

St. Monica Church



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Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m.
Rosary 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Wed & Fri.
9:00 a.m.

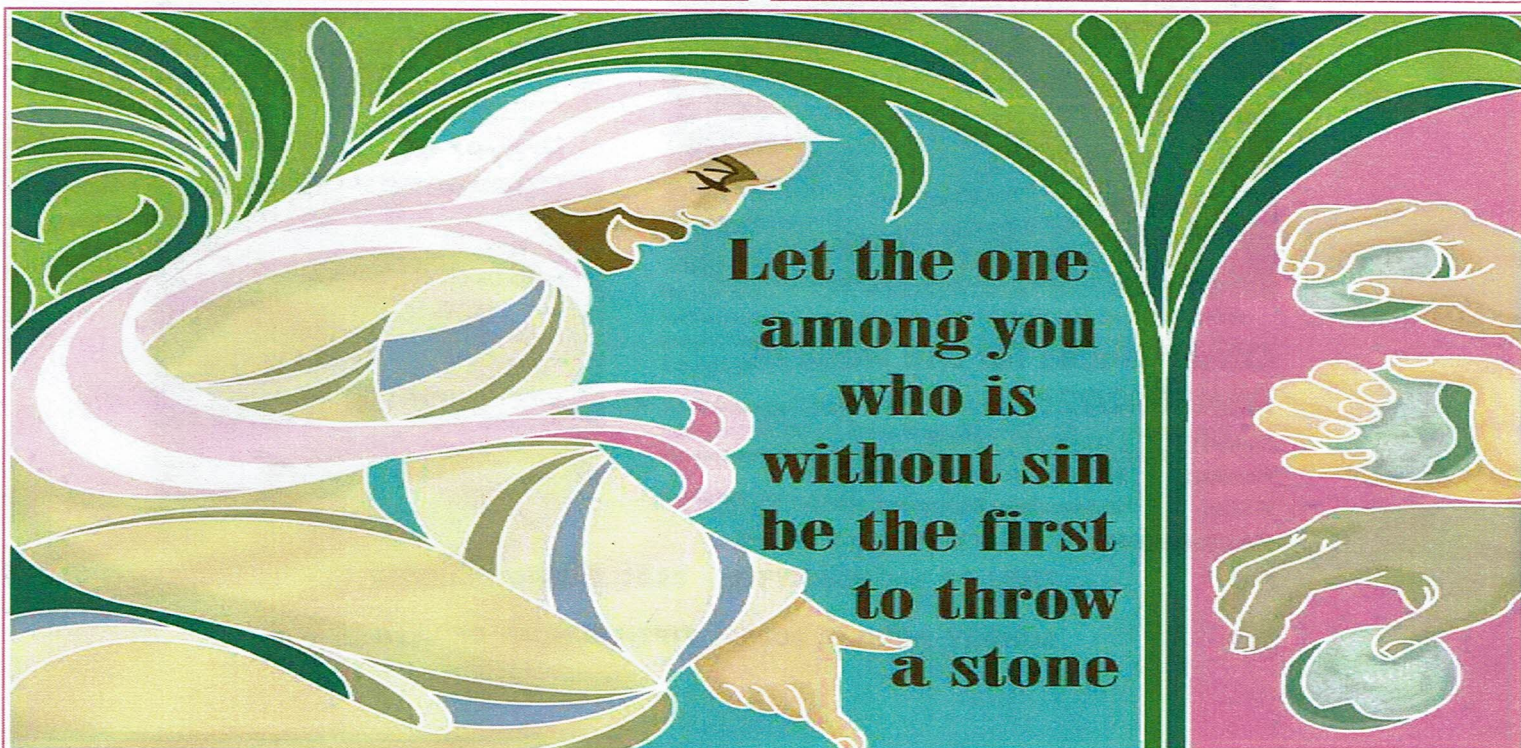
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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 6, 2025

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD,
who opens a way in the sea
and a path in the mighty waters. (Is 43:16)

Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

Second Reading:

Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind
but straining forward to what lies ahead,
I continue my pursuit toward the goal,
the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:14)

Gospel:

Then Jesus straightened up and said to her,
"Woman, where are they?
Has no one condemned you?"
She replied, "No one, sir."
Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you.
Go, and from now on do not sin any more." (Jn 8:10-11)

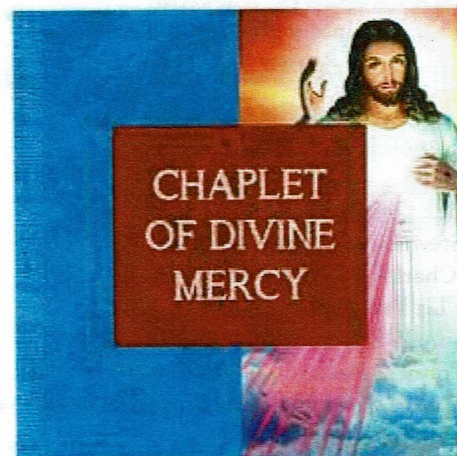
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Go, and sin no more," Jesus tells the woman caught in adultery. Her life, like ours, has been saved. She, like us, has a chance for a new beginning. So he begs her, and he begs us: be changed by it. Let the mercy transform you. Go, and sin no more.

Observances for the week of April 6, 2025

- Sunday:** Fifth Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest
Friday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Devotions, Explained!

Prayed with an ordinary five-decade Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer invoking God's mercy on the world, utilizing words drawn from the text of The Diary of St. Faustina Maria Kowalska.

Prayer of Community

O God,
Help us to see each other as
You see us, not by our faults or
failings, but by our identity as
Your own. Give us Your eyes to
see, Your heart to love.
Amen.



The Pope's Monthly Intentions

March 2025

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent 5:30pm at St. Monica
Followed by a light Lenten meal at 6pm

HOLY WEEK

April 15 - Tuesday 5:30pm

Chrism Mass/Blessing of Oils - Holy Family

April 17 - Thursday 5pm

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

5:00 PM - St. Monica

6:30 PM (Spanish) - St. Augustine

April 18 - Friday 12 noon

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

12:00 PM - St. Monica

3:00 PM (Spanish) - St. Augustine

April 18 - Good Friday Passion of the Lord

4:30 PM - St. Augustine

6:00 PM (Spanish) - St. Augustine

April 19 - Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass

6:00 pm - St. Monica

April 27 - Sunday - Youth Formation

St. Augustine

Soccer Spring 2025 season schedule:

* Game Schedule - Saturdays

April 5 Game 2 - cancelled

April 12 Game 3

April 19 No Games (Holy Week)

April 26 Game 4

May 3 Game 5

May 10 Game 6

May 17 - Rain makeup date

May 2 - 4, 2025 - Friday – Sunday

Catholic Daughters America

Conference

Pastoral Center

Oklahoma City, OK

May 3, 2025 - Saturday - LEGACY

SAVE THE DATE

Afternoon at the Races

Bradley Hall

Watch for more information In this space.

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

May 18, 2025

ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

APRIL 13, 2025

LECTORS

Donnetta Laws-Cooper

Denise Voseles

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

March 30, 2025 \$1,232.66

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

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

Group 7

April 9, 2025

Holy Week

April 16

NTLC TUTORING

Tues and Thurs

3:30-6pm CCD Bldg

April 17 closed

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

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APRIL 13, 2025

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March 30, 2025 \$3,218.00

MASS ATTENDANCE
YOUTH
ADULTS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021 - MARCH 30, 2025

St. MONICA

GOAL: \$100,000
RAISED: \$ 55,834
REMAINING: \$ 44,166

St. AUGUSTINE

GOAL: \$120,000
RAISED: \$ 84,184
REMAINING: \$ 35,816

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.,

Sunday Reflection

Today, we see how Divine Mercy changes not only the person forgiven, but also those who witness that forgiveness. But the Gospel today is from John, not Luke. Why? First, remember that unlike the three synoptic evangelists, John does not have a dedicated year in the three-year Cycle of Readings. The framers of the Lectionary chose to insert John's Gospel from time to time when it is helpful in supporting certain teachings of Jesus during the course of the liturgical year.

Having said that, many Scripture scholars agree that this particular passage, John 8:1-11, was not written by John the Evangelist but was inserted by a later editor around the third century – almost two hundred years after this Gospel was first proclaimed to the Johannine community. These ten verses have none of the characteristic features of John's style or theology. That doesn't detract from the Gospel, and the Church has always considered these verses as part of the inspired Word of God. Interestingly, this story is very much in keeping with Luke's teaching of mercy, particularly his stories of the penitent woman or the woman cured of evil spirits. Hence, some scholars think today's passage might be part of the Lucan material that was circulating around the time the New Testament canon was being finalized.

I don't know if any of this exegetical background interests you, but it does bring us straight back to Luke. Today's Gospel story from John is a terrific follow up to last Sunday's Parable of the Prodigal Son.

The Pharisees brought [to Jesus] a woman who had been caught in adultery. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?"

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one.

So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

It is unclear why Jesus wrote on the ground. Some of the early Church Fathers said that this action might harken back to Jeremiah 17:13 where it says: "Those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth." If so, it is an indirect reminder of the guilt of those condemning the woman. Like last week, the lesson here is that God's mercy is bigger than our human inclination to pass judgment on others, as if we were God. Are we not all in need of mercy and forgiveness? Reflection by Ken Canedo at <https://ocp.org/>

Let Us Pray

Dear Lord, I come before you with a humble heart,
seeking your guidance and wisdom.
Help me to see others through your eyes,
with compassion and understanding.
Open my heart to their struggles and challenges,
so that I may extend a helping hand instead of passing judgment.
Teach me to embrace empathy and kindness,
and to treat others with the same grace you have shown me.
In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 6, 2025

Sunday:

Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 *Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-
62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday:

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/
Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday:

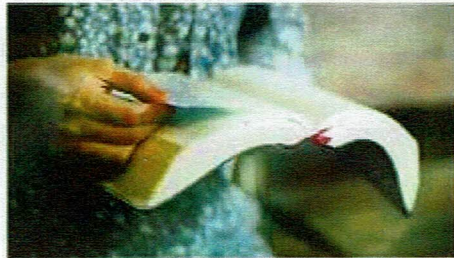
Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday:

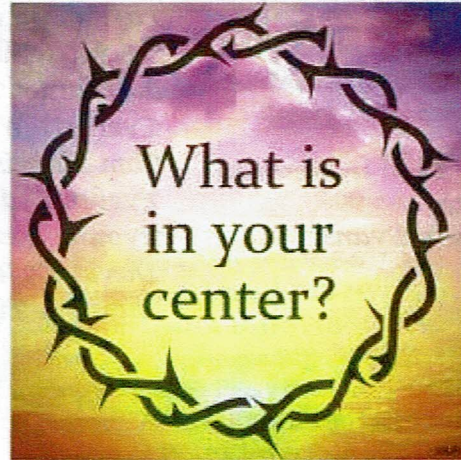
Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/
Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday:

Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle" (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community's identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you'll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is **"left alone before him."** A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ's forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.

— Father John Muir

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sister Phyllis Vaske
Robert Musgrove
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Lodis Dodd-Phillips
Helen Thompson
LaQuita Thierry
Juanita Thierry
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Nora Faye Henderson-Evans
Loly & Ruth Page
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Carmel Dennard
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Evonne Henderson
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