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2,  
9-10/Mk 3:1-6

#### Thursday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-  
11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

#### Friday:

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/  
Mk 3:13-19

#### Saturday:

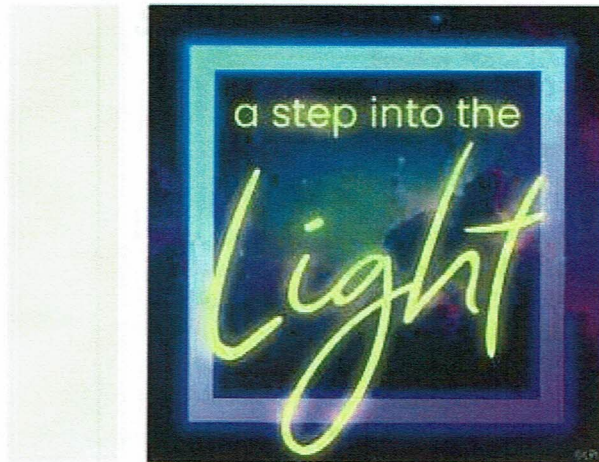
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/  
Mk 3:20-21

#### Next Sunday:

Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13,  
17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: **"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34).** That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— *Father John Muir*

## IN REMEMBRANCE

*Sister Phyllis Vaske  
Mary Rogers  
James & Colleen Brooks  
James & Ruth Sayles*

*Gwen Monteilh Hammons  
Robert Musgrove  
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