

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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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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Religious Education:

Whoever exalts
himself
will be *humbled*,
and whoever
humbles himself
will be *exalted*.
Matthew 23:12

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 26, 2025

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The one who serves God willingly is heard;
his petition reaches the heavens. (Sir 35:20)

Psalm:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat
and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.
To him be glory forever and ever. Amen. (2 Tm 4:18)

Gospel:

"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."
(Lk 18:14)

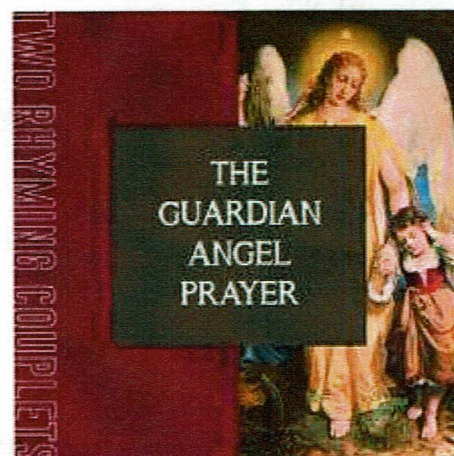
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisee took such pride in his good deeds that he forgot to ask God for forgiveness; the tax collector acknowledged his many sins, and went home justified. Remember that we are saved not by our own merit, but by the mercy of God.

Observances for the week of October 26, 2025

Sunday:	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Friday:	All Hallow's Eve
Saturday:	All Saints
Next Sunday:	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day); Daylight Saving Time Ends



Devotions, Explained!

Often one of the first prayers taught to children, the Guardian Angel Prayer consists of two rhyming couplets invoking the protection of one's guardian angel. Its exact authorship is unknown, but it originated in the medieval period.

Prayer of Praise

Dear God,
As we look to the week ahead,
help us to remember that You will
accompany us at every moment
— You who greet us with mercy
anew every morning, and grace in
abundance each night.
Amen.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Pope's Monthly Intentions October 2025

For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Friday October 31 - 6-8pm

Trunk or Treat
St. Monica Hall

Saturday, November 1 - 9am

Solemnity of All Saints Mass
Mass at St. Monica

Saturday, November 15th 10:30-3pm

Altar Server Spiritual Retreat
St. Benedict, Broken Arrow

Sunday, December 14, 2025 - 3:30-7pm

St. Monica / St. Augustine Christmas Gala
St. Augustine Parish
Tickets on sale starting Nov 2 - Nov 30
Tickets \$15, children 6 and under \$10

The North Tulsa Learning Center (NTLC)

is an innovative partnership between St. Augustine and St. Monica Catholic Parishes and Bishop Kelley High School. Please consider volunteering an hour to assist our students as they excel in reading and math. Volunteer times are Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30-6pm. Contact at Jennifer at 918.720.9081 or jgallantok@yahoo.com to sign-up

National Vocation Awareness Week

will be celebrated in our country November 2-9, 2025. As Catholics, we believe that God has a purposeful plan for our lives! Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. Particularly, offer a special prayer for those who are considering the priesthood or consecrated life. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations: 918-307-4909 or vocations918@dioceseoftulsa.org

Ascension St John Bedrock Initiative

BEDROCKERS

The Initiative is coming to an end. Please take part in all of the events.

They are very educational and informative.

St Monica will host the following event so please mark your calendars.

11/1/2025 | Sweet Talk:

The Truth About Diabetes and Heart Health
St. Monica Catholic Church - 10am

Please attend

11/15/2025 | Bedrock Beyond the Bra
Gibbs Event Center
10 am -11:30 am

Soccer Re-Schedule

Sat. Nov. 1st

St. Augustine Hispanic Community to sell tacos
We need your help.
Thank you, Fr. C

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
kindly remember to support our **North Tulsa (St. Augustine/St. Monica) Soccer League** by buying our raffle ticket. For just \$10.00, you have the chance to win a 65" Smart, flat screen tv, or a Nutri-blender or Comforter set. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets will be on sale until the final draw on October 25 during our last soccer games. We have provided good quality, affordable, and enriching soccer experience to 1480+ kids. Your support will help us in continuing to run the program.

Thank you and God bless. Fr. C

ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

LECTORS

Elaine Henderson

Amelia Henderson

www.stmonica-tulsa.org

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

October 19, 2025 \$ 967.00

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
Victims of Violence
Requested by Ethelyn Harbin

ST. AUGUSTINE

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS

St. Monica & St. Augustine

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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Wed 6-7:30pm CCD Bldg

Snacks & Drinks

Oct 29, 2025

Group 7

NTLC TUTORING

Tues and Thurs
3:30-6pm CCD Bldg

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
Deuteronomy

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 January 2026

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

LECTORS

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

OCTOBER 19, 2025 \$1,273.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

YOUTH

ADULTS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021- OCTOBER 19, 2025

St. MONICA

GOAL:	\$100,000
RAISED:	\$ 57,889
REMAINING:	\$ 42,111

St. AUGUSTINE

GOAL:	\$120,000
RAISED:	\$ 84,909
REMAINING:	\$ 35,091

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*

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.,

In today's Gospel, Luke poses an important question about discipleship: Who is righteous, unrighteous, and self-righteous? In other words, who is saved?

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee, and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself: 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity – greedy, dishonest, adulterous – or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed: 'O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

First, notice those to whom Jesus addresses this parable: "those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else." God alone can make a person righteous, that is, saved. The Pharisee here places himself on equal footing with God by declaring his own righteousness. He also is guilty of pride in the way he despises others and places himself above "the rest of humanity." The Pharisee puts on a show – during prayer! – by declaring how "generous" he is in his tithing. And yet he despises the rest of humanity. Such hypocrisy!

In contrast, the tax collector, traditionally considered the lowest of the low in Jewish society, can only pray humbly that God will show him mercy for his sinfulness. The lesson is quite clear to the disciples who are on the road with Jesus, and to us who journey with him through our Christian life: Salvation is not something that we earn through our own devices. We cannot depend on ourselves if we want to be saved. We can only depend on God's mercy. God alone is enough!

There is an obvious gap between these two Gospel personalities, but the purpose of this parable is not to discourage piety and religious practice. We are certainly called to a life of prayer! Rather, the message is that we need to pray and practice our faith with humility.

It's a challenging question that we disciples must ask ourselves: Does our prayer life reflect the pride of Pharisee? Or the humility of the tax collector? When we stand before God in judgment, will we boast of our good works? Or will we rely on the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Ken Canedo

Let Us Pray..

Loving Father, we ask for your healing touch to restore joy in our hearts.

*Remove the burdens that weigh us down
and replace them with your everlasting joy.*

Guide us to find happiness in Your presence.

Amen

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 26, 2025

Sunday:

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23
(7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Monday:

Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday:

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday:

Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday:

Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/
Lk 13:31-35

Friday:

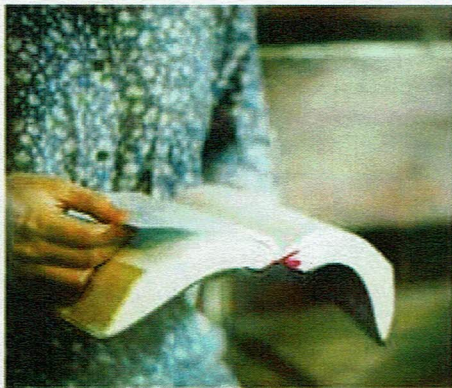
Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 14:1-6

Saturday:

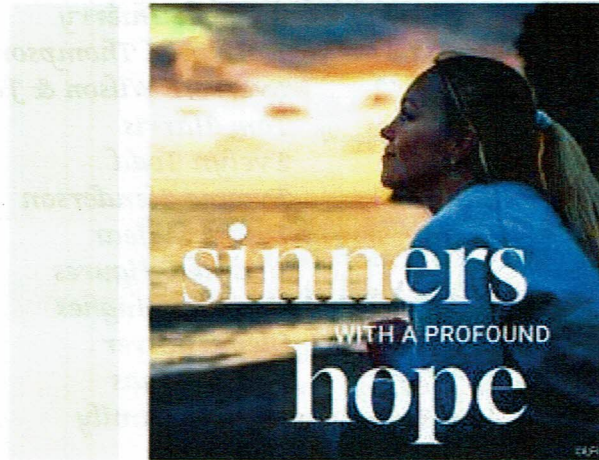
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Next Sunday:

Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11
or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: "I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God's sons and daughters." His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride's sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable's penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might "go home justified."

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, "Have mercy on us," during Mass or when we repeat the "Jesus Prayer" in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ's example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

— 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
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 Juanita Thierry
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 Nora Faye Henderson-Evans
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