

NEWSLETTER



SERVANTS OF GOD OF
SAINT AUGUSTINE

APRIL 2026

HIGHLIGHTS

As we transition from April into the grace filled month of May, we joyfully turn our hearts toward Our Blessed Mother. The Church has long dedicated May to Mary, inviting the faithful to grow in love, trust, and devotion to her maternal care. In this spirit, we encourage all our friends, benefactors, and community members to pray the Holy Rosary daily throughout the month.

Each Rosary can be offered as a “spiritual flower” to Our Lady a simple yet powerful gesture of love that she receives with great tenderness. Through this devotion, we not only honor Mary, but also draw closer to her Son, Jesus Christ. In a world often filled with noise and uncertainty, the Rosary remains a source of peace, reflection, and spiritual strength. We invite you to join us spiritually during this Marian month, uniting your prayers with ours for the needs of the Church, families, vocations, and peace in the world.



UP COMING ACTIVITIES —2026



Looking ahead, we are preparing several spiritual initiatives and moments of community engagement:

Daily Rosary in May: Offered for all benefactors, supporters, and prayer intentions entrusted to us.

Marian Devotions: Special reflections and prayers dedicated to deepening our understanding of Mary's role in salvation.

Open Days at the Monastery: Opportunities for visitors to come, pray, and experience the peaceful environment of our community.

Volunteer Opportunities: Continued invitations for those who wish to support the mission through service and presence.

We hope these activities will strengthen both personal faith and our shared sense of community.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Recent improvements include the enhancement of the main entrance platform, increasing accessibility and functionality, as well as the construction of a new wall, contributing to the security, structure, and overall beauty of the property. Though simple, these steps are important in building a stable and lasting home for our mission.

At the same time, we have begun a modest initiative to support the monastery's sustainability by hosting two RVs through Airbnb. This allows guests to experience a peaceful and faith-centered environment while helping generate income to meet essential needs.

In our community life, we also share with sorrow the passing of the sister of Father Thien in Vietnam. We ask you to keep her in your prayers, especially for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Maria, and for comfort for her family.

Through all these moments of growth and of loss, we continue moving toward greater self-sufficiency and deeper communion, remaining grateful to all who support us through their prayers, visits, and generosity.



THE HOLY FATHER THIS MONTH

APRIL 2, 2026 – HOLY THURSDAY

- Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Peter's Basilica (evening).
- Includes the traditional Washing of the Feet.

APRIL 3, 2026 – GOOD FRIDAY

- Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at St. Peter's Basilica (afternoon).
- Way of the Cross (Via Crucis) at the Colosseum (evening).

APRIL 4, 2026 – HOLY SATURDAY

- Easter Vigil Mass at St. Peter's Basilica (night).

APRIL 5, 2026 – EASTER SUNDAY

- Easter Mass at St. Peter's Square (morning).
- Urbi et Orbi Blessing from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.

APRIL 12, 2026 – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Peter's Basilica.



OSA CALENDAR—MAY 2026

- May 8 – Feast of Our Lady of Grace
- May 22 – Feast of Saint Rita of Cascia
- May 24 – Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Augustine
- Entire Month of May – Marian Devotion

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SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

In this Marian month of May, as sons and daughters of Saint Augustine of Hippo, we are invited to renew our commitment to live “with one heart and one soul directed toward God,” recognizing that the goods of the earth are meant for all.

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, may be committed to avoiding waste and ensuring that all have access to quality food.

Prayer

Lord of creation,
You have given us the earth, rich and abundant,
and through it, our daily bread
a sign of Your providence and love lived in community.
Yet today, we see with sorrow
that many of our brothers and sisters go hungry,
while others live in excess and forget to share.
Teach us, as an Augustinian family,
to live in simplicity and truth,
to recognize that what we have is not ours alone,
but a gift to be placed at the service of all.
Awaken in our hearts a spirit of communion:
that we may give thanks for every meal,
that we may avoid all waste,
and that we may share generously,
especially with those most in need.
Good Father,
transform our communities into true signs of unity and charity.
May our houses and ministries promote concrete acts of love:
supporting the poor, fostering responsible stewardship,
and witnessing a lifestyle rooted in moderation and solidarity.
You who gave us Your Son, Jesus Christ,
the Bread broken for the life of the world,
grant us hearts that hunger for justice
and thirst for authentic fraternity.
May no one be excluded from the table of life,
and may Your Spirit teach us to see in every piece of bread
a call to communion,
a bond of unity,
and a sacrament of Your love.

Amen.

CONTACTS

Do You Have a Prayer Intention?

If you would like us to pray for a special intention, please reach out and share it with us. We will be honored to include your request in our community prayers.

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