

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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Technology: John Baker 918-398-4268
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Religious Education:

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EASTER SUNDAY **APRIL 5, 2026**

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel:

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,
while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb. (Jn 10:1)

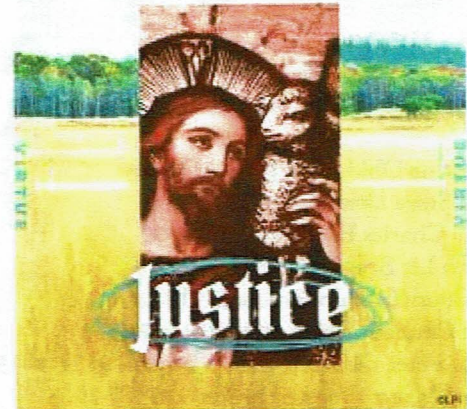
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples didn't understand, at first, what happened at the tomb. Often, we can't fathom the purpose of God's plan. We only see a stone in the wrong place. When we pause and look deeper, we see it: God has moved the stone. So, we must ask ourselves: why?

Observances for the week of April 5, 2026

- Sunday:** Easter Sunday
- Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
- Thursday:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday:** Friday within the Octave of Easter
- Saturday:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



Virtues, Explained!

The cardinal virtue of justice has to do with the fulfillment of our duty to one another and to God. It gives us a framework for existing in the world alongside one another, in reverence with our respective rights, property, and obligations.

Easter Blessing

Dear Lord,
Where there has been death, bring new life! Renew and redeem the sorrow in our stories with Your goodness and grace. Bless our hearts and homes this Easter and always. 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

After 12:30 Mass

All are welcome.

Spring Soccer Schedule..

April 11:

3rd Game: St. M/St. A/CC - provide free meals

April 18:

4th Game: Hispanic Community - sell tacos

April 25:

Christ the King Parish - provide free meals

May 2:

6th last Game: Hispanic Community - sell tacos

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to stay up to date with any changes.

Thank you. Fr.

Called by Name – Diocesan Event

The diocese wants parishioners to nominate young men of the parishes to consider the priesthood.

Submit names to Fr. C, or Deacon Charles

Tulsa Responds - Free Tax Service

2174 S Sheridan Rd

tulsaresponds.org

(918) 900-0918

The Pope's Monthly Intentions April 2026

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer

April 8 - 6pm: First Reconciliation for First Holy Communion Candidates.

April 11 - 8am: Christ Care Day with Mass starting at @ Christ the King Parish

April 24 - 6pm: Dinner with Fr. C in the rectory. Details coming

April 25 - 9:30a

Clean and plant flowers at St. M

May 16 - 9am: First Holy Communion Rehearsal at St. A

May 17 - 12:30pm: First Holy Communion at St. A

May 21 - 5pm: Finance Council at St. M

June 1-5: Priests annual Convocation
No Morning Mass.

June 6 - 9am to 2pm: Confirmation Retreat at Catholic Charities.

June 14 - 10:30am: Confirmation Mass at St. A

ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

APRIL 12, 2026

LECTORS

Linda DeJear
Kenneth DeJear

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

March 29, 2026

MASS ATTENDANCE

Youth	5
Adults	63

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

*Special Intentions of
The Catholic Daughters
Requested by Jo Ella Newberry*

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

***** **PARISH NEWS** *****

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Wed 6-7:30pm CCD Bldg

Snacks & Drinks

Group 3

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
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

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

APRIL 12, 2026

LECTORS

*Madea Bendel
Leong Chew*

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

MARCH 29, 2026 \$1,360.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

YOUTH 11
ADULTS 59

SPANISH MASS

YOUTH 65
ADULTS 159

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021 – MARCH 2=9, 2026

St. MONICA

GOAL: \$100,000
RAISED: \$ 58,504
REMAINING: \$ 41,496

St. AUGUSTINE

GOAL: \$120,000
RAISED: \$ 86,234
REMAINING: \$ 33,766

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 24 - May 9, 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

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From the desk of Fr. C.,

For centuries, the butterfly has been a symbol of Easter. The caterpillar, hidden and earthbound, is transformed into something radiant and free. Nature itself becomes a parable of resurrection.

In Greek, the word for butterfly is the same as the word for the human soul: psyche. Early Christians, worshiping quietly in the catacombs of Rome, adopted this image as a sign of hope. The butterfly became a symbol of the soul lifted beyond the earthly plane by the love of God.

Church musicians understand something of this mystery. So much of our work is hidden: hours of rehearsal, quiet preparation, notes practiced in empty churches. And yet, on this day, what was hidden is revealed. What was rehearsed in silence is released into song.

The Resurrection proclaims that death has been overcome. Jesus is truly risen – and in him, so are we.

Throughout Lent, we united ourselves with Christ in his suffering. We set aside the Alleluia. We sang in restraint. We allowed silence to speak. If we were one with him in his suffering, then today we are one with him in his risen joy. The Alleluia returns – not as decoration, but as proclamation.

Still, today's Gospel offers a surprising truth. The first response to the empty tomb is not music, but fear. Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the beloved disciple run from the tomb bewildered and unsure. They lock the doors, for they did not yet understand the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.

The Resurrection was the last thing they expected.

Church musicians know this feeling well. We sing of the Resurrection year after year, yet we still encounter moments of doubt, fatigue, and uncertainty. We proclaim hope even when our own hearts are still catching up with the music.

The Acts of the Apostles shows what happens next. Those who once hid behind locked doors begin to sing a new song. Their lives become a continuous Alleluia, proclaimed not only in words but in witness. They suffer for this song, yet they do not stop singing. Now they understand the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.

Saint Paul reminds us that Easter is not only something we sing – it is something we embody.

"Let us celebrate the feast," he writes, "not with the old yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." Music offered without love is empty sound; music shaped by sincerity becomes prayer.

Our world remains unsettled and anxious. Even our church communities can feel fragile. Yet every time we sing the Easter acclamations, every time we give voice to Resurrection hope, we stand as witnesses at the empty tomb.

We have no proof of the Resurrection except the testimony of those who encountered it – and then could not remain silent. That testimony now passes through us: through breath, through pitch, through gathered voices lifted in faith.

Remember the butterfly.
From the stillness of the cocoon comes flight.
From silence comes song.
From the empty tomb comes life.
Christ is risen. Alleluia!
Ken Canedo at www.ocp.com

Let us Pray.

Dear Jesus

Today, my heart is full of gratitude.

Thank you for your love,

For your sacrifice,

and for the hope you give me through your resurrection.

Because of you, I am free, and never alone.

Help me to carry the joy of Easter with me, not just for today,
but every day.

Fill my heart with Your peace, my mind with Your truth, and my life with Your love.

Let me be a reflection of Your grace to those around me.

I love You, Lord. Thank You for saving me..Amen

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 5, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

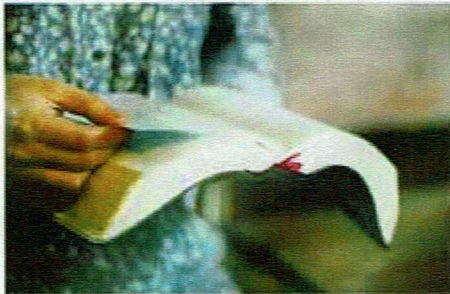
Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

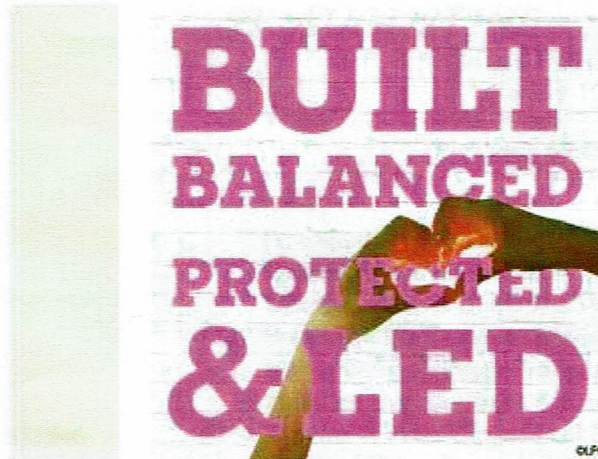
Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday:

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Zander Price was the fastest kid at my grade school. He won every race on Field Day. To me, his swiftness meant he was the greatest. Zander was the best.

It's the same with the speediest Apostle on Easter morning. John tells us he **"ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first."** (John 20:4) But only *after* Peter entered did John go in, see the burial cloths, and believe. Here is a symbol of two dimensions of the Church. John, the beloved disciple, represents the contemplative, mystical life: affection, prayer, intimacy. Peter, the rock, represents the Church's institutional life: steady, authoritative, structured...but slower.

Of course, John runs faster! Love is the heartbeat of Christian faith, so love will always arrive first. Peter's role is, in a sense, secondary. He arrives later, but is still very much needed. John waits for him. The Church must be built, balanced, protected, and led. Love without structure can vanish; structure without love becomes lifeless.

This dynamic is not just historical — it is personal. In you, there is a John who longs to run to the tomb in love. Let him run! Pray, sing, love Jesus. There is also a Peter, who eventually gets to the tomb and takes charge. The Risen Christ wants both. Remember: if you want to get to the mystery of Jesus' resurrection *fast*...love him, for love is best.

— *Father John Muir*

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sister Phyllis Vaske
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James & Colleen Brooks
James & Ruth Sayles
Carmel & J.C. Thompson
Willie & Dorothy Wilson
Geraldine Jones
Shamika Figures

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Robert Musgrove
James Madison & Espize Thierry Brooks
Gary Randolph Davis
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