

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# St. Monica Catholic Church

ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF AUSTIN  
MOST. REV. DANIEL E. GARCIA

*Pro Christo et Ecclesia ~ For Christ and Church ~ Por Cristo y la Iglesia*

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

located in the St. Anthony School 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

6:00 p.m. English/en Inglés

#### Sunday/Domingo

8:00 a.m. Spanish/en Español

10:00 a.m. English/en Inglés

### Daily Masses/Misa diaria

#### Tuesday/ martes

12:10 p.m. - English/ Inglés

6:00 p.m. - Spanish/en Español

#### Wednesday/ Miércoles

8:00 a.m. - English/ Inglés

#### Thursday/ Jueves

12:10 p.m. - English/ Inglés

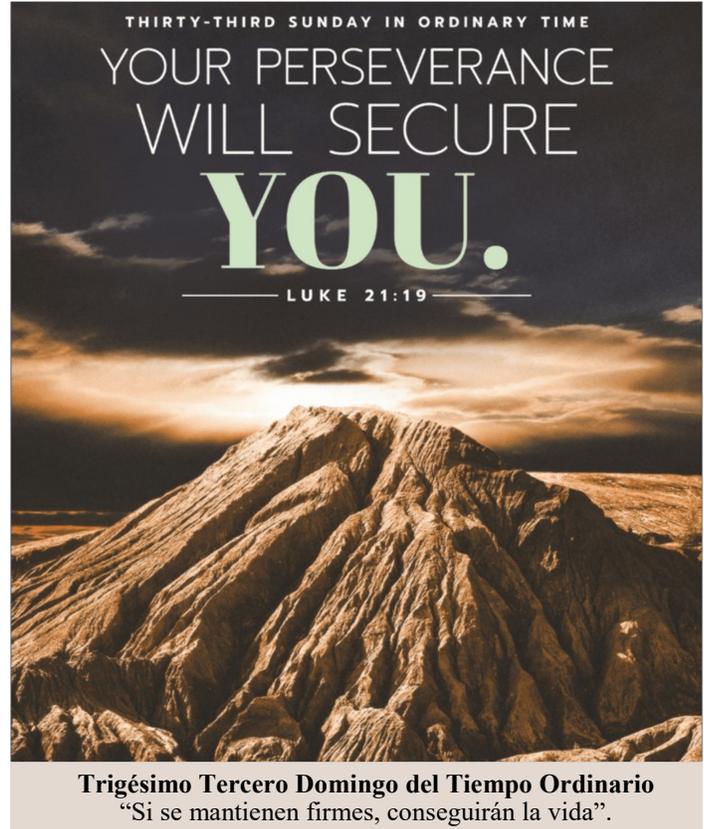
#### Friday/ Viernes

8:00 a.m. - Spanish/en Español

### Reconciliation / Reconciliación

Saturday/ Sábado, 5 PM - 5:45 PM

or by appointment / O por cita



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YOUR PERSEVERANCE  
WILL SECURE  
**YOU.**  
LUKE 21:19

Trigésimo Tercero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario  
"Si se mantienen firmes, conseguirán la vida".

~ 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 tradicion Catholica que reconocemos la necesidad de una unidad mas fuerte dentro de nuestra comunidad Catholica.

Vamos a:

- Participar activamente en nuestra culto.
- Educarnos en las enseñanzas de Cristo.
- Ayudar a nuestros jovenes 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 Schedule**  
Horario de misas  
**Mass Intentions - Intenciones de la misa**

**Saturday, November 15, 2025**

6 p.m. † Avelardo Yglecias  
† Special Intentions of the members of the RED-C Immaculata Giving Society

**Sunday, November 16, 2025**

8 a.m. † Sally Cervantes  
† Juan Garcia, Jr.  
† Isidro Villalon

10 a.m. † Antonia Rodriguez  
† Jesus Gonzalez  
† Juan Jose Contreras

**Tuesday, November 18, 2025**

12:10 p.m. † Rudy Tepera  
6 p.m. (en español) For the People of the Parish

**Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

8 a.m. For the People of the Parish

**Thursday, November 20, 2025**

12:10p.m. † Rudy Tepera

**Friday, November 21, 2025**

8 a.m. (en español) For the People of the Parish

**Saturday, November 22, 2025**

6 p.m. † Paul & Rosalie Mueck  
† Charlie & Millie Krenek  
† Charles Elliott

**Sunday, November 23, 2025**

8 a.m. † Living & Deceased members of Billy & MaryAnn Seaton Family  
† Eusebio Martinez  
† Cirilo Castillo, Jr.

10 a.m. † Adela Corona

† Antonia Rodriguez & Jesus Gonzalez  
† Lanelle Fikes & Judy Hall

**Stewardship Report**

**Week of November 9, 2025**

Sunday Collection:	\$4,747.00
Online Giving:	
* Sunday Collection:	\$ 440.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$ 5,187.00</b>



**Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Nov. 15 & 16**

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

Por favor, esta semana sean generosos en nuestra colecta especial para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano. En los Estados Unidos, más del 11% de la población vive en pobreza. Con esta colecta, ustedes apoyan los programas que tratan con las causas raíz de la pobreza y proporcionan un futuro sostenible a aquellos que luchan por salir adelante en todo el país. Además, el 25% de los fondos que recaudamos permanece en nuestra diócesis para financiar proyectos locales antipobreza. Por favor, en oración, consideren la manera de apoyar a esta colecta y apoyar a aquellos que trabajan desde la periferia.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS**

**Parish office closures**

Oficina Parroquial Cerrada

The parish office will be closed Thursday & Friday November 27 & 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Ladies Society Meeting**

\*\*Correction on time

The December Ladies Society meeting on December 2, will begin at 1:00p.m. instead of 2:00 p.m.. There will be a potluck lunch before our meeting. All ladies of the parish are invited and are welcome to bring a snack to share. We would also like to invite all ladies to join us for mass at noon prior to the meeting.

**Advent Penance Service**

Wed. Dec. 10, 2025, 7 p.m. held in the church.



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

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

- **Can Food Drive:** For our Cameron Area Thrift Store. Parents please send your child with their canned food donation to CCE this Sunday Nov. 16, 2025.
- Class #7: Sunday, November 9, 9 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
- Class #8: Sunday, November 16, 9 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
- **Confirmation Retreat:** November 21-23 at Cedarbrake in Belton, TX. Mandatory retreat for all Confirmation students.
- **Thanksgiving Holiday Break- No CCE Classes**  
**No habrá clases las siguientes fechas:**
  - \* Sunday, November 23- Holiday/día festivo
  - \* Sunday, November 30- Holiday/día festivo
- Class # 9 resumes: Sunday, December 7, 9 a.m.- 9:50a.m.

**Raffle/Rifa: Feast of OLOG**

1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE – PICTURE OF ST. MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL

2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE - \$200 VISA GIFT CARD

3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE – BOTTLE OF CENTENARIO

\$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20  
\$5 por boleto, o 5 boletos por \$20

\*\*\*Raffle tickets will be sold after each Sunday Masses. Your support is greatly appreciated!



**-Thanksgiving Day Mass-**

Misa para el Día de Acción de Gracias

All Masses to be held in the Church

**Spanish Vigil Mass:** Wed., Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

\* Miércoles 26 de noviembre a las 6 p.m. en español

**English:** Thurs., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m.

\* jueves, 27 de noviembre a las 8 a.m. en Inglés

**Bulletin Submission Deadlines:**

- **For Sun., Nov. 23rd bulletin**

Please submit your request by **Tues., Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>**

- **For Sun., Nov. 30th bulletin**

Please submit your request by **Fri., Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>**

Send Bulletin submissions to **Gilda Rios** at [office@saintmonicatx.org](mailto:office@saintmonicatx.org).

**Featured Advertiser:**

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**33rd Sunday in Ordinary time**

The liturgical year draws to a close with reminders that being a disciple of Jesus is not easy. Faithfulness to Christ will bring opposition and ridicule. We may stand up against abortion, or torture or the death penalty. We may speak out for immigrants, refugees and the poor. These positions might cause others to reject us. We are privileged to be disciples – brothers and sisters of Jesus, but like his road, ours will involve the cross.

**Trigésimo Tercero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

El año litúrgico se comienza a cerrar recordándonos que ser un discípulo de Jesús no es fácil. La fidelidad a Cristo nos traerá oposición y ridículo. Podemos levantarnos contra el aborto, o la tortura, o la pena de muerte. Puede que hablemos por los inmigrantes, refugiados y pobres. Estas posiciones pueden causar que otros nos rechacen. Somos privilegiados de ser discípulos – hermanos y hermanas de Jesús, pero al igual que su camino, el nuestro también implicará la cruz.



**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., Lorraine Olivarri, Elizabeth Dewester, and Laura Zeig

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



**Sanctuary Light will burn this week: Lampara Del Santuario arderá esta semana:**

**Para Todos Los Fieles Difuntos**  
Departa de : **Eliza Cardona**

**Temple-Killeen Deanery Penance Services**

Parish Name	Date	Time
St. Stephen, Salado	December 3	7:00 PM
Our Lady of Guadalupe	December 9	7:00 PM
St. Monica, Cameron	December 10	7:00 PM
Holy Family, Copperas Cove	December 11	7:00 PM
St. Paul Chong Hasang, Harker Heights	December 16	6:30 PM
Church of the Visitation, Westphalia	December 17	6:30 PM
St. Joseph, Killeen	December 17	6:00 PM
St. Mary, Temple	December 23	6:00 PM

This Advent, prepare your heart to receive Jesus through confession. To learn how, go to [stmarytempletx.org/confession](http://stmarytempletx.org/confession)

**Donation to St. Monica's Stained Glass Window Restoration Fund**

**\*In Memory of Rudy Tepera**

Given By: Merlene Slavik \*Correction  
 Gary & Marlene Vrazel \*Correction  
 Deacon Jack & Marilyn Murphy  
 Bobby & Monica Schiller

**\*In Memory of Juan Vargas**

Given By: Bobby & Monica Schiller  
*Many thanks to all for your continued support to St. Monica Parish, continued prayers for the faithful departed.*



**RETURN BABY BANKS BY MON. NOV. 17<sup>th</sup>**

Please bring your filled Baby Bank to the labeled basket in the Church or to the parish office. Your donations support pro-life ministries in our diocese.

Por favor, Regrese sus alcancías a la canasta indicada en la iglesia o a la oficina parroquial para el 17 de noviembre. Sus donaciones apoyan los ministerios provida de nuestra diócesis.



**Cedarbrake**  
 CATHOLIC RETREAT CENTER

◆ Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center will host a **Silent Advent Retreat** Dec. 5-7. St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God speaks in the silence of our heart, and we listen. Then we speak to God from the fullness of our heart and God listens." This retreat is a time to reflect on a few talks by Father Harry Dean and Brian Egan. Come encounter God in silence through the Mass, Eucharistic adoration and the sacrament of reconciliation. The costs are \$310 for a private room, \$265 for a shared room and \$165 for commuters.

For more information, or to register visit [www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake](http://www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake) or call (254) 780-2436

**Ministry Schedule \*REVISED**

**Saturday, November 22, 2025 6 PM**

**Lector:** Patsy Vrazel and Marilyn Murphy  
**Euch. M.:** Denise Pineda and Janice Klecka  
**Altar Servers:** Volunteers

**Sunday, November 23, 2025, 8 AM**

**Lector:** Margarita Saucedo  
**Euch. M.:** Rosa Banda and Ramona Banda  
**Altar Servers:** Ariana, Margarita and Efrain Cruz

**Sunday, November 23, 2025, 10 AM**

**Lector:** Sonia Vega Perez and Celeste Cardona  
**Euch. M.:** Monica Schiller and Anna Reyes Hill  
**Altar Servers:** Vicente Sanchez, Danny Reyes, Raphael Martinez Jr.

**Thanksgiving Day, Vigil Mass in Spanish**

**Wednesday, November 26, 2025 6 PM**

**Lector:** Joe Mancha  
**Euch. M.:** Ramona Banda and Sonia Vega Perez  
**Altar Servers:** Valentina & Julisa Quintero, and Guadalupe Acosta

**Thanksgiving Day Mass in English**

**Thursday, November 27, 2025 6 PM**

**Lector:** Monica Schiller  
**Euch. M.:** Pam Oliver and Marilyn Gaas  
**Altar Servers:** Raphael Martinez Jr., Vicente Sanchez, Danny Reyes

**Saturday, November 29, 2025 6 PM**

**Lector:** Nonito Martinez and Chris Wilson  
**Euch. M.:** Joe & Becky Ferrara  
**Altar Servers:** Volunteers

**Sunday, November 30, 2025, 8 AM**

**Lector:** Mariana Reyes  
**Euch. M.:** Rosa Banda and Bonifacio Banda  
**Altar Servers:** Cesar Guevara-Mateo, Jonah DeLosSantos and Nolvin Vasquez-Lopez



Thank you to all who have given to the Catholic Services Appeal already! We are united by God into one community – the Diocese of Austin. As one, we share faith, fellowship, and life. We also share the responsibility for the stewardship of our diocese. If you haven't donated to the CSA yet, there is still time to make your gift, no matter how large or small. I invite you to prayerfully consider joining your brothers and sisters in being a miracle to others most in need. Many lives have been changed because of you for the better. You can complete and return your pledge card to the collection basket or make a secure gift online at [www.austindiocese.org/give](http://www.austindiocese.org/give).

**Inklings of grace**

When I was at the University, I would go running at noon with my four professor friends who were all about 10 years older than me. Dave and Fred both had some hearing loss, so Dave always ran on the left side and Fred on the right side. I was always concerned that some of my best jokes were falling on deaf ears. Ha! After Covid, a few of the guys had bad knees and could no longer run. It was a gentle reminder of what it means to grow old. We begin to cherish the memories that sustain us. When we pray, we can draw on these sweet memories for hope and comfort. I clearly remember the joy I felt while sharing a cookout with good friends after kayaking in Mobile Bay. I remember the sing-a-longs with my family back home and my father would close his eyes and smile as he sang. I remember lying on the warm grass with two friends looking up at the stars in the night sky. I remember catching fireflies at the farm in Iowa. I remember shedding tears of joy when we blessed a family moving into their new Habitat home. In every case, I felt like God had wrapped his arms around me. Miracles often come in small packages, and they are gifts that help sustain us as we grow old. "For by grace you have been saved through faith ... it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we



are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus." (Eph. 2:8-10) Where are the miracles in your life? Where are the inklings of God's grace? They are right in front of your eyes. They are glimmers of God's love for you. --- Fr. Jim

**Indicios de gracia**

Cuando estaba en la universidad, salía a correr al mediodía con mis cuatro amigos profesores, todos unos diez años mayores que yo. Dave y Fred tenían problemas de audición, así que Dave siempre corría por la izquierda y Fred por la derecha. Siempre me preocupaba que mis mejores chistes cayeran en saco roto. ¡Ja! Después de la pandemia, algunos de ellos tuvieron problemas de rodillas y ya no pudieron correr. Fue un recordatorio de lo que significa envejecer. Empezamos a atesorar los recuerdos que nos dan fuerza. Cuando oramos, podemos recurrir a estos dulces recuerdos para encontrar esperanza y consuelo. Recuerdo claramente la alegría que sentí al compartir una barbacoa con buenos amigos después de remar en kayak en la bahía de Mobile. Recuerdo las canciones que cantábamos juntos en casa, y cómo mi padre cerraba los ojos y sonreía mientras cantaba. Recuerdo estar tumbado en la hierba cálida con dos amigos, mirando las estrellas en el cielo nocturno. Recuerdo atrapar luciérnagas en la granja de Iowa. Recuerdo derramar lágrimas de alegría cuando bendecimos a una familia que se mudaba a su nueva casa de Hábitat para la Humanidad. En cada caso, sentí que Dios me abrazaba. Los milagros a menudo vienen en pequeños paquetes, y son regalos que nos ayudan a sostenernos al envejecer. «Porque por gracia sois salvos por medio de la fe... es don de Dios; no por obras, para que nadie se gloríe. Porque somos hechura suya, creados en Cristo Jesús.» (Efesios 2:8-10) ¿Dónde están los milagros en tu vida? ¿Dónde están los indicios de la gracia de Dios? Están justo frente a tus ojos. Son destellos del amor de Dios por ti. — P. Jim

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ST. MONICA'S COUNCIL #12601

MEETINGS 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY OF THE  
MONTH AT THE  
SIMON & GEORGE HALL

*In Service to One. In Service to All!*



### 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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Edward O. Schiller, Jr.  
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*May all the faithful departed  
Rest in Peace*

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PETE & FRANCES  
MIKULA*

*May all the faithful departed  
Rest in Peace*

## St. Monica's Ladies' Society

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

All Ladies Invited!

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Juan Gonzalez, Becky Ferrara, Patsy Vrazel, Gregorio Ortega, Rosa Cardona,  
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### St. Monica's Ladies' Society

Becky Ferrara, President

### Knights of Columbus, St. Monica's Council #12601

Thomas Michalka, Grand Knight

### Bereavement Meal Committee

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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.  
(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.