

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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

-Pastor-

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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



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - LA ASCENSIÓN DEL SEÑOR

~ 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 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 31, 2025

- 6 p.m. † Louis Krenek
 † Charles Elliott
 † Las Animas

Sunday, June 1, 2025

- 8 a.m. † Gregorio & Francisca Ortega
 † Paula & Jaquín García
 † Mia R. Oviedo

- 10 a.m. † For the People of God

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

- 12:10 p.m. † Rosalie Mueck

- 6 p.m. † Delfina Rodriguez

Thursday, June 5, 2025

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

Friday, June 6, 2025

- 8 a.m. Living & Deceased members of
 St. Monica's Ladies Society

Saturday, June 7, 2025

- 6 p.m. † Leon Rieger
 † Eugene Vansa

Sunday, June 8, 2025

- 8 a.m. † Sally Cervantes
 † Jaquín García Jr.
 † Mario Morales
 Liliana Zaragoza

- 10 a.m. † Eugene Vansa
 † Paul Mueck

✠ For the Sick & Elderly



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,
 Elizabeth Dewester, and
 Jay & Joy Watson

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

Stewardship Report**Week of May 25, 2025**

Sunday Collection: \$2,553.00
 Archdiocese for the Military Services:
 \$317.00

Online Giving:
 * Sunday Collection: \$485.00

Total Collection: \$ 3,355.00**Upcoming Second Collections**

June 14 & 15: Homecoming Festival
 June 28 & 29: Peter's Pence

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS**KIZT MEETING**

Friday, June 13, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. will be held at the St. Anthony School, Library. Guest Speaker Nathan Fuchs, Mayor of Cameron and District Representative Helen Metzger will be in attendance.

Altar Server Jamboree

Wednesday, June 25 - 9:00 am to 4:30 p.m.
 Training for all altar servers, plus games & picnic.

Homecoming Festival Meeting

Thursday, June 26, 2025, 7p.m. 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 p.m. - at the Simon & George Hall.

Parish Office Closure

In observance of Independence Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 4th.

Confirmation Mass

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

Knights of Columbus Council # 12601**Sportsman Extravaganza Raffle**

Friday, July 18, 2025, 6 p.m. at the Simon & George Hall.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

As we await Pentecost, the Scriptures this week invite us to ponder these questions: Are we a community who lives the love and unity for which Jesus prayed? Are we courageous witnesses of the risen Jesus and the Holy Spirit? Do we live as people reborn and refreshed by the life-giving waters of baptism? How will our baptism make us people of justice and charity?

Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor

Mientras esperamos la llegada de Pentecostés, esta semana se nos invita a hacernos estas preguntas: ¿Somos una comunidad que vive el amor y la unidad por la que Jesús oró? ¿Vivimos como gente renacida y renovada por las aguas dadoras de vida del bautismo? ¿Cómo nos hará nuestro bautismo gente de justicia y caridad?

**ATTENTION
PLEASE**

DEADLINE FOR HOMECOMING FESTIVAL**DONATIONS FOR THE RAFFLE IS FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH!**

To make a monetary donation for the Homecoming Festival raffle please contact Anita Mendoza at 254-482-3329 or contact the parish office by phone: (254)697-2107 or email: office@saintmonicatx.org



**Knights of Columbus
 Council #12601**

**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.

Simon George Hall • Cameron, TX

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.

**ST. MONICA'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION****R.E. REGISTRATION NOW OPEN****FOR THE 2025-2026 YEAR !****PRE-K - HIGH SCHOOL****- First Day of R. E. CCE Class-****Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 9 a.m.**

**Las inscripciones para Educación Religiosa
 ya está abierta para el año 2025-2026.**

**El primer día de clases será el domingo 28 de
 septiembre de 2025 a las 9 a.m.**

Register by Appointment!

**Contact Director of Religious Education
 Sonia Vega Perez (254) 295-6092**



This summer, Fr. Jim will be offering eight sessions on:
 "Basics of our Catholic Faith".

This is the "inquiry phase" (pre-catechumenate) of OCIA and will include discussion and some short videos. These sessions are **open to any adult (16 yrs of age or older) who wants to receive their sacraments or who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith.**

Sessions will meet on Mondays, 5:00-6:30 pm, and will begin on Monday, June 2nd held at the St. Anthony School, Library Room

Silent 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.



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16TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S MASS



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MASS AT 9:00 AM WITH A RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

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Celebrant:
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Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 7, 2025 6 PM

Lector: Keith Copeland and Patsy Vrazel

Euch. M.: Marilyn Murphy and Janice Klecka

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, June 8, 2025, 8 AM

Lector: Blanca Cazares

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Sonia Vega Perez

Altar Servers: Guadalupe Acosta & Margarita Cruz

Sunday, June 8, 10 AM

Lector: Rick Rhoades and Marilyn Gaas

Euch. M.: Pam Oliver and Monica Schiller

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

Saturday, June 14, 2025 6 PM

Lector: Chris Wilson and Denise Pineda

Euch. M.: Joe & Becky Ferrara

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, June 15, 2025, 8 AM

Lector: Mariana Reyes

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Joe Mancha

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

Sunday, June 15, 2025, 10 AM

Lector: Kailey Rodriguez and Celeste Cardona

Euch. M.: Marilyn Gaas and Anna Reyes Hill

Altar Servers: Vicente Sanchez and Danny Reyes



Texas Alliance for Life
Saturday, June 21, 2025

• North Austin

• South Austin

• Cedar Park

• Georgetown

• Harker Heights

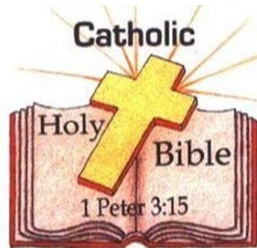
• San Marcos

Please join us for Texas Alliance for Life's Walk for Life on Saturday, June 21, 8:30-10:00 AM in Austin, Cedar Park, Georgetown, San Marcos, and Harker Heights.

The walk-a-thon is for the entire family. Walk with us to promote the sanctity of innocent human life and raise funds for programs that protect mothers, unborn babies, and pregnancy resource centers. To register as a walker and get pledges, please visit www.texasallianceforlife.org or call 512.477.1244. Last year, close to 150 walkers from over 68 churches in Central Texas participated. Collectively, they received more than \$133,000 in pledges, an outstanding result that is among our best for the walks sponsored by Texas Alliance for Life. Every walker who raises \$250 will earn a commemorative T-shirt! You can earn additional incentives like tickets to the Annual Benefit Dinner.

Two wings that lift us to God

St. Pope John Paul II wrote: "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth." In other words, God gave us intelligence to uncover truths – through scientific discovery - about the natural world. He also gave us the capacity to believe in things that are beyond our visible world, to have faith in the unseen Maker. Some say that science and religion are incompatible. But God is truth, and truth will never contradict truth. A person uses reason when she asks a lot of questions; she uses faith when she trusts in someone or something. The happiest people are those who both trust and use logical reason. For example, we trust a road map because someone has already traveled the routes before us and measured all the distances. We trust an older sister who is a stockbroker and recommends that we invest in a certain stock. We know that she wouldn't intentionally deceive us. We can't possibly know all about a person before we marry them. But we pay close attention to their moods, habits, likes and dislikes, and we have ruled out any reasons why we should *not* marry this person. Then we trust, and hope, that our choice is a good one. (If we waited until we knew everything about a person, then no one would ever get married!) The same holds true with our life with God. We have known experiences of beauty, goodness, and truth, when we have felt lifted up beyond ourselves into the Transcendent. These personal experiences are real and can be trusted. The first letter of Peter says: "Always be ready to give ... a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence." (1 Pet. 3:15) - - - Fr. Jim



Faith and Reason

Dos alas que nos elevan hacia Dios

El Papa Juan Palo II escribió: «La fe y la razón son como dos alas con las que el espíritu humano se eleva hacia la contemplación de la verdad». En otras palabras, Dios nos dio la inteligencia para descubrir verdades —a través del descubrimiento científico— sobre el mundo natural. También nos dio la capacidad de creer en cosas que están más allá de nuestro mundo visible, de tener fe en el Creador invisible. Algunos dicen que la ciencia y la religión son incompatibles. Pero Dios es verdad, y la verdad nunca contradecirá a la verdad. Una persona usa la razón cuando se hace muchas preguntas; usa la fe cuando confía en alguien o en algo. Las personas más felices son aquellas que confían y usan la razón lógica. Por ejemplo, confiamos en un mapa de carreteras porque alguien ya recorrió las rutas antes que nosotros y midió todas las distancias. Confiamos en una hermana mayor, corredora de bolsa, que nos recomienda invertir en ciertas acciones. Sabemos que no nos engañaría intencionalmente. Es imposible saberlo todo sobre una persona antes de casarnos con ella. Pero prestamos mucha atención a sus estados de ánimo, hábitos, gustos y disgustos, y descartamos cualquier razón por la que no deberíamos casarnos con ella. Entonces confiamos y esperamos que nuestra elección sea la correcta. (Si esperaríamos a saberlo todo sobre una persona, ¡nadie se casaría jamás!). Lo mismo ocurre con nuestra vida con Dios. Hemos tenido experiencias de belleza, bondad y verdad, al sentirnos elevados más allá de nosotros mismos hacia lo Transcendente. Estas experiencias personales son reales y podemos confiar en ellas. La primera carta de Pedro dice: «Estén siempre dispuestos a dar razón de su esperanza, pero háganlo con mansedumbre y reverencia» (1 Pedro 3:15). - - - Padre 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.

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St. Monica's Ladies' Society

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

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Rhoades, Sherri Rhoades, and Louis "JR" Vrazel Jr.

Finance Council Members

Nonito Martinez, Frank Klecka, Joe Ferrara and Keith Copeland

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Cynthia Kostroun, Richard Kostroun, Renee Mueck, Billy Pagach,
Carlos & Francisca Rodriguez, Gary Vrazel

St. Monica's Ladies' Society

Becky Ferrara, President

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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.