St. Monica Church & St. Augustine Church

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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St. Monica Church

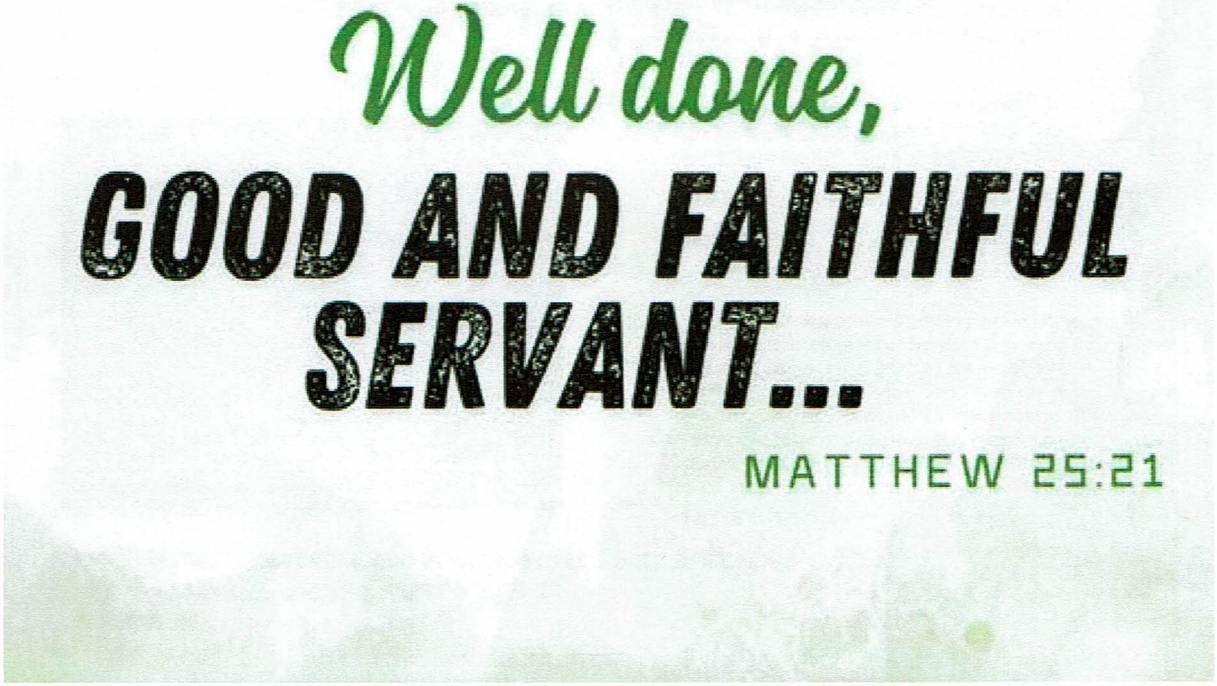
Sunday Mass 8:30am
Rosary 8am
Weekday Mass Wed & Fri 9am

Parish Council: Sadonna Davis 918-284-9970
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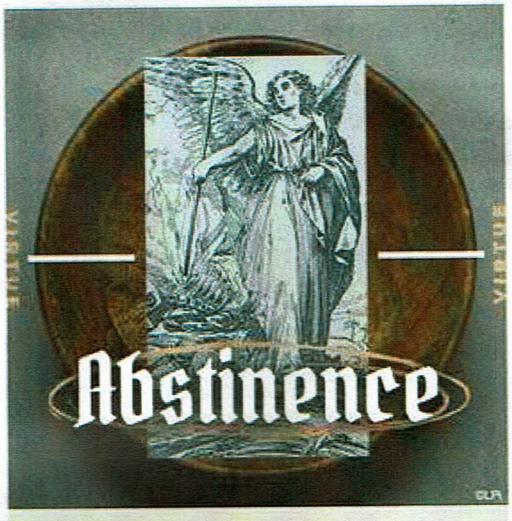
St. Augustine Church

Sunday Mass 10:30am / 12:30pm
Rosary 10am
Weekday Mass Tues & Thurs 9am

Parish Council: Peggy Prudom 918-582-4561
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Weekly Scripture



Virtues, *Explained!*

The virtue of abstinence describes the act of refusing, to any extent, food or types of food. On its own, this action does not produce grace within a soul. However, when regulated by reason and performed in pursuit of sanctification, it is a pious form of mortification of the flesh.

Abstinence is compelled by the fourth precept of the Catholic Church ("You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.") This precept "ensures the times of ascesis and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart," says the Catechism (CCC 2043).

St. Thomas writes that the virtuous act of fasting is ordered to three ends: first, to control the appetites of the flesh; second, "that the mind may arise more freely to the contemplation of heavenly things," as we see so often in Scripture; and third, in reparation for sin (II:II, 147, Art. 1).

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and works with loving hands. (Prv 31:12-13)

Psalm

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)

Second Reading

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness,
for that day to overtake you like a thief.
For all of you are children of the light
and children of the day. (1 Thes 5:4-5)

Gospel

"'Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy.'" (Mt 25:21)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

God invites us to take part in the mission of the Gospel. His investment is his Body and Blood, offered for our salvation. What return will it generate? Only we can decide what to do with this great gift.

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

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BEDROCK at ST. MONICA SUNDAY:

After Mass, Bedrock will be offering blood pressure, A1C, and cholesterol checks and information/sign-ups for a free heart screening. After 10:30 mass

Thank you

Month of November, every Sunday, 8am
Rosary for Deceased Choir Member

TODAY
AED and CPR training *following the 8:30 mass*
St Monica

November 16, Monday*, 6pm:*
Finance and Parish Councils' Joint Meeting

December 8, Tuesday*, A Holy Day of Obligation*
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Mass - 9 am at St Augustine
5 pm at St. Monica.

December 13, Sunday
Christmas Gala
Wine & Cheese 3-3:30pm
Dinner 4pm
St. Augustine Church Gym

December 18, Friday *6pm*
Holy Family Cathedral
Priest Ordination

OUR VISION:

We envision a parish rooted in Christ and welcoming to all who seek Him, that draws people into deeper communion through the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, so that every person encounters the love and mercy of Christ.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

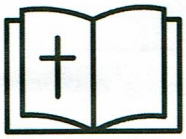
November 2026
For the proper use of wealth
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

SECOND SUNDAY OF SILENCE
We will observe a few minutes of silence and prayer after communion to increase our practice of Eucharistic Adoration. This is part of our goal to deepen our personal relationship with Jesus.
Please see your handouts.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS - SOCTOBER
St. Monica / St. Augustine, please donate socks for Youth Services, (S, M. L) for men or women.
Donations will run thru mid December
A sock box is at the back of the church.

December 24, Thursday
Christmas Vigil Mass 5 pm, St. Augustine

December 25, Friday
Christmas Day Mass: 9 am, St. Monica
11 am, St. Augustine (Spanish)



ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Lector: BRENDA JONES
Lector: DEBORAH CRAVEN-MOSS

STEWARSHIP OF GIVING



NOVEMBER 8, 2026 $1,169.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

ADULTS:
YOUTH:

MASS INTENSIONS

1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
† Mass in memory of Maxine Staley

4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
† Mass in the memory of Mr. & Mrs. CY Gibbs

ST. MONICA

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 Fujselier, Melvin Noble, Sr., Gloria Petit, Johnny Towns, Steven Bagby, Doris Minter-Littles, Paul McCurtain, Mario Holman, William Holman, Keith Thierry, Doris McKnight, Darnell Barnett

PARISH NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCTION CLASSES

Wed 6-7:30pm CCD Building

NTLC TURORING

Tuesday and Thursday
3:30-6pm CCD Building

BIBLE STUDY

Thursday 10-11:15am
St. Monica Bradley Hall
Book of Judges

NAMI

National Alliance of Mental Illness
St. Augustine - CCD Building
4th Monday 6-7:30pm

Senior Saints Mass

And Potluck Luncheon
Every 4th Wednesday 12 noon
Bradley Hall
See signup sheet

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Lector: MARCIA CROW
Lector: REGGIE HURD

STEWARSHIP OF GIVING

NOVEMBER 8, 2026 $ 648.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

ADULTS:
YOUTH:

SPANISH MASS

ADULTS:
YOUTH:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021 - NOVEMBER 8, 2026

ST MONICA:

GOAL:	$100,000
RAISED:	$ 60,069
REMAINING	$ 39,931

ST AUGUSTINE:

GOAL:	$120,000
RAISED:	$ 86,784
REMAINING	$ 33,216

OCIA

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 918-587-2965*

RECONCILIATION *- Sunday beore mass or any time by appointment*

MARRIAGE *- A minimum of six months preparation is required. Cal 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 interested in becoming a Priest, Deacon or Lay Minister. Contact the Pastor.*

OTHER INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!
Sign up at the back of the Church, or ask any member of the Church.

OICA *- If interested in becoming a Catholic*

BULLETIN DEADLINE *- Please submit two weeks prior to your scheduled event.*
stmonicachurch@aol.com

From the desk of Fr. C

What are we doing with the gift of life? Every one of us has been given something precious. A gift that is ours alone. A life filled with possibilities, shaped by our choices, and entrusted to us by God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the Parable of the Talents. A master entrusts his wealth to three servants before leaving on a journey. Two of them put their gifts to work, allowing them to grow and flourish. But the third servant is afraid. He buries his gift in the ground, where it remains untouched and unchanged.

How often do we do the same?

We bury our gifts beneath our fears. We hesitate to take a chance. We convince ourselves that what we have to offer isn't enough, or that someone else could do it better.

But God doesn't ask us to be someone else. God asks us to be faithful with what we have been given.
The worthy woman in today's First Reading understands this. Her hands are busy with the work of daily life, but they are also open to the poor and extended to those in need. Her gifts become blessings for others.

And isn't that what life is all about?

As the liturgical year draws to a close, the Scriptures remind us that our time on earth is precious. We do not know how many days we have been given. But we do know what we can do with today.

We can love. We can forgive. We can reach out. We can make a difference, however small.

At every Eucharist, we bring our lives to the altar, offering back to God the gifts we have received. And in Christ, even our simplest offerings can become something extraordinary.

Let us not bury our gifts. Let them become blessings. And one day, may we hear those beautiful words of welcome: "Come, share your master's joy."
Ken Canedo at www.ocp.com

Let Us Pray

Lord,
I thank you for the gifts and blessings you have given me.
I pray that as I continue growing in my faith
I will always seek your heart and desire to serve you
with the incredible gifts you have knit within me.
Lord, help me see the ways I can use my gifts
and blessings for your glory and for the good of others,
and I pray for a heart that is attentive to your leading.
In Jesus' name I pray,
Amen

Worship & Observances

Prayer - Blessing for a Friendsgiving

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of these beautiful souls gathered! You have blessed us in our friendship with each other! May each of us deeply know Your generosity this evening, through rich food and drink, through company and conversation, through Your goodness and grace.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of November 15, 2026

Sunday
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/
1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday
Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday
Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10

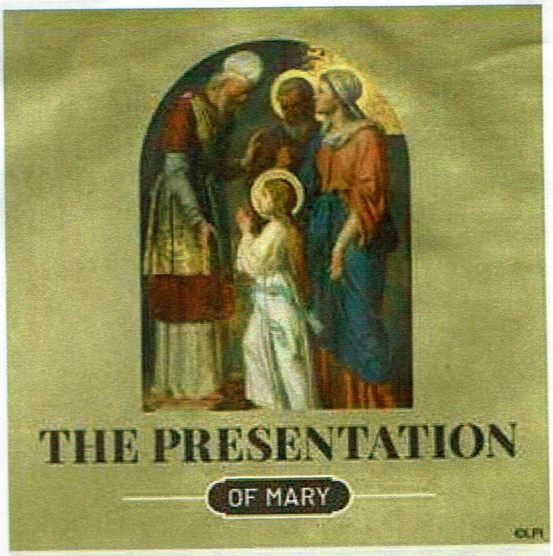
Wednesday
Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday
Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44

Friday
Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday
Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46



Observances for the Week of November 15, 2026

Sunday
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Monday
St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

Tuesday
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Wednesday
The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles;
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Saturday
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Sister Phyllis Vaske
Gwen Monteith Hammons
Samuel West
Mary Rogers
Robert Musgrove
Mary Dawson
James & Colleen Brooks
James & Espize Thierry Brooks
Leo Sayles
James & Ruth Sayles
Gary Randolph Davis
Don Terry Davis
Carmel & J.C. Thompson
Carmel Dennard
Marilyn Kay Troupe
Willie & Dorothy Wilson
Calvin 'Butch' Burton
Danta Wilson
Geraldine Jones
Ray Craven
Nelson Wallace Jr.
Shamika Figures
Maxine Jeffers-Holman
Lee Andrew Jeffers



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