

# 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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Finance Council: Helen Page 918-639-4922  
Ladies of Peter Claver: Minyan Burton 918-640-1546  
Legion of Mary: Yvonne Hunter 918-587-2965  
Catholic Daughters: Amelia Henderson 918-852-0945  
Choir: ZaQue Hutchinson 918-907-8659  
Parish Life/Benevolent: Linda DeJear 918-639-3485  
RCIA: Jennifer Thomas: 918-720-9081  
Technology: John Baker 918-398-4268  
Men's Club: James Page 918-587-2965  
Religious Education:

## ST. AUGUSTINE


**Sunday Mass** 10:30 a.m.

**Rosary** 10:00 a.m.

**Weekday Mass** Tues & Thurs.

9:00 a.m.

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Soccer League: Fr. C 918-607-8681  
Religious Education:



*Fourth Sunday  
of Lent*

LAETARE SUNDAY

REJOICE!

EASTER IS NEAR

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15, 2026

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,  
anointed David in the presence of his brothers;  
and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.  
(1 Sm 16:13)

### Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

### Second Reading:

"Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will give you light." (Eph 5:14)

### Gospel:

He spat on the ground  
and made clay with the saliva,  
and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him,  
"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent — .  
So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)

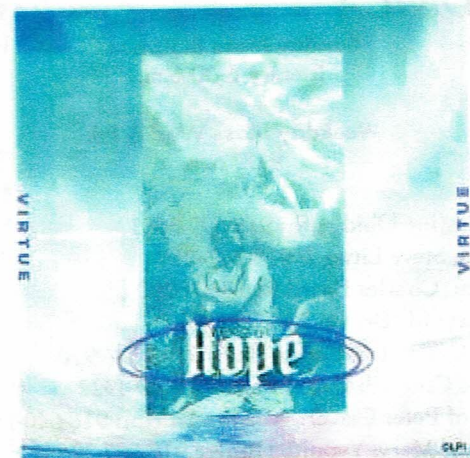
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisees refused to see what was in front of them. Their blindness was stronger than that of the man born without sight, because it was a blindness they chose for themselves. So what will it be for us? Do we choose blindness, or do we choose sight?

## Observances for the week of March 15, 2026

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent  
**Tuesday:** St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day  
**Wednesday:** St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Thursday:** St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent



## Virtues, Explained!

Christian hope "is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness" (CCC 1817), even as we recognize that our own strength and merit can never achieve this. Hope, simply, is remembering that God keeps His promises.

## Blessing to See

Bless us, Lord, to see as You see.  
Remind us that heartbeats and hopes can outshine outward show.  
That quiet witness can overcome violence and darkness.  
That Your Light can break like the dawn.  
Amen.

# MARK YOU CALENDAR

Today:

African Mass - St. Monica 4pm

## **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..**

1. **March 20:** Bag 200 soccer gears inside the gym @ 4:30pm
2. **March 21:** Soccer equipment Distribution and clinic: 10am to noon
3. **March 28:** 1st Games: St. M/St. A/CC - provide free meals
4. **April 4:** 2nd Game: Hispanic Community - sell tacos
5. **April 11:** 3rd Game: St. M/St. A/CC - provide free meals
6. **April 18:** 4th Game: Hispanic Community - sell tacos
7. **April 25:** Christ the King Parish - provide free meals
8. **May 2:** 6th last Game: Hispanic Community - sell tacos

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to stay up to date with any changes.

Thank you. Fr.

## **Holy Week - St. Monica/St. Augustine March 30 - April 5, 2026**

### **Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper**

5:00 PM @ St. Monica

7:00 PM (Spanish) @ St. Augustine

### **Good Friday Stations of the Cross**

12:00 PM @ St. Monica

3:00 PM (Spanish) @ St. Augustine

### **Good Friday Passion of the Lord**

5:00 PM @ St. Augustine

7:00 PM (Spanish) @ St. Augustine

### **Easter Vigil Mass**

6:00 PM @ St. Monica

7:00 PM (Spanish) @ St. Augustine.

## **The Pope's Monthly Intentions March 2026**

### **For disarmament and peace**

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

### **Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday of Lent at St. Augustine

5:30 pm in English

6:30pm in Spanish

### **Parish Lenten Revival**

March 16th and 17th / Fr. Juan Grajeda

Begins at 7- 8:30 pm daily (Spanish)

St. Augustine

### **Sunday, March 22 at St. Monica / St. Augustine**

Love Offering to Support Our Two Students' Trip to Rome. Please plan on it.

Thank you, Fr. C

### **Save the Date**

#### **Christ Care Day - Saturday April 11**

We will gather at Christ the King to begin Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by a light breakfast. Following breakfast, we will head out to assist local homeowners with yard work, serving until early afternoon. This is a wonderful opportunity to lend a helping hand and support our neighbors who need extra care.

### **St. Monica - Dessert Sign up**

Parish Life is asking for help with providing a dessert for parish repast dinners. If enough people sign up, your time should not come around often.

Please see sign up sheets at the back of the church.

### **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](http://tulsaresponds.org)

(918) 900-0918

## ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MARCH 22, 2026

### LECTORS

Quentin Henley  
Gina Figures

[www.stmonica-tulsa.org](http://www.stmonica-tulsa.org)

[Stmonicachurch@aol.com](mailto:Stmonicachurch@aol.com)

### *STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING*

March 8, 2026      \$ 790.00

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Youth      5  
Adults      48

## **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**

Columbus Miller  
Requested by the Miller 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, Pam  
Towns, Paul McCurtain

\*\*\*\*\* **PARISH NEWS** \*\*\*\*\*

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Wed 6-7:30pm CCD Bldg

**Snacks & Drinks**  
Closed Spring Break 18th  
Resume 25th

## **NTLC TUTORING**

Tues and Thurs  
3:30-6pm CCD Bldg  
Closed Spring Break 17& 19  
Resume 24th

## **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

**MARCH 22, 2026**

### **LECTORS**

Reggie Hurd  
Tony Fuselier

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### *STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING*

MARCH 8, 2026                      \$1,171.36

### MASS ATTENDANCE

YOUTH                      12  
ADULTS                      52

### SPANISH MASS

YOUTH  
ADULTS

## ***CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES***

***JUNE 1, 2021 – MARCH 8, 2026***

### ***St. MONICA***

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

### ***St. AUGUSTINE***

**GOAL:**                      \$120,000  
**RAISED:**                      \$ 86,209  
**REMAINING:**                      \$ 33,816

## **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](mailto:stmonicachurch@aol.com)

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From the desk of Fr. C.,

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday, from the Latin phrase meaning "let us rejoice." Even in the midst of a penitential season, the Church invites us to pause and rejoice as we continue our journey toward Easter.

Today marks Part Two of the Lectionary's three-week Lenten focus on the Gospel according to John, proclaimed as we celebrate the Second Scrutiny for our OCIA Elect. As we saw last week, John writes for a Christian community that gives clear theological priority to the divinity of Christ. Throughout this Gospel, Jesus reveals himself emphatically as the Son of God, often referring to himself as the "Son of Man," a title drawn from the Book of Daniel with strong messianic meaning. This literary device underscores who Jesus truly is.

John's dramatic style is on full display in today's Gospel: the healing of the man born blind. The story opens with a familiar human instinct: the rush to judgment. The disciples immediately assume that the man's blindness must be the result of sin. Jesus corrects them decisively

Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so the works of God might be made visible through him... I am the light of the world.

Jesus then heals the man in a most earthy way, using clay made from saliva, and sends him to wash in the Pool of Siloam. The miracle itself is only the beginning. What follows is a long and revealing drama in which neighbors, and then the Pharisees, interrogate the man. Ironically, those who claim to see most clearly – the religious authorities – prove themselves blind, clinging to the letter of the Law while missing God's saving work in their midst.

The First Reading from 1 Samuel reinforces this teaching. God chooses the young shepherd David, not for his appearance, but for his heart. This choice naturally leads us to Psalm 23, reminding us that the Lord is our shepherd who guides, protects, and strengthens us.

Today's message is deeply encouraging. Christ is our light, opening our eyes and sustaining us when faith brings misunderstanding or opposition. For our OCIA Elect – and for all who bear the name Christian – this is truly a reason to rejoice.

Ken Canedo at [www.ocp.com](http://www.ocp.com)

**Let us Pray.**

Gracious God,  
Forgive the times I have placed my own desires above Yours.  
Guide me to set aside pride and approach this Sunday devotion with openness.  
Help me embrace repentance and renewal as I focus on You.  
Let my prayers be heartfelt and my heart soft to Your instruction.  
Teach me humility in every thought and action.  
May Your presence fill me as I prepare to worship.  
Amen

## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of March 15, 2026

#### Sunday:

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,  
5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17,  
34-38

#### Monday:

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and  
13b/Jn 4:43-54

#### Tuesday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

#### Wednesday:

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/  
Jn 5:17-30

#### Thursday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27  
and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21,  
24a or Lk 2:41-51a

#### Friday:

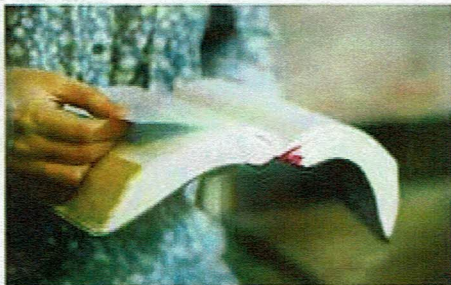
Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and  
23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

#### Saturday:

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/  
Jn 7:40-53

#### Next Sunday:

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/  
Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,  
33b-45



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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "**Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?**" (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "**Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.**" He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "**I am the light of the world**" (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you *not* see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

**Lenten challenge:** Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

— *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

Gwen Monteilh Hammons  
Robert Musgrove  
James Madison & Espize Thierry Brooks  
Gary Randolph Davis  
Carmel Dennard  
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