

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Monica Catholic Church

ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE 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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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



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

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 nuestro tiempo, talentos y tesoros con todos los necesitados, especialmente nuestros ancianos y entemos

Mass Intentions

Intenciones de la misa

Saturday, May 3, 2025

6 p.m. † Olga Marek

Sunday, May 4, 2025

8 a.m. † Gregorio & Francisca Ortega

† Paula & Jaquín García Jr.

† Mauricio & Johnny Bazurto

10 a.m. † Matthew Novis

† For the Sick & Elderly

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

12:10 p.m. Liz & Rudy's Mom & Dad

6 p.m. † Euodia Rodriguez

Thursday, May 8, 2025

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

Friday, May 9, 2025

8 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Saturday, May 10, 2025

6 p.m. † Gregoria Pinales

† Francisco Cardona

† Hector Cardona

Sunday, May 11, 2025

8 a.m. † Sally Cervantes

† Jaquín García, Jr.

† Emma & Consuelo Placencia

10 a.m. For the People of the Parish

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

Please Pray for:

Por favor reza por:

Adan Contreras, Rosita Banda Cruz,
Delia Torres, Camilo Vargas Jr, and
Carolyn Klecka

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

Stewardship Report

Week of April 27, 2025

Sunday Collection: \$2,695.00

Online Giving:

* Sunday Collection: \$475.00

Total Collection: \$3,170.00

Second Collection:

May 10 & 11: Seminarians and Priest
Education and Formation

May 24 & 25: Archdiocese For the
Military Services

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS

St. Monica's Ladies Society Meeting

Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 2 p.m. at the St. Anthony
School, Library.

EIM Workshop Session

St. Monica will host 2 EIM workshop sessions on:
Thursday, May 8, 2025, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. and another
session from 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. Sessions held in the St.
Anthony School/Parish Office, Library.

Homecoming Festival Planning Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 7 p.m. held at the St. Anthony
School, Library. We ask all booth chairpersons,
volunteers and anyone interested in having a new
booth to attend this meeting.

We are in need of more volunteers for set up! Mark
your calendars for festival setup days August 9th &
16th. Each chairperson of a booth will be in charge
of getting their booth up and furnished the day of
festival. St. Monica's Homecoming Festival will be
on August 17th.

Reunión de planificación de La Jamaica en Agosto

Martes 13 de mayo de 2025, 7 p.m., en la biblioteca de la
escuela St. Anthony. Les pedimos a todos los encargados de
los puestos, voluntarios y cualquier persona interesada en
tener un nuevo puesto que asistan a esta reunión.

¡Necesitamos más voluntarios para el montaje! Anoten en sus
calendarios los días de montaje de la Jamaica, el 9 y el 16 de
agosto. La Jamaica de Santa Mónica será el 17 de agosto.

FIESTA DE MARIA - MARY'S FEST

Sunday, May 18th - Church grounds, 11 am - 3 pm.
Mexican Food, Drinks, Bingo, games for the children,
Music & more.

Comida Mexicana, Bebidas, Lotería y juegos para los
ninos, Musica, y mas!

Baccalaureate Mass

Sunday, May 18, 2025, 10 a.m.

Confirmation Mass

Friday, July 11, 2025, 6 p.m.

Sanctuary Light will burn this week:

La Lampara Del Santuario arderá esta semana:

**Para La Familia Castaneda,
Zaragoza & Castaneda-Rodriguez**
By: Eliza Cardona

Third Sunday of Easter: In today's Gospel, Jesus asks Peter
repeatedly, "Do you love me?" And when he answers "yes,"
Jesus says, "Feed my lambs and sheep." When we say "yes," to
loving Christ, we then commit to feeding his sheep and helping
all those who hunger in mind, body and spirit.

Tercer Domingo de Pascua: En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús le
pregunta a Pedro repetidamente, "¿Me amas?" y él le responde
"sí," Jesús dice, "Alimenta a mis ovejas". Cuando él dice "sí"
un Cristo amoroso, entonces nosotros nos comprometemos
a alimentar a sus ovejas y a mantener a todos aquellos
hambrientos en la mente, cuerpo y espíritu.

Special Collection May 10 & 11: Seminarians and Priest Education and Formation

The Diocese of Austin, along with our Vocations Director Rev. Greg Gerhart, works tirelessly to ensure that we have
sufficient priests to celebrate the sacraments, preach homilies that move hearts and guide our faithful on their journey to Christ.

To ensure our priests are well-prepared, seminarians study philosophy, theology, scripture, and pastoral care,
seminarian education and formation in the Diocese of Austin takes anywhere from seven to nine years, depending on the
academic background of each man in formation. In addition to the academic formation, the Diocese cares for the whole
seminarian with health insurance, ongoing formation in prayer and spirituality, and summer programs for the study of
Spanish. The total cost of forming a seminarian is about \$70,000 per year. May God bless you for your generosity and please
pray for our seminarians.



**St. Monica
Baccalaureate**

For Graduating Seniors
& College Graduates

**Sunday, May 18, 2025,
at the 10AM Mass**

Registration forms will be in the church.
For questions please call or text St. Monica
DRE./YM: Sonia Vega-Perez (254)295-6092

Now Accepting Donations

For the Homecoming Festival Raffle

It's that time again, if you would like to make
a monetary donation for the 2025

Homecoming Festival raffle please contact
Anita Mendoza at 254-482-3329 or the parish
office. Great prizes ensure a successful raffle!

Estamos aceptando donaciones

Para la rifa de la Jamaica en Agosto

Si deseas hacer una donación monetaria para la rifa
de la Jamaica 2025 comuníquese con Anita Mendoza
al 254-482-3329 o con la oficina parroquial. ¡Grandes
premios garantizan un sorteo exitoso!

Prayer for a New Pope

Oración por un Nuevo Papa

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern
your flock with unfailing care, grant in
your boundless fatherly love a pastor for
your Church who will please you by his
holiness and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Oh Dios, pastor eterno que gobiernas
tu rebaño con cuidado inagotable,
concédenos en tu inmenso amor paternal
un pastor para tu Iglesia que te complazca
por su santidad y nos muestre un atento
cuidado. Por Cristo, Nuestro Señor, tu
Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad
del Espíritu Santo, por los siglos de los
siglos. Amén.

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- ◆ Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple will present an **Inner Healing Retreat** May 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jesus came to heal physically, emotionally and spiritually: helping the blind see, helping the lame to walk, and restoring the dead to life. Jesus' healing mission continues today in the Catholic Church. Deacons Dan Lupo and Rod Reyna will explain the scriptural roots of healing mission and demonstrate the practice of healing prayer. The cost is \$50, which includes lunch.
- ◆ Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple will host the **Summer Silent Retreat** June 6-11. Begin the summer focusing on the beauty of the Son of God and find warmth in his love. Choose the option of 2 to 5 nights on this silent retreat to listen more intentionally to God. Father Harry Dean and Brian Egan will lead this retreat with spiritual talks, prayers, adoration, confession and Mass.

For more information, visit www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake or call (254) 780-2436

2025 St Monica's Ladies Society Spring Social Raffle Winners:

Visa Gift Card	\$500 – Keith Copeland
	\$400 – Karla Feggestad
	\$300 – Leon Hollas
	\$250 – Pam Oliver
	\$150 – Jessica Parcus
	\$150 – Charlene Helton
	\$100 – Charlene Helton
	\$100 – Sherry & Paul Mueck
	\$100 – Joyce Vaculin
	\$75 – Johnny Mendoza
	\$50 – Terri Moore
	\$25 – Pat Holley

Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to all for your continued support!

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 10, 2025 6 PM

Lector: Cynthia Kostroun and Lisa Shelton

Euch. M.: Agnes & Denise Pineda

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, May 11, 2025, 8 AM

Lector: Ramona Banda

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Joe Mancha

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

Sunday, May 11, 10 AM

Lector: Shelly Lopez and Marilyn Gaas

Euch. M.: Pam Oliver and Carmen Rios

Altar Servers: Ava Reyes and Jonah DeLosSantos

Saturday, May 17, 2025 6 PM

Lector: Patsy Vrazel and Marilyn Murphy

Euch. M.: Joe & Becky Ferrara

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, May 18, 2025, 8 AM

Lector: Mariana Reyes

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Bonifacio Banda

Altar Servers: Ariana, Efrain, and Margarita Cruz

Sunday, May 18, 2025, 10 AM

***Youth Mass* Baccalaureate Mass**

Lector: Kailey Rodriguez and Elizabeth Pineda

Euch. M.: Marilyn Gaas and Sonia Vega Perez

Altar Servers: , Raphael Martinez Jr., Kenly Reese, Sebastian Layburn



Congratulations on celebrating your First Holy Communion

Daniella Álvarez, Abraham Cardona, Efrain Cruz, Angelique Cortez Arreola, Natalia Cortez Arreola, Juan Damian Romo González, Mia Skye Llanas, Jayden Martínez, Rainey Marie Mueck, Andrew Najera, Cesar Najera, Hailey Najera, Homero Najera, Briza Orozco, Jesus Antonio Ortiz, Gerardo Daniel Ortiz, Alexandra Peñaloza, Marisol Peñaloza, Julisa Anahi Quintero, Diana Reyes and Mateo Reyes

MANY THANKS TO THE CATECHIST, PARENTS & VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR HELP IN PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION!

A Pope of the people

Every pastor of a Catholic parish brings his own unique set of skills and interests to the position. He will have his own perspective and priorities. The same holds true for the pastor of the global Catholic Church, the Bishop of Rome. Pope Francis was a pastor who encouraged Church ministers to "take on the smell of the sheep". As Archbishop of Buenos Aires, he would visit the country's *villas miserias*, not in a fancy car, but by bus. He would kiss the feet of the people, earning him the nickname the "priest of the slums". Surely this practice opened his eyes to the eyes of the poorest and most vulnerable. He didn't change church tradition, but sometimes made it more merciful. He reminded us that being Christian means being counter-cultural. Instead of bullying, we seek understanding and offer compassion, just like our Heavenly Father. As Pope, he was too liberal for the conservatives and too conservative for the liberals. In this sense then, he was like Our Lord Jesus, who came not to subvert the religious law but to give it a heart of compassion and mercy. He spoke of "building bridges rather than walls" and he followed his



words with actions. He challenged us to share God's blessings upon those who felt left out of the church, including gay couples and couples who were not married properly within the church. In his writings, he reminded us that we are called to care for God's creation for the sake of the poor and for future generations. And he believed sharing the Gospel meant sharing joy, the joy that the disciples felt upon receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Well done, good and faithful servant. - - - Fr. Jim

Un Papa del pueblo

Cada pastor de una parroquia católica aporta sus propias habilidades e intereses al puesto. Tendrá su propia perspectiva y prioridades. Lo mismo aplica al pastor de la Iglesia católica global, el Obispo de Roma. El Papa Francisco fue un pastor que animó a los ministros de la Iglesia a "adoptar el olor de las ovejas".

Como arzobispo de Buenos Aires, visitaba las villas miserias del país, no en un coche de lujo, sino en autobús. Besaba los pies de la gente, lo que le valió el apodo de "cura de los barrios marginales". Sin duda, esta práctica le abrió los ojos a los más pobres y vulnerables. No cambió la tradición de la Iglesia, pero a veces la hizo más misericordiosa. Nos recordó que ser cristiano significa ser contracultural. En lugar de intimidar, buscamos comprensión y ofrecemos compasión, al igual que nuestro Padre Celestial. Como Papa, fue demasiado liberal para los conservadores y demasiado conservador para los liberales. En este sentido, fue como Nuestro Señor Jesús, quien no vino a subvertir la ley religiosa, sino a dotarla de un corazón compasivo y misericordioso. Habló de "construir puentes en lugar de muros" y sus palabras se complementaban con acciones. Nos retó a compartir las bendiciones de Dios con quienes se sentían excluidos de la Iglesia, incluyendo a las parejas homosexuales y a las parejas que no estaban casadas debidamente dentro de la Iglesia. En sus escritos, nos recordó que estamos llamados a cuidar la creación de Dios por el bien de los pobres y de las generaciones futuras. Y creía que compartir el Evangelio significaba compartir la alegría, la alegría que sintieron los discípulos al recibir el Espíritu Santo en Pentecostés. ¡Bien hecho, siervo bueno y fiel! - - - P. Jim

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MEETINGS 3RD TUESDAY OF THE
MONTH AT THE
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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.

St. Monica's Ladies' Society

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

All Ladies Invited!

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St. Monica's Ladies' Society

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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.