

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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Religious Education:

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Rosary 10:00 a.m.

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

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Second Sunday OF ADVENT



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2025

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him;
a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
a spirit of counsel and of strength,
a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD. (Isa 11:2)

Psalms:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.
(Ps 72)

Second Reading:

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,
for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

Gospel:

"I am baptizing you with water, for repentance,
but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I," (Mt 3:11)

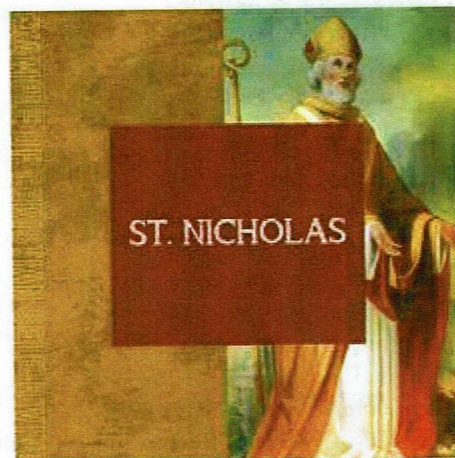
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The story of Advent is a story of repentance. John the Baptist held up a mirror to the chosen people. He urged them to look at what they saw there. This Advent, will we look in the mirror? Will we choose repentance?

Observances for the week of December 7, 2025

Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday:	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Wednesday:	Our Lady of Loreto
Thursday:	St. Damasus I, Pope
Friday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Saturday:	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Advent



Devotions, Explained!

St. Nicholas is sometimes merged with the modern figure of Santa Claus in the collective imagination. But St. Nicholas was a real-life bishop, a follower of Jesus whose example of Christian self-giving endures hundreds of years after his death.

Prayer for Advent - Peace

Come, Lord Jesus!
Bring your peace to our world.
Inspire reconciliation, heal
divisions, bind wounds,
rewrite scripts.
You are the Prince of Peace,
bring that light into every space.
Amen.

MARK YOU CALENDAR

Bedrock

Today is the last time for Bedrock CHWs at St. Monica. They will be in the hall following Mass.

Please turn in all passports, even if they're not completed.

Monday, December 8:

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

A Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass at St. Monica at 9am in English

Mass at St. Augustine 6pm in Spanish.

Tuesday, December 9 - 5:30 pm

Centennial Celebration Committee Meeting
@ St. Monica Church office.

Friday, December 12:

Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe:

Mass at St. Monica at 9am in English

Mass at St. Augustine at 6pm in Spanish

CCD - Christmas Break starts

December 11 - January 14

NTLC - Christmas Break

December 12 - January 13

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

December 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Today is the last day to purchase tickets for the Christmas Gala.

See Patsy or Peggy

Sunday, December 14 - 3:30pm-7pm:

St. Monica / St. Augustine Gala

Annual Christmas Dinner at St. Augustine

Tickets \$15, children 6 and under \$10

Nov 2- Nov 30

Tuesday, December 23 - 9am:

Decorate for Christmas.

Wednesday, December 24:

Christmas Carol 4:30 pm and

Christmas Vigil Mass 5 pm at Monica

Thursday, December 25:

Christmas Day Mass

St Augustine at 9am in English

Mass at St. Augustine at 11am in Spanish

Thursday, January 1:

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:

Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass at St. Augustine at 9 am in English

Mass at St. Augustine at 11 am in Spanish

ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 14, 2025

LECTORS

Ethelyn Harbin
Chanda Towns

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Stmonicachurch@aol.com

STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

November 23, 2025	\$1,413.15
November 30, 2025	\$ 599.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

	11/23/25	11/30/25
Youth	9	6
Adults	68	48

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

Ecilua Henderson & Evonne Henderson
Requested by the Henderson 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, Willard Thierry,
Patricia Lyons, James Jones, Billie Clark, Deacon
Steve, Joselinn Fuselier, 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

December 10, 2025

Group 2

Christmas Break Dec 11 - Jan 14

NTLC TUTORING

Tues and Thurs

3:30-6pm CCD Bldg

Christmas Break Dec 12 - Jan 13

SPANISH MASS

ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH

Sundays at 12:30

Bible study

Thursdays 10:00 - 11:15am

St. Monica Bradley Hall

Will resume in Spring

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

Will resume January 2026

ST. AUGUSTINE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 14, 2025

Youth Faith Formation

Emilia Nguyen
Francisco Todd

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

NOVEMBER 23, 2025	\$1,348.46
Thanksgiving	\$ 102.00
November 30, 2025	\$1,490.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

	11/23/25	11/30/25
YOUTH	9	21
ADULTS	51	64

SPANISH MASS

YOUTH	78
ADULTS	135

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS **PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES**

JUNE 1, 2021- NOVEMBER 30, 2025

ST. MONICA

GOAL:	\$100,000
RAISED:	\$ 58,224
REMAINING:	\$ 41,776

ST. AUGUSTINE

GOAL:	\$120,000
RAISED:	\$ 85,034
REMAINING:	\$ 34,966

RCIA

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
Will resume next year

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.,

Isaiah received his call as prophet during a critical time in the history of Israel: the collapse of the Northern Kingdom around the 8th century before Christ. As he wrote in Chapter 6, Isaiah had a very personal vision of the holiness of God that overwhelmed him with a greater awareness of human pettiness and sinfulness. As the kingdom succumbed to the temptations of sin and corruption, the kings turned to unholy political alliances with the enemies of Israel. Isaiah denounced these "covenants of death" with stirring and poetic calls to holiness. The hope of the people resided only in their faithfulness to the Lord.

A lengthy book with 66 chapters, Isaiah is divided into two general sections. Chapters 1-39 were written by Isaiah himself or one of his close disciples. Chapters 40-66 were written by an anonymous prophet Scripture scholars refer to as Deutero-Isaiah, who prophesied toward the end of the Babylonian exile and spoke poetically of the suffering Servant of God. During the four Sundays of Advent 2025, the First Reading is taken from the earlier section of Isaiah. Here are some excerpts today's passage, from Isaiah Chapter 11.

"On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom."

Notice the hopeful and poetic imagery. Jesse is David's father, and this passage points to a time of bright promise for the kingdom with a reassurance that the dynasty of King David will somehow prevail. The prophet continues:

"The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord."

This passage is the Church's source for the traditional names of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Isaiah goes on:

"Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. . . . On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious."

Although the immediate context of this passage is related to Isaiah's prophecy of hope for his people in the midst of the calamities of their times, the Church places this reading here in the Second Sunday of Advent to point the way to Christ. In both contexts, God's Chosen One will bring about radical transformation to the world through the Spirit of the Lord.

From Matthew 3 in today's Gospel:

"John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!'"

As foretold from the days of the prophet Isaiah and identified by John the Baptist, the Chosen One, the Christ, is coming to transform the world through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is a sign of hope in our troubled and polemic times. Christ comes to make us one!

Ken Canedo at www.ocp.com

Let Us Pray..

*Lord, teach me to place my expectations fully in You,
not in people or circumstances.*

Help me trust Your wisdom when answers seem delayed.

Fill my heart with a calm certainty that You are working behind the scenes.

Let Your presence hold me until Your goodness unfolds in its perfect time.

Amen

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of December 7, 2025

Sunday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday:

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday:

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday:

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15

Friday:

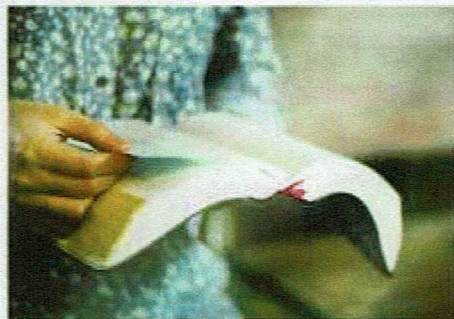
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday:

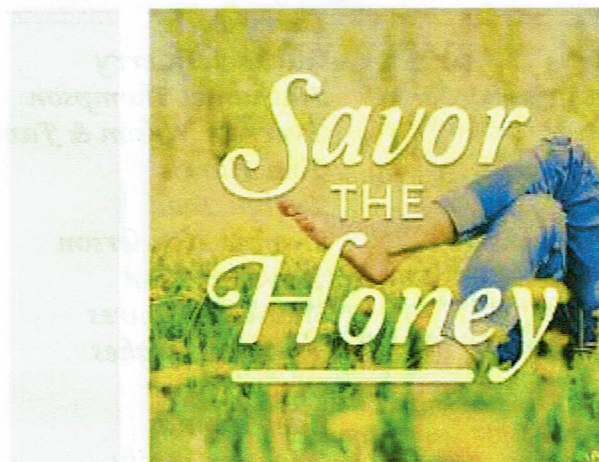
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday:

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
(see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating "locusts and wild honey" (Mark 1:6). It's not just a strange historical detail. It's a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we're each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it's time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It's time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That's the honey. Savor it!

John didn't avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we'll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

— Father John Muir

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sister Phyllis Vaske
 Robert Musgrove
 Geraldine Jones
 Carmel & JC Thompson
 Madison & Ezipse Thierry Brooks
 Lester & Joan Fuselier
 Lemoind Harris
 Rita Fuselier
 Lodi Dodd-Phillips
 Helen Thompson
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 Juanita Thierry
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 Nora Faye Henderson-Evans
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 Roy Stake
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 Michael Thierry
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 Tom Harris
 Evelyn Todd
 Evonne Henderson
 David DeJear
 Shamika Figures
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 Kennard Fuselier
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