

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
Men's Club: James Page 918-587-2965
Religious Education:

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy;
they will meet with joy and gladness,
sorrow and mourning will flee. (Isa 35:10)

Psalm:

Lord, come and save us. (Ps 146)
OR
Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Be patient, brothers and sisters,
until the coming of the Lord. (Jas 5:7)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them in reply,
"Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight,
the lame walk,
lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear,
the dead are raised,
and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."
(Mt 11:4-5)

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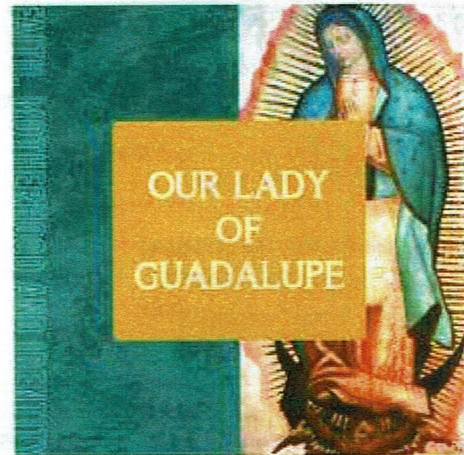
Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Go and tell what you have seen and heard."
Jesus says. When it comes to proving who he
is, he always lets his actions do the talking. We
have heard. We have seen. We must go and
tell. Let's let our actions do the talking. Who
do we think Jesus is?

Observances for the week of December 14, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent



Devotions, Explained!

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico City in 1531. The Patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a beloved symbol of faith, motherhood and identity. Her feast day is Dec. 12.

Prayer for Advent - New Growth

Dear God,
Bring new life! Your love creates
and cultivates.
Bring Your power into the places I
think of as "deserts"
and your grace to the prayers I
fear may be "deserted."
You can redeem and restore,
bring a new song to my heart.
Amen.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Today:

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

St. Monica / St. Augustine Gala

Annual Christmas Dinner at St. Augustine

CCD - Christmas Break starts

December 11 - January 14

NTLC - Christmas Break

December 12 - January 13

Church Family:

**Distinguished Hall of Fame
2026 Inductees**

Members of St. Monica

Are being honored by the BTW Alum

Son of Sadonna Davis:

Dr. Gary Davis Jr.

Medical & Science

Dr. James 'Baky' Jones:

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Michael Pegues

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December 5 - December 11, 2025

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.

Tuesday, December 23 - 9am:

Decorate the Church 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

Christmas Baskets

Saturday, December 20, 2025

Catholic Charities

Drive thru Meal give away - starting at 7:15am

Need Volunteers also

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Salvation Army 12:30 - 2pm

1029 N. Denver

ST. MONICA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 21, 2025

LECTORS

Sadonna Davis
Gloria Wallace

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STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

December 7, 2025 \$3,895.23

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

Nora Faye Henderson-Evans
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, 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 21, 2025

LECTORS

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MASS ATTENDANCE

YOUTH
ADULTS

SPANISH MASS
YOUTH
ADULTS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PARISH GOALS / INITIATIVES

JUNE 1, 2021- DECEMBER 7, 2025

St. Monica

GOAL: \$100,000
RAISED: \$ 58,309
REMAINING: \$ 41,691

St. Augustine

GOAL: \$120,000
RAISED: \$ 85,059
REMAINING: \$ 34,941

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.,

The Entrance Antiphon for this 3rd Sunday of Advent says it best: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice." (Philippians 4:4-5). Today we celebrate "Gaudete Sunday" from the Latin word "gaudeamus" or "let us rejoice."

Rose is the color of the priest's vestments and the third candle of the Advent wreath, replacing the deep violet of the previous Sundays. We're being hit over the head with joy today in the prayers, readings and colors of the liturgy!

In the Collect Prayer: "Enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation, and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. . ."

In the First Reading from Isaiah: "The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. . ."

In the Second Reading, the apostle James tempers our joy with patience. And in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus asks John's disciples to give him this report:

Go back and report to John what you hear and see: the blind recover their sight, cripples walk, lepers are cured, the deaf hear, dead men are raised to life, and the poor have the good news preached to them.

Clearly, those who are touched by the compassionate ministry of Jesus are changed. Their lives are enriched and transformed into something greater than they could have ever imagined. This is definitely a cause for joy!

December is a busy month. That goes without saying! Let's not get bogged down by our over-the-top To-Do lists. Christmas is coming! Are we having joy yet?

Ken Canedo at www.ocp.com

Let Us Pray..

*Loving God,
as we light the rose candle of joy,
our hearts rejoice in the nearness of Your coming.
Fill us with gratitude and gladness,
even amid the challenges of life.
May we find joy in serving others
and in sharing Your love with all we meet.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.*

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of December 14, 2025

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

Monday:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and
7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday:

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18,
19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/
Mt 1:1-17

Thursday:

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/
Mt 1:18-25

Friday:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-
17/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday:

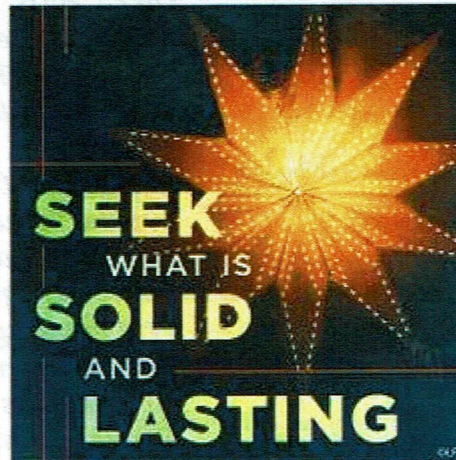
Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/
Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: **"What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?" (Matthew 11:7).** He's not just describing the crowd's mis-aimed pursuit. He's naming our tendency to chase after what's flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can't satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn't a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ?

— 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
 Lodi's 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

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 Donald Williams
 Gary Randolph Davis
 Carmel Dennard
 James & Ruth Sayles
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 Larry Potts
 Michael Thierry
 Nathaniel Thompson
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 Tom Harris
 Evelyn Todd
 Evonne Henderson
 David DeJear
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 Olena Shaver
 Tom Thomas
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