

St. Monica Catholic Church

 **ROMAN CATHOLIC
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

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"They left everything and followed him." Lk 5:11

"Dejándolo todo, lo siguieron." Lc 5, 11

~ 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 Catolica que reconocemos la necesidad de una unidad mas fuerte dentro de nuestra comunidad Catolica.

Vamos a:

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



Mass Schedule Horario de misas

Weekend Masses / Misas de fin de semana

Saturday/Sabado

English/en Inglés 6:00 P.M.

Sunday/Domingo

Spanish/en Español 8:00 A.M.

English/en Inglés 10:00 A.M.

Daily Masses/Misa diaria

Tuesday/ martes 12:10 p.m.- English/Inglés
6:00 p.m. -Spanish/en Español

Thursday/ Jueves 12:10 p.m. - English/ Inglés

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

Reconciliation / Reconciliación

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

Mass Intentions

Intenciones de la Misa

Saturday, February 8, 2025

6 p.m. †Ethel Marak

Sunday, February 9, 2025

8 a.m. † Sally Cervantes

† Juakin Garcia, Jr.

† Anthony & Tim Woytek

10 a.m. † Ann Krenek

†Trinidad Aragonéz

† Anastacia Segovia

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

12:10 p.m. For the People of the Parish

6 p.m. †Trinidad Aragonéz

† Anastacia Segovia

Thursday, February 13, 2025

12:10 p.m. For the People of the Parish

Friday, February 14, 2025

8 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Saturday, February 15, 2025

6 p.m. †Shirley Jean Krenek

†Ann Krenek

†Jerry L. Kostroun

Sunday, February 16, 2025

8 a.m. † Roberto Medrano

† Emma Placencia

† Mela Elizabeth Zaragoza &

Para todas las animas

10 a.m. For the People of God

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

Please Pray for:
Por favor reza por:

Kevin Schattle, Annette Vargas,
Anne Marie Kamenicky, and
Carolyn Klecka .

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

Stewardship Report Correction for January 26, 2025

Sunday Collection: \$2,420.96

Building Fund: \$ 808.00

Online Giving:

* Sunday Collection: \$420.00

Total Collection: \$ 3,648.96

Stewardship Report

Week of February 2, 2025

Sunday Collection: \$4,338.00

Building Fund: \$ 100.00

Online Giving:

* Sunday Collection: \$515.00

Total Collection: \$ 4,953.00

2nd Collection: Feb. 8th & 9th

Catholic Higher Education:

Supports Campus Ministries in the
Diocese of Austin

Calendar of Events/Meetings

St. Monica's Ladies Society Meeting

Tuesday, March 4, 2025. 2 p.m. at the
St. Anthony School, Library

St. Monica's CCE Class Schedule

Pre-K — Confirmation 1

Sunday's: 9:00a.m.—9:50 a.m.

Class 18 : Sunday, February 16, 2025

Class 19 : Sunday, February 23, 2025

Class 20 : Sunday, March 2, 2025

NO CLASS: *Spring Break* March 9 & 16

Class 21 : Sunday, March 23, 2025

Class 22 : Sunday, March 30, 2025

Class 23 : Sunday, April , 6, 2025

Class 24 : Sunday, April 13, 2025

NO CLASS: *Easter Sunday*-April 20

NO CLASS: *1st Communion*-April 27

Class 25 *Last day : Sunday, May 4, 2025

Pope Francis' February Prayer Intention

Intención de oración del Papa Francisco

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome
the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a
call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and
religious life.

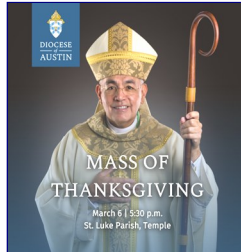
Por las vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa

Oremos para que la comunidad eclesial acoga los anhelos y las dudas
de aquellos jóvenes que sienten el llamado a servir la misión de Cristo
en el sacerdocio y la vida religiosa.



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organization or memorial in our parish bulletin in order
for us to continue printing this valuable means of
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in supporting our Parish Bulletin throughout the years.
For more information contact Gilda Rios (254)697-2107.



Bishop Vásquez has been appointed as the Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, with the
installation March 25. You are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday, March 6th at St.
Luke Parish in Temple TX, followed by a brief reception so that we might share some words of
gratitude and best wishes. We look forward to seeing you there.

El Obispo Vásquez ha sido nombrado Arzobispo de Galveston-Houston, su instalación será
el 25 de marzo. Están invitados a una Misa de Acción de Gracias el jueves 6 de marzo en la
Parroquia St. Luke, en Temple TX, seguida de una breve recepción para que podamos compartir
algunas palabras de agradecimiento y mejores deseos. Esperamos verte allí.

Prayer of Gratitude

Archbishop — Designate Joe S. Vásquez

Good and gracious God, we give you praise and thanksgiving for the gift of Bishop Joe S. Vásquez to the Diocese of Austin
for the past 15 years. You have guided him in shepherding this local Church with grace of spirit and generosity of
apostolic action, from which we have drawn great strength. Now we ask your blessing upon him as he embarks on a new
mission as Archbishop of Galveston-Houston. Give him the same steady courage to which we have been blessed so that
his ministry will again bear much fruit to your glory and for the good of your people. Through the intercession of Our
Lady of the Immaculate Conception, we ask your blessing upon him in his pastoral ministry. Amen.



St Monica Ladies' Society is
holding their Annual Spring
Festival April 27th and we are
looking for donations for the
Raffle. Please prayerfully
consider this request as the
Ladies assist with various
church functions, including purchase of vestments,
wine, candles, church cleaning, bereavement meals
and donations to various charities. If you can make
a donation, please contact the church office or
Linda Kamenicky at lkayk0217@yahoo.com or
512/796-1904 to let her know. You may also
drop the donation made payable to St Monica
Ladies' Society in the collection basket. **Deadline**
Monday February 24th. Thank You in advance for
your support this fundraising endeavor.

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Memorial Donations to St. Monica Cemetery

In memory of Ethel Marak

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In memory of Laurita Huebner Lyons

Given by: Deidre Vedder

Many thanks to all for your continued support
to St. Monica Parish, continued prayers for the
faithful departed.

Sanctuary Light will burn this week:

La Lampara Del Santuario arderá esta semana:



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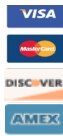
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Mario Alberto & Eugenio Morales
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Attention Graduating Seniors!



The Knights of Columbus Council #12601 will be awarding scholarships to graduating seniors.

Applicants must be members of St. Monica Catholic Church or son/daughter of KC Council #12601 member. All students meeting the requirements are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at St. Monica Church office or the table in the Narthex of the church. Please drop your application off at the church office or mail to:

Nonito Martinez: 703 E. 21st St., Cameron, Tx

Frank Klecka: 2103 N. Austin Ave., Cameron, Tx

Completed applications must be received by April 6th. No exceptions will be made.

BINGO EXTRAVAGANZA!

Christ the King in Belton is holding a BINGO EXTRAVAGANZA! Fundraiser to help defray the cost of their new Family Life Center.

This fun afternoon will be held on March 2 at 1:00 pm (doors open at 11:30 am) in the Family Life Center. Join the fun of playing bingo with fantastic prizes for the winners: jewelry, designer purses, auto detailing, cooking class, a 2-night stay at Bed and Breakfast, a day at Belton/Temple's newest fun restaurant/cocktail bar with pickle ball courts and a speakeasy(!) – The Commonwealth Texas.

Complimentary snacks and wine.

Cost for a single ticket is \$40 or for a table of 8 - \$320. (Snacks will consist of crackers, fruit & cheese.

Feel free to bring your own snacks, too!)



To purchase tickets, scan the QR code or contact the parish office at 254-939-0806 or Donna at 254-760-3440.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 15, 2025 6 PM

Lector: Cynthia Kostroun & Marilyn Gaas

Euch. M.: Agnes Kostroun & Patsy Vrazel

Altar Servers: Marvin, Ellie, Will and Charlie Zeig

Sunday, February 16, 2025, 8 AM

Lector: Margarita S. Madera and Mariana Reyes

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda & Sonia Vega Perez

Altar Servers: Cesar Guevara-Mateo and Nolvín Vasquez-Lopez

Sunday, February 16, 2025, 10 AM

Lector: Kingstin Rodriguez and Rubi Bautista

Euch. M.: Pam Oliver and Monica Schiller

Altar Servers: Ava Reyes & Kenly Reese

Saturday, February 22, 2025, 6 PM

Lector: Denise Pineda and Patsy Vrazel

Euch. M.: Janice Klecka and Marilyn Murphy

Altar Servers: Allison Bermejo

Sunday, February 23, 2025, 8 AM

Lector: Joe Mancha

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Ramona Banda

Altar Servers: Guadalupe Acosta & Yadira Saucedo

Sunday, February 23, 2025, 10 AM

Lector: Rick Rhoades and Celeste Cardona

Euch. M.: Carmen Rios and Agnes Kostroun

Altar Servers: Vicente Sanchez & Danny Reyes

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The absence of personal fault for an evil does not absolve one of all responsibility. We must seek to resist and undo injustices, lest we become bystanders who tacitly endorse evil and so share in guilt in it.

V Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La ausencia de culpa personal respecto a algo malo no nos absuelve de toda la responsabilidad. Debemos tratar de resistirnos a las injusticias y deshacerlas, para que no nos convirtamos en observadores que calladamente avalan la maldad y por lo tanto, tienen parte de culpa en ella.

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In memory of Ann Krenek

Given by: Martha Mitchell

In memory of Ethel Marak

Given by: Mary Frances Shipp and Christine Riola

In memory of Robert C. Davis

Given by: Dcn. Jack & Marilyn Murphy,

In memory of Jimmy Fino

Given by: Mary Ann & Billy Seaton

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The courage to love as Jesus would love

At the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference a week ago, one of the most popular sessions was entitled "Leading with Love: How do we accompany those with same-sex attraction?" The presenter, Fr. Joseph Daheim, works with an organization called Courage ministry. This apostolate includes Catholic men and women with same-sex attractions who live chaste lives in fellowship, truth and love. His session was so popular perhaps because many of our young people know gay boys or girls at school who struggle to be accepted on an equal basis with their peers. When a young person enters the teenage years, he/she begins to discover their sexual preference. It is not something they choose, but rather a natural inclination. Evolutionary biology observes that same-sex preference will always be a minority, ~4-6% of the overall population. This is because the species always tends towards self-propagation. The Biblical authors would have been unaware of these scientific truths. As Christians, we believe that each human being is made in God's image. Therefore it makes no sense to treat anyone differently because of their sexual orientation, just as we don't react differently to people with red hair, who are left-handed, or who have a birth defect. The Catechism says that people with homosexual tendencies "must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided." (CCC 2358). These persons will, like all of us, be judged according to the same standards of self-giving love, faithfulness in their promises, and commitment to truth and sincerity. We should be relieved to know that God will be the Final Judge of all mankind, and that we only need to act with courage to love these brothers and sisters as Jesus Himself would love them. - - - Fr. Jim



El coraje de amar como amaría Jesús

En la Conferencia Diocesana de Jóvenes Católicos hace una semana, una de las sesiones más populares se tituló "Liderando con amor: ¿Cómo acompañamos a quienes sienten atracción por el mismo sexo?" El presentador, el P. Joseph Daheim, trabaja con una organización llamada Courage Ministry. Este apostolado incluye a hombres y mujeres católicos con atracción hacia el mismo sexo que viven vidas castas en compañerismo, verdad y amor. Su sesión fue tan popular quizás porque muchos de nuestros jóvenes conocen a niños o niñas homosexuales en la escuela que luchan por ser aceptados en igualdad de condiciones que sus compañeros. Cuando un joven entra en la adolescencia comienza a descubrir su preferencia sexual. No es algo que ellos elijan, sino más bien una inclinación natural. La biología evolutiva observa que la preferencia por personas del mismo sexo siempre será una minoría, entre el 4% y el 6% de la población general. Esto se debe a que la especie siempre tiende a la autopropagación. Los autores bíblicos no habrían sido conscientes de estas verdades científicas. Como cristianos, creemos que cada ser humano está hecho a imagen de Dios. Por lo tanto, no tiene sentido tratar a nadie de manera diferente por su orientación sexual, así como no reaccionamos de manera diferente ante las personas pelirrojas, zurdas o con un defecto de nacimiento. El Catecismo dice que las personas con tendencias homosexuales "deben ser aceptadas con respeto, compasión y sensibilidad. Debe evitarse todo signo de discriminación injusta hacia ellos". (CCC 2358). Estas personas, como todos nosotros, serán juzgadas según los mismos estándares de amor abnegado, fidelidad en sus promesas y compromiso con la verdad y la sinceridad. Deberíamos sentirnos aliviados al saber que Dios será el Juez Final de toda la humanidad, y que sólo necesitamos actuar con valentía para amar a estos hermanos y hermanas como Jesús mismo los amaría. - - - P. Jim

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St. Monica's Ladies' Society

Meet 1st Tues., 2 p.m.
Sept-May

All Ladies Invited!

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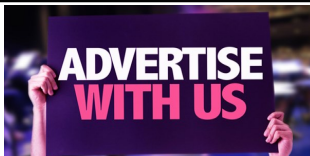
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Linda Kamenicky - email: eim@saintmonicatx.org

Call or text: (512) 796-1904

K.J.Z.T. Society #48

Bettie Pagach, President

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.