

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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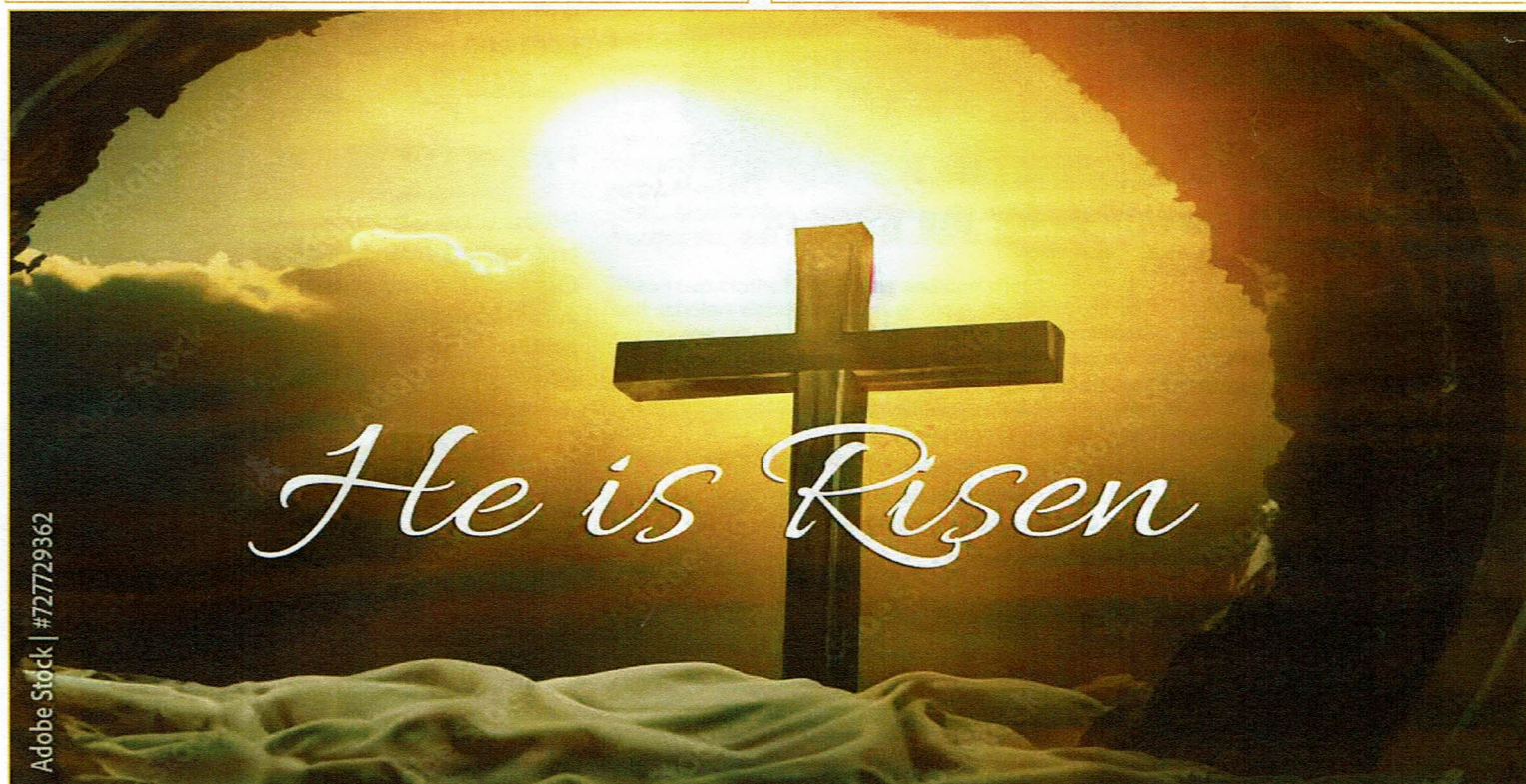
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EASTER SUNDAY - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 20, 2025

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

He went about doing good
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him. (Acts 10:38)

Psalm:

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

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:

So she ran and went to Simon Peter
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved,
and told them,
"They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don't know where they put him." (Jn 20:2)

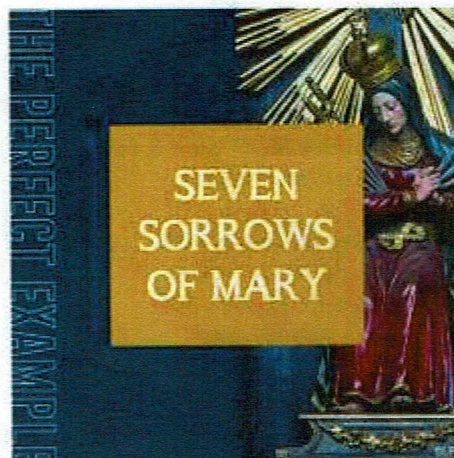
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

There is an invitation in the empty tomb and
the abandoned burial cloths. What great
things could we accomplish, if we only believe
that Christ has conquered death? Go forth
this Easter season, boldly embracing the
hope of the resurrection.

Observances for the week of April 20, 2025

- Sunday:** Easter Sunday
Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter;
Administrative Professionals' Day
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter; Arbor Day
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



Devotions, Explained!

The Seven Sorrows of Mary helps us to unite our own sufferings with those of Jesus, following Mary's perfect example, as we meditate upon the great sufferings endured by Our Lord and his Blessed Mother.

Prayer for Easter

Blessed be God who has triumphed over the grave!
Our Lord is victorious!
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the joy of Easter fill every part of our lives!
Amen.

**MARK THIS ON YOUR
CALENDAR**

The Pope's Monthly Intensions
April 2025

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Senior Luncheon - Cancelled
April 23 - Wednesday - Senior Luncheon
Bradley Hall - noon

April 27 - Sunday - Youth Formation
St. Augustine Mass

April 29 - Tuesday -
NTLC Tutoring Closed

May 2 - 4, 2025 - Friday – Sunday
Catholic Daughters America
Conference
Pastoral Center
Oklahoma City, OK

May 3, 2025 - Saturday - LEGACY
Kentucky Derby Watch Party
Afternoon at the Races On the Big Screen
Wear your Derby Attire
Hat Contest / 50/50 Cash Drawing
Photographer
Refreshments will be served.
Bradley Hall 3-6pm
See members for tickets

Soccer Spring 2025
season schedule:

* Game Schedule - Saturdays
April 26 Game 3
May 3 Game 4
May 10 Game 5
May 17 - Rain makeup date

May 3, 2025 - 2-4:30pm EOBNA
Eastern Oklahoma Black Nurses Assoc
Central Library
Documentary Screening of SHIFT
A community of nurses ready to make a positive
Change for each other and for our profession.
RSVP by April 26 tulsaebobna@gmail.com
See Linda for more information

May 8 - NTLC - Tutoring
Thursday last day of school

May 17, 2025 - Saturday
First Communion Rehearsal
St. Augustine 10 am

May 18, 2025 - Sunday
First Communion
St. Augustine 10:30
Bi-lingual Mass

May 18, 2025 - Sunday
African Mass
St. Monica

ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

APRIL 27, 2025

LECTORS

Isaiah Figures

Elaine Henderson

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

April 13, 2025 \$1,442.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Youth 2

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

ST. AUGUSTINE

Larry Potts

Requested by Bonnie Potts

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS

St. Monica & St. Augustine

Mary Dawson, Princetta Newman, Charles Towns Jr., Rachel Stake, Idela Miller, Norma Stripling, Gloria Noble, Ivory J. Parker, Kim Thompson, Willard Thierry, Patricia Lyons, James Jones, Billie Clark, Deacon Steve, Bobbie Barnett, Joselinn Fuselier, Orsbon Hawkins, Melvin Noble, Sr., Gloria Petit, Johnny Towns, David Towns, Steven Bagby, Doris Minter-Littles, Michael Turrentine, Carolyn Craven-Vann, Pam Towns

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Wed 6-7:30pm CCD Bldg

Snacks & Drinks

April 23

Group 1

April 30

St. Augustine & St. Monica Men's Club

NTLC TUTORING

Tues and Thurs

3:30-6pm CCD Bldg

Closed Tues April 29

May 8 last day of school

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

Book of Numbers

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

April 23, Cancelled

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

APRIL 27, 2025

LECTORS

Youth Faith Formation

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

April 12, 2025 \$1,684.08

MASS ATTENDANCE

YOUTH

ADULTS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021 - APRIL 13, 2025

ST. MONICA

GOAL: \$100,000

RAISED: \$ 56,044

REMAINING: \$ 43,956

ST. AUGUSTINE

GOAL: \$120,000

RAISED: \$ 84,259

REMAINING: \$ 35,741

RICA

*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 2:30 - 4pm*

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.,

A joyful and Happy Easter to you and those dear to you! In the resurrection of Jesus Christ, death has been conquered. Jesus is truly risen, and we shall one day join him in risen glory! During Lent, we learned to unite ourselves with the suffering of Jesus. If we were one with him in his suffering, so are we now one with him in his resurrection joy. Alleluia!

Easter is certainly a time of joy, but one thing we learn from today's Gospel is puzzling: the first reaction of Mary Magdalene and Peter and the disciple whom Jesus loved is not joy but fear! Bewilderment and fear. They went from that Empty Tomb and locked themselves in a room! "For they did not yet understand the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead."

It came down to this: Whatever else the followers of Jesus might have foreseen following the horrible crucifixion of their Lord, whatever they dreamed of, they did not anticipate a resurrection – despite his teaching that he would rise after the third day! Resurrection was apparently the last thing they expected. The discovery of an Empty Tomb left them disconcerted, hesitant and scared. We have heard Jesus' teaching of the resurrection all our lives. How does that impact our expectations of life after death?

The other readings today also shed Easter light. The First Reading begins a season-long focus on the Acts of the Apostles, the sequel to Luke's Gospel that tells the story of the early Church. The Book of Acts is basically a continuous Alleluia, as the apostles go out and witness to their Risen Lord. Their message is met with varying degrees of acceptance. The apostles are sometimes harshly treated, persecuted and even imprisoned for their unwavering faith. For the people who resisted their message "did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead."

In the First Letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul is dealing with a community that is beset by quarreling and discontent. "For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." And Saint Paul offers them this gem of encouragement: "Let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

We all benefit from reflecting on the mystery of the Empty Tomb. No matter what our situation, no matter our opinions or differences, the one thing we all share in common is the uncertainty of our future demise. If death is the common door through which we all must enter, then the Empty Tomb gives us a hopeful glimpse of what lies on the other side. Do WE understand the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead?

We have no hard evidence that Jesus Christ rose from the dead except from the witness of the apostles who first experienced that Empty Tomb. Is that enough? The skeptic in our modern day says No. But if we open our hearts to this testimony, the gate of eternal life opens to us and, through that blessing of faith, the hope that we need in the world today. Out of the grave of death comes new life.

Reflection by Ken Canedo at <https://ocp.org>

Let Us Pray.

*Dear Lord, fill my heart with the overflowing joy of Your resurrection!
As I celebrate Easter, help me remember that death could not hold You,
and because You live, I, too, live and have eternal hope.
Let this truth bring unshakable gladness and assurance to my soul.
May my life reflect your victory on the cross and through the empty tomb.*

Amen

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 20, 2025

Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
(24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/
Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

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:

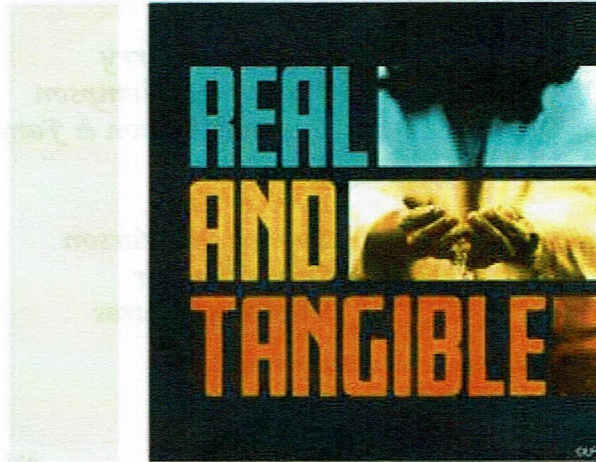
Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18,
19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday:

Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a young boy, my parents told me about their wedding. Then a few years later, they showed me my mother's wedding dress and my dad's suit. It was astonishing to see and touch garments that connected me to the event that led to my existence. Of course, I already believed they were married based on their word. But these holy garments made the event real and tangible for me.

Something like this is at play when St. John reports encountering in Jesus' tomb, **"the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7)**. Those two separate cloths, for his head and for his body respectively, meant a great deal to St. John and to the early Christians. Some years after the resurrection, there surfaced reports of two cloths with unusual characteristics, one bearing the image of a crucified man's body, another smaller one with the image of a wounded man's face. Some call them the Shroud of Turin and the Veil of Manoppello; they both can be seen today.

These two cloths have a long and complicated history, and scholars debate aspects of them. If you're curious, I encourage you to read about them. To be clear, I believe in the resurrection of Jesus because of the testimony of eyewitnesses and the gift of faith in the Church. Nevertheless, seeing these two mysterious cloths have made the life-giving event of Jesus' resurrection more real and tangible for me. Maybe they will for you, too.

— *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.

Gwen Monteilh Hammons
Donald Williams
Gary Randolph Davis
Carmel Dennard
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Roy Stake
Larry Potts
Michael Thierry
Nathaniel Thompson
Everrett Wilson & Family
Tom Harris
Evelyn Todd
Evonne Henderson
David DeJear
Shamika Figures

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Samuel West
Don Terry Davis
Mayo & Colleen Brooks
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Calvin "Butch" Burton
Kennard Fuselier
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