

# 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 918-587-2965  
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Choir: ZaQue Hutchinson 918-907-8659  
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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

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

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

**Weekday Mass** Tues & Thurs.

9:00 a.m.

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Technology: Glenda Reed 918-269-0527  
Men's Club: Reggie Hurd 918-409-1300  
Soccer League: Fr. C 918-607-8681  
Religious Education:



**PALM SUNDAY PASSION OF THE LORD APRIL 13, 2025**



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced;  
I have set my face like flint,  
knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

### Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

### Second Reading:

Because of this, God greatly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name  
which is above every name. (Phil 2:9)

### Gospel:

Then he took the bread, said the blessing,  
broke it, and gave it to them, saying,  
"This is my body, which will be given for you;  
do this in memory of me." (Lk 22:19)

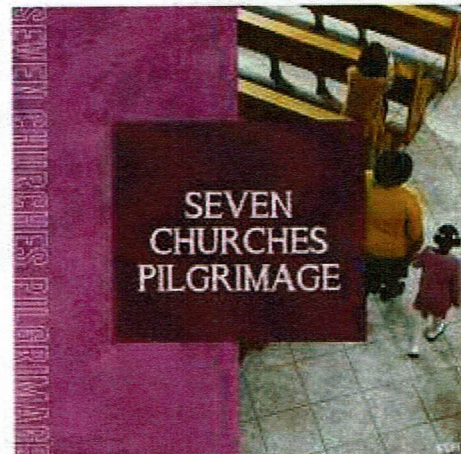
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples followed Jesus' careful instructions for his entry to Jerusalem, even though they did not understand his words. Today, we too, look ahead to his arrival. In obedience, let us prepare the way for the King.

## Observances for the week of April 13, 2025

- Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
**Tuesday:** Tax Day  
**Thursday:** Holy Thursday  
**Friday:** Good Friday  
**Saturday:** Holy Saturday  
**Next Sunday:** Easter Sunday



## Devotions, Explained!

The Seven Churches Pilgrimage is the practice of visiting seven different churches on Holy Thursday, in imitation of the journey of Christ on the eve of his crucifixion, when he asked his disciples to stay with him as he awaited his Passion and death.

## Prayer for Holy Week

Dear Lord,  
I open my heart to You,  
offering every day and night to  
You in sacred surrender. I pray  
for the grace to accompany  
You in a special way this Holy  
Week, joining and offering the  
trials I encounter on our shared  
journey to the cross .... and to a  
victorious hope.  
Amen.





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

April 2025

#### **For the use of the new technologies**

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

### **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 23 - Wednesday - Senior Luncheon**

Bradley Hall - noon

**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**

St. Monica



**ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**APRIL 20, 2025**

**LECTORS**

**Deborah Craven Moss**

**Chanda Towns**

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**STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING**

April 6, 2025..... \$1,357.00

**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**

**ST. AUGUSTINE**

*Loletha Prudom*

*Requested by the Prudom Family*

**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**

*Holy Week*

*Closed April 16*

*April 23*

**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*



## ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**APRIL 20, 2025**

### LECTORS

Reggie Hurd  
Kyndal Hurd

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

April 6, 2025            \$2,293.20

MASS ATTENDANCE

YOUTH

ADULTS

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

***JUNE 1, 2021 - APRIL 6, 2025***

### ***ST. MONICA***

**GOAL:**                    \$100,000  
**RAISED:**                \$ 56,044  
**REMAINING:**         \$ 43,956

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

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*From the desk of Fr. C.,*

### *Sunday Reflection*

*As we begin Holy Week on this Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, we notice the dual nature to our liturgy. We begin with the commemoration of the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, but that is followed very quickly by the proclamation of the Passion according to Luke. The joyful shouts of "Hosanna" are replaced with the shocking condemnation, "Crucify him!" There needs to be balance between these two elements. The commemoration of the Lord's entry must not overwhelm the Passion story.*

*The First Reading is from the "Suffering Servant" verses of Isaiah. Today we hear from chapter 50; on Good Friday, we continue with chapter 52. These later chapters were written by Deutero-Isaiah, who was trying to give hope to his people during their Babylonian captivity. We Christians see in these passages a poetic reflection of our suffering Savior.*

*The Second Reading from Philippians is Saint Paul's rendering of the "Christ Hymn," one of the earliest hymns of the Christian community. Prayed weekly in the Liturgy of the Hours, its proclamation today underscores Jesus' passion, death and resurrection within the framework of God's overall plan for salvation.*

*One thing to keep in mind in liturgy planning is that for many people, today will be their only experience with the Passion story before Easter. We encourage our community to participate in the liturgies of the Triduum, but a vast number of people will not attend the Good Friday liturgy for a variety of reasons. Therefore, let us give careful thought to the way we proclaim the Palm Sunday Passion and to the music that follows it.*

*The Passion according to Luke reflects the teachings that are important to this evangelist, most notably the Kingdom of God. Notice the opening lines:*

*When the hour came, Jesus took his place at table with the apostles. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer for, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until there is fulfillment in the Kingdom of God."*

*Luke also takes care to weave into his narrative Jesus' compassionate encounters with the women of Jerusalem and the repentant good thief.*

*As disciples, we enter into the Lord's suffering at every Mass. Ours is not a passive or intellectual assent to an historical event that happened many centuries ago. We sing in the Mystery of Faith acclamation: "When we eat this bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again." Let our music proclaim Jesus' saving death, and his ministry of compassion to the forgotten and the oppressed.*

*By Ken Canedo*

### **Let Us Pray**

*Lord of Peace, on this Palm Sunday, as we remember Jesus's peaceful entry,  
we pray for peace in our hearts, homes, and world.*

*Inspire us to carry forward the message of justice and peace that Jesus brought to Jerusalem.*

*Empower us to be instruments of Your peace,  
advocating for the marginalized and working towards justice for all of Your creation.*

*Hosanna in the Highest!*

*Amen.*



## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of April 13, 2025

#### 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

#### Monday:

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

#### Tuesday:

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/  
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

#### Wednesday:

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/  
Mt 26:14-25

#### Thursday:

*Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/  
Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:*

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see  
1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

#### Friday:

Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25  
(Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/  
Jn 18:1-19:42

#### Saturday:

*Easter Vigil:* Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/  
Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/  
Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/  
Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/  
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/  
Lk 24:1-12

#### Next Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

**"As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road." (Luke 19:36)**

Consider how useless it is to spread your clothes on the ground for a donkey to walk on. The clothes get smeared with hooves, and who knows the grimy places where they've been? The animal may leave some unsavory presents on them. They may get stolen by a thief looking to make a buck. The thorns, thistles, rocks and muck of the road will leave stains. The clothes may never be useful again, and you'll probably walk home shivering without your normal covering. Yet this is precisely the gesture the people employ to welcome Jesus and his donkey. Why does this detail matter?

Wastefulness is an essential part of celebration. Consider the unnecessary extravagance of Christmas decorations, confetti and ticker tape parades, baseball players spraying each other with bottles of champagne after a victory, birthday gifts for kids and so on. This wastefulness signals celebration and therefore participation in higher identities (as believers, winners, and parents, to mention the above examples). That's what the wasted cloaks are all about. Those who donate their cloaks participate in Christ's kingship in Jerusalem — and we savor it two thousand years later.

The lesson? Learn how to "waste" money, time, clothes, and food on Christ. We do this at Mass, but in so many other ways, too, like serving the poor, going on retreats, and doing prayerful study. When we practice this holy wastefulness, Jesus will ride into our lives and we'll be more deeply members of his kingdom.

— 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  
LaQuita Thierry  
Juanita Thierry  
Glen Vann  
Nora Faye Henderson-Evans  
Loly & Ruth Page  
Nelson Wallace Jr.

Gwen Monteilh Hammons  
Donald Williams  
Gary Randolph Davis  
Carmel Dennard  
James & Ruth Sayles  
Willie & Dorothy Wilson  
Roy Stake  
Larry Potts  
Michael Thierry  
Nathaniel Thompson  
Everrett Wilson & Family  
Tom Harris  
Evelyn Todd  
Evonne Henderson  
David DeJear  
Shamika Figures

Mary Rogers  
Samuel West  
Don Terry Davis  
Mayo & Colleen Brooks  
Leo Sayles  
Calvin "Butch" Burton  
Kennard Fuselier  
Connie & Lola Thierry  
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