

# St. Monica Catholic Church

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DIOCESE OF AUSTIN  
MOST REV. JOE S. VASQUEZ  
BISHOP OF AUSTIN

*Pro Christo et Ecclesia ~ For Christ and Church ~ Por Cristo y la Iglesia*

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

*located in the St. Anthony Building*

MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9AM-2PM (CLOSED- 12PM-1PM)

### OUR CLERGY

#### -Pastor-

Rev. Jim F. Chamberlain

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### PARISH STAFF

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## Mass Schedule Horario de misas

### Weekend Masses / Misas de fin de semana

#### Saturday/Sabado

English/en Ingles 6:00 P.M.

#### Sunday/Domingo

Spanish/en Espanol 8:00 A.M.

English/en Ingles 10:00 A.M.

### Daily Masses/Misa diaria

Tuesday/ martes 12:10 p.m.- English/Ingles

6:00 p.m. -Spanish/en Espanol

Friday/ Viernes 8:00 a.m. - English/ Ingles

### Reconciliation / Reconciliación

Saturday/ Sábado, 5 PM - 5:45 PM  
or by appointment / O por cita



*~ This faith community of St. Monica was established in 1883 ~  
~ Esta comunidad de fe de Santa Mónica se estableció en 1883 ~*

### St. Monica Mission Statement

We at St. Monica's are a multi-cultural parish from all walks of life rich in Catholic tradition, who recognize the need for greater unity within Our Catholic Community.

We will:

- Actively participate in our worship.
- Educate ourselves in Christ's teaching.
- Help our youth grow close to Jesus.
- Move beyond ourselves to minister to others by sharing our individual time, talent and treasures with all those in need.

### Declaración de la misión de la iglesia de Santa Mónica

Nosotros de Santa Monica Somos Una Parroquia multi-cultural de todos de la vida, ricos en tradicion Católica que reconocemos la necesidad de una unidad mas fuerte dentro de nuestra comunidad Católica.

Vamos a:

- Participar activamente en nuestra culto.
- Educarnos en las enseñanzas de Cristo.
- Ayudar a nuestros jóvenes acercarse mas a Jesus.
- Hacer un esfuerzo y mobilizarnos ayudar a otros, compartiendo nuestro tiempo, talentos y tesoros con todos los necesitados, especialmente nuestros ancianos y enfermos

# Mass Intentions

## Intenciones de la misa

**Saturday, December 30, 2024**

6 p.m. †Sylvia Schattle

**Sunday, December 31, 2024**8 a.m. †Mia Rosalinda Oviedo  
† Vanessa Rosalinda Oviedo  
† Petra Galvan

10 a.m. For the People of God

**Monday, January 1, 2024**(Not a holy day of obligation)  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**10 AM - Bilingual Mass (Misa bilingüe)**

† Living &amp; Deceased members of John &amp; Mary Hubnik and Billy &amp; Maryann Seaton Family

**Tuesday, January 2, 2024**12:10 p.m. †Mela Elizabeth Zaragoza  
6 p.m. en español For the People of the Parish**Friday, January 5, 2024**

8 a.m. †Living &amp; Deceased member of St. Monica's Ladies Society

**Saturday, January 6, 2024**

6 p.m. †For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, January 7, 2024**8 a.m. †Juan Rivas  
Special Intention for Maryann & Billy Seaton Family  
10 a.m. For the People of God

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### Mass Intentions for 2024:

The book for Mass intentions for the year 2024 is now open. To schedule an intention for the upcoming year contact parish secretary at the parish office. Only one individual name or one couple (first & last name) per Mass. Mass Stipend is \$5.



**St. Monica's Prayer Chain**  
Cadena de Oración de Sta. Mónica

**Please Pray for:  
Por favor reza por:**

Katniss Manili, Martha Hubnik, Nova Charity, Rosalie Kostroun, and Jean Krenek.

Names remain on this list for 4 weeks and then transferred to the Book of Prayers.

### Stewardship Report

**Week of December 24, 2023**

Amounts will be posted in next weeks bulletin!

## Calendar of Events/Meetings

### Holiday Office hours

The parish office will be closed from Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> to Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> for the Christmas & New Years holiday's. Office will reopen Tuesday, January 2, 2024. To contact parish secretary please send an email to: office@saintmonicatx.org or call/text (254) 677-6492

In case of a Sacramental Emergency call/text Fr. Jim at : 972-895-2622 and leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible or contact Fr. Jim by email jim.f.chamberlain@saintmonicatx.org

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

#### Maria, la Madre de Dios

(Not a holy day of obligation)

Mon., Jan. 1, 2024

10 AM - Bilingual Mass (Misa bilingüe)

### Ladies Society Meeting

Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 2 p.m.  
St. Anthony School/Parish office

### Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 7 p.m.  
St. Anthony School/Parish office

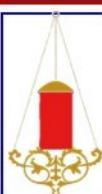
Copies of the minutes will be located on the table at the back of the church .

### Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

### Cemetery Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 7 p.m.  
St. Anthony School/Parish office



**La Luz del Santuario arderá el  
30 de diciembre al 5 de enero  
En Memoria de  
† Mela Elizabeth Zaragoza  
Dada Por: Eliza Cardona**



### 2nd Collection — Dec. 30 & 31 Feast of the Holy Family:

The Feast of the Holy Family collection supports the Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown, Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter in Temple and the diocesan Office of Life, Marriage and Family. Throughout Central Texas there are maternity homes, foster care programs and adoption services that help expectant mothers, children in need and entire families. These important services and programs provide much needed assistance and promote our Catholic values of respecting all human life. Please be generous in your support of this most worthy cause.



### Religious Education CCE Schedule

#### Pre-K - Pre-Confirmation 1

Sunday's: 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

**Christmas & New Year's Holiday Break**  
**December 24 & 31, and January 1, 2024**

**Class 12 Resumes: Sunday, January 14, 2024**

**Confirmation II class will resume on  
Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 6:30 p.m.**

**Pope Francis' January Prayer Intention**  
Intención de oración del Papa Francisco para el mes de enero

### FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH

Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

### POR EL DON DE LA DIVERSIDAD EN LA IGLESIA

Oremos al Espíritu Santo para que nos ayude a reconocer el don de los diferentes carismas dentro de las comunidades cristianas y a descubrir la riqueza de las diferentes tradiciones rituales dentro de la Iglesia Católica.

### Catholic Social Teaching Corner

#### Feast of the Holy Family

Today we celebrate that God is redeeming us and the world through Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection in a real human family. God is incarnate in the midst of our chaotic world because he desires to free us from sin, fear and death.

As we meditate with gratitude this great gift of love, our minds and hearts must remember our brothers and sisters whose need may overcome any sense of gratitude. This day pray for those who are alone and without the love of family around them, for families living in cars or on streets, for those who will starve this day. God is saving them, but are we being neighbor and family to them?

#### Festividad de la Sagrada Familia

Hoy celebramos que Dios nos redime a nosotros y al mundo a través del nacimiento de Cristo, su vida, muerte y resurrección dentro de una familia humana real. Dios es encarnado en medio de nuestro mundo caótico por que desea liberarnos del pecado, del miedo y la muerte. Mientras meditamos con gratitud sobre este gran don de amor, nuestras mentes y corazones deben recordar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas cuya necesidad supera cualquier sentido de gratitud. Este día ore por aquellos que están solos y sin amor familiar a su alrededor, por familias que se encuentran viviendo en autos o en las calles, por aquellos que pasan hambre hoy. Dios los salva, pero ¿estamos siendo buen prójimo para ellos?

**INFORMACIÓN PARA EL CUMPLIMIENTO CON EIM**

El cumplimiento con EIM es requerido para personas activas en la mayoría de ministerios en la diócesis. ¿Necesita usted estar en cumplimiento? ¿Es el proceso de EIM algo nuevo para usted? ¿Ya tiene una cuenta de EIM? Visite [austindiocese.org/eim](http://austindiocese.org/eim) para aprender sobre las políticas de cumplimiento, cómo comenzar si es un nuevo aplicante, y cómo los usuarios activos se mantienen en cumplimiento. Contácte a eim@austindiocese para recibir mayor asistencia

**REPORTE EL ABUSO**

Reporte el abuso de un menor, un adulto mayor o un adulto con una discapacidad a las autoridades locales del cumplimiento de la ley o a la Línea Directa del Abuso de Texas en [www.txabusehotline.org](http://www.txabusehotline.org) o llamando al (800) 252-5400 y a la diócesis de Austin en [www.austindiocese.org/report-abuse](http://www.austindiocese.org/report-abuse) o llamando al (512) 949-2447.

**¿Ha usted, o alguien que usted conoce, experimentado abuso?**

El Obispo José Vásquez y la Diócesis de Austin están comprometidos a proveer de cuidado compasivo a personas que hayan experimentado abuso, particularmente si éste fue cometido por clero o un representante de la iglesia. Si usted, o alguien que usted conoce ha experimentado dicho abuso, contácte a la Coordinadora diocesana de Asistencia a las Víctimas y Apoyo Pastoral, llame al (512) 949-2400.

**REPORTE COMPORTAMIENTO NO ÉTICO**

Reporte comportamiento no ético por parte de una persona sirviendo en ministerio a la diócesis al (512) 949-2447.

### Donation to the Stained Glass Window Restoration

**Donation By : Theodora Marek**

*Many thanks to all for your continued support to St. Monica's Parish.*

**Ministry Schedule****Solemnity of Mary Mother of God****Bilingual Mass****Monday, January 1, 2024, 10 AM****Lector:** Joe Mancha and Sonia Vega-Perez**Euch. M.:** Marilyn Murphy and Rosa Banda**Altar Servers:** Volunteers needed**Sat., January 6, 2024, 6 PM****Lector:** Lisa Shelton**Euch. M.:** Janice Klecka & Agnes Kostroun**Altar Servers:** Volunteers needed**Sun., January 7, 2024, 8 AM****Lector:** Ramona Banda**Euch. M.:** Rosa Banda and Sonia Vega-Perez**Altar Servers:** Guadalupe Acosta**Sun., January 7, 2024 10 AM****Lector:** Shelly Lopez**Euch. M.:** Elma Martinez & Anna Reyes-Hill**Altar Servers:** Tatiana P. and Sebastian M.**Sat., January 13, 2024 6 PM****Lector:** Keith Copeland**Euch. M.:** Linda Kamenicky and Jane Marek**Altar Servers:** Volunteers needed**Sun., January 14, 2024, 8 AM****Lector:** Ramona Bolivar**Euch. M.:** Rosa Banda and Joe Mancha**Altar Servers:** Guadalupe A.**Sun., January 14, 2024 10 AM****Lector:** Rick Rhoades**Euch. M.:** Monica Schiller & Pam Oliver**Altar Servers:** Yadira S. and Vicente S.**DRE Position Available**

St. Monica Catholic Church in Cameron is seeking a Director of Religious Education (DRE) to plan and implement parish programs associated with Catholic religious education.

The position is full- or part-time, depending on the availability of the candidate. Work can be split between home and on-location. Bilingual in Spanish is preferred. Apply online through the Diocese of Austin jobs postings.

For more information, contact the parish office, (254) 697-2107.

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**Christmas throughout the year**

I have to admit that when I was younger I did not always read the beautiful poetry on the inside of my Christmas cards. I loved the pictures on the front, but often skipped over the words in the text. But now I read these carefully, knowing that God may perhaps be speaking to me through the kindness and sentiments of others. This year I was moved by several cards that I received. They both speak about the spirit of Christmas. Here is one - "Every time a hand reaches out to help another, that is Christmas. Every time someone puts conflict aside and strives for understanding, that is Christmas. Every time people forget their differences and realize their love for each other, that is Christmas." Another one was also powerful - "You are a wonderful reflection of God's love. You are one of those rare people who keeps the spirit of Christmas glowing brightly through the year, because your life is truly a reflection of God's love...Every day you show what Christian love is all about through your smiles and laughter, your compassion and concern, your warmth and kindness. God has blessed me with knowing you...." A retired woman shared with me this week that the greatest joy she feels is when she is giving her time and money for a local charity that helps the neediest of families. That, too, is the spirit of Christmas. Why don't we promise each other that we will strive to carry the spirit of Christmas throughout the new year? Let us promise to be a reflection of God's love. This promise can only result in peace on earth and good will towards all men. - - Fr. Jim



las imágenes del frente, pero a menudo me saltaba las palabras del texto. Pero ahora los leo con atención, sabiendo que quizás Dios me esté hablando a través de la bondad y los sentimientos de los demás. Este año me conmovieron varias tarjetas que recibí. Ambos hablan del espíritu navideño. Aquí hay uno: "Cada vez que una mano se extiende para ayudar a otra, eso es Navidad. Cada vez que alguien deja de lado el conflicto y se esfuerza por comprenderlo, eso es Navidad. Cada vez que las personas olvidan sus diferencias y se dan cuenta de su amor mutuo, eso es Navidad". Otra también fue poderosa: "Eres un maravilloso reflejo del amor de Dios. Eres una de esas pocas personas que mantiene el espíritu de la Navidad brillando intensamente durante todo el año, porque tu vida es verdaderamente un reflejo del amor de Dios... Cada día muestras de qué se trata el amor cristiano a través de tus sonrisas y risas, tu compasión y preocupación, su calidez y amabilidad. Dios me ha bendecido al conocerte..." Una mujer jubilada me compartió esta semana que la mayor alegría que siente es cuando dona su tiempo y dinero a una organización benéfica local que ayuda a las familias más necesitadas. Ése también es el espíritu de la Navidad. ¿Por qué no nos prometemos unos a otros que nos esforzaremos por llevar el espíritu navideño durante todo el nuevo año? Prometamos ser un reflejo del amor de Dios. Esta promesa sólo puede tener como resultado la paz en la tierra y la buena voluntad hacia todos los hombres. - - P. Jim

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## Information: Organizations

### Pastoral Council Members

Patsy Vrazel, Chairwoman - Email: [pavrazel@yahoo.com](mailto:pavrazel@yahoo.com)

Marilyn Murphy, Renee Mueck, Monica Schiller, Becky Ferrara, Patsy Vrazel, Juan Carlos Perez, Denise Pineda, Araceli Vargas, and John Vargas

### Finance Council Members

Nonito Martinez, Chairman

Bud Riola, Frank Klecka

### Cemetery Council Members

Gary Vrazel, Chairman

Mary Frances Shipp, William Pagach, Linda Kamenicky, Robert Acosta

### St. Monica's Ladies' Society

Denise Pineda, President

### Knights of Columbus, St. Monica's Council #12601

Nonito Martinez, Grand Knight

### Bereavement Meal Committee

Carol Moore and Mary Frances Shipp

### EIM Site Admin. & Homebound Listing

Linda Kamenicky - email: [eim@saintmonicatx.org](mailto:eim@saintmonicatx.org)

### K.J.Z.T. Society #48

Bettie Pagach, President

### Parish Building & Maintenance Committee

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Ladies' Society**

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**Prayer to St. Monica**

Great St. Monica, patroness of all mothers and fathers, please take our children under your protection even those who have strayed from God and His Church. Let them always remain faithful to their baptismal vows. Give us the strength to walk always in the footsteps of the Lord. Amen.



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[www.saintmonicatx.org](http://www.saintmonicatx.org)

## INFORMATION

### Sacraments/ Sacraments

Contact the parish office to prepare for sacraments such as baptisms, weddings, first communion and confirmation.

Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial para prepararse para sacramentos como bautizos, bodas, primera comunión y confirmación.

### RCIA / El Rito de la Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos,

Contact Parish office for information./ Llame a la oficina para más información.

### Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick / el Sacramento de la Uncion de los enfermos.

Call the parish office or after office hours call or text Fr. Jim Chamberlain at 972-895-2622 ./ Llame a la oficina parroquial o después del horario de oficina llama o envía un mensaje de texto con el Padre. Jim Chamberlain al 972-895-2622

### Quinceañera

Come by the parish office and fill out a registration form. Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the desired date./ Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial para un registro. Los arreglos deben hacerse al menos seis meses antes de la fecha deseada.

### Arlan's Receipt Program:

Thank you to all for your continued supporting our Arlan's Receipt program. Through our participation the parish received \$259.40 in 2022. Monies raised will go towards our Building & Maintenance Fund.

**How to participate:** Parishioners are asked to keep their Arlan's Supermarket receipts and turn them in to the church. The church receives a 1% donation based on the receipt purchase totals.

The entire receipt is necessary to obtain all information required by Arlan's.

