

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



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~ 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 13, 2025
6 p.m. † Judy Kostroun
† Joseph Simecek
† Living & Deceased members of Catholic Life Insurance

Sunday, December 14, 2025
8 a.m. † Sally Cervantes
† Juaquin Garcia Jr.
† Vanessa R. Barba
† Jessica Velez

10 a.m. For the people of the Parish

Tuesday, December 16, 2025
12:10 p.m. † Rudy Tepera
6 p.m. (en español) No Mass - No Habra Misa

Wednesday, December 17, 2025
8 a.m. For the People of the Parish

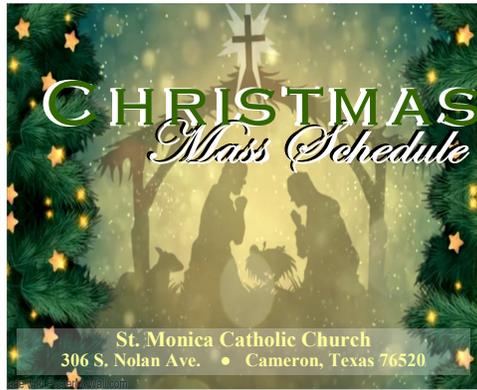
Thursday, December 18, 2025
12:10 p.m. † Rudy Tepera

Friday, December 19, 2025
8 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Saturday, December 20, 2025
6 p.m. † Gertrude Mueck
† Herbert F. & Helen Hoelscher
† Louis Vrazel, Sr.
† Carter Tomascik

Sunday, December 21, 2025
8 a.m. † Cirilo Castillo
† Josefa & Jesus Gonzalez
† Anthony & Timothy Woytek

10 a.m. † Adrian Reyes
† Antonia Rodriguez
† Jesus Gonzalez



The Nativity of the Lord
-Christmas Eve • Nochebuena-
Wednesday, December 24, 2025, 6 p.m.
Children's Vigil Mass (Bilingual) with carols & Children's Choir
Misa de Vigilia Infantil (bilingüe) con villancicos y coro de niños

-Christmas Day • Navidad-
Thursday, December 25, 2025
9 a.m. - Spanish Mass (Misa en español)
11 a.m. - Mass in English (en inglés)

Calendar of Events/Meetings
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 email: pastor@saintmonicatx.org

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Solemnidad de María, Santa Madre de Dios
Holy day of Obligation-Día Santo de Precepto
Thursday, January 1, 2026 — 1 de enero de 2026
12:10 PM - English (Misa en inglés)
6:00 PM - Spanish Mass

St. Monica's Ladies Society Meeting
Tuesday, January 6, 2026. 2 p.m. at the St. Anthony School, Library

Third Sunday of Advent
This Sunday the readings tell us where to look for the Lord's coming: when the blind see and the lame walk; and when the dead are raised to life and the poor have good news preached to them. In our day the Lord's presence is seen when walls of oppression fall, when enemies seek avenues of fellowship and trust, when the poor and homeless find care and the forgotten are included. The Kingdom is among us, are we acting as Kingdom people?
Tercer Domingo de Adviento
Este domingo, las lecturas nos dicen dónde buscar la venida del Señor: cuando los ciegos vean, los cojos caminen; cuando los muertos sean levantados a la vida y a los pobres les sean anunciadas buenas noticias. En nuestros días, La presencia del Señor es vista cuando caen los muros de la opresión, cuando enemigos buscan avenidas de compañerismo y confianza, cuando los pobres y las personas sin hogar encuentran cuidados y los olvidados son incluidos. El Reino está entre nosotros ¿Actuamos como personas del Reino?

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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 December 7, 2025

Sunday Collection:	\$3,939.00
Building Fund:	\$ 50.00
Online Giving:	
* Sunday Collection:	\$ 290.00
Total Collection:	\$4,279 .00

Upcoming Second Collections
Dec 27 & 28: Feast of the Holy Family
Supports Maternity Homes for the Diocese of Austin, and Family & Pro-Life Activities.

FAITH FORMATION: ST. MONICA'S R.E. CCE PROGRAM CALENDAR
Upcoming Events & Class Schedule: Pre-K-9th December:

- **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

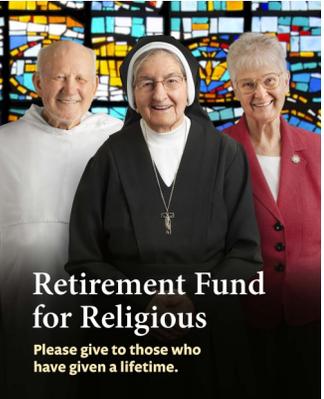
FOOD DRIVE:
KJZT Society #48 and the St. Monica's Ladies Society will be conducting a Christmas food drive to benefit the Cameron Thrift Store. Please place any non-perishable food items in the box located in the back of the church. Monetary donations can be taken to the parish office. Last day to donate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

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.

December 13 & 14- Special Collection for Retired Clergy & Religious

They gave their lives in service— now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation—it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Dieron su vida en el servicio –ahora necesitan ayuda. Durante décadas, mujeres y hombres religiosos se preocuparon por otros, enseñando, rezando y sirviendo a los necesitados. Muchos ahora se enfrentan a su jubilación sin ahorros suficientes. El apoyo de ustedes asegura que ellos reciban el Cuidado y dignidad que merecen. Ofrezcámosles ahora la dignidad que han dado tan desinteresadamente a los demás. La generosidad de ustedes hoy no es solo un donativo –es una manera de darles las gracias por el servicio de toda una vida. Les rogamos que donen al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos.



Retirement Fund for Religious
Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

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Dale a tu hijo una educación que forme tanto la mente como el alma

Con el nuevo programa de elección escolar: Cuentas de Libertad Educativa de Texas (TEFA), familias pueden recibir fondos para ayudar a pagar una educación privada, ayudando a más familias a alcanzar el sueño de una educación católica. Con la fe como base y guiados por la misión, queremos ayudarte a conocer tus opciones y prepararte para cuando la ventana de tiempo para las solicitudes abra. Visita csdatx.org/schoolchoice y descubre cómo TEFA puede apoyar tu vocación como padre y el primer educador en la vida de tus hijos.

Temple-Killeen Deanery Penance Services

Parish Name	Date	Time
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

Ministry Schedule

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

Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24, 2025 6 PM

Lector: Lisa Shelton and Nonito Martinez
Euch. M.: Anna Reyes Hill and Pam Oliver
Altar Servers: Valentina & Julisa Quintero and Jonah DeLosSantos

Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25, 2025, 9 AM

Lector: Ramona Banda
Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Sonia Vega Perez
Altar Servers: Ariana, Margarita and Efrain Cruz
Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25, 2025, 11 AM
Lector: Chris Wilson
Euch. M.: Monica Schiller and Agnes Kostroun
Altar Servers: Kenly Reese and Raphael Martinez Jr.

Saturday, December 27, 2025 6 PM

Lector: Becky Ferrara and Monica Schiller
Euch. M.: Patsy Vrazel and Denise Pineda
Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, December 28, 2025, 8 AM

Lector: Margarita Saucedo
Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Ramona Banda
Altar Servers: Ariana, Margarita and Efrain Cruz
Sunday, December 28, 2025, 10 AM
Lector: Marilyn Gaas and Celeste Cardona
Euch. M.: Sonia Vega Perez and Anna Reyes Hill
Altar Servers: Sebastian Layburn & Raphael Martinez Jr.

And the lion lay down with the lamb

When I was young I had a friend whose name was Barry. He was a very good basketball player. He could make long shots into the basket from anywhere on the court. I asked him "How are you such a good shooter?" He said that he sits alone and plays make believe. He imagines himself shooting the ball and it goes in the basket. He pretends, and every time he pretends, the ball goes in the basket. I decided to play make believe also. I dreamed about myself playing the guitar, that I could play difficult songs with great skill. I also daydreamed about being a good priest. When we daydream about something good, we can make it start to happen. God wants us to imagine good things. When we pray the rosary, we imagine Mary as our mother. She holds us in her arms. She comforts us when we are afraid. When we gaze into the manger scene, we imagine a scene of much peace. The cattle are making soft noises. The baby is sleeping. The angels are singing about "Peace on earth, goodwill towards all men." In the book of Isaiah, God asks us to imagine something very strange (Isaiah 11:1-10). If you put a lion and a lamb in the same cage, what do you think would happen? The lion would eat the lamb. He would make lamb chops to eat! But God wants us to imagine a world in which people live peacefully with one another. When we imagine



something like that, we can make it start to happen. We can begin to live as if it were true. And - you know what? It will then start to become true. – Fr. Jim

Y el león se acostó con el cordero

De joven, tenía un amigo llamado Barry. Era muy buen jugador de baloncesto. Podía encestar desde cualquier punto de la cancha. Le pregunté: "¿Cómo eres tan buen tirador?". Me dijo que se sienta solo y juega a la fantasía. Se imagina lanzando y metiendo la pelota. Imagina, y cada vez que lo hace, mete la pelota. Decidí jugar a la fantasía también. Soñaba con tocar la guitarra, con tocar canciones difíciles con gran destreza. También fantaseaba con ser un buen sacerdote. Cuando fantaseamos con algo bueno, podemos hacer que empiece a suceder. Dios quiere que imaginemos cosas buenas. Cuando rezamos el rosario, imaginamos a María como nuestra madre. Nos sostiene en sus brazos. Nos consuela cuando tenemos miedo. Cuando contemplamos el pesebre, imaginamos una escena de mucha paz. El ganado hace suaves ruidos. El bebé duerme. Los ángeles cantan: «Paz en la tierra, buena voluntad para todos los hombres». En el libro de Isaías, Dios nos pide que imaginemos algo muy extraño (Isaías 11:1-10). Si metes a un león y a un cordero en la misma jaula, ¿qué crees que pasaría? El león se comería al cordero. ¡Haría chuletas de cordero para comer! Pero Dios quiere que imaginemos un mundo donde las personas vivan en paz. Cuando imaginamos algo así, podemos empezar a hacerlo realidad. Podemos empezar a vivir como si fuera real. Y, ¿sabes qué? Entonces empezará a hacerse realidad. – P. Jim

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Prayer to St. Monica

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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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St. Monica's Ladies' Society

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

All Ladies Invited!

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K.J.Z.T. Society #48

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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.