

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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Deacon: Charles Beard 918-340-0090
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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:

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Men's Club: Reggie Hurd 918-409-1300
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Religious Education:

Jesus
IS MORE THAN
enough.



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 2, 2026

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD:
All you who are thirsty,
come to the water! (Is 55:1)

Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8:38-39)

Gospel:

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven,
he said the blessing, broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them to the crowds. (Mt 14:19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, he didn't create only what was needed — there were leftovers that could be saved and shared again. God is lavish in bestowing His grace upon us. He always gives enough to share.

Observances for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. John Vianney, Priest
Wednesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Saturday: St. Dominic, Priest
Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Respect, wrote the theologian Fr. Romano Guardini, is the "everyday form of reverence." It is an admiration of the sacredness of a thing, and so respect for those made in God's image flows naturally from our primary respect for God Himself.

Blessing of God's Provision

Dear God,
Thank You for the ways You have always provided in the past, and be with us in these days as well. Bless our community — every family, every home, every person entrusted to our parish's care. Provide for our needs — bodily, emotional, financial, mental, and spiritual — in Your holy and sacred name.
Amen.

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

Bedrock at St. Augustine Sunday:

After Mass, **Bedrock** (Ascension St. John) will be offering blood pressure checks and information/sign-up for a free heart screening.

After 10:30 Mass and After 12:30 Mass

August 8: 70th Anniversary - Catholic Daughters

August 9: Bake Sale by the Legacy Committee
Sale start immediately after Mass 8:30a

August 12: St. Augustine Parish
Joint meeting of Parish & Finance Councils
Religious Education Building 6pm

August 16: Mission Appeal by a visiting priest.
Please we need your financial support.

August 20: Fall Soccer Registration Starts.
200 kids is our max.

August 22: Religious Education Registration Begins.
130 students is our max.

August 23: African Mass at St. Francis Xavier parish in Stillwater.

August 28: Friday. Feast of St. Augustine and Inauguration of Hispanic Apostolate at St. Augustine parish with Mass with the Bishop at 6:00 PM.
All are invited

August 29: St. Monica Feast Day Celebration ST MONICA & ST AUGUSTINE FAMILIES

St Monica will be celebrating its annual Feast Day but more importantly, this marks the 100th year of St Monica's existence.

Due to the extreme heat, most of the activities will be held inside Bradley Hall.

FOOD, GAMES, ACTIVITIES, FELLOWSHIP.

September 26: 1st Soccer League Game

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

August 2026

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

The North Tulsa Learning Center

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Year 6 starts September 1, 2026! The North Tulsa Learning Center (NTLC) continues to be an innovative partnership between St. Augustine and St. Monica Catholic parishes and Bishop Kelley High School. The BK students and faculty tutor kids focusing on reading and math. Adult volunteers are needed to provide support. You don't have to tutor but just be present. It is a true blessing to watch the tutors and students interact in a positive and fun environment. The NTLC is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 6 pm at St. Augustine Religious Education Center.

You can volunteer for as little as an hour a shift.

Contact at Jennifer at

Jthomasamos@rocketmail.com to sign-up.

Volunteer and be part of something special.

October 17 - 18

St. Monica Catholic Church - Centennial Celebration

St. Monica Catholic Church Celebrating 100 Years
Events leading up to the Celebration!
See flyer in email and on bulletin board

****** St. Monica Trivia ******

Fun Facts

How Well Do You Know St. Monica?

1st Question: St. Monica is the patron saint and source of many causes. How many can you name?

ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

AUGUST 9, 2026

LECTORS

Chanda Towns

Gloria Wallace

www.stmonica-tulsa.org

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

July 26, 2026 \$1,546.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Adults 60
Youth 5

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

*The Norton/Nickles Family
Requested by the Nickles Family*

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, Mario Holman, William Holman, Keith
Thierry, Doris McKnight

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Wed 6-7:30pm CCD Bldg
Closed for Summer

NTLC TUTORING

Tues and Thurs
3:30-6pm CCD Bldg
September 1, 2026

SPANISH MASS

ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH
Sundays at 12:30

Bible study

Thursdays 10:00 - 11:15am
St. Monica Bradley Hall

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
See sign up sheet

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AUGUST 9, 2026

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Madea Bendel

Reggie Hurd

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

JULY 26, 2026 \$ 880.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

ADULTS 58

YOUTH 14

SPANISH MASS

ADULTS

YOUTH

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021 – JULY 26, 2026

St. Monica

GOAL: \$100,000

RAISED: \$ 59,299

REMAINING: \$ 40,701

St. Augustine

GOAL: \$120,000

RAISED: \$ 86,584

REMAINING: \$ 33,416

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

Aug 8, 22

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.,

The Gospels of the last three Sundays focused on the kingdom parables of Matthew 13. We now move on to a section of Matthew that centers on Jesus' establishment of the Church. Peter will play an important role here, from his walking on the water with Jesus to his confession of faith at Caesarea Philippi.

The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish is one of the best-known stories in the Gospels. Matthew tells it in a way that would resonate deeply with his Jewish Christian audience.

The story begins with Jesus in a deserted place. The ancient Israelites spent forty years in the desert on their way to the Promised Land. The five loaves recall the five books of the Law of Moses. The twelve baskets of leftovers point to the twelve tribes of Israel and to the Church, the new People of God. Jesus is presented as the New Moses, leading the New Israel and feeding his people with the bread of life.

The Eucharistic symbolism is impossible to miss. Fish was an early Christian symbol, and Jesus' actions over the bread and fish are sacramental actions. Matthew is telling us that what Jesus did for the crowd on that hillside continues in the Church through the Eucharist. Christ still feeds his people. But there is another layer to this story.

The Gospel immediately preceding this passage tells of a different banquet: the lavish feast of King Herod. It is a banquet of vanity, excess, and cruelty that ends with the martyrdom of John the Baptist. Jesus has just learned that his cousin has been murdered. So he withdraws.

He seeks a deserted place to pray. The crowds follow him anyway.

And instead of turning them away, Jesus is moved with pity for them. He heals their sick. He feeds them.

There is something deeply consoling in this scene.

Jesus knows grief. He knows disappointment. He knows the need to step away from the noise and be alone with his Father. When we are distressed by the pressures and unforeseen sorrows of life, we too must seek that deserted place where Jesus waits for us. He has walked in our shoes. He truly understands us. And he nourishes us with the Eucharist, the gift of finest wheat, the miracle of grace.

And so, Jesus turns to his disciples and says something astonishing: "You give them some food yourselves."

Five loaves and two fish do not seem like much. Neither do our own gifts. And yet, they are often just enough: a small act of kindness, a word of encouragement, a song, a prayer, a heart willing to love.

Jesus never asks us to feed the world by ourselves. He simply asks us to place what little we have into his hands.

In Christ's hands, scarcity becomes abundance. Fear becomes hope. Ordinary people discover that they, too, can help feed the great crowd.

*The miracle begins when we stop asking whether we have enough and start sharing what we have with love.
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Let us Pray.

Lord,
make my heart kind and generous.
Help me give freely without fear.
Fill me with compassion for others.
Teach me to love through giving.
And let generosity flow naturally from me.
Amen

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday:

Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/
Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday:

Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/
Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday:

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21,
29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/
2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday:

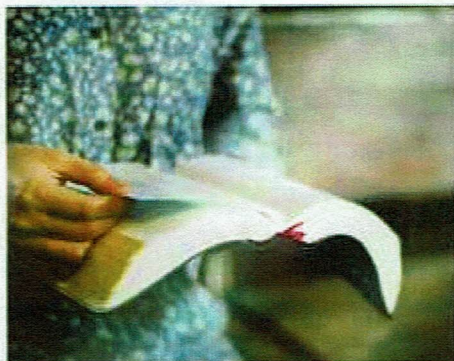
Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab,
39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

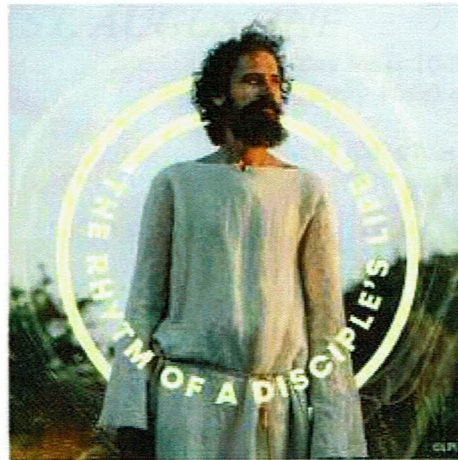
Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/
Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his song, "Lose Yourself," the artist Eminem raps, **"the mood all changed."**

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today's Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, **"When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself."** Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John's death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple's life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.

— Father John Muir

IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Gwen Monteilh Hammons
Robert Musgrove
James Madison & Espize Thierry Brooks
Gary Randolph Davis
Carmel Dennard
Calvin 'Butch' Burton
Ray Craven
Maxine Jeffers-Holman

Samuel West
Mary Dawson
Leo Sayles
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