

St. Monica Catholic Church

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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



~ 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, 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 & Juquin Garcia Sr.
† Barbara Placencia
10 a.m. † Fernando Reyes
† Antonia Rodriguez
† Jesus Gonzalez

Monday, December 8, 2025

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
English : 12:10 p.m. Spanish Mass: 6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

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

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

8 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Thursday, December 11, 2025

12:10 p.m. † Rudy Tepera

Friday, December 12, 2025

8 a.m. No Mass/No Habra Misa
6 p.m. (en español) Misa en honor de La Virgen de Guadalupe en español.

Saturday, December 13, 2025

6 p.m. † Judy Kostrum
† Joseph Simecek
† Living & Deceased members of Catholic Life Insurance

Sunday, December 14, 2025

8 a.m. † Sally Cervantes
† Juquin Garcia Jr.
† Vanessa R. Barba
† Jessica Velez
10 a.m. For the people of the Parish

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,
Laura Zeig and Jessilyn Henderson.

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

Stewardship Report

Week of November 30, 2025

Sunday Collection:	\$2,646.00
Building Fund:	\$916.00
Online Giving:	
* Sunday Collection:	\$ 675.00
* Building Fund:	\$ 50.00
Total Collection:	\$ 4, 287.00

Upcoming Second Collections
December 13 & 14: Retired Clergy & Religious

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS

Parish Office Closure
Mon. Dec. 8th: In observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception the parish office will be closed.

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.

KIZT Quarterly Meeting
Friday, December 12, 2025 at the St. Anthony Building, Library Room.

Celebración en honor de La Virgen de Guadalupe
El viernes, 12 de diciembre de 2025
5:00 a.m.: Las Mañanitas
6:00 p.m.: Santa Misa con Mariachi (español)

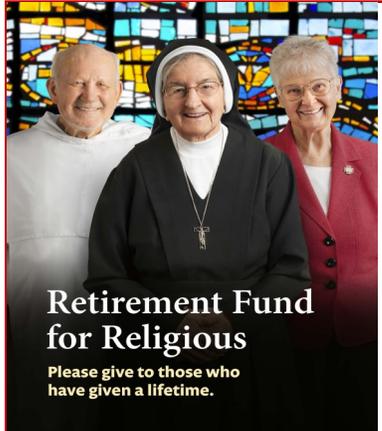
Parish Christmas Party
Saturday, December 13, 2025, 7 p.m. at the Simon & George Hall
Todos estan invitados el sabado, 13 de diciembre en el salon Simon & George a la Fiesta Navideña Parroquial a disfrutar de buena comida y compañerismo.

Parish Office Closure
The Parish office will be closed for the Holidays Dec. 22nd to Jan. 2, 2026. The parish office will reopen on Mon., Jan. 5, 2026.
For sacramental emergencies:
Call or Text Fr. Jim at 972-895-2622 or

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

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

- **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 habra 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



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Mon., Dec. 8, 2025
Holy day of obligation
English: 12:10 p.m.
Spanish: 6 p.m.

Misa de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María: Día de precepto
Lunes, 8 de diciembre a las 12:10 p.m. : Misa en igles
6 p.m. : Misa en espanol

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Celebration en honor de La Virgen 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.
Everyone is invited to continue the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a reception and meal after Mass.

The Pope's December Intentions

For Christians in areas of conflict: Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Por los cristianos en zonas de conflicto: Oremos para que los cristianos que viven en zonas de guerra o conflicto, especialmente en Oriente Medio, sean semillas de paz, reconciliación y esperanza.

Sanctuary Light will burn this week:
Lampara Del Santuario arderá esta semana:
Para Todos Los Fieles Defuntos
Departa de : Eliza Cardona



A lifetime of service deserves care in return.

Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious.

Please consider giving next week.

Toda una vida de servicio merece a cambio que los cuidemos.
"Gracias a la generosidad de ustedes, podemos proporcionar el mejor cuidado a las hermanas en nuestra comunidad", dice la Hna. M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, miembro de las hermanas franciscanas del mártir san Jorge en Alton, Illinois. Donativos al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos cubre gastos de vivienda, cuidados médicos y apoyo esencial para miles de religiosos ancianos. Les rogamos que donen la semana próxima.

Bulletin Submission Deadlines:

- **For Sun., December 14 & 21 bulletin**

Please submit your request by Wed., Dec. 10th

- **For Sun., Dec. 28th & Jan 4th bulletin**

Please submit your request by Dec. 16th

Send Bulletin submissions to Gilda Rios at office@saintmonicatx.org.



FOOD DRIVE:

KJZT Society #48 and the St. Monica's Ladies Society will be conducting a Christmas food drive to benefit the Cameron Thrift Store. Please place any non-perishable food items in the box located in the back of the church. Monetary donations can be taken to the parish office. Last day to donate will be Dec. 15th. Thank you for supporting our local thrift store.

Make your gift to the CSA today!



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Ministry Schedule

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,

Jonah 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.,

Saturday, December 20, 2025 6 PM

Lector: Nonito Martinez and Cynthia Kostroun

Euch. M.: Agnes Kostroun & Janice Klecka

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, December 21, 2025, 8 AM

Lector: Mariana Reyes

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Joe Mancha

Altar Servers: Guadalupe Acosta and Valentina & Julisa Quintero

Sunday, December 21, 2025, 10 AM

Lector: Elizabeth Pineda and Kailey Rodriguez

Euch. M.: Marilyn Gaas and Pam Oliver

Altar Servers: Kenly Reese and Sebastian Layburn
Aubrey Rios

Mary understands the pain of a mother

Eileen Morgan was a good Catholic who prayed often to Jesus because he understood loss and pain. Her husband was in the Navy and so was often away from home on military duty. She raised her two sons and then a younger daughter mostly on her own. Her daughter was born with digestion problems. She wanted to eat like her older brothers, but at the age of 1 ½ years she could still only consume breast milk. Seeing that Eileen felt very discouraged, her friend gave her a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe and said that Mary would take care of her. About a year later her daughter began to improve. Eileen was thankful, but still skeptical. When her daughter was 10 years old, she developed a swelling on her foot that her mother thought was a basketball injury. But the swelling was revealed to be a rare form of cancer that was spreading from her foot to her lymph nodes. Eileen was devastated as she watched her daughter undergo harsh treatment. She was alone when she began to cry deeply. Unexpectedly, the image of Mary holding her lifeless son, Jesus, came into her head. "Yes, Mary, you understand what I am feeling. I don't know what to do. Please help my daughter." Within a few minutes, she began to feel a presence of love. A few days later, a close friend brought back a medal from the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Our Lady had told her to give the medal to Eileen's daughter as a reminder that Our Lady was watching over her always. Her daughter survived, and now works as a pediatric nurse. She has a special devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary understands what it means to be a mother, and to be a daughter. - - - Fr. Jim



María entiende el dolor de una madre

Eileen Morgan era una buena católica que rezaba a menudo a Jesús porque entendía la pérdida y el dolor. Su esposo estaba en la Marina y, por lo tanto, a menudo estaba fuera de casa en servicio militar. Ella crió a sus dos hijos y luego a una hija menor, principalmente sola. Su hija nació con problemas de digestión. Quería comer como sus hermanos mayores, pero a la edad de 1 año y medio solo podía consumir leche materna. Al ver que Eileen se sentía muy desanimada, su amigo le dio una foto de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y le dijo que María la cuidaría. Aproximadamente un año después, su hija comenzó a mejorar. Eileen estaba agradecida, pero aún escéptica. Cuando su hija tenía 10 años, desarrolló una hinchazón en el pie que su madre pensó que era una lesión de baloncesto. Pero se reveló que la hinchazón era una forma rara de cáncer que se extendía desde su pie hasta sus ganglios linfáticos. Eileen estaba devastada mientras veía a su hija someterse a un trato duro. Estaba sola cuando comenzó a llorar profundamente. Inesperadamente, la imagen de María sosteniendo a su hijo sin vida, Jesús, se le vino a la cabeza. "Sí, Mary, entiendes lo que estoy sintiendo. No se que hacer. Por favor, ayude a mi hija ". A los pocos minutos, comenzó a sentir una presencia de amor. Unos días después, un amigo cercano trajo una medalla de la Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la Ciudad de México. Nuestra Señora le había dicho que le diera la medalla a la hija de Eileen como un recordatorio de que Nuestra Señora siempre la estaba cuidando. Su hija sobrevivió y ahora trabaja como enfermera pediátrica. Ella tiene una devoción especial a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Mary comprende lo que significa ser madre y ser hija. - - - El p. Jim

Second Sunday of Advent: Today's Psalm is "Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever." How are we working toward justice and peace today?

Segundo Domingo de Adviento: El Salmo de Hoy es "Florece en sus días la justicia, y la plenitud de la paz para siempre". ¿Cómo estamos trabajando para la justicia y la paz hoy?



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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Prayer to St. Monica

Great St. Monica,
patroness of all
mothers and fathers,
please take our children
under your protection even those
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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

All Ladies Invited!

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- Cremation

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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.