

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 | FEAST OF THE EXULTATION OF THE CROSS

St. Monica Catholic Church



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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



~ 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 13, 2025

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

Sunday, September 14, 2025

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

10 a.m. For the People of God

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

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

6 p.m. † Julia Rojas Perez

Thursday, September 18, 2025

12:10p.m. No Mass/ No habra Misa

Friday, September 19, 2025

8 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Saturday, September 20, 2025

6 p.m. † Monica & Beto Cardona
† Hugo & Agnes Hollas

Sunday, September 21, 2025

8 a.m. † Eugenio & Mario Morales
† Petra Galvan
† Antonio & Antonia Rodriguez

10 a.m. † Fernando Reyes Sr.



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, and
Martha & Louis Hubnik

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



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.

Stewardship Report

Week of September 7, 2025

Sunday Collection: \$4,069.00
Humanitarian Relief and Pastoral
Support in Gaza: \$805.00
Online Giving:
* Sunday Collection: \$ 290.00
Total Collection: \$ 5,164.00

Upcoming Second Collections

Sept. 20-21: Religious Ed. CCE Program
20 y 21 de septiembre: colecta para la
programa de educación religiosa

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS

Planning Meeting for OLOG Feast day

We will have a meeting to begin planning our
celebration for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Dec. 12. The meeting will be Tuesday, September 23,
after the Spanish Mass (~6:45 pm). All are invited!

Reunión de planificación

*Tendremos una reunión para empezar a planificar
nuestra celebración de la festividad de Nuestra Señora de
Guadalupe, el 12 de diciembre. La reunión será el martes
23 de septiembre, después de la misa en español
(aproximadamente a las 6:45 p. m.). ¡Están todos
invitados!*

Parish Office Closed

Oficina Parroquial Cerrada

The parish office will close early at 12PM on
Wednesday, September 17, 2025

OCIA Class begins

Thursday, September 25, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Held in the St Anthony School Library

St. Monica's Ladies Society Meeting

Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 2p.m, held in the St. Anthony
School, library room.

Parish Office Closed

Oficina Parroquial Cerrada

Wednesday, October 15, 2025. Staff will be attending the
Administrative Staff Retreat.

Sanctuary Light will burn this week:

Lampara Del Santuario arderá esta semana:



In Memory of
Anthony & Timothy Woytek

By: Mary Ann Seaton Family
and

In Honor of Mateo Cardona

By: Eliza Cardona



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.**



Installation of
Bishop Daniel E. Garcia



Join in celebrating the
installation of Bishop
Daniel E. Garcia as the sixth
Bishop of the Diocese of
Austin!

- **Vespers:** Wednesday,
Sept. 17 at 6 p.m., St.
Vincent de Paul Parish,
Austin- Open to all.
 - **Mass of Installation:** Thursday, Sept. 18 at
2 p.m.-**invitation only**, but all are invited to
watch the livestream at austindiocese.org/
installation. Celebrate this historic moment
with the faithful of our diocese!
- God, eternal shepherd, you tend your Church in
many ways, and rule us with love. Help your chosen
servant Daniel, as pastor for Christ, to watch over
your flock. Help him to be a faithful teacher, a wise
administrator and a holy priest.*

**Registration forms are available in church or with
Gilda at the Parish office.**

"Season of Hope" Grief Program

St. Luke Catholic Church in Temple, TX 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. Online sessions will also be offered.



September:

- **CCE Registration:** Sept. 17, 18, 23, & 25 at 6p.m.- 8p.m..
Registration held in the St. Anthony School.
*Inscripciones para el catecismo: 17, 18, 23 y 25 de septiembre,
de 6 p.m. hasta las 8 p.m. en la escuela St. Anthony.*
- **1st day of CCE:** Sun., Sept. 28, 9a.m.- 9:50 a.m.
Primer día de clases de catecismo, domingo 28 de septiembre
- **1st day of Confirmation Class & Parent Meeting:**
Wed., Oct. 1, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Simon & George Hall.
*Primer día de clases de Confirmación y un reunión de padres:
el miércoles 1 de octubre, de 6:30 p.m. a 8:00 p.m. en el salon
Simon & George.*

Upcoming Events & Class Schedule
October:

- Class #2: Sunday, October 5th, 9 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
- Class #3: Sunday, October 12th, 9 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
- Class #4: Sunday, October 19th, 9 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
- Class #5: Sunday, October 26th, 9 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
- **Trunk or Treat:** Oct. 31st, 5-7 p.m. hosted by the
Cameron Chamber of Commerce, held Downtown.

November:

- **Can Food Drive:** For our Cameron Area Thrift Store.
- Class #5: Sunday, November 2, 9 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

Surrounding Parish Events:

- **St. Ann Parish** in Rosebud will have it's 1st Annual Parish Festival on Sunday September 21st. Music, food, vendors, yard sale. Held in the St. Ann Center (614 S. Stallworth St.) Mexican Plates-\$15 (Seasoned Pork, rice, beans & dessert) beginning at 10:30am. Also available, Aguas Frescas, barbacoa tacos, dressing casseroles, papusas, slushies, & snow cones.
- **Holy Trinity Parish** of Corn Hill annual Bazaar on Sunday, September 21st. BBQ and Fried Chicken will be served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (adults \$15/children \$8). 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.
- **St. Joseph Parish** in Cyclone will have their 79th annual Picnic on Sunday, September 28th. Sausage & Home fried chicken plates for \$15 beginning 10:30 a.m. till sold out. Live music by Jerry Haisler. Games for all ages. Live auction at 2 p.m.
- **St. Matthew Parish** in Rogers will host its Fall Festival Sunday, Oct. 5th. BBQ Pulled Pork & Sausage plate for \$15/plate beginning at 11am. Activities include food booths, Game booths, Bingo and Plant & bake sale. All are invited.
- **Church of the Visitation** in Westphalia will host its 118th Picnic Sunday, October 12th on the parish grounds. There will be a meal, live auction, music, baked goods, crafts and games for all ages. All are welcome!

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Feast of the Exultation of the Cross

Today, we celebrate the triumph of Christ's Cross. Often when faced with crosses, we seek a way out or we are often tempted by anger and despair. Instead, let us allow Jesus to enter the crosses we carry, for he can transform them and use them to make our faith stronger.

Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz

Hoy celebramos el triunfo de la cruz de Cristo.

A menudo, cuando nos enfrentamos a cruces, buscamos una salida o nos sentimos tentados por la ira y la desesperación. En lugar de eso, dejemos que Jesús entre en las cruces que llevamos, porque él puede transformarlas y utilizarlas para fortalecer nuestra fe.

Ministry Schedule**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

Saturday, September 27, 2025 6 PM

Lector: Chris Wilson and Becky Ferrara

Euch. M.: Janice Klecka & Denise Pineda

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, September 28, 2025, 8 AM

Lector: Margarita Saucedo Madera

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Joe Mancha

Altar Servers: Cesar Guevara-Mateo,

Jonah DeLosSantos, Nolvin Vasquez-Lopez

Sunday, September 28, 2025, 10 AM

Lector: Kailey Rodriguez and Celeste Cardona

Euch. M.: Marilyn Murphy and Anna Reyes Hill

Altar Servers: Vicente Sanchez, Danny Reys, Raphael Martinez Jr.

Upcoming Diocesan Masses

Blue Mass gives thanks for Central Texas first responders: We invite lay faithful to join us in honoring the men and women who serve as first responders in Central Texas. The Blue Mass will be celebrated on the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels, Sept. 29, at 11 a.m. at St. Louis King of France Parish in Austin, with a reception to follow. For more information visit www.austindiocese.org/blue-mass.

Red Mass is Oct. 2 at St. Austin Parish: Join the Diocese of Austin and the St. Thomas More Society for the 34th annual Red Mass for those who serve in law and public service. Mass will be celebrated Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. by Bishop Daniel Garcia, followed by a dinner and program at St. Austin Parish in Austin. Visit <https://www.austindiocese.org/red-mass> for more information about the Mass and tickets to the dinner.

The Diocese of Austin and the Catholic Healthcare Professionals of Central Texas will present the Healthcare Mass on Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. at St. Louis King of France Parish in Austin. Mass will be celebrated by Father Greg Gerhart, Vocation Director. This evening honors physicians, advanced practice providers, nurses, therapists, researchers, medical assistants, receptionists, dietary staff, lab workers, chaplains, administrators and all else who work in alliance with the healthcare field. We honor their gifts, talents, and vocations as they live out their faith in their work.

What is the meaning of the cross of Christ?

The Gospel message can be said simply – “God loves humanity so much that he became one of us to show us how to live and how to die.” The Gospel is neither progressive or conservative. It is not Democrat or Republican. But it IS political, in that it impacts the lives of how people live together with one another are created by one Father. John the Baptist did not shout “Rejoice and be glad”. He cried “Repent! Acknowledge the sin that keeps you from God’s grace.” There is no Gospel without the cross. There is no grace without prior repentance.

Moses said to look upon the serpent. He told them to look upon the very thing that is killing you. Look upon that which is causing you sickness and death – look upon it, shove it into the light of day, and take away its power. For when sin is revealed, it loses its power. It hurts to look upon society’s sin – the sin of inequity, injustice, sins of racism and intolerance. It hurts to look upon our own personal sins of hatred, of selfishness, of materialism. But when we ignore the sin, it continues to have power, to even get stronger. When we face it down and acknowledge it, then we can face it head on. Then we can incorporate it into our prayer. Only then can it be transformed into something like new life. It can then be redeemed by God’s love. When we gaze at the crucifix which bears the body of Our Lord, we are gazing into the world’s sin for which he

gave His life. We gaze upon it and whisper “Lamb of God, you who take away the sins of the world.....have mercy on us.” --- Fr. Jim

¿Cuál es el significado de la cruz de Cristo?

El mensaje del Evangelio se puede resumir simplemente: “Dios ama tanto a la humanidad que se hizo uno de nosotros para mostrarnos cómo vivir y cómo morir”. El Evangelio no es progresista ni conservador. No es



demócrata ni republicano. Pero es político, ya que impacta la forma en que las personas conviven, creadas por un mismo Padre. Juan el Bautista no gritó: “¡Regocijaos y alegraos!”. Él exclamó: “¡Arrepiéntanse! Reconozcan el pecado que les impide acceder a la gracia de Dios”. No hay Evangelio sin la cruz. No hay gracia sin arrepentimiento previo. Moisés dijo que miraran a la serpiente. Les dijo que miraran precisamente aquello que los está matando. Miren aquello que les causa enfermedad y muerte; mírenlo, sáquenlo a la luz del día y quítenle su poder. Porque cuando el pecado se revela, pierde su poder. Duele contemplar el pecado de la sociedad: el pecado de la inequidad, la injusticia, el racismo y la intolerancia. Duele contemplar nuestros propios pecados de odio, egoísmo y materialismo. Pero cuando ignoramos el pecado, sigue teniendo poder, incluso se intensifica. Cuando lo enfrentamos y lo reconocemos, podemos afrontarlo de frente. Entonces podemos incorporarlo a nuestra oración. Solo entonces puede transformarse en algo parecido a una nueva vida. Entonces puede ser redimido por el amor de Dios. Cuando contemplamos el crucifijo que lleva el cuerpo de Nuestro Señor, contemplamos el pecado del mundo por el que él dio su vida. Lo contemplamos y susurramos: “Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo... ten piedad de nosotros”. --- P. Jim

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mothers and fathers,
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faithful to their baptismal vows. Give
us the strength to walk always in the
footsteps of the Lord. Amen.

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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

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.