

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Monica Catholic Church



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

located in the St. Anthony Building

MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9AM-2PM (CLOSED- 12PM-1PM)

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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 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, July 12, 2025

- 6 p.m. † Herbert F. & Helen Hoelscher
† Louis Vrazel, Sr.
† Carter Tomascik

Sunday, July 13, 2025

- 8 a.m. † Sally Cervantes
† Juakin Garcia, Jr.
† Carlos Daniel Valles

10 a.m. For the People of God

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

- 12:10p.m. † Enriqueta Anaya
6 p.m. † Juan Salazar Gonzalez

Thursday, July 17, 2025

12:10p.m. For the People of the Parish
Friday, July 18, 2025

8 a.m. For the People of the Parish
Saturday, July 19, 2025

- 6 p.m. † Joe & Annie Dohnalik
† Joe & Mary Vrazel
† Las Animas

Sunday, July 20, 2025

- 8 a.m. † Vanessa R. Barba
† Mia R. Oviedo
† Petra Galvan
- 10 a.m. † Fr. Peter Nguyen Hoang Hai
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, Jay & Joy
Watson, and Barbara Schattle.

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

Stewardship Report

Week of July 6, 2025

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,724.00
Homecoming Festival: \$ 738.00
Online Giving:
* Sunday Collection: \$390.00
* Homecoming Festival: \$50.00
Total Collection: \$ 4,902.00

Upcoming Second Collections

July 19 & 20: Mission Appeal: Crosier
Fathers & Brothers with Fr. Moise Kisonia



SUPPORT RELIEF EFFORTS

for victims of Central Texas flooding with the
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of San Antonio and
Catholic Charities of Central Texas

brothers as they begin to rebuild and restore hope. Please support this Second Collection for Disaster Relief efforts. **Checks can be made payable to: Catholic Charities**. If you would like to donate directly to Catholic Charities, visit the website below.

Las recientes inundaciones repentinas en la región montañosa del centro de Texas han causado una devastación generalizada, dejando a muchas familias en urgente necesidad de apoyo y esperanza. Este fin de semana (12 y 13 de julio), en todas las misas, la parroquia realizará una Segunda Colecta de Emergencia para Ayuda por Desastre. Los fondos se destinarán a Caridades Católicas del centro de Texas para ayudar a los sobrevivientes con sus necesidades inmediatas y a largo plazo.

Con su donativo, estas organizaciones locales brindarán alimento, refugio, ayuda y esperanza. Juntos, podemos apoyar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas mientras comienzan a reconstruir y restaurar la esperanza. Por favor, apoye los esfuerzos de la Segunda Colecta de Emergencia para Ayuda por Desastre. Los cheques pueden hacerse a nombre de: Catholic Charities. Si desea donar directamente a Caridades Católicas, visite el sitio web a continuación.

Catholic Charities of Central Texas: <https://ccctx.org/donate/>

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of San Antonio: <https://ccaosa.ejoinme.org/helptoday>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS

Homecoming Festival Meeting

Thursday, July 24, 2025, 7 p.m. at the St. Anthony Center Library. We need All booth Chairpersons to attend this meeting. Supplies/Workers list is due, you can turn in at the meeting.

Homecoming Festival Set-Up Days

Saturday, August 9, 2025, 8 a.m.
and Sunday August 16, 2025, 8 a.m.

Your help is greatly needed! We ask that all parishioners come out and help with the set up for our Homecoming Festival.

Días de preparación para La Jamaica

Sábado 9 de agosto de 2025, 8:00 a. m.

y domingo 16 de agosto de 2025, 8:00 a. m.

¡Necesitamos mucho su ayuda! Les pedimos a todos los feligreses que vengan y colaboren con los preparativos para la Jamaica.

Holy Day of Obligation/Fiesta de Precepto

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Bilingual Mass

Friday, August 15, 2025 at 7 p.m.



La Asunción de la Santísima
Virgen María Viernes, 15 de Agosto
de 2025 a las 7 p.m., bilingüe
(There will be no Daily Mass at 8 a.m.)

Homecoming Festival 2025/Jamaica 2025

Sunday, August 17, 2025



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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)

TO BE GIVEN AWAY:

- 1.) \$600 Weber's Sporting Goods Gift Certificate
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- 3.) \$400 Weber's Sporting Goods Gift Certificate
- 4.) \$400 Academy Sports and Outdoors Gift Card
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Together in Holiness Marriage Conference – Married and engaged couples are invited to the fourth annual **Together in Holiness** marriage conference on **August 2, 2025** from 10:30 am - 6:00 pm at **St. Albert the Great Catholic Church**. This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. On-site childcare and scholarships are available for those in need. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Austin. For more info, visit togetherinholiness.org/austin or email gabby@forlifeandfamily.org.

Prayer of thanksgiving for our new bishop:

Almighty and ever living God, with profound gratitude for your generous providence and by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has chosen the Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia as our next bishop. We ask that you grant Bishop Garcia the holiness and strength to be a shepherd after the heart of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

May his benevolent care and kindly zeal strengthen the people of God by the light of the Gospel and the power of the sacraments. With our prayers and support, and in the spirit of his episcopal motto, let us now "walk humbly with God" alongside Bishop Garcia for many years to come.

In gratitude for the intercession of our patroness, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



July 12 - 18
Sanctuary Light will burn:
Lampara Del Santuario arderá
In Honor of Nayeli Zaragoza
 By: Eliza Cardona

Prayers for those affected by flooding

Dear Friends in Christ, as a Diocese of Austin family, let us join in prayer with our brothers and sisters across Central Texas and especially in the Archdiocese of San Antonio for those affected by the devastating flooding. May those lost to the raging waters rest in peace, through the mercy of God, and may their families know God's presence during this time of sorrow and uncertainty. We also pray for the first responders and volunteers who are helping with recovery efforts. Invoking the watchful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, under her title of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, patroness of people seeking protection during natural disasters and strong storms, we pray God will bring to a calm the rushing rivers and protect those working to recover the lost.

-Very Reverend James A. Misko, Diocesan Administrator

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 19, 2025 6 PM

Lector: Lisa Shelton and Patsy Vrazel

Euch. M.: Cynthia & Agnes Kostroun

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, July 20, 2025, 8 AM

Lector: Ramona Banda

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Bonifacio Banda

Altar Servers: Guadalupe Acosta and Margarita Cruz

Sunday, July 20, 10 AM

Lector: Elizabeth Pineda and Rubi Bautista

Euch. M.: Marilyn Murphy and Carmen Rios

Altar Servers: Jonah DeLosSantos and Sebastian Layburn

Saturday, July 26, 2025 6 PM

Lector: Cynthia Kostroun and Chris Wilson

Euch. M.: Janice Klecka and Marilyn Murphy

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, July 27, 2025, 8 AM

Lector: Margarita Saucedo Madera

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Sonia Vega Perez

Altar Servers: Ceasar Guevara Mateo and Nolvin Vasquez-Lopez

Sunday, July 27, 2025, 10 AM

Lector: Kailey Rodriguez and Celeste Cardona

Euch. M.: Monica Schiller and Anna Reyes Hill

Altar Servers: Vicente Sanchez and Danny Reyes

Please join us in honoring those who work in agriculture at the 36th Annual

Rural Life Mass

August 28, 2025 at 6: 00p.m.

St. Monica Catholic Church

306 S Nolan Avenue

Cameron, Texas

Reception to follow at Simon and George Hall, on the church grounds.



ALL ARE WELCOME

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In this familiar Gospel the lawyer, who wishes to justify himself, asks Jesus the crucial question: Who is my neighbor? Jesus' answer in the story of Good Samaritan indicates that our neighbor is the one before who is in need. The priest and Levite in the story could not move beyond the laws regarding purity to see that the man in need was their neighbor, but the Samaritan could. Is there anything in our lives that keeps us from really seeing a neighbor in need and responding as

Jesus desires?

15to Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario:

En este Evangelio, el abogado, que desea justificarse a si mismo, hace a Jesús la pregunta crucial: ¿Quién es mi prójimo? Jesús le responde con la historia de la buena Samaritana, que nuestro vecino es el necesitado ante nosotros. Los sacerdotes y Levitas de la historia no podían ir más allá de la leyes de pureza para ver que el hombre necesitado era el vecino, pero la Samaritana sí pudo ¿Hay alguien en nuestras vidas que nos impide poder ver a un vecino necesitado y responder a los deseos de Jesús?

Believing in God in a Scientific Age

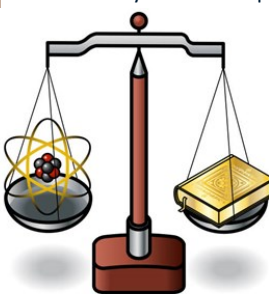
"The earth is the LORD's and all it holds, the world and those who dwell in it." (Ps. 24:1). But how did He do it? One reason that Christian religious practice is in decline is that it seems out of touch with modern understandings of the world. Unbelievers are often unable to reconcile the Biblical presentation of God with scientific facts. But long ago, St. Augustine wrote: "We (Christians) must be on our guard against giving interpretations that are opposed to truth about nature and therefore exposing the Word of God to the ridicule of unbelievers." Modern-day people of faith want to both "believe" and "be believable". The claims of evolutionary science invite us to reimagine our image of God and creation as handed on to us in our faith tradition. This Fall I will be teaching an online Senior Seminar – *Believing in God in a Scientific Age* - that treats both science and religion with equal respect. We begin with understanding the methods of science and the formation of the Bible. Then we uncover some of the history that includes both conflict and enlightenment. We learn the basics of evolution and its challenge to traditional Christian assumptions about the special place of humanity. Finally we explore ways in which participants might harmonize their own personal faith with the revelations of modern science. We learn from men and women who are theologians who know the science and/or scientists who are believers. Participants are invited to form their own answer to the question: "What do you believe about God and why?" There are no assignments or quizzes, and no grades are given! I would love for some of my St. Monica parishioners (age 50+) to take the course. This Senior Seminar is cheap

(\$50) and meets on six Monday afternoons, 3:00-4:30 pm, Sep 22-Oct 27, via Zoom through the University of Oklahoma.

Contact me if you are interested. - - - Fr. Jim

Creer en Dios en la Era Científica

Una de las razones por las que la práctica religiosa cristiana está en declive es que parece estar desconectada de la comprensión moderna del mundo. Los no creyentes a menudo son incapaces de conciliar la presentación bíblica de Dios con los hechos científicos.



Pero hace mucho tiempo, San Agustín escribió: «Nosotros (los cristianos) debemos estar en guardia contra las interpretaciones que se oponen a la verdad sobre la naturaleza y, por lo tanto, exponer la Palabra de Dios al ridículo de los no creyentes».

Las personas de fe de hoy en día desean tanto «creer» como «ser creíbles». Las afirmaciones de la ciencia evolutiva nos invitan a redefinir nuestra imagen de Dios y la creación, tal como nos fue transmitida por nuestra tradición religiosa (cristianos, judíos, musulmanes). Este otoño impartiré un seminario en línea para estudiantes de último año, «Creer en Dios en la Era Científica», que trata la ciencia y la religión con el mismo respeto. Comenzamos comprendiendo los métodos científicos y la formación de la Biblia. Luego, descubrimos parte de la historia, que incluye tanto conflictos como iluminación. Aprendemos los fundamentos de la evolución y su desafío a las suposiciones cristianas tradicionales sobre el lugar especial de la humanidad. Finalmente, exploramos maneras en que los participantes pueden armonizar su fe personal con las revelaciones de la ciencia moderna. Aprendemos de hombres y mujeres teólogos que conocen la ciencia y/o científicos creyentes. Se invita a los participantes a formular su propia respuesta a la pregunta: "¿Qué crees sobre Dios y por qué?". No hay tareas ni exámenes, ¡y no se otorgan calificaciones! Me encantaría que algunos de mis feligreses de Santa Mónica (mayores de 50 años) tomaran el curso. Contáctame si te interesa. - - - P. Jim

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Prayer to St. Monica

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patroness of all
mothers and fathers,
please take our children
under your protection even those
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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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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.(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.