

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025 | TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Monica Catholic Church

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located in the St. Anthony School 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



OCTOBER Month of the Holy Rosary

~ 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 enfermos

Mass Intentions

Intenciones de la misa

Saturday, October 4, 2025

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

Sunday, October 5, 2025

8 a.m. † Gregorio & Francisca Ortega
† Paula & Juakin Garcia, Sr.
† Vanessa Barba & Mia Oviedo

10 a.m. † For the People of God

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

12:10p.m. Communion Service
6 p.m. No Mass/No Habra Mis

Thursday, October 9, 2025

12:10p.m. Communion Service

Friday, October 10, 2025

8 a.m. For the People of God

Saturday, October 11, 2025

6 p.m. † Charlie & Millie Krenak
† Louis Krenak

Sunday, October 12, 2025

8 a.m. † Sally Cervantes
† Juakin Garcia Jr.
† Consuelo Placencia
10 a.m. † Adrian Reyes
† Fernando Reyes
† Maria Trinidad Luna



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:

Arturo(Sonny)Vega Jr, MarthaHubnik,
Janet Rodriguez, John Pagach Sr.
and Lorraine Olivarri

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

Stewardship Report

Week of September 28, 2025

Sunday Collection: \$2,799.00

Online Giving:

* Sunday Collection: \$ 375.00

Total Collection: \$ 3,174.00

Upcoming Second Collections

Oct. 18 & 19: World Mission Sunday
Propagation of Faith

Oct. 25 & 26: Catholic Service Appeal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS

Parish Office Closed

Oficina Parroquial Cerrada
Monday, October 6, 2025.

St. Monica's Ladies Society Meeting

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

Pastoral Council meeting

Thursday, October 14, 7 p.m. held in the St. Anthony Center, library room.

Parish Office Closed

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



BABY BANK CAMPAIGN

La campaña de alcancías del bebe
Don't forget to pick up your Baby Bank after Mass today! Remember

those families that need help during or after an unplanned pregnancy. Your donation will help pro-life efforts throughout the diocese. Walking with Moms in Need initiative, the Gabriel Project, Project Rachel, Sidewalk Ministry, Pro-Life Help Line, and more will receive funds from this campaign. A portion of the funds raised will also support Place of Hope pregnancy resource center located in Rockdale.

¡No olviden recoger sus Alcancías del Bebé después de la Misa hoy! Hoy que recordamos a la Sagrada familia, les pedimos recuerden a aquellas familias que necesitan ayuda durante o después de un embarazo no planeado. Su donación ayudará a los esfuerzos provida de la parroquia y a lo largo de la diócesis. La iniciativa Camina con Madres necesitadas, el Proyecto Gabriel, Proyecto Raquel, el Ministerio de Banqueta, y la Línea de Ayuda Pro-Vida recibirán fondos de esta campaña. Una parte de lo recaudado también se destinará al centro de recursos para embarazadas

The Pope's October Intentions

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Por la colaboración entre las diferentes tradiciones religiosas

Oremos para que los creyentes de diferentes tradiciones religiosas trabajen juntos para defender y promover la paz, la justicia y la fraternidad humana.

Week 1: World Mission Month Begins

World Mission Month: A Call to Hope

Each October, the Church invites us to rediscover our missionary vocation. This year, **Pope Leo XIV**, following the inspiration of Pope Francis, calls us to become "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," inspired by St. Paul's words: "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Rom 5:5). In the 50th anniversary year of *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, we are reminded that "modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers" (41). Through prayer, sacrifice, and giving, we too become witnesses—bringing the hope of Christ to those who long for love, justice, and peace. Let us begin this month with open hearts, ready to respond to the Church's call to support the **1,124 mission territories** where the Church is young, growing, and often persecuted. Together, may we be bearers of hope where it is needed most.



FAITH FORMATION: ST. MONICA'S R.E. CCE PROGRAM CALENDAR

Upcoming Events & Class Schedule: Pre-K-9th grade

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 #6: Sunday, November 2, 9 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
- Class #7: Sunday, November 9, 9 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
- Class #8: Sunday, November 16, 9 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
- **Thanksgiving Holiday:** No Classes Nov. 23rd & 30th
- Class #9 resumes: Sunday, December 7, 9 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.



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CATHOLIC RETREAT CENTER

♦ Healing Hearts: A Day Retreat for Reflection and Renewal: Oct 18th.

We all carry invisible wounds—moments that have shaped us, weighted us down, or left us questioning who we are. Healing Hearts is a gentle and reflective day retreat for those seeking a move through life's events with grace, clarity, and purpose. Led by author Gabby Ring, a parishioner at St. Faustina's in Houston, this day offers sacred space to explore how life's hardest moments can become turning points for healing and transformation. This retreat is for anyone who has felt stuck in their pain, unsure how to move forward, or simply ready to begin again with God's grace. The cost is \$50 and includes Lunch.

♦ Navigating Grief Retreat will be offered Oct. 31-Nov. 2 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple.

Coping with working grief takes work and courage. Retreatants will identify and reflect on their personal grief symptoms followed by a ritual to help ease the pain of grief and increase positive emotions. There will be opportunities to share with others who are also trying to navigate grief in a healthy way. The retreat will end with a celebration of life and the presentation of memories. Father Harry Dean and spiritual directors Clyde Gottschalk and Judy Hoelscher will lead this retreat. The costs are \$310 for a private room, \$265 for a shared room and \$165 for commuters.

To register visit cedarbrake.org or call 254-780-2436

RESPECT LIFE MONTH



October is Respect Life Month!

Every October, the Church in the U.S. celebrates Respect Life Month. We reflect on the gift of every human life and how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

"We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth... We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: "Life: Our Sign of Hope"

Surrounding Parish Events:

- **St. Mary, Our Lady of the Lake Parish** in Lago Vista will host their Fall Festival Oct. 11. Come and enjoy faith, fun, fellowship, and food! The day will include a car show, petting zoo, music, games for all ages.
- **Church of the Visitation** in Westphalia will host its 118th Picnic Sunday, October 12th. There will be a meal, live auction, music, baked goods, crafts and games for all ages.
- **St. Helen Parish** in Georgetown will host its annual Fall Festival Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be live music throughout the day, games for all ages and a variety of international foods. From Oct. 17-19 there will be a Rummage Sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in St. Rita Activity Center.
- **St. Philip Parish** in China Spring will host its annual Oktoberfest Oct. 18. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A German meal of your choice of pork loin or brisket and sausage w/ trimmings, \$12/ plate. Hot dog plates \$5 each. There will be Kid's World, a country store and bake sale during the day. A silent auction begins at 11 a.m., live auction begins at 1 p.m. and the day will conclude with a dance from 2 to 6 p.m.
- **St. Paul Parish** in Smithville will host its annual Fall Festival Oct. 19. Mass at 10 a.m. Followed by a BBQ chicken and sausage plates for \$15 each. Games for all ages!
- **St. Mary Parish** in Bremond will host its annual Fall Festival Oct. 19. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. BBQ Polish sausage & beef w/ trimmings will be available. Games for all ages, auction at 1 p.m. Call (254) 746-7789 to pre-purchase meal tickets.
- **St. Margaret Parish** in Giddings will host its annual Fall Festival Oct. 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Silos on 77 in Giddings. Bring the whole family and enjoy delicious plates of chili, chicken fajitas, and tamales. Live music, silent and live auctions, a cake walk and children's games.

Ministry Schedule *Revised

Saturday, October 11, 2025 6 PM

Lector: Lisa Shelton and Keith Copeland

Euch. M.: Janice Klecka & Marilyn Murphy

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, October 12, 2025, 8 AM

Lector: Blanca Cazares

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Ramona Banda

Altar Servers: Ariana, Margarita & Efrain Cruz

Sunday, October 12, 2025, 10 AM

Lector: Monica Schiller and Rick Rhoades

Euch. M.: Anna Reyes-Hill and Sonia Vega Perez

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

Saturday, October 18, 2025 6 PM

Lector: Denise Pineda and Marilyn Murphy

Euch. M.: Cynthia & Agnes Kostroun

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, October 19, 2025, 8 AM

Lector: Margarita Saucedo

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Bonifacio Banda

Altar Servers: Cesar Guevara Mateo, Jonah DelosSantos, Nolvín Vasquez Lopez

Sunday, October 5, 2025, 10 AM

Lector: Rubi Bautista & Kailey Rodriguez

Euch. M.: Marilyn Gas and Pam Oliver

Altar Servers: Sebastian Layburn, Kenly Reese, Aubrey Rios

Box of Offertory Envelopes

If you would like to receive offertory envelopes or to double check if you are still on the list to receive, contact the parish office by phone or email by Oct. 10th. The new boxes will be received in April 2026.

Caja de Sobres de Diezmos y Ofrendas

Si desea recibir una caja de sobres de ofrenda o verificar si todavía está en la lista para recibirlos, comuníquese con Gilda Rios por teléfono o correo electrónico antes del 10 de octubre. Los nuevos sobres se recibirán en abril de 2026.

This only applies if you have never received before or did receive and was taken off the list due to not picking up envelopes or other reason.

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel opens with the disciples requesting that Jesus increase their faith. For Jesus, faith is a gift that leads to service and that service is always in support of life! This Sunday we all pray for the flame of faith and zeal that will give us the courage to stand with and all whose lives are threatened by violence: the unborn; the death row prisoner; civilians caught in wars and conflict. Does our faith help us to see every life as precious in the eyes of God? In what areas should we ask God to increase our faith?

27^{mo} Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

El Evangelio de hoy comienza con los discípulos pidiendo a Jesús que incremente su fe. Para Jesús, la fe es un don que lleva al servicio y ese servicio es siempre en apoyo a la vida! Este domingo oramos por la flama de la fe y el celo que nos dará el valor para ponernos de pie con, y por todos aquellos cuyas vidas son amenazadas con la violencia: los no natos; los prisioneros en fila para ser ejecutados; los civiles atrapados en guerras y conflictos ¿Nos ayuda nuestra fe a ver cada vida como preciosa en los ojos de Dios? ¿En qué áreas debemos pedirle a Dios que incremente nuestra fe?

Truths told by ancient myths

When Jesus wanted to talk about the Kingdom of God, he often told a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson. For example, "The Kingdom of God is like a treasure hidden in the field....". Ancient peoples had their own stories, too, about the creation of the world, about a great flood, and about the weaknesses of humanity. We call these "myths".

Unfortunately, this word in modern usage has come to mean a mistaken belief that is not true.

But in the study of religion and history, a myth is a story that reveals a deep truth about the connection between reality and the sacred world. We should ask "What is the myth trying to teach us?" The ancient Israelites had their own myths about creation, about the Fall of man, and about a Great Flood. These stories are found in the first eleven chapters of the book of Genesis, Gen. 1-11. Each myth describes a truth about our world. The created world is orderly and good.

The story of Adam and Eve and the serpent describes our propensity to sin. This sin can be serious, leading to murder, as it did with Cain and Abel. The Great Flood reveals both God's justice and his remorse. Sin can become so pervasive that God has to step in and renew his

creation completely. The story of the Tower of Babel explains why there are many languages ("babbling") on the earth.

It is the result of people trying to reach heaven by way of technology, an impossible feat as we can only reach heaven by acts of charity and mercy. Ancient people told these stories over and over again – to their children and to one another. They are not meant to be taken literally, but they are true. - - - Fr. Jim

Verdades de los mitos antiguos

Cuando Jesús quería hablar del Reino de Dios, solía contar una historia sencilla para ilustrar una lección moral o espiritual. Por ejemplo, «El Reino de Dios es como un tesoro escondido en el campo...». Los pueblos antiguos también tenían sus propias



historias sobre la creación del mundo, el diluvio universal y las debilidades de la humanidad. A estas las llamamos «mitos». Desafortunadamente, en el uso moderno, esta palabra ha llegado a significar una creencia errónea que no es cierta. Pero en el estudio de la religión y la historia, un mito es una historia que revela una profunda verdad sobre la conexión entre la realidad y el mundo sagrado. Deberíamos preguntarnos: «¿Qué intenta enseñarnos el mito?». Los antiguos israelitas tenían sus propios mitos sobre la creación, la caída del hombre y el Diluvio Universal. Estas historias se encuentran en los primeros once capítulos del libro del Génesis, Génesis 1-11. Cada mito describe una verdad sobre nuestro mundo. El mundo creado es ordenado y bueno. La historia de Adán, Eva y la serpiente describe nuestra propensión al pecado. Este pecado puede ser grave, llegando al asesinato, como ocurrió con Caín y Abel. El Diluvio Universal revela tanto la justicia de Dios como su remordimiento. El pecado puede volverse tan omnipresente que Dios tiene que intervenir y renovar su creación por completo. La historia de la Torre de Babel explica por qué hay tantos idiomas ("babiluceo") en la tierra. Es el resultado de que la gente intentara alcanzar el cielo mediante la tecnología, una hazaña imposible, ya que solo podemos alcanzarlo mediante actos de caridad y misericordia. Los antiguos contaban estas historias una y otra vez, a sus hijos y entre ellos. No deben tomarse literalmente, pero son ciertas. - - - P. Jim

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Prayer to St. Monica

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patroness of all
mothers and fathers,
please take our children
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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.