

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Monica Catholic Church



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located in the St. Anthony Building

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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

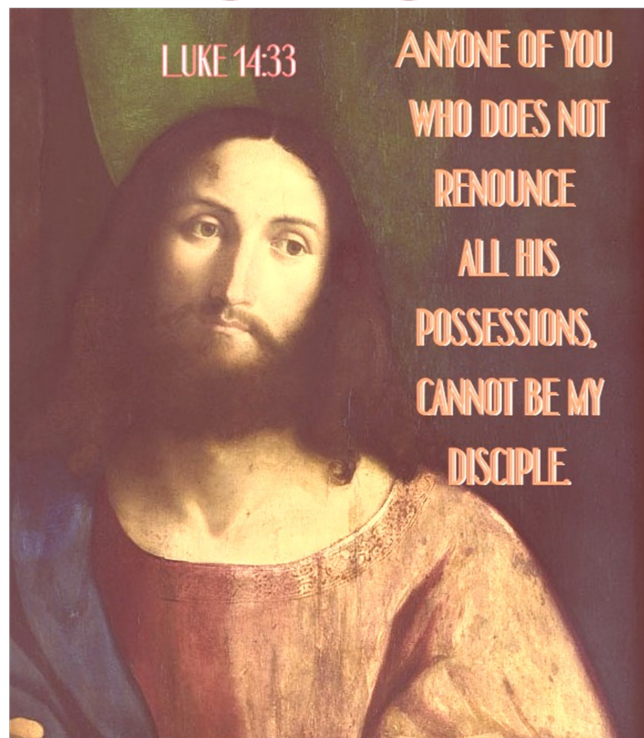
Friday/ Viernes

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, September 6, 2025

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

Sunday, September 7, 2025

- 8 a.m. † Carlos Daniel Valles
 † Gregorio & Francisca Ortega
 † Paula & Jaquin Garcia, Sr.

10 a.m. For the people of the Parish

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

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

6 p.m. For the People of the Parish

Thursday, September 11, 2025

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

Friday, September 12, 2025

8 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Saturday, September 13, 2025

- 6 p.m. † Olga & Hubert Marek
 † Joe & Mary Vrazel
 † Joe & Annie Dohnalik

Sunday, September 14, 2025

- 8 a.m. † Sally Cervantes
 † Jaquin Garcia Jr.
 † Anthony & Tim Woytek

10 a.m. For the People of God

Stewardship Report

Week of August 31, 2025

Sunday Collection: \$2,665.00

Online Giving:

* Sunday Collection: \$ 575.00

Total Collection: \$ 3,240.00

Sept. 6-7 Special Collection

A special collection for Humanitarian Relief and Pastoral Support in Gaza will be taken up. Amid relentless violence, the people of Gaza are grappling with death, injury, forced displacement and deep psychological trauma. This collection supports the efforts of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), which have well-established partnerships with the Catholic Church in the region of Gaza to allow them to respond quickly and efficiently.

Please be generous.

6 y 7 de septiembre: colecta especial

Una colecta especial para la Ayuda Humanitaria y el Apoyo Pastoral en Gaza. En medio de incesante violencia, la gente de Gaza se enfrenta a la muerte, las lesiones, los desplazamientos forzados y un profundo trauma psicológico. Esta colecta apoya los esfuerzos de Catholic Relief Services (CRS) y de Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), que cuenta con asociaciones bien establecidas con la Iglesia Católica en la región de Gaza que les permite responder con prontitud y eficiencia. Por favor sea generoso.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS

St. Monica RE Evening CCE Registration

September 9, 11, 23, & 25 at 6p.m.- 8p.m.

Registration held in the St. Anthony School

Inscripciones para el catecismo

9, 11, 23 y 25 de septiembre, de 6p.m.- 8p.m.

Inscripciones en la escuela St. Anthony.

Post Homecoming Festival Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 7 p.m.

Held in the St. Anthony School, Library

OCIA Class begins

Thursday, September 25, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Held in the St Anthony School Library

First day of CCE

Primer día de clases de catecismo

Sunday, September 28, 2025. 9:00 a.m.

First Day of Confirmation II Class

Primer día de clases para la Confirmación II

Wednesday, October 1, 2025, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.



Mass Intentions for 2026

The book for Mass intentions for the year 2026 is now open. To schedule contact parish secretary at the parish office. **Only one individual name (first and last name) or one couple (first and last name) per Mass.** Mass Stipend is \$5.



St. Monica's Prayer Chain

Cadena de Oración de Sta. Mónica

Please Pray for: Por favor reza por:

Rosita Banda Cruz, Carolyn Klecka, Elizabeth Dewester, Bramlette Younts, Arlene Garcia, Arturo (Sonny) Vega Jr, Martha & Louis Hubnik

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

This weekend after all Masses: September 6 & 7 Little Bethlehem from the Holy Land:

Our Brothers and sisters need our help and support, they have been in a hard situation for over 2 years now, the main source of income is the Olive wood; please anything you can buy it will support many families in the Holy Land.

The Pope's September Intentions

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Por nuestra relación con toda la creación

Oremos para que, inspirados por San Francisco, experimentemos nuestra interdependencia con todas las criaturas amadas por Dios y dignas de amor y respeto.



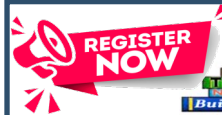
The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church. OCIA can also be a method for Catholics to complete their reception of the initiation sacraments.

Who is OCIA for?

- * Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith
- * Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith
- * Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

We welcome you to register for classes! Registration forms are available on our website, in the church or the parish office. Classes begin this fall with Dcn. Jack Murphy, held at the St. Anthony School Library every Thursday, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **starting Thursday, September 25, 2025 in English.**

Registration forms can be turned in to Gilda Rios at the parish office or by email at office@saintmonicatx.org. Please provide copies of your birth certificate and sacramental certificates, if received.



St. Monica Religious Education CCE Program Registration

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

♦ Tues., Sept. 9 & Thurs., Sept. 11

♦ Tues., Sept. 23 & Thurs., Sept. 25

First day of Classes, Pre-k- 9th grade:

Sun., Sept. 28, 9a.m.-9:50 a.m.

First day of Classes, Confirmation II:

Wed., Oct. 1, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend on the registration dates listed contact St. Monica's DRE to set an appointment to register your child(ren).

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

How much are we willing to give up to be a follower of Jesus? In the Gospel, Jesus asks us to let go of everything important and dear to us: family, friends, possessions, position and even our very selves. Have we calculated the cost of discipleship? Philemon in the second reading had to give up social status in order to receive his runaway slave as a brother as Paul asked. Do we accept as brothers and sisters those whom society rejects because of Christ? How do we live that out?

23ro Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¿A cuánto estamos dispuestos a renunciar para ser seguidores de Jesús? En el Evangelio, Jesús nos pide que dejemos ir todo lo importante y querido para nosotros: familia, amigos, posesiones, posición e incluso nuestro propio ser ¿Hemos calculado el precio del discipulado? Filemón en la segunda lectura tuvo que renunciar a su estatus social para poder recibir a su esclavo fugitivo como hermano, tal como Pablo había pedido ¿Nosotros aceptamos como hermanos y hermanas a aquellos cuya sociedad rechaza por Cristo? ¿Cómo vivimos esto?

"Season of Hope" Grief Program

St. Luke Catholic Church is offering the first of a four-part grief program titled, "Season of Hope" beginning Sept. 23-Oct. 28. The program will be held in the John Paul II Room. Each 2-hour session begins at 6:30 p.m. The fee of \$20 covers the cost of the materials. Registration information may be obtained at the parish office. Online sessions will also be offered. Contact the parish office for details.



Pictured are Austin DCCW President Renae Willberg, Vicar General Fr. James Misko, Carolyn & Tony Klecka, Fr. Steve Nestrso, Rural Life Spiritual Advisor



Rural Life Celebration

The Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic women hosted the 36th Annual Rural Life Celebration held here at St. Monica Catholic Church on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 6:00 PM with a reception afterwards. Congratulations to Tony and Carolyn Klecka for receiving the Rural Life Award. They are members of St. Monica Catholic Church. Congratulations to Father Jim Chamberlin, Pastor of St. Monica Catholic Church received the Rural Life Clergy award.



Pictured are Austin DCCW President Renae Willberg, Vicar General Fr. James Misko, Fr. Jim Chamberlain, Fr. Steve Nestrso, Rural Life Spiritual Advisor



St. Monica's Ladies Society would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped in any and all ways, with the Rural Life Mass Celebration. The outpouring of support, from your prayers, contributions and your willingness to lend a helping hand wherever needed, was overwhelmingly generous and so very appreciated. The response was very positive from all visitors the night of the Mass, and Father Jim and SMLS have both received numerous emails of appreciation and commendation for the collective hard work and efforts of our Parish. It took every heart, hand and prayer to make it such a beautiful and successful representation of the loving hospitality St. Monica's is known for. Many thanks and may God bless you all!

Surrounding Parish Events:

- Holy Family Parish** in Copperas Cove will host a Wild West Gala Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. in the parish's social hall. The cost is \$50 per ticket or \$400 per table (seats 8). For more information, call (334) 477-7793.
- Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish** in Marak will have its Annual Homecoming Picnic on Sunday, September 14, 2025. Mass at 10:15 am-Games begin at 11:30 am. Home-fried Chicken and Sausage Meal served at 11am. Continuous serving while it lasts. Meal tickets are \$15 each. Entertainment by the Praha Brothers from noon to 3 pm. Auction begins at 2:30 pm.
- St. Ann Parish** in Rosebud will have its 1st Annual Parish Festival on Sunday September 21, 2025. Will have music, food, local vendors, yard sale. Held in the St. Ann Center (614 S. Stallworth St.-Rosebud, TX) Dine in or Drive-Thru Mexican Plates-\$15 (includes Seasoned Port, Tortillas, rice beans & dessert) servicing begins at 10:30 a.m. until sold out. Also available, Aguas Frescas, barbacoa tacos, dressing casseroles, papusas, slushies, & snow cones.
- Holy Trinity Parish** of Corn Hill will have their annual Bazaar on Sunday, September 21st. BBQ and Fried Chicken will be served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (adults \$15/children \$8) There will be live Polka music during the meal, children's games, live and silent auctions, bingo and kolaches for sale. Hamburgers are available at 2:30 p.m. Enjoy a day of good food and fun for the whole family.

Ministry Schedule – Revised

Saturday, September 13, 2025 6 PM

Lector: Lisa Shelton and Cynthia Kostroun

Euch. M.: Cynthia & Agnes Kostroun

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, September 14, 2025, 8 AM

Lector: Mariana Reyes

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Ramona Banda

Altar Servers: Guadalupe Acosta

Sunday, September 14, 2025, 10 AM

Lector: Nonito Martinez and Shelly Lopez

Euch. M.: Anna Reyes Hill and Monica Schiller

Altar Servers: Kenly Reese and Sebastian Layburn

Saturday, September 20, 2025 6 PM

Lector: Nonito Martinez and Patsy Vrazel

Euch. M.: Cynthia & Agnes Kostroun

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, September 21, 2025, 8 AM

Lector: Ramona Banda

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Bonifacio Banda

Altar Servers: Ariana, Margarita, & Efrain Cruz

Sunday, September 21, 2025, 10 AM

Lector: Elizabeth Pineda and Rubi Bautista

Euch. M.: Pam Oliver and Carmen Rios

Altar Servers: Aubrey Rios, Kenly Reese, and Sebastian Layburn

The Serenity of Rural America

My mother was a farm girl from the tiny town of Riverside in southeast Iowa. For as long as I can remember our family would travel up from Texas every other summer to spend 2 weeks with my cousins on the farm. It was a most joyous time of my life! Although my sisters complained of the "Iowa smell", I just thought that pig farms were a rich part of the experience. My cousins and I would chase each other through several hay barns and sometimes get crosswise with an angry sow. We played horseshoes on the edge of the garden with my Uncle Francis, from whom I obtained my middle name. We would collect blackberries from a few scattered patches and apples or cherries from the small orchard. In the evening we would catch fireflies in the summer air. I vividly recall sitting on the front porch swing with my sister, Jeannie, singing "I hear the cottonwoods whispering above....Tammy". To this day, I still tear up when I remember this song. On the farm, our life centered around food, animals, family, and faith. A calf would die, but baby kittens were born the next week. The cycle of life and season was never ending. I would quietly cry in the car on the way home as I never wanted to leave. Through Catholic Rural Life, our bishops advocate for agricultural policies that favor sustainable food production and reduce poverty among farmers and farmworkers in this country and abroad. They work to support rural communities and family farms, while also promoting Catholic values in rural areas. According to the 2020



Census, 80% of the U.S. population lives in urban areas, and the remaining 20% lives in rural areas. May we never lose the depth of joy and serenity that comes from rural life. - - - Fr. Jim

La serenidad de la América rural

Mi madre era una campesina del pequeño pueblo de Riverside, en el sureste de Iowa. Nuestra familia viajaba desde Texas cada dos veranos para pasar dos semanas con mis primos en la granja. ¡Fue una época muy feliz de mi vida! Aunque mis hermanas se quejaban del "olor a Iowa", yo pensaba que las granjas de cerdos eran una parte enriquecedora de la experiencia. Mis primos y yo nos perseguíamos por varios graneros de heno y a veces nos

enfrentábamos a una cerda enfadada. Jugábamos a las herraduras en el borde del jardín con mi tío Francis, de quien heredé mi segundo nombre. Recogíamos moras de algunos campos dispersos y manzanas o cerezas del pequeño huerto. Por la noche, atrapábamos luciérnagas en el aire veraniego. Recuerdo vívidamente estar sentada en el columpio del porche con mi hermana Jeannie, cantando "Oigo a los álamos susurrando arriba... Tammy". Hasta el día de hoy, todavía se me saltan las lágrimas al recordar esta canción. En la granja, nuestra vida giraba en torno a la comida, los animales, la familia y la fe. Un ternero moría, pero a la semana siguiente nacían gatitos. El ciclo de la vida y la estación era interminable. Lloraba en silencio en el coche camino a casa, pues no quería irme nunca. A través de Vida Rural Católica, nuestros obispos abogan por políticas agrícolas que favorezcan la producción sostenible de alimentos y reduzcan la pobreza entre los agricultores y trabajadores agrícolas de este país y del extranjero. Trabajan para apoyar a las comunidades rurales y las granjas familiares, a la vez que promueven los valores católicos en las zonas rurales. Según el Censo de 2020, el 80% de la población estadounidense vive en zonas urbanas y el 20% restante en zonas rurales. Que nunca perdamos la profunda alegría y serenidad que nos brinda la vida rural. - - - P. Jim

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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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Meet 1st Tues., 2 p.m.
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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

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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.