

NEWSLETTER



MAY 2026

SERVANTS OF GOD OF
SAINT AUGUSTINE

HIGHLIGHTS



May, traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, was a month of prayer, gratitude, and Marian devotion for our community. Throughout the month, we entrusted our monastery, benefactors, friends, and supporters to the maternal care of Our Lady, asking her guidance and protection in all our endeavors.

One of the special moments of the month was the celebration of Mother's Day. A Holy Mass was offered for all mothers, both living and deceased, in thanksgiving for their love, sacrifice, and witness of faith. We remembered in a special way the mothers of our benefactors, supporters, and all those connected to our community.

May also brought continued progress to our monastery grounds. Construction work on the perimeter wall moved forward, helping to improve the security and long-term development of the property. These improvements represent another important step in strengthening the infrastructure needed to support our mission and future growth.

In addition, our two RV units continued welcoming guests through Airbnb. We have enjoyed positive experiences with visitors who appreciate the peaceful atmosphere of the monastery property. The income generated through these rentals continues to assist the community with operational expenses, maintenance, and ongoing improvement projects. We remain grateful for this opportunity to combine hospitality with responsible stewardship of our resources.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The monastery continues to experience important improvements and development projects. During May, significant progress was made on the construction of an internal retaining wall along the edge of the main concrete area. This project will help improve the stability, drainage, and overall functionality of the property while enhancing the appearance and long-term usability of the grounds.

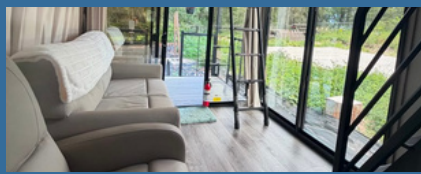
In addition, we continue operating our two RV units through Airbnb. We have been blessed to welcome several guests during the month, many of whom have expressed appreciation for the peaceful atmosphere of the monastery grounds and the hospitality they experienced during their stay.

The income generated through these rentals continues to help support the daily needs of the community, maintenance expenses, and ongoing improvement projects. We are grateful for this opportunity to sustain part of our mission while sharing a small experience of the monastery environment with visitors from different places.

If you are planning to visit the area or know someone seeking a quiet and unique place to stay, we invite you to consider our monastery RV accommodations. By staying with us, guests not only enjoy a peaceful retreat but also directly support the life and mission of our community. For information about availability or reservations, please feel free to contact us.

Beyond the material improvements, community life continues to flourish through prayer, work, hospitality, and fraternity. We remain committed to building a strong foundation for the future while faithfully carrying out our Augustinian mission.

We thank all our friends, benefactors, and supporters for accompanying us on this journey through their prayers, encouragement, and generosity. May God continue to bless you abundantly for your support of our community and mission.



UP COMING ACTIVITIES —2026

Upcoming Activities – 2026

Looking ahead, we hope to continue strengthening the spiritual and material foundations of the monastery through several important initiatives.

One of the highlights of the coming month will be the celebration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Our community will gather for a special Holy Mass in honor of the Most Blessed Sacrament, giving thanks for Christ's abiding presence in the Eucharist and praying for all our benefactors, friends, and supporters.

We also plan to continue improving the monastery grounds by creating a beautiful garden around the newly completed platform and retaining wall area. This project will help transform the space into a peaceful setting for prayer, reflection, and fellowship, while enhancing the beauty of our community.

Other ongoing initiatives include:

- Continued development and maintenance of the Airbnb RV ministry, which helps support the monastery's daily operations and improvement projects.
- Expansion of hospitality opportunities for visitors and retreat participants.
- Continued support of vocational discernment and formation efforts.
- Preparation for future events that will promote the Augustinian charism and strengthen our mission.

We ask for your continued prayers as we move forward with these plans, trusting that God will bless the work of our hands and guide our community according to His holy will.

THE HOLY FATHER THIS MONTH

- May 8, 2026 – Pastoral Visit to Pompeii and Naples, Italy
- May 13, 2026 – Weekly General Audience with reflection on the Blessed Virgin Mary – St. Peter's Square, Vatican City
- May 25, 2026 – Publication of the encyclical Magnifica Humanitas – Vatican City
- May 31, 2026 – Closing Celebration of the Marian Month with the Holy Rosary and Angelus Prayer – St. Peter's Square, Vatican City



OSA CALENDAR —MAY 2026

- JUNE 4 – BLESSED JAMES OF VITERBO
- JUNE 12 – SAINT JOHN OF SAHAGÚN ★ (THE PRINCIPAL AUGUSTINIAN FEAST OF THE MONTH)
- JUNE 20 – BLESSED PHILIP OF PIACENZA
- JUNE 25 – BLESSED PETER JAMES OF PESARO.

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SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

"You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."
Saint Augustine, Confessions I, 1

As another month passes, we may find ourselves asking where God has been in the ordinary moments of our lives, in our work, our struggles, our waiting, and even in our disappointments. Saint Augustine would remind us that God has never been absent. Rather, it is often our own restless hearts that fail to recognize His quiet presence.

May invites us to pause and rediscover the God who dwells within us. Augustine writes, "Do not go outward; return within yourself. In the inward man dwells truth." The world constantly draws our attention outward, but the Lord gently calls us back to the silence of our hearts, where He patiently waits.

Like the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose month we celebrate, we are invited to trust before we understand. Mary's faith was not built upon certainty but upon surrender. Augustine himself knew the long road of searching and conversion. After years of seeking happiness in the things of the world, he discovered that true joy is found only in God.

Perhaps this is the grace of May: to remember that our journey is not about achieving perfection but about allowing God to transform us day by day. The Lord does not ask us to have all the answers. He asks only that we open our hearts to His love.

As members of the Augustinian family, may we seek God together, live in unity, and become for one another a reflection of His mercy. And when our hearts grow weary or restless, may we hear again the words of our holy father Augustine:

"Late have I loved You, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new; late have I loved You! But You were within me, and I was outside, searching for You."

May this truth encourage us to look for Christ not in distant places, but in the quiet sanctuary of our own hearts, where He has been waiting all along.

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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