St. Monica Church

& 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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Technology: John Baker 918-398-4268
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Religious Education:

ST. AUGUSTINE

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Rosary 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Tues & Thurs.
9:00 a.m.

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Religious Education:

GIVE TO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESAR'S, AND TO GOD WHAT IS GOD'S.

Matthew 22:21



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Weekly Scripture



Virtues, *Explained!*

"It is not easy for man, wounded by sin, to maintain moral balance," we read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1811). "Christ's gift of salvation offers us the grace necessary to persevere in the pursuit of the virtues."

Perseverance is unique because without it, we cannot grow in any of the other virtues. If we cannot persevere, we cannot carry the cross. Faith, hope, love, mercy, justice, temperance — these virtues are the fruits of a Christian life, and perseverance is the soil in which they take root.

Like the soil in any garden, it has to be nourished. Perseverance is fed by trials, difficulties, and temptations. "We rejoice in our sufferings," writes St. Paul, "knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us" (Romans 5:4-5).

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus,
whose right hand I grasp,
subduing nations before Him. (Is 45:1)

Psalm

Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

Second Reading

We give thanks to God always for all of you,
remembering you in our prayers,
unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and
labor of love. (1 Thes 1:2-3)

Gospel

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisees try to trick Jesus into starting a political revolution. They don't realize he came to start a revolution of the heart, not the state. God's image is stamped on our soul, but still the world tries to claim us. Revolt! You belong to God.

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. Monica Sunday:

*After Mass, **Bedrock** (Ascension St. John) will be offering blood pressure, A1C, and cholesterol checks and information/sign-up for a free heart screening. After 8:30am*

***BIBLE STUDY**:*
Begins on Thursday 10 am
St. Monica Bradley Hall.
We will be studying the book of Judges.

CONGRATULATIONS ST. MONICA CHURCH

100 YEARS TO THE LORD, WORLD & COMMUNITY

TODAY

October 18
Mass and Centennial Garden Blessing and Dedication

***October 31**, Saturday 6-8pm*
St. Monica Church Trunk or Treat
Save the date!

***October 31**, Saturday, 9-12 noon*
Breast Cancer Walk at Crossover Prep;
Walk in memory or honor of someone who has been impacted by Breast Cancer.
Please see Regina Baker, Linda DeJear, Ann Hurd, Angie Guillory or Victoria Terry to sign up. Donation is $25 and proceeds support Soulful Survivors

***November,** Sunday, 8:00am*
Rosary for Deceased Choir Members

Sunday, December 13
Christmas Gala
Save the date!

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 .

October 2026

For mental health ministry
Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Fall Soccer League Schedule...

Game 5. Oct. 24,
Free meals by St. Bernard parish.

Game 6 (Final) Oct 31,
Free meals by Red Cross;
free 250 - 300 new winter coats
by Knights of Columbus;
Entertainment by St. Augustine Hispanic dancers.
Bedrock Ascension St. John will be present for
Free blood pressure, temperature checks;
Award of medals and soccer scholarships to outstanding players who are aging out of our program.

Need lots of volunteers.
Please sign up at the back table.
Thank you,
Fr. C.

ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 25, 2026

LECTORS
Regina Baker
Chanda Towns

www.stmonica-tulsa.org

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

October 11, 2026	$1,022.11

MASS ATTENDANCE

Adults	78
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

ST. AUGUSTINE

Calva Crawford-Todd
Requested by the Nate Todd Family

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, 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
Resume Oct 21

NTLC TUTORING

Tues and Thurs
3:30-6pm CCD Bldg
Resume Oct 20

SPANISH MASS

ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH
Sundays at 12:30

Bible study

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

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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OCTOBER 25, 2026

LECTORS

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Madea Bendell

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

OCTOBER 11, 2026 $1,434.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

ADULTS 75
YOUTH 21

SPANISH MASS
ADULTS
YOUTH

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021 – OCTOBER 11, 2026

ST. MONICA

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

ST. AUGUSTINE

GOAL:	$120,000
RAISED:	$ 86,817
REMAINING:	$ 33,183

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 at 587-2965

FIRST EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATIOIN– 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.

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From the desk of Fr. C.,

Whose image do we bear?

It begins with a coin.
The Pharisees and Herodians approach Jesus with a question designed to trap him:
"Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"

Say yes, and Jesus risks appearing to support the Roman occupation.
Say no, and he can be accused of rebellion against Rome. But Jesus refuses to be trapped.

"Show me the coin that pays the census tax." They hand him a Roman coin.

"Whose image is this, and whose inscription?" "Caesar's."

Then comes the answer that has echoed through the centuries:
"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

We often hear these words as a lesson about the relationship between faith and government, between our responsibilities as citizens and our responsibilities to God.
And they certainly are. But perhaps there is something deeper.

Jesus asks them to look at the image on the coin.
Caesar's image is stamped upon it.
But another image was stamped upon us long before Caesar ever minted a coin.

God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them.

If the coin bearing Caesar's image belongs to Caesar, then what belongs to God?

We do: Our hearts. Our minds. Our gifts. Our work. Our relationships. Our choices.
Our very lives. Everything we are bears the image of the One who created us.
Today's First Reading offers a surprising reminder that God's presence cannot be confined to the places where we expect to find it. Cyrus is a foreign king who does not even know the God of Israel, and yet God works through him to accomplish something extraordinary: the liberation of God's people.

"I have called you by your name," says the Lord, "though you knew me not."

God is at work in unexpected people. God is at work in unexpected places.
God is at work even when the world seems to be moving in directions we do not understand.

Saint Paul sees that same divine movement among the Thessalonians. He gives thanks for their "work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope," recognizing that the Gospel has taken root in their lives through the power of the Holy Spirit.

And perhaps that is what it means to give to God what belongs to God.
Not merely an hour on Sunday. Not merely our prayers when we need something.
Not merely the parts of our lives we have labeled "religious."

God asks for something far greater. God asks for us.

Last Sunday, we were invited to the feast.
This Sunday, Jesus asks us to look at the image we carry into the world.
The image of God is already stamped upon us.

Do our lives reveal whose image we bear?
Ken Canedo at www.ocp.com

Let Us Pray

Heavenly Father,
Thank You for creating me in Your image,
with the capacity to love, create, and bring light into the world.
Help me to see myself and others through Your eyes—
valued, cherished, and worthy of grace.
Shape my thoughts, words, and actions so they mirror Your kindness, justice, and truth.
When I am tempted to act out of selfishness or fear,
remind me of the beauty You placed within me and the calling to reflect Your character.
Let my life be a living testimony of Your compassion, humility, and strength.
May I honor You in how I treat others, in the integrity of my choices, and in the joy I share.
Amen.

Worship & Observances

Blessing for World Mission Sunday

O God,
You never cease to call us to Yourself, bless the mission fields where we sow, tend, and reap. Give us your grace and strength as we share Your love with families and friends, strangers and sojourners. Give us the right words, the right inspirations, the right invitations, the right love. Your love, shared.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of October 18, 2026

Sunday
Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/ Mt 22:15-21

Monday
Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday
Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38

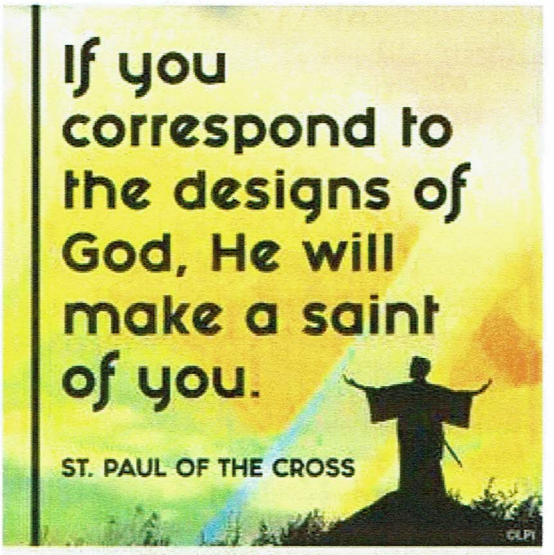
Wednesday
Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday
Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

Friday
Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday
Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday
Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/ Mt 22:34-40



Observances for the Week of October 18, 2026

Sunday
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

Monday
Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Peter of Alcantara

Tuesday
St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Thursday
St. John Paul II, Pope

Friday
St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Saturday
St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Next Sunday
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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
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Mary Dawson
Leo Sayles
Don Terry Davis
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