

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

FIFTH 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



J. KIRK RICHARDS

A NEW
COMMANDMENT
I GIVE UNTO YOU,
THAT YE
LOVE
ONE ANOTHER
AS I HAVE
LOVED YOU

JOHN 13:34

*~ 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 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

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

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

6 p.m. **NO MASS/ NO HABRA MISA**

Thursday, May 22, 2025

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

Friday, May 23, 2025

8 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Saturday, May 24, 2025

6 p.m. † T.J. Patterson
† Shirley Jean Krennek
† Millie & Charlie Krennek

Sunday, May 25, 2025

8 a.m. † Petra Galvan & Mario Morales
† Cirilo Castillo Jr.
† Anthony & Timothy Woytek

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:

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.

Stewardship Report

Week of May 11, 2025

Sunday Collection:	\$4,519.00
Seminarians and Priest Education and Formation:	\$660.00
Online Giving:	
* Sunday Collection:	\$440.00
Total Collection:	\$5, 619.00



**Special Collection May 17 & 18 for
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MILITARY SERVICES**

• Triennial National Collection •
for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS

Blessing and Annual Cemetery Meeting

Sunday, May 25 – 6:00 pm; St. Monica Cemetery

Parish Office Closed

The office will be closed on Monday, May 26th.

Blessing & Dedication of Plaza

Sunday, June 15 – 11:00 am

Blessing and Dedication of the Plaza and Garden
in front of the church

Altar Server Jamboree

Wednesday, June 25 – 9:00 am to 4:30pm

Training for all altar servers, plus games
and picnic

Homecoming Festival Meeting

Thursday, June 26, 2025, 7pm. Held at the
St. Anthony School/Office, Library.

If you would like to volunteer there will be a
sign up sheet at both entrances of the church.
We are currently looking for someone to be
the chairperson for the Country Store booth
and Soda Toss Booth.

Confirmation Mini-Retreat with sponsors

Sunday, June 29 – 4:00 – 7:30 pm – at the Simon
& George Hall.

Confirmation Mass

Friday, July 11, 2025, 6 p.m. in the church



Sanctuary Light will burn this week:

La Lampara Del Santuario arderá esta semana:

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

**Now Accepting Donations for the
Homecoming Festival Raffle:** It's that time
again, if you would like to make a monetary
donation towards the raffle please contact Gilda
at the parish office. Great prizes guarantee a
successful raffle!

*Estamos aceptando donaciones para la rifa de
la Jamaica en Agosto: Si deseas hacer una
donación monetaria para la rifa comuníquese con
con Gilda en la oficina parroquial. ¡Grandes
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Many Thanks to all parishioners who
participated in the Lenten Alms
Giving by donating online or turning
in your Lenten boxes. With your
generous support we were able to raise
\$ 757.45 for our St. Monica Religious
Education program.

Fifth Sunday of Easter: This week's readings call us to live
what we celebrate each week in the Eucharist: that we
love one another in Christ. Our celebration is dead if it
does not transform us into God's people, a people of love
and service. Paul's ministry brought him out of the Jewish
world, into the Gentile world. Who is it that needs to
hear God's word and experience God's love from us this
week?

Quinto Domingo de Pascua: Las lecturas de esta
semana nos llaman a vivir aquello que celebramos cada
semana en la Eucaristía: que nos amemos los unos a los
otros en Cristo. Nuestra celebración está muerta si no
nos transforma en gente de Dios, gente de amor y
servicio. El ministerio de Paul lo sacó del mundo Judío,
hacia el mundo Gentil ¿Quién necesita escuchar la
palabra de Dios y experimentar el amor de Dios esta
semana?

Ministry Schedule

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 & Yadira 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

Saturday, May 30, 2025 6 PM

Lector: Denise Pineda and Lisa Shelton

Euch. M.: Marilyn Murphy and Jane Marek

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, June 1, 2025, 8 AM

Lector: Joe Mancha

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Ramona Banda

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

Sunday, June 1, 2025, 10 AM

Lector: Rubi Bautista and Sonia Vega Perez

Euch. M.: Agnes & Cynthia Kostroun

Altar Servers: Ava Reyes and Jonah DeLosSantos

This week our parish will take a collection to benefit the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The AMS is the Archdiocese for the Military Services, not of the Military Services. This is an important distinction, because the AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or U.S. Military and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. Instead, it must rely on the generosity of those whose values and priorities align with its mission, programs and services, to meet its costs. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this special collection to support active-duty military men and women, and their families – including those from our own parish. Please give generously.

Esta semana, nuestra parroquia realizará una colecta a beneficio de la Arquidiócesis para los Servicios Militares de EE. UU. (AMS). La AMS es la Arquidiócesis para los Servicios Militares, no de los Servicios Militares. Esta es una distinción importante, ya que la AMS no recibe fondos del Gobierno ni de las Fuerzas Armadas de EE. UU., y no tiene parroquias de las que recibir una contribución semanal. En cambio, depende de la generosidad de quienes comparten valores y prioridades con su misión, programas y servicios para cubrir sus gastos. Por favor, consideren con devoción contribuir a esta colecta especial para apoyar a los militares en servicio activo y a sus familias, incluyendo a las de nuestra parroquia. Por favor, donen generosamente.

Congratulations Class of 2025!

As you step into this new chapter in your young lives may you always walk in faith, have a loving heart, and the pursuit of a meaningful life guided by God's grace. We are so proud of you, continue forward with hearts full of hope and a future filled with promise!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you; plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Mariah Acosta

C.H. Yoe High School Graduate
Daughter of: Richard & Angelica Acosta
Attending Temple College, Temple, Tx-Veterinarian Tech

Naellie Ruby Aragonez

C.H. Yoe High School Graduate
Daughter of: Martin Aragonez & Guille Segovia Aragonez
Attending Temple College, Temple, Tx-Nursing

Aaron Abraham Cardona

C.H. Yoe High School Graduate
Son of: Agustín & Sanjuana Cardona
Attending Texas State Technical College, Waco, TX-
Instrumentation Technology

Lorenzo Jordan Cervantes

C.H. Yoe High School Graduate
Son of: Lorenzo Cervantes & Veronica Gonzalez
Attending Texas State Technical College, Waco, TX-
Instrumentation and Controls

Gabriel Cruz

C.H. Yoe High School Graduate
Son of: Juan & Aurora Cardona Cruz
Attending Texas State Technical College, Waco, TX-
Electrical & Power Control

Alyssa Erianna Lolita Ibarra

C.H. Yoe High School Graduate
Daughter of: Manuel & Jessica Ibarra
Attending Blinn College, Bryan, TX- Radiologic Technology

Rubi Llanas

Rogers High School Graduate
Daughter of: Ramon & Maria Llanas
Attending Temple College, Temple, Tx- Diagnostic Medical
Sonography

Homero Najera

C.H. Yoe High School Graduate
Son of: Homero & Sarai Najera
Attending Texas State Technical College, Waco, TX- HVAC

Luis Anthony Pineda

C.H. Yoe High School Graduate
Son of: Leonardo & Maria Guadalupe Pineda
Attending Austin Universal Technical Institute- Automotive
Mechanics

Alexa Anabel Ramos

C.H. Yoe High School Graduate
Daughter of: Salvador & Maria Elena Ramos
Attending Temple College, Temple, Tx- Nursing - NICU Nurse

Alexis Jesus Reyes

C.H. Yoe High School Graduate
Son of: Lucio & Lorena Mora-Reyes
Attending UTI- Houston Tx-Industrial Maintenance

Emily Rodriguez

C.H. Yoe High School Graduate
Daughter of: Jose & Martina Rodriguez
Attending Texas Tech University- Nursing

Kingstin Rodriguez

C.H. Yoe High School Graduate
Son of: Erica Reyes
Attending Texas State University- Business/Economics Minor in
Marketing

Giovanni Elijah Salazar

C.H. Yoe High School Graduate
Son of: Gilda Rios
Will be joining the work field

Daniella Torres

C.H. Yoe High School Graduate
Daughter of: Jose & Patricia Torres
Will be joining the work field

Jayda Skye Vargas:

C.H. Yoe High School Graduate
Daughter of: Mario & Annette Vargas
Will be joining the work field

Marissa Amanda Vargas:

C.H. Yoe High School Graduate
Daughter of: Jose H. & Veronica Banda Vargas
United States Military- English & Journalism
College Graduates 2025

Jaime Guadalupe Garza Bautista

Temple College Graduate: Associates of Arts in Teaching
Son of: Jaime & Monica Bautista Garza Sr.

Fernando Reyes Jr.

Temple College Graduate: Associates Degree in Computer
Information Systems
Son of: The Late Fernando Reyes Sr. & Maria Ester Vega-Reyes

John Ray Torres Jr.

Austin Universal Technical Institute Graduate: HVACR Degree
Son of: John Ray Torres Sr. & Erika Desirae Campos

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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)

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- 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.

Who was the previous Pope Leo?

The first century world was quite different from our modern world. Jesus never had to teach his followers about church-state relations, or artificial birth control, or child labor, or environmental degradation because such things just did not exist. Catholic social teaching is the collection of teachings from the Pope and our bishops that apply Gospel principles to these modern problems. And it all began with Pope Leo XIII who published his encyclical letter, *Rerum Novarum* (Of a New World), in 1891. This pope lived at the height of the industrial age in Europe and the Americas. The working class was enduring the misery of long hours, unsafe working conditions, low wages, and forced child labor. One response was that taken by Karl Marx who advocated the overthrow of the ruling class and private property. In contrast, Pope Leo's approach was more measured and respectful of human dignity and individual freedom. Against socialism, Leo affirmed the right to private property as an incentive for individual initiative and creativity. He asserted the right to a living wage rather than a contract that is imposed upon the workforce in order to generate greater profits for the owner: "Wages ought to be sufficient to support a frugal and well-behaved wage-earner." And he affirmed the right of workers to form unions so as to better negotiate with



owners over more favorable working conditions. The pope cautioned against the excesses of capitalism which can lead to a gap between economic classes. A new pope chooses his name out of respect or admiration for a previous pope and to signal the desire to follow in his footsteps. Perhaps the newly elected Pope Leo XIV, too, wants to address a new world, or, perhaps, this old world in a new way.

- - - Fr. Jim

¿Quién fue el anterior Papa León?

El mundo del primer siglo era muy diferente de nuestro mundo moderno. Jesús nunca tuvo que enseñar a sus seguidores sobre las relaciones entre la Iglesia y el Estado, ni sobre la anticoncepción artificial, ni sobre el trabajo infantil, ni sobre la degradación ambiental, porque tales cosas simplemente no existían. La doctrina social católica es el conjunto de enseñanzas del Papa y de nuestros obispos que aplican los principios del Evangelio a estos problemas modernos. Y todo comenzó con el Papa León XIII, quien publicó su encíclica *Rerum Novarum* (De un mundo nuevo) en 1891. Este Papa vivió en el apogeo de la era industrial en Europa y América. La clase trabajadora soportaba la miseria de largas jornadas laborales, condiciones laborales inseguras, bajos salarios y trabajo infantil forzado. Una respuesta fue la de Karl Marx, quien abogó por el derrocamiento de la clase dominante y la propiedad privada. En contraste, el enfoque del Papa León III fue más mesurado y respetuoso con la dignidad humana y la libertad individual. Contra el socialismo, León afirmó el derecho a la propiedad privada como incentivo para la iniciativa y la creatividad individual. Afirmó el derecho a un salario digno en lugar de un contrato impuesto a la fuerza laboral para generar mayores ganancias para el propietario: «Los salarios deben ser suficientes para mantener a un asalariado frugal y de buen comportamiento». Y afirmó el derecho de los trabajadores a formar sindicatos para negociar mejor con los propietarios condiciones laborales más favorables. El Papa advirtió contra los excesos del capitalismo que pueden conducir a una brecha entre las clases económicas. Un nuevo Papa elige su nombre por respeto o admiración a un Papa anterior y para indicar el deseo de seguir sus pasos. Quizás el recién elegido Papa León XIV también quiera abordar un nuevo mundo, o quizás, este viejo mundo de una manera nueva. - - - Padre Jim

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St. Monica's Ladies' Society

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

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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.