

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Monica Catholic Church

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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)

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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

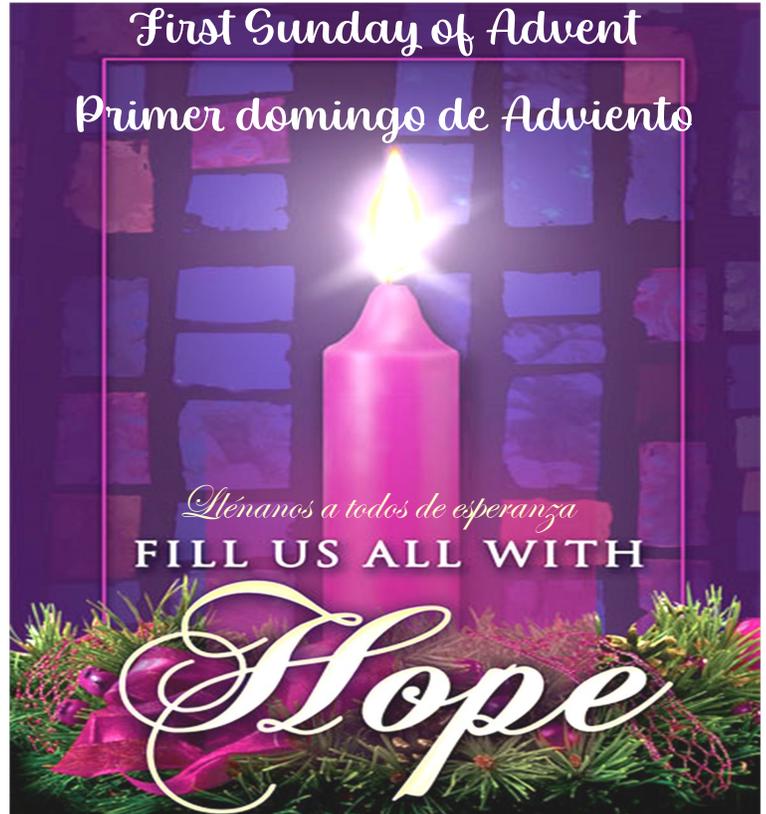
Friday/ Viernes

8:00 a.m. - Spanish/en Español

Reconciliation / Reconciliación

Saturday/ Sábado, 5 PM - 5:45 PM

or by appointment / O por cita



~ 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 entermos

Mass Schedule
Horario de misas
Mass Intentions - Intenciones de la misa

Saturday, November 29, 2025

6 p.m. † Joe & Mary Vrazel
† Joe & Annie Dohnalik
† Jean Krenek

Sunday, November 30, 2025

8 a.m. † Vanessa R. Barba, Mia R. Oviedo
and Petra Galvan

10 a.m. For the People of God

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

12:10 p.m. † Rudy Tepera

6 p.m. (en español) For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

8 a.m. Living & Deceased members of St. Monica's Ladies Society

Thursday, December 4, 2025

12:10 p.m. † Rudy Tepera

Friday, December 5, 2025

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

Saturday, December 6, 2025

6 p.m. † Joe & Mary Vrazel
† Joe & Annie Dohnalik
† Charlie & Millie Krenek

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8 a.m. † Gregorio & Francisca Ortega
† Paula & Jaquín García Sr.

† Barbara Placencia

10 a.m. † Fernando Reyes

† Antonia Rodríguez
† Jesus Gonzalez

Monday, December 8, 2025

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

English Mass: 12:10 p.m.

Spanish Mass: 6 p.m.

St. Monica's Prayer Chain
Cadena de Oración de Sta. Mónica

Please Pray for: Por favor reza por:

Arturo(Sonny)Vega Jr,
Martha Hubnik, 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.

Stewardship Report

Week of November 23, 2025

Sunday Collection: \$2,698.00

Online Giving:

* Sunday Collection: \$ 290.00

Total Collection: \$ 2, 988.00

Upcoming Second Collections

November 29 & 30: Parish Building & Maintenance Fund

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS

Ladies Society Meeting

The December Ladies Society meeting on December 2, will begin at 1:00p.m. instead of 2 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.

St. Monica's Advent Penance Service

Servicio de penitencia de Adviento de Santa Mónica Wed. Dec. 10, 2025, 7 p.m. held in the church.

Celebración en honor de La Virgin de Guadalupe

El viernes, 12 de diciembre de 2025

5:00 a.m.: Las Mañanitas

6:00 p.m.: Santa Misa con Mariachi (español)

Parish Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13, 2025, 7 p.m. at the Simon & George Hall

Todos estan invitados el sabado, 13 de diciembre en el salon Simon & George a la Fiesta Navideña Parroquial a disfrutar de buena comida y compañerismo.



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

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

- Class # 9 resumes: Sun., Dec. 7, 2025, 9 a.m.
- **Parish Christmas Party: Dec. 13, 2025 at 7 PM at the Simon & George Hall./**
- **Fiesta navideña parroquial: 13 de diciembre a las 7:00 PM en el salón Simon & George.**
- Class # 10 : Sun., Dec. 14, 2025, 9 a.m.
- **Christmas & New Year's Break—No CCE Classes**
No habrá clases las siguientes fechas:
*Sun., Dec. 21, 2025- Holiday/día festivo
*Sun., Dec.28, 2025- Holiday/día festivo
*Sun., Jan. 4, 2026- Holiday/día festivo
- Class # 11 resumes: Sunday, January 11, 2026



Help beautify the altar and sanctuary this Christmas by making a Christmas flower offering in memory or honor of a loved one. The names of those honored will be included in the parish bulletin.

Ayúdanos a embellecer el altar y el santuario esta Navidad con una ofrenda floral en memoria o honor de un ser querido. Los nombres de los homenajeados se incluirán en el boletín parroquial.

Christmas Flower Coupon/Cupón: Flor de Nochebuena

Please complete this form and return it to the office, or place in the offering basket. —Por favor, complete este formulario y devuélvalo a la oficina, o colóquelo en la cesta de las ofrendas.—

Cost / Precio: \$15/plant —Deadline/fecha límite: December 12, 2025

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Mon., Dec. 8, 2025

English: 12:10 p.m.

Spanish: 6 p.m.

Misa de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María:

Lunes, 8 de diciembre a las

12:10 p.m. : Misa en igles

6 p.m. : Misa en español

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Sanctuary Light will burn this week:
Lampara Del Santuario arderá esta semana:
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De parte de : Eliza Cardona

Celebration en honor de La Virgin de Guadalupe

El viernes,

12 de Diciembre

de 2025

5:00 a.m.:

Las Mañanitas

6:00 p.m.:

Santa Misa con Mariachi



Se invita a todos a continuar la celebración de la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe con una recepción y comida después de la misa.

First Sunday of Advent

“Active waiting for the Lord means not allowing ourselves to be lulled into purely private interests in our homes and apartments, but donating our attention, time and talents. It implies sharing our strengths and accepting our weaknesses in our parishes, schools, community work, and in society at large,” said Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. How can we “actively wait” for Christ this Advent?

Primer Domingo de Adviento

"Esperar activamente al Señor significa no dejarnos adormecer por puros intereses privados en nuestras casas y apartamentos, pero donar nuestra atención, tiempo y talentos. Esto implica compartir nuestras fortalezas y aceptar nuestras debilidades en nuestras parroquias, escuelas, comunidades de trabajo y en la sociedad," dijo el Cardenal Joseph Bernardin ¿Cómo podemos "esperar activamente" la llegada de Cristo durante este Adviento?

Raffle/Rifa: Feast of OLOG

- 1ST PRIZE** – PICTURE OF ST. MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL
- 2ND PRIZE** - \$200 VISA GIFT CARD
- 3RD 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!



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.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 6, 2025 6 PM

Lector: Keith Copeland and Lisa Shelton
Euch. M.: Agnes & Cynthia Kostroun
Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, December 7, 2025, 8 AM

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

Sunday, December 7, 2025, 10 AM

Lector: Marilyn Murphy and Marilyn Gaas
Euch. M.: Pam Oliver and Carmen Rios
Altar Servers: Vicente Sanchez & Danny Reyes and Aubrey Rios

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 8, 2025

12:10 PM, English

Lector: Chris Wilson
Euch. M.: Janice Klecka and Agnes Kostroun
Altar Servers: Volunteers

6 PM, Spanish

Lector: Confirmation Students
Euch. M.: Bonifacio & Ramona Banda
Altar Servers: Volunteers

Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe,

Sunday, December 12, 2025, 6 PM, Spanish Mass

Lector: Joe Mancha and Margarita Saucedo Madera
Euch. M.: Ramona Banda and Anna Reyes Hill
Altar Servers: Vicente Sanchez, Danny Reyes and Valentina & Julisa Quintero

Saturday, December 13, 2025 6 PM

Lector: Denise Pineda and Patsy Vrazel
Euch. M.: Becky & Joe Ferrara
Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, December 14, 2025, 8 AM

Lector: Joe Mancha
Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Sonia Perez
Altar Servers: Cesar Guevara-Mateo, Jonan DeLosSantos and Nolvin Vasquez-Lopez
Sunday, December 14, 2025, 10 AM
Lector: Shelly Lopez and Rick Rhoades
Euch. M.: Anna Reyes Hill and Monica Schiller
Altar Servers: Vicente Sanchez, Danny Reyes and Raphael Martinez Jr.,

Crossing the river of "If Only"

The widest river in the world is not the Mississippi, Amazon or Nile. The widest river on earth is a body of water called the If Only River. Throngs of people stand on its banks and cast longing eyes over the waters. They long to cross but can't seem to find the ferry. They are convinced the If Only River separates them from the good life. If only I were thinner, I'd have the good life. If only I were richer, I'd have the good life. If only the kids would come. If only the kids were gone. If only I could leave home, move back home, get married, get divorced. The If Only River. This Thanksgiving, are you standing on its shore? Does it seem that the good life is always one if only away? One purchase away? One promotion away? One election, transition or romance away? If so, then we've traced your anxiety back to one of its sources. You're in a hurry to cross the river and worried that you never will. Consequently, you work long hours, borrow more money, take on new projects and pile on more responsibilities. Stress. Debt. Short nights. Long days. All part of the cost to the land of the good life, right? Not exactly, said the Apostle Paul. The good life begins, not when circumstances change, but when our attitude toward them does. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and



minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6). Let us be thankful for who we are and what we have – here and now. And may you have this peace this Thanksgiving. - - - Fr. Jim (with much help from Max Lucado)

Cruzando el río de "si solo"

El río más ancho del mundo no es Mississippi, Amazon o Nile. El río más ancho de la tierra es un cuerpo de agua llamado Si Solo River. Multitudes de personas se paran en sus orillas y lanzan ojos ansiosos sobre las aguas. Anhelan cruzar pero parece que no pueden encontrar el ferry. Están convencidos de que el río Si Solo los separa de la buena vida. Si solo fuera más delgado, tendría una buena vida. Si solo fuera más rico, tendría una buena vida. Si tan solo vinieran los niños. Si tan solo los niños se hubieran ido. Si tan solo pudiera salir de casa, mudarme a casa, casarme, divorciarme. El río Si Solo. Este Día de Acción de Gracias, ¿estás parado en su orilla? ¿Parece que la buena vida es siempre una, aunque solo sea lejos? ¿Una compra de distancia? ¿Una promoción de distancia? ¿Una elección, transición o romance lejos? Si es así, hemos rastreado su ansiedad hasta una de sus fuentes. Tienes prisa por cruzar el río y te preocupa que nunca lo harás. En consecuencia, trabaja largas horas, pide prestado más dinero, asume nuevos proyectos y acumula más responsabilidades. Estrés. Deuda. Noches cortas Días largos. Todo es parte del costo para la tierra de la buena vida, ¿verdad? No exactamente, dijo el apóstol Pablo. La buena vida comienza, no cuando las circunstancias cambian, sino cuando cambia nuestra actitud hacia ellas. "No te preocupes por nada, pero en todo mediante la oración y la súplica, con acción de gracias, haz que tus peticiones se den a conocer a Dios; y la paz de Dios, que sobrepasa todo entendimiento, guardará sus corazones y mentes por medio de Cristo Jesús"(Fil. 4: 6). Agradecemos por lo quiénes somos y lo que tenemos, aquí y ahora. Y que tengas esta paz este Día de Acción de Gracias. - - - 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
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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St. Monica's Ladies' Society

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

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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.