

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

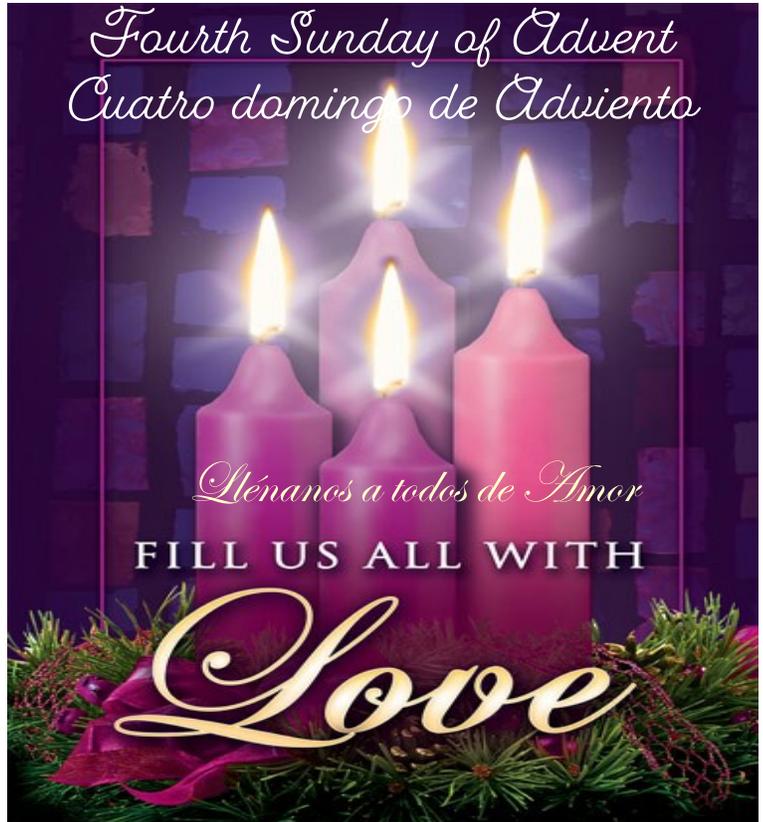
8:00 a.m. - Spanish/en Español

Reconciliation / Reconciliación

Saturday/ Sábado, 5 PM - 5:45 PM

or by appointment / O por cita

*Fourth Sunday of Advent
Cuatro domingos de Adviento*



llenanos a todos de Amor

FILL US ALL WITH

Love

~ 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, 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

Tuesday, December 23, 2025

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

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

- 8 a.m. No Mass/ No Habra Misa
- The Nativity of the Lord, Vigil Mass**
- 6 p.m. **Christmas Eve (Bilingual)**
- † Vanessa R. Barba, Mia R. Oviedo
- † Petra Galvan

Thursday, December 25, 2025

- 12:10 p.m. No Mass/ No Habra Misa
- The Nativity of the Lord: Christmas Day**
- 9 a.m. Spanish † Living & Deceased members of Billy & MaryAnn Seaton Family
- 11 a.m. † Paul & Rosalie Mueck
- † Living & Deceased Members of Sheguit-Richter Family

Friday, December 26, 2025

- 8 a.m. No Mass/ No Habra Misa

Saturday, December 27, 2025

- 6 p. m. † Jean Krenek

Sunday, December 28, 2025

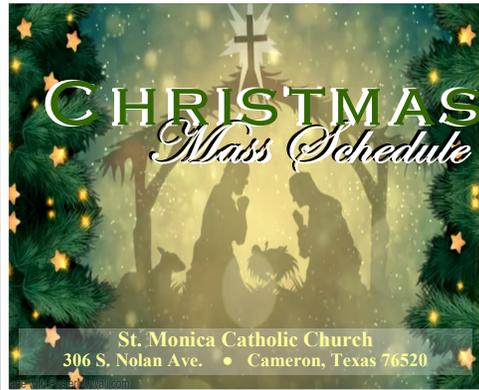
- 8 a.m. † Anthony & Timothy Woytek
- † Vanessa R. Barba & Mia R. Oviedo
- † Petra Galvan
- 10 a. m. † Marie & Harold Darby

 **Sanctuary Light will burn this week In Memory Of Anthony & Timothy Woytek**
By: MaryAnn Seaton Family

 **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

OLOG MASS: Dec. 12, 2025	
Family & Youth:	\$ 388.00
Week of December 14, 2025	
Sunday Collection:	\$2, 812.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$334.00
Retired Clergy & Religious:	\$ 634.00
Online Giving:	
* Sunday Collection:	\$ 640.00
*Building Fund:	\$ 25.00
Total Collection:	\$4,833.00



The Nativity of the Lord
-Holy Day of Obligation-
-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
La oficina parroquial estará cerrada del 22 de diciembre al 2 de enero. La oficina reabrirá el Lunes 5 de enero de 2026. En caso de una emergencia sacramental, llame/envíe un mensaje de texto P. Jim al: 972-895-2622, deje su mensaje y le devolveremos la llamada lo antes posible o comuníquese con el P. Jim por correo electrónico al pastor@saintmonicatx.org.

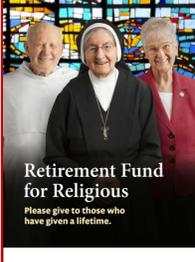
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Solemnidad de María, Santa Madre de Dios
Holy day of Obligation-Día Santo de Precepto
Thursday, January 1, 2026 — 1 de enero de 2026
12:10 PM - English (Misa en inglés)
6:00 PM - Spanish Mass
St. Monica's Ladies Society Meeting
Tuesday, January 6, 2026. 2 p.m. at the St. Anthony School, Library

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FAITH FORMATION: ST. MONICA'S R.E. CCE PROGRAM CALENDAR
Upcoming Events & Class Schedule: Pre-K-9th
• **Christmas & New Year's Break-No CCE Classes**
No habra clases las siguientes fechas:
*Sun., Dec. 21 & 28, 2025- Holiday/día festivo
*Sun., Jan. 4, 2026- Holiday/día festivo
• Class # 11 resumes: Sunday, January 11, 2026

Upcoming Second Collections: Dec 27 & 28: Feast of the Holy Family
Feast of the Holy Family: The Feast of the Holy Family collection supports the Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown, Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter in Temple and the diocesan Office of Life, Marriage and Family. Throughout Central Texas there are maternity homes, foster care programs and adoption services that help expectant mothers, children in need and entire families. These important services and programs provide much needed assistance and promote our Catholic values of respecting all human life. Please be generous in your support of this most worthy cause.
Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia: La colecta de la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia apoya la Casa de Maternidad de la Anunciación en Georgetown, el Refugio de Maternidad Nuestra Señora de los Angeles en Temple y la Oficina diocesana de Vida, Matrimonio y Familia. En todo el centro de Texas hay hogares de maternidad, programas de cuidado de crianza y servicios de adopción que ayudan a las mujeres embarazadas, a los niños necesitados y a familias enteras. Estos importantes servicios y programas brindan asistencia muy necesaria y promueven nuestros valores católicos de respetar toda vida humana.
Sea generoso en su apoyo a esta causa tan valiosa.

Fourth Sunday of Advent
The mystery of the Incarnation occurred through Mary and yet through the Holy Spirit given to us in Baptism and Confirmation we too are called to embody the presence of God. Have we, like Mary, said yes to God? Are we, like Joseph, nurturing and protecting that life within us? As we celebrate this holy season of birth, are we giving birth in our lives to the fruits of God's love: justice, peace, kindness, humility and joy?
Cuarto Domingo de Adviento
El misterio de la Encarnación ocurrió a través de María, y a través del Espíritu Santo que nos es dado durante el Bautismo y la Confirmación, también estamos llamados a personificar la presencia de Dios ¿Hemos nosotros, como María, dicho que sí a Dios? ¿Somos como José, alimento y protección de la vida dentro de nosotros? Mientras celebramos esta temporada santa de nacimiento ¿estamos dando a luz en nuestras vidas los frutos del amor de Dios: justicia, paz, amabilidad, humildad y gozo?


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

Heartfelt gratitude for your generosity! "Thank you very much for your donations, always," says Sister Olivia Bellegante, 93, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, Missouri. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. Learn more at retiredreligious.org.

¡Nuestra profunda gratitud por su generosidad!
Muchísimas gracias siempre por sus donativos", dice la Hna. Olivia Bellegante, 93, miembro de las Hermanas franciscanas de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro en St. Luis, Missouri. Los donativos afectan directamente a miles de religiosos mayores porque es el apoyo que ellos necesitan en su edad avanzada. Para más información visite retiredreligious.org.

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A Message from Bishop Daniel E. Garcia

“This Advent let us answer the call to care and pray for our neighbors in need. May this holy season open our hearts to Christ assisting us to bring the Good News to God’s people. You and your families are in my daily prayers, but especially during this holy and joyous season. May the peace of the infant child, Jesus, be experienced by all whom you love. Merry Christmas!”

--Bishop Daniel Garcia

Un Mensaje del Obispo Daniel Garcia

“Este Adviento respondamos al llamado de cuidar y orar por nuestro prójimo necesitado. Que esta santa temporada abra nuestros corazones a Cristo y nos ayude a llevar la Buena Nueva a la gente de Dios. Ustedes y sus familias están en mis oraciones diarias, pero especialmente durante esta santa y alegre temporada. Que la paz del niño Jesús, sea experimentada por todos a quienes aman. ¡Feliz Navidad!”

--Monseñor Daniel Garcia

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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.

Give Your Child an Education That Forms Both Mind and Soul

With the new School Choice program, the Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA), families can receive funds to help pay for private education, bringing the dream of Catholic school within reach. Grounded in faith and guided by mission - let us help you learn about your options and prepare to apply. Visit csdatx.org/schoolchoice. Discover how TEFA can support your vocation as a parent and educator.

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

The birth of the Christmas tree

In ancient Rome, the evergreen tree was a symbol of life amid winter. Wreaths of evergreen were hung on doors during the winter to remind gloomy people that life goes on even in the cold and dark. It is likely that Christmas trees started with medieval plays. Dramas depicting biblical stories began as part of the Church's worship, but by the late Middle Ages, they had become imaginative performances dominated by laypeople and taking place in the open air. The plays celebrating the Nativity of Jesus (Christmas) were linked to the story of creation. As part of the play for that day, the Garden of Eden was symbolized by a "paradise tree" hung with fruit. Some people began to set up their own "paradise trees" in their homes. They were hung with round pastry wafers symbolizing the Eucharist, which developed into the edible ornaments decorating German Christmas trees today. German immigrants brought the custom of Christmas trees to Britain in the early 1800s, but it spread widely after Queen Victoria and the royal children were sketched in a magazine standing around the tree. During the mid-1850s US President Franklin Pierce arranged to have the first Christmas tree in the White House. The Christmas tree is the continuation of light and life through the darkness of winter, with its evergreen branches and its twinkling lights.

The balls and treats that hang from the boughs are symbols of God’s grace that dot the landscape of our lives. There is always sparkle amidst the green; there is hope in the darkness. As we sit in the darkness with only the lights of the Christmas tree, we “hope for what we do not see, and we wait with endurance” (Rom 8:25).— Fr. Jim



El nacimiento del árbol de Navidad

En la antigua Roma, el árbol de hoja perenne era un símbolo de vida en pleno invierno. Durante el invierno, se colgaban coronas de hojas perennes en las puertas para recordar a las personas tristes que la

vida continúa incluso en el frío y la oscuridad. Es probable que los árboles de Navidad surgieran con las obras de teatro medievales. Las obras que representaban historias bíblicas comenzaron como parte del culto de la Iglesia, pero a finales de la Edad Media se habían convertido en representaciones imaginativas dominadas por laicos y que se desarrollaban al aire libre. Las obras que celebraban la Natividad de Jesús (Navidad) estaban vinculadas a la historia de la creación. Como parte de la representación de ese día, el Jardín del Edén se simbolizaba con un "árbol del paraíso" adornado con frutas. Algunas personas comenzaron a colocar sus propios "árboles del paraíso" en sus hogares. Se adornaban con obleas redondas que simbolizaban la Eucaristía, que se convirtieron en los adornos comestibles que decoran los árboles de Navidad alemanes actuales. Los inmigrantes alemanes trajeron la costumbre de los árboles de Navidad a Gran Bretaña a principios del siglo XIX, pero se extendió ampliamente después de que la reina Victoria y los niños reales aparecieran en una revista junto al árbol. A mediados de la década de 1850, el presidente estadounidense Franklin Pierce dispuso la instalación del primer árbol de Navidad en la Casa Blanca. El árbol de Navidad es la prolongación de la luz y la vida en la oscuridad del invierno, con sus ramas perennes y sus luces centelleantes. Las bolas y los dulces que cuelgan de las ramas son símbolos de la gracia de Dios que adornan el paisaje de nuestras vidas. Siempre hay brillo en medio del verdor; hay esperanza en la oscuridad. Mientras nos sentamos en la oscuridad, con solo las luces del árbol de Navidad, «esperamos lo que no vemos, y aguardamos con paciencia» (Romanos 8:25). – P. Jim

Ministry Schedule

Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24, 2025 6 PM

Lector: Nonito Martinez and Volunteer

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

Thursday, January 1, 2026

12:10 PM: Lector: Chris Wilson

Euch. M.: Pam Oliver and Marilyn Murphy

6:00 PM: Lector: Ramona Banda

Euch. M.: Joe Mancha and Sonia Vega Perez

Altar Servers: Volunteers

*Please note Mass times in January may differ from the usual mass times due to Marak now being Mission of our parish.

Saturday, January 3, 2026 6 PM

Lector: Keith Copeland and Denise Pineda

Euch. M.: Denise Pineda & Janice Klecka

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, January 4, 2026, 8 AM

Lector: Blanca Cazares

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Joe Mancha

Altar Servers: Cesar Guevara-Mateo, Jonah DeLosSantos and Nolvin Vasquez-Lopez

Sunday, January 4, 2026, 10 AM

Lector: Shelly Lopez and Chris Wilson

Euch. M.: Marilyn Gaas and Pam Oliver

Altar Servers: Kenly Reese and Sebastian Layburn

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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
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

All Ladies Invited!

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- Perpetual Care Linda Kamenicky-Secretary 512-796-1904
- Cremation

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St. Monica's Ladies' Society

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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.