

St. Monica Church

&

St. Augustine 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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Deacon: Charles Beard 918-340-0090
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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:

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

PSALM 124:8

OUR HELP IS IN THE NAME
OF THE LORD,
WHO MADE
HEAVEN
AND EARTH

ROCK VALLEY
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 19, 2025

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up,
Israel had the better of the fight,
but when he let his hands rest,
Amalek had the better of the fight. (Ex 17:11)

Psalm:

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121)

Second Reading:

Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed,
because you know from whom you learned it,
and that from infancy you have known
the sacred Scriptures,
which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation
through faith in Christ Jesus. (2 Tm 3:14)

Gospel:

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones
who call out to him day and night?
Will he be slow to answer them?
I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done
for them speedily." (Lk 18:7)

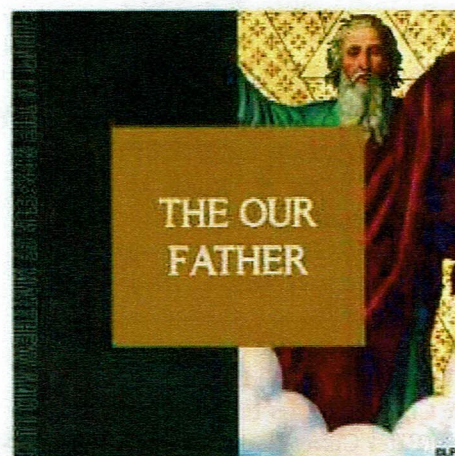
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are all the widow in Luke's Gospel. We are vulnerable. We feel small in the estimation of the world. We feel ignored. But Jesus is telling us to be bold in prayer, to bring our needs before the judge who will always hear our case.

Observances for the week of October 19, 2025

- Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Mission Sunday
Monday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
Wednesday: St. John Paul II, Pope
Thursday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest
Friday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

The Our Father, also known as The Lord's Prayer, is found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Universally beloved in most traditions of Christianity, its words are those of Jesus Christ himself as he answers his disciples' queries on how best to pray.

Prayer for Life of Mission

Dear God,
You are the one who finds a way in the darkness, and clears the path for those You love. Help us to trust in Your call, and to answer generously to the unknowns we face, knowing You will never leave us alone.
Amen.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Pope's Monthly Intentions October 2025

*For collaboration between different religious traditions
Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions
might work together to defend and promote peace, justice,
and human fraternity.*

Wednesday October 22, 12 noon
Senior Saints Mass & Luncheon
St. Monica Hall

Friday October 31 - 6-8pm
Trunk or Treat
St. Monica Hall

Sat. Nov. 15th 10:30-3pm
Altar Server Spiritual Retreat
St. Benedict, Broken Arrow

The North Tulsa Learning Center (NTLC)

*is an innovative partnership between St. Augustine and
St. Monica Catholic Parishes and Bishop Kelley High
School. Please consider volunteering an hour to assist
our students as they excel in reading and math.
Volunteer times are Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30-6pm
Contact at Jennifer at 918.720.9081 or
jgallantok@yahoo.com to sign-up*

National Vocation Awareness Week

*will be celebrated in our country November 2-9, 2025.
As Catholics, we believe that God has a purposeful plan
for our lives! Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated,
holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women.
Particularly, offer a special prayer for those who are
considering the priesthood or consecrated life. For more
information, please contact the Office of Vocations:
918-307-4909 or vocations918@dioceseoftulsa.org*

My dear Parishioners,

*Thank you so very much for your cards, good wishes,
prayers and appreciative thoughts during the Priests
Appreciation weekend.*

May God abundantly bless you all.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Your Servant Leader,

Fr. C

Ascension St John Bedrock Initiative

BEDROCKERS

*Please take part in all of the events. They are very
Educational and informative.*

*St Monica will host the following events so please
mark your calendars.*

11/1/2025 | Sweet Talk:

*The Truth About Diabetes and Heart Health
St. Monica Catholic Church
10 am*

11/15/2025 | Bedrock Beyond the Bra
*St. Monica Catholic Church
10 am -11:30 am*

Soccer Schedule

Sat. Oct. 25:

*St. Augustine Hispanic Community to sell tacos
We need your help.
Thank you, Fr. C*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,
kindly remember to support our **North Tulsa
(St. Augustine/St. Monica) Soccer League** by
buying our raffle ticket. For just \$10.00, you have
the chance to win a 65" Smart, flat screen tv, or a
Nutri-blender or Comforter set. You do not need to
be present to win. Tickets will be on sale until the
final draw on October 25 during our last soccer
games. We have provided good quality, affordable,
and enriching soccer experience to 1480+
kids. Your support will help us in continuing to run
the program.*

Thank you and God bless. Fr. C

ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 26, 2025

LECTORS

Gloria Wallace

Liz Brown

www.stmonica-tulsa.org

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

October 12, 2025 \$1,200.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Youth 6
Adults 62

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

Gloria Noble

Requested by St. Monica Men's Club

ST. AUGUSTINE

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS

St. Monica & St. Augustine

Princetta Newman, Charles Towns Jr., Rachel Stake,
Idella Miller, Norma Stripling, Ivory J. Parker,
Willard Thierry, Patricia Lyons, James Jones, Billie
Clark, Deacon Steve, Joselinn Fuselier, Orsbon
Hawkins, Melvin Noble, Sr., Gloria Petit, Johnny
Towns, David Towns, Steven Bagby, Doris Minter-
Littles, Michael Turrentine, Pam Towns

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Wed 6-7:30pm CCD Bldg

Snacks & Drinks

Oct 22, 2025

Group 6

NTLC TUTORING

Tues and Thurs
3:30-6pm CCD Bldg

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

Deuteronomy

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

OCTOBER 26, 2025

LECTORS

Faith Formation - Youth Sunday

www.staugustine-tulsa.org

Staugustineparishtulsaok@yahoo.com

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

OCTOBER 12, 2025 \$1,863.87

MASS ATTENDANCE

YOUTH	24
ADULTS	146

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021- OCTOBER 12, 2025

ST. MONICA

GOAL:	\$100,000
RAISED:	\$ 57,889
REMAINING:	\$ 42,111

ST. AUGUSTINE

GOAL:	\$120,000
RAISED:	\$ 84,884
REMAINING:	\$ 35,116

RCIA

*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Wed 6 - 7:30pm St. Monica in person/
Zoom*

SPANISH CLASS - Summer

*St. Monica - Tuesday 6-7:30pm
St. Augustine - Saturday 12-2pm*

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.,

Luke's community, so fresh off the zeal of its initiation into the faith, is already facing opposition and even persecution for their beliefs. The evangelist offers today's Gospel parable in which Jesus teaches his disciples to pray unceasingly, and with deep faith.

The parable is unusual in that the central metaphor is not an example from nature or agriculture, nor is it a heartwarming story of conversion. Rather, the parable is centered on a very human conflict between a widow and a corrupt judge. The widow, stripped of her power and influence in a patriarchal society because of her husband's death, implores the judge to render judgment in her case against an unknown adversary. The judge couldn't care less about this widow, but she is persistent.

The judge was unwilling but he eventually thought, "While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me, I shall deliver a just decision for her, lest she finally come and strike me."

The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says! Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? . . . But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Three things stand out here:

- 1. The widow's persistence, symbolizing her commitment to prayer*
- 2. The judge's reluctant turning of a favorable verdict, which pales in comparison to God's graciousness*
- 3. Jesus' final question: "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"*

In the Second Reading from Saint Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, the apostle gives this instruction: "Remain faithful to what you have learned and believe."

In our Christian journey through life, we must ask ourselves: Are we praying? And not only that. Are we faithful? Prayer goes hand in hand with faith. Prayer without faith is nothing but empty words. It is our faith in Jesus Christ that anchors our lives and empowers our prayer. Believe! And pray unceasingly!

Ken Canedo at www.ocp.com

A Daily Prayer for Perseverance

*Father, I bless and thank You for a brand-new day and
for the fresh opportunities and challenges that this day will bring.
Thank You, that Your mercies are new every morning
and I pray that I will walk worthy of You today and
be a faithful witness in thought, word and deed,
demonstrating a Christ-like attitude to all with whom I come in contact.
Keep me ever focused on You Lord,
and keep my heart steadfastly trusting You for all my needs and necessities.
Help me not to function in my own strength, but in the power of the Holy Spirit.
May I stand firm in the truth of the gospel of grace,
and remain steadfastly looking to Jesus,
trusting in Him to supply His sufficient strength for all occasions.
Teach me all that You would have me to learn today
and give me the courage and strength to press on
toward the goal for the upward call in Christ Jesus.
In Jesus' name I pray,
Amen.*

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 19, 2025

Sunday:

Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Monday:

Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday:

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a,
8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday:

Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday:

Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 12:49-53

Friday:

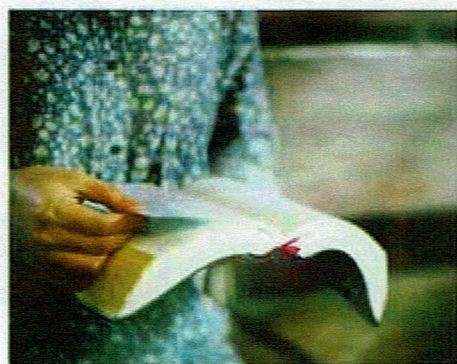
Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93,
94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday:

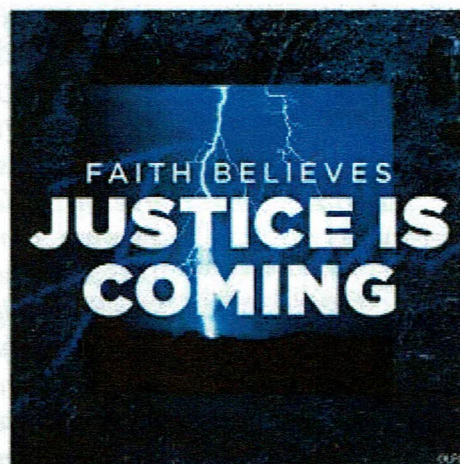
Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday:

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23
(7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A woman in my parish has an adult son who has rejected his faith. She prays for him every day. She lights candles, says rosaries, and asks God again and again to bring him back. But nothing changes. Is God listening? Is He delaying? She told me once that she feels like the widow in Jesus' strange parable — crying out for justice, but hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is already answering. I just can't see it yet."

She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when Jesus points to the judge's words — his fear of being "struck" — He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.

Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice. At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the ultimate injustice — the brutal execution of her son. But she did not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that justice was not delayed. In fact, it was happening. The power of the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world — suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.

This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or will we mistake God's silence for absence? The cross proves that justice is not slow. It is only hidden. The lightning has already struck. In the cross, justice is speedily being done.

— 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.
 Rita & Wellington Hughes
 Dirk Ricard
 Cheryl Pyles
 Norton Family

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
 Fr. Ivan Hughes
 Olena Shaver
 Tom Thomas
 Nickles Family

Mary Rogers
 Samuel West
 Don Terry Davis
 Mayo & Colleen Brooks
 Leo Sayles
 Calvin "Butch" Burton
 Kennard Fuselier
 Connie & Lola Thierry
 Maziah Brown & Family
 Theodore Thompson
 Lawrence Thierry
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