

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

FOURTH 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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Fourth Sunday of Easter-Good Shepherd Sunday

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (John 10:27)

Cuarto Domingo de Pascua - Domingo del Buen Pastor

"Mis ovejas escuchan mi voz; yo las conozco y ellas me siguen." (Juan 10:27)

~ 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 tradición 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 Jesús.
- Hacer un esfuerzo y mobilizarnos ayudar a otros, compartiendo nuestro tiempo, talentos y tesoros con todos los necesitados, especialmente nuestros ancianos y enfermos



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, May 10, 2025

- 6 p.m. † Gregoria Pinales
† Francisco Cardona
† Hector Cardona

Sunday, May 11, 2025

- 8 a.m. † Sally Cervantes
† Juakin Garcia, Jr.
† Emma & Consuelo Placencia

10 a.m. For the People of God

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

- 12:10 p.m. † Paul Mueck Sr.
† Rosalie Mueck
6 p.m. † Juan Rivas

Thursday, May 15, 2025

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

Friday, May 16, 2025

8 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Saturday, May 17, 2025

- 6 p.m. † Thomas Sheguit
† Herbert & Helen Hoelscher
Las Animas

Sunday, May 18, 2025

- 8 a.m. † Trinidad & Angel Rodriguez
† Socorro Fernandez
† Antonia Casillas

10 a.m. For the People of the Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS

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.

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.

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, Loteria y juegos para los niños, Musica, y mas!

Baccalaureate Mass

For Graduating Seniors & College Graduates
Sunday, May 18, 2025 at the 10 a.m. Mass.

For questions please call or text St. Monica DRE./YM:
Sonia Vega-Perez (254)295-6092

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on
Monday, May 26, 2025.

Confirmation Mass

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

Knights of Columbus Council # 12601

Sportsman Extravaganza Raffle

Friday, July 18, 2025, 6 p.m.



Many Thanks to all parishioners and to the community for supporting the St. Monica's Ladies Society Spring Festival. With your continued support and generosity we were able to raise \$13,043.63. We are grateful to all for your help in allowing us to continue to give back and support our beloved church.

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!

Fourth Sunday of Easter: In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about how his sheep hear his voice and follow him. What is Jesus calling you to do in terms of helping others.

Cuarto Domingo de Pascua: El Evangelio de este domingo, habla sobre cómo sus ovejas escuchan su voz y lo siguen. ¿Qué está Jesús llamándote a hacer para ayudar a otros?

St. Monica's Prayer Chain

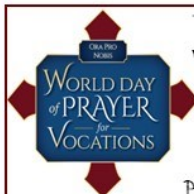
Cadena de Oración de Sta. Mónica

Please Pray for:

Por favor reza por:

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

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



Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.



Sanctuary Light will burn this week:

La Lampa Del Santuario arderá esta semana:

Para La Familia Cardona-Pinales

By: Eliza Cardona



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Stewardship Report

Week of May 4, 2025

Sunday Collection: \$3,897.00

Online Giving:

* Sunday Collection: \$390.00

Total Collection: \$4,287.00

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



Join us in supporting the future of our Catholic Church! This weekend, May 10 & 11, our parishes will be taking up the Seminarians and Priest Education and Formation Special Collection. 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. 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.

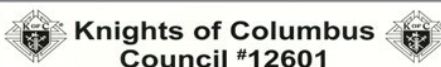
La Diócesis de Austin, junto con nuestro Director de Vocación, Padre Greg Gerhart, trabaja incansablemente para asegurar que tengamos suficientes sacerdotes para celebrar los sacramentos, predicar homilias que muevan los corazones y guíen nuestra fe en su viaje hacia Cristo. El costo total para la formación de un seminarista es de alrededor de \$70,000 al año. Ya que las razones financieras nunca deben de ser un obstáculo para hombres que se encuentran respondiendo al llamado de Dios al sacerdocio, su contribución a esta colecta especial, así como el llamado para los Servicios Católicos y el Fondo Seminarista en la Catholic Foundation, aseguran que sus futuros sacerdotes tengan una formación excelente en preparación para servirles. Que Dios les bendiga por su generosidad y por favor, oren por nuestros seminaristas.



◆ 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



SPORTSMAN EXTRAVAGANZA RAFFLE

\$20 per Ticket

5 prizes drawn for every 300 tickets sold

Friday, July 18th, 2025

Hall Opens at 6:00 p.m. • Raffle 7:00 p.m.

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Stew dinner & refreshments
(one meal per ticket)

TO BE GIVEN AWAY:

- 1.) \$600 Weber's Sporting Goods Gift Certificate
- 2.) \$500 Weber's Sporting Goods Gift Certificate
- 3.) \$400 Weber's Sporting Goods Gift Certificate
- 4.) \$400 Academy Sports and Outdoors Gift Card
- 5.) \$400 Academy Sports and Outdoors Gift Card

Items from Weber's must be picked up by December 31, 2025

Mini Raffles during the event
(Tickets available at the door.)

Need Not Be Present To Win.



Special Collection May 17 & 18 for Archdiocese for the Military Services

Our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), next weekend, a collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken every three years. The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment.

To learn more about the AMS, go to
www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.

Spiritual Exercises

Miles Christi Retreat for men

A Miles Christi Silent Ignatian Retreat for men will be offered June 6-8 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. Men are invited to spend a peaceful weekend with the Lord in silence, contemplation, and prayer.

For more information, visit

www.mileschristi.org/spiritual-exercises
or call (858)768-0872.

Ministry Schedule

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

Saturday, May 24, 2025 6 PM

Lector: Chris Wilson and Nonito Martinez

Euch. M.: Patsy Vrazel and Janice Klecka

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, May 25, 2025, 8 AM

Lector: Margarita Saucedo Madera

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Sonia Vega Perez

Altar Servers: Guadalupe Acosta & Yadir Saucedo

Sunday, May 25, 10 AM

Lector: Rick Rhoades and Monica Schiller

Euch. M.: Pam Oliver and Carmen Rios

Altar Servers: Vicente Sanchez and Danny Reyes

The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34)

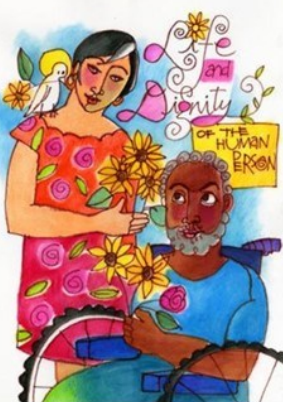
St. Vincent de Paul was a French priest who once served as personal chaplain to the Queen. But after a few years of good food and royal comfort, he chose to leave his post and to care for the poor laborers on a large estate. It was then that Vincent really came alive! A preferential option for the poor is one of the tenets of Catholic social teaching. Here at St. Monica, when you give a small stipend to have a Mass said in someone's memory or honor, that money goes into a "Charity Fund" that is used to assist local people in great need. Our children's collection also goes into this fund. Likewise, when I receive a stipend for performing a baptism, funeral, wedding, or quinceanera, that money goes into the same fund. We may receive as many as 3 or 4 requests a week for help with utilities or rent or food for a hungry family. We always keep accurate records of each person who asks for help, and we are careful not to let someone abuse the charity. Last year in 2024, we were able to distribute \$12,478 in assistance, mostly for utilities, rent, and medical/dental needs. Living in Cameron is almost unaffordable for people with low incomes and several mouths to feed.

Some families are barely getting by when a major expense hits unexpectedly – a car repair, a big medical bill, loss of a job, or work that is erratic or hard to find. The Catechism says: "Those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which . . . has not ceased to work for their relief, defense and liberation." (CCC 2444). I so much appreciate your support of our work of charity! - - - Fr. Jim

El Señor escucha el clamor de los pobres (Salmo 34)

San Vicente de Paúl fue un sacerdote francés que sirvió como capellán personal de la Reina. Pero tras unos años de buena comida y comodidades reales, decidió dejar su puesto y dedicarse a cuidar de los trabajadores pobres de una gran finca.

¡Entonces Vicente cobró vida! La opción preferencial por los pobres es uno de los principios de la doctrina social católica. Aquí en Santa Mónica, cuando se dona un pequeño estipendio para celebrar una misa en memoria u honor de alguien, ese dinero se destina a un "Fondo de Caridad" que se utiliza para ayudar a las personas locales más necesitadas. La colecta de nuestros niños también se destina a este fondo. De igual manera, cuando recibo un estipendio por oficiar un bautizo, un funeral, una boda o una quinceañera, ese dinero se destina al mismo fondo. Recibimos hasta tres o cuatro solicitudes a la semana de ayuda con los servicios públicos, el alquiler o la comida para una familia necesitada. Siempre llevamos un registro preciso de cada persona que solicita ayuda y tenemos cuidado de no permitir que nadie abuse de la caridad. El año pasado, en 2024, pudimos distribuir \$12,478 en asistencia, principalmente para servicios públicos, alquiler y necesidades médicas y dentales. Vivir en Cameron es casi inasequible para personas de bajos ingresos con varias bocas que alimentar. Algunas familias apenas sobreviven cuando surge un gasto importante de forma inesperada: una reparación del coche, una factura médica cuantiosa, la pérdida del empleo o un trabajo irregular o difícil de encontrar. El Catecismo dice: «Los oprimidos por la pobreza son objeto de un amor preferencial por parte de la Iglesia, que no ha cesado de trabajar por su alivio, defensa y liberación» (CIC 2444). ¡Agradezco enormemente su apoyo a nuestra labor caritativa! - - - P. Jim



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MEETINGS 3RD TUESDAY OF THE
MONTH AT THE
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In Service to One. In Service to All!



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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MIKULA*

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St. Monica's Ladies' Society

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

All Ladies Invited!

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Cameron, TX

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ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY

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- Mausoleum Spaces
- Perpetual Care Linda Kamenicky-Secretary 512-796-1904
- Cremation

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Araceli Vargas, John Vargas, Ramona Bolivar, Juan Gonzalez
Gregorio Ortega, Araceli Bolivar-Vargas, John Ray Vargas, Rick
Rhoades, Sherri Rhoades, and Louis "JR" Vrazel Jr.

Finance Council Members

Nonito Martinez, Frank Klecka, Joe Ferrara and Keith Copeland

Cemetery Council Members

Robert Acosta, Juan Casillas, Linda Kamenicky,
Cynthia Kostroun, Richard Kostroun, Renee Mueck, Billy Pagach,
Carlos & Francisca Rodriguez, Gary Vrazel

St. Monica's Ladies' Society

Denise Pineda, President

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Thomas Michalka, Grand Knight

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Carol Moore and Mary Frances Shipp

EIM Site Admin. & Homebound Listing

Linda Kamenicky - email: eim@saintmonicatx.org

Call or text: (512) 796-1904

K.J.Z.T. Society #48

Bettie Pagach, President

INFORMATION

Sacraments

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

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Deacon Jack Murphy leads our OCIA program. Classes usually start in the
Fall, contact the Parish office for information or to register.

St. Monica's Religious Education CCE Program

Classes start in the fall. Contact our Director of Religious Education Sonia
Vega Perez to register or for more information.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office or after office hours call or text Fr. Jim Chamberlain
at 972-895-2622.

Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos

Llame a la oficina para más información.

Sacramentos

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

El Sacramento de la Unción de los enfermos.

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.