St. Monica Church & St. Augustine Church

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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St. Monica Church

Sunday Mass 8:30am
Rosary 8am
Weekday Mass Wed & Fri 9am

Parish Council: Sadonna Davis 918-284-9970
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Men's Club: James Page 918-587-2965
Parish Life/Benevolent: Linda DeJear 918-639-3485
Technology: John Baker 918-398-4268
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St. Augustine Church

Sunday Mass E: 10:30am / S: 12:30pm
Rosary 10am
Weekday Mass Tues & Thurs 9am

Parish Council: Peggy Prudom 918-582-4561
Finance Council: Chuck Mitchell 918-248-410
Knights of Peter Claver: Paul McCurtain
Ladies of Peter Claver: Judy Clark 918-425-

Men's Club: Reggie Hurd 918-409-1300
Parish Life/Benevolent: Ladies Auxiliary
Technology: Glenda Reed 918-269-0527
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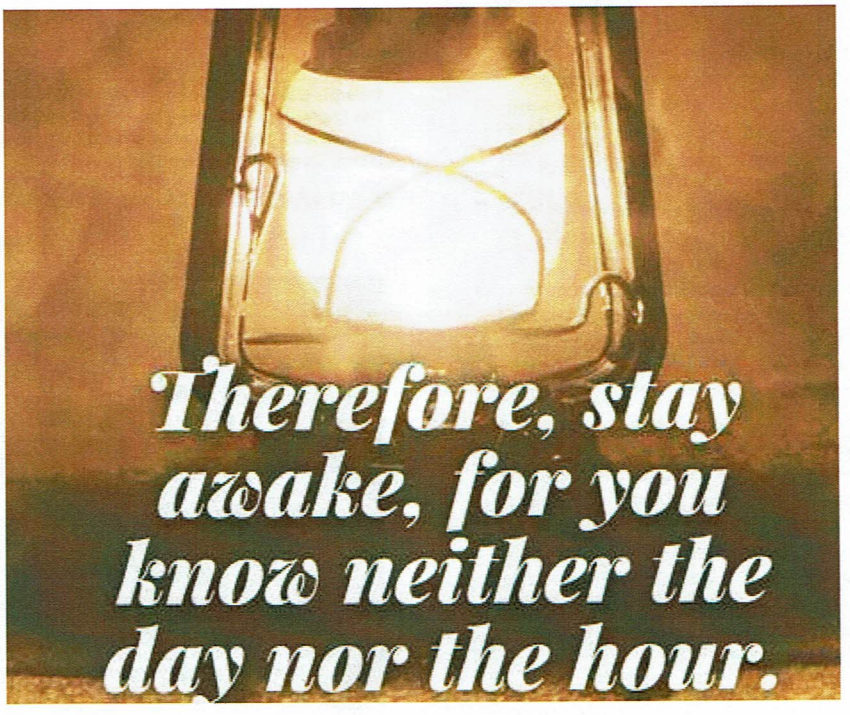
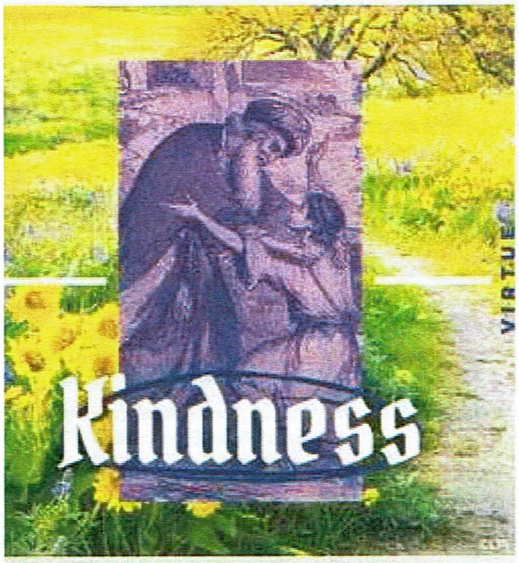


Weekly Scripture



Virtues, *Explained!*

In the modern lexicon, the quality of "kindness" is often equated with politeness — but real, virtuous kindness is so much more. Virtuous kindness is a way of seeing others through the eyes of God.

God is not polite — God is kind, and His kindness is abundantly evident in all of creation. It was suspicion of this divine kindness that precipitated the fall of Adam and Eve (CCC 214), and it was this unfailing kindness that facilitated our own adoption as God's children, conformed to the image of His son (CCC 257).

Also known as benevolence or beneficence and derived from the theological virtue of charity, kindness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22) and is a central theme in the famous parable of the Good Samaritan. In practicing kindness and seeking the good of another without prejudice or condition, the Samaritan reflects God's own plan of loving kindness for us.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by those who love h
and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

Psalm

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
(1 Thes 4:14)

Gospel

"Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour."
(Mt 25:13)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

The Christian life is a life of waiting, for the Bridegroom is long delayed. We can grow too comfortable in the waiting that we forget what it's all for. So let us look to our lamps and always remember — the waiting will not last forever.

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

.

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.

BEDROCK at ST. MONICA SUNDAY:

After Mass, Bedrock will be offering blood pressure, A1C, and cholesterol checks and information/sign-ups for a free heart screening. After 10:30 mass

Thank you

Month of November, every Sunday, 8am
Rosary for Deceased Choir Member

November 15, Sunday
AED and CPR training *following the 8:30 mass*
St Monica on Sunday, November 15.
I currently have 4 volunteers for the training and have room for 2-3 more people.
Please provide your name to Linda DeJear today if (1) you are serious and comfortable providing care and (2) willing to learn and stay the entire length of the training.

December 13, Sunday
Christmas Gala
St. Augustine Church Gym

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

November 2026
For the proper use of wealth
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

SECOND SUNDAY OF SILENCE
We will observe a few minutes of silence and prayer after communion to increase our practice of Eucharistic Adoration. This is part of our goal to deepen our personal relationship with Jesus.
Please see your handouts.

ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

Lector: DERRICK FIGURES
Lector: ISAIAH FIGURES

STEWARSHIP OF GIVING



OCTOBER 25, 2026 $2,051.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

ADULTS: 60
YOUTH: 6

MASS INTENSIONS

1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
† Mass in memory of Maxine Staley

4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
† Mass in the memory of Mr. & Mrs. CY Gibbs

ST. MONICA

Loretta Johnson & Osbon Hawkins
Requested by the Nickles & Hawkins Family

ST. AUGUSTINE

Helen Thompson
Requested by the Thompson 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 Fujselier, Melvin Noble, Sr., Gloria Petit, Johnny Towns, Steven Bagby, Doris Minter-Littles, Paul McCurtain, Mario Holman, William Holman, Keith Thierry, Doris McKnight, Darnell Barnett

PARISH NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCTION CLASSES

Wed 6-7:30pm CCD Building

NTLC TURORING

Tuesday and Thursday
3:30-6pm CCD Building

BIBLE STUDY

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

NAMI

National Alliance of Mental Illness
St. Augustine - CCD Building
4th Monday 6-7:30pm

Senior Saints Mass

And Potluck Luncheon
Every 4th Wednesday 12 noon
Bradley Hall
See signup sheet

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

Lector: Jimena Garcia
Lector: Manuel Garcia

STEWARSHIP OF GIVING

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 *$1,600.00*

MASS ATTENDANCE

ADULTS: 85
YOUTH: 26

SPANISH MASS

ADULTS:
YOUTH:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021 - NOVEMBER 1, 2026

ST MONICA:

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

ST AUGUSTINE:

GOAL:	$120,000
RAISED:	$ 86,759
REMAINING	$ 33,241

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 918-587-2965*

RECONCILIATION - *Sunday beore mass or any time by appointment*

MARRIAGE - *A minimum of six months preparation is required. Cal 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 interested in becoming a Priest, Deacon or Lay Minister. Contact the Pastor.*

OTHER INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!
Sign up at the back of the Church, or ask any member of the Church.

OICA - *If interested in becoming a Catholic*

BULLETIN DEADLINE - *Please submit two weeks prior to your scheduled event.*
stmonicachurch@aol.com

From the desk of Fr. C.,

There is something beautiful about a light shining in the darkness. A candle flickering in a quiet church. A porch light welcoming someone home. A lantern illuminating a path on a moonless night. Light gives us hope. It tells us that the darkness will not have the final word.

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our Sunday readings turn toward the mystery of life's final destination. We remember those who have gone before us. We ponder our own mortality. And we hear Jesus speak of a wedding celebration, ten bridesmaids, and lamps burning through the night.

The bridegroom is delayed. The hour grows late. Everyone falls asleep.

Then, at midnight, a cry rings out: "Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!"

Suddenly, the waiting is over. But only five of the bridesmaids have brought enough oil to keep their lamps burning. The others discover that their flames are going out.

Jesus tells this parable not to frighten us about the end of the world, but to awaken us to the importance of how we live in the world right now.

What keeps our lamps burning?

Perhaps it is the quiet wisdom of someone who has learned to trust God through life's uncertainties. Perhaps it is the persistent prayer of a parent for a struggling child. Perhaps it is a simple act of kindness offered when no one is watching. These are the small, faithful ways we tend the flame.

Our first reading offers a surprising image of Wisdom, not as something distant and difficult to attain, but as someone who comes looking for us. The psalmist cries out, "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." And Saint Paul assures the Thessalonians that even death cannot extinguish the hope we have in the risen Christ.

Wisdom. Longing. Hope.

These are gifts that sustain us through the long night of waiting.

And there is much waiting in our lives. We wait for healing, for reconciliation, for answers to prayers that seem to go unanswered. We wait for peace in a troubled world. We wait for the day when sorrow will give way to joy. Sometimes our faith burns brightly. Sometimes it flickers. Sometimes we wonder whether we have enough oil to make it through another night.

But the Gospel reminds us that waiting for Christ is not passive. It is a way of living, a daily choice to love, to forgive, to serve, and to trust.

We do not know the day or the hour. We do not know what tomorrow will bring.

But we know who is coming. And so we keep our lamps burning, not out of fear of the darkness, but out of love for the One who is the Light of the World.

Come, Lord Jesus. We are waiting for you. Ken Canedo at www.ocp.com

Let Us Pray

Our Father,

In Your embrace, we seek strength to remain vigilant and steadfast in prayer.
Help us to watch over our hearts and minds, guarding against distractions.
May our whispers rise to You, bringing comfort and guidance.
Grant us the wisdom to discern Your will as we behold the wonders of Your creation.
Amen.

Worship & Observances

Prayer - Blessing for Veterans

O God,
Bless the men and women who have stepped forward in the service of our country.
Protect them in Your mercy, care for their needs:
physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual.
Give them courage, strength, perseverance, and support.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of November 8, 2026

Sunday
Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10

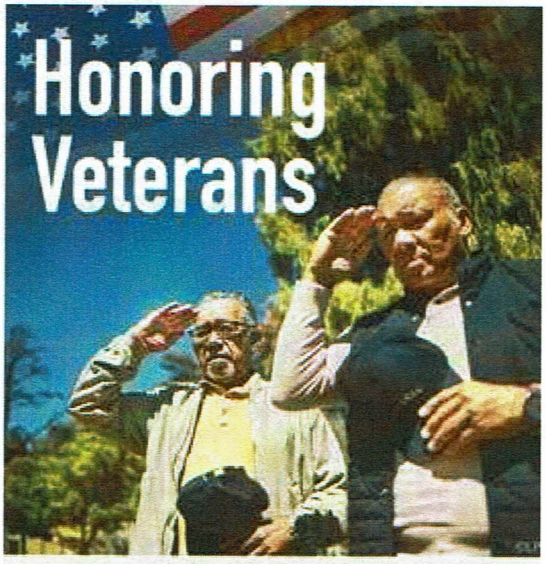
Wednesday
Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday
Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25

Friday
2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday
3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



Observances for the Week of November 8, 2026

Sunday
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Monday
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tuesday
St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday
St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; *Veterans Day*

Thursday
St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Friday
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Next Sunday
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IN REMEMBRANCE

Sister Phyllis Vaske
Gwen Monteith Hammons
Samuel West
Mary Rogers
Robert Musgrove
Mary Dawson
James & Colleen Brooks
James & Espize Thierry Brooks
Leo Sayles
James & Ruth Sayles
Gary Randolph Davis
Don Terry Davis
Carmel & J.C. Thompson
Carmel Dennard
Marilyn Kay Troupe
Willie & Dorothy Wilson
Calvin 'Butch' Burton
Danta Wilson
Geraldine Jones
Ray Craven
Nelson Wallace Jr.
Shamika Figures
Maxine Jeffers-Holman
Lee Andrew Jeffers



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