

# 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

-Pastor-

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### PARISH STAFF

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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

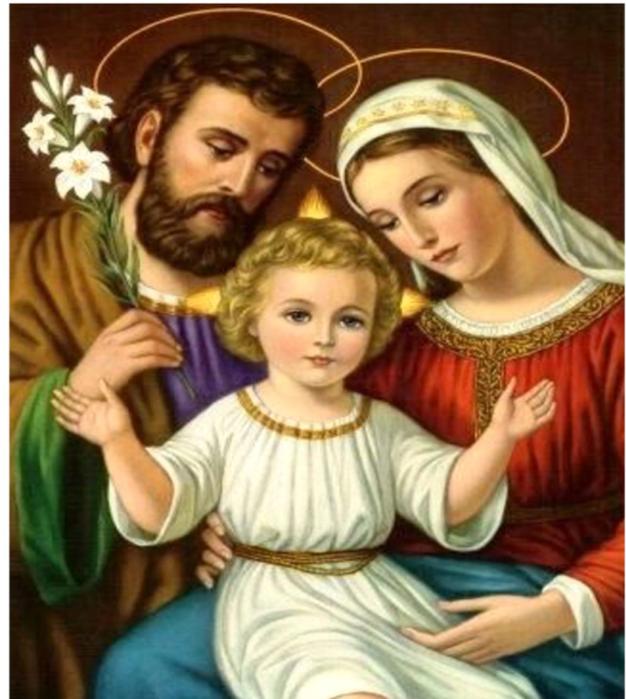
#### Friday/ Viernes

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 entemos

**Mass Schedule**  
Horario de misas  
*Mass Intentions - Intenciones de la 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  
**Tuesday, December 30, 2025**  
12:10 p.m. † Rudy Tepera  
6 p.m. (en español) For the People of the Parish  
**Wednesday, December 31, 2025**  
8 a.m. For the People of the Parish  
**Thursday, January 1, 2026**  
**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
12:10 p.m. English  
† Living & Deceased of John & Mary Hubnik Family, † Special Intention Billy & Mary Ann Seaton Family,  
† Anthony & Tim Woytek  
6 p.m. Spanish  
**Friday, January 2, 2026**  
8 a.m. † Paul Mueck Sr.  
**Saturday, January 3, 2026**  
6 p.m. For the People of the Parish  
**Sunday, January 4, 2026**  
*Sunday Mass times are subject to change. Los horarios de las misas dominicales están sujetos a cambios.*  
8 a.m. † Anthony & Timothy Woytek  
† Mela Elizabeth Zaragoza  
† Pedro Castaneda  
10 a.m. † Ann Krenek  
† Mary, Frank, Lee, Lawrence Klement

**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 Olivari, 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**  
Stewardship report for December 21st & 28th will be published in January 11th bulletin.

**Upcoming Second Collections**  
Jan. 10 & 11:  
St. Monica Catholic Youth Organization  
Jan. 24 & 25:  
Parish Building & Maintenance

**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.

**Calendar of Events/Meetings**

**Parish Office Closure**  
The Parish office will be closed for the Holidays Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 (Misa en español)

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

**Parish Office Closure**  
The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



**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 habrá 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  
• Class # 12 resumes: Sunday, January 18, 2026  
• Class # 13 resumes: Sunday, January 25, 2026  
• No Class/ No habrá clases: Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026

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**MASS TIME CHANGE**  
Cambio de horario de misa dominical

**Sunday's- el domingo**

There will be a Sunday Mass time change. This will be announced at Mass once a time is agreed upon.  
*Habrá un cambio de horario en la misa dominical. Esto se anunciará en la misa una vez que se haya acordado una hora determinada.*

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**Holy day of Obligation-Día Santo de Precepto**  
**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
**María, la Madre de Dios**

Thursday, January 1, 2026  
jueves, 1 de enero de 2026  
12:10 p.m. English (en inglés)  
6 p.m. Spanish (en español)

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
Today we celebrate that God is redeeming us and the world through Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection in a real human family. God is incarnate in the midst of our chaotic world because he desires to free us from sin, fear and death. As we meditate with gratitude this great gift of love, our minds and hearts must remember our brothers and sisters whose need may overcome any sense of gratitude. This day pray for those who are alone and without the love of family around them, for families living in cars or on streets, for those who will starve this day. God is saving them, but are we being neighbor and family to them?

**Festividad de la Sagrada Familia**

Hoy celebramos que Dios nos redime a nosotros y al mundo a través del nacimiento de Cristo, su vida, muerte y resurrección dentro de una familia humana real. Dios es encarnado en medio de nuestro mundo caótico por que desea liberarnos del pecado, del miedo y la muerte. Mientras meditamos con gratitud sobre este gran don de amor, nuestras mentes y corazones deben recordar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas cuya necesidad supera cualquier sentido de gratitud. Este día ore por aquellos que están solos y sin amor familiar a su alrededor, por familias que se encuentran viviendo en autos o en las calles, por aquellos que pasan hambre hoy. Dios los salva, pero ¿estamos siendo buen prójimo para ellos?

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Email: [info@kjzt.org](mailto:info@kjzt.org)

Submit your written request to the State Office before February 16th, 2026

To receive more information or have questions answered, please call the State Office at 1-888-253-2338.

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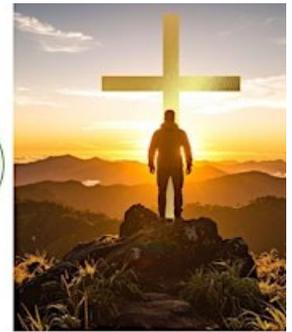
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**MLK Commemoration is Jan. 17:** The Diocese of Austin will host its annual Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration on Jan. 17 at 11 a.m. at St. Austin Parish in Austin. This day of prayer will include a talk from Keynote Speaker and Drum Major for Justice Award Recipient, Paulist Father Bruce Nieli and end with a light reception. For more information, visit [www.austindiocese.org/mlk-commemoration](http://www.austindiocese.org/mlk-commemoration).

**Young Catholic Professionals: Grow in Faith & Fellowship**  
Are you a Catholic young adult in your 20s or 30s striving to live out your faith while building your career? Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) Austin brings together young adults from across the city to grow in holiness, develop as leaders, and form authentic friendships and professional networks. Through speaker events, networking, mentorship, and spiritual formation, YCP equips members to integrate faith with work and daily life. Connect with YCP Austin today to see upcoming events and join a community of young professionals answering the call to holiness. Visit [youngcatholicprofessionals.org](http://youngcatholicprofessionals.org) for more information.

Come see our mission in action at CC101!  
CC101 is a 1-hour introduction to the mission and programs of Catholic Charities. Supporters, volunteers, partners, and community members are invited to attend a CC101 session and learn about our work to eliminate poverty across Central Texas, as well as tour our Austin campus. To learn more and schedule your CC101 tour, visit [www.ccctx.org/cc101](http://www.ccctx.org/cc101).

*¡Venga y vea nuestra misión en acción en CC101! CC101 es una introducción de una hora a la misión y los programas de Catholic Charities. Personas que apoyan, voluntarios, asociados y miembros de la comunidad están invitados a asistir a CC101 y a aprender sobre nuestro trabajo para eliminar la pobreza a lo largo del Centro de Texas, así como a visitar nuestras instalaciones de Austin. Para saber más y programar su tour CC101, visite [www.ccctx.org/cc101](http://www.ccctx.org/cc101).*

**Ministry Schedule**

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

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. We will announce the new schedule once it becomes available.

**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

**Saturday, January 10, 2026 6 PM**

Lector: Lisa Shelton and Patsy Vrazel

Euch. M.: Becky & Joe Ferrara

Altar Servers: Volunteers

**Sunday, January 11, 2026, 8 AM**

Lector: Joe Mancha

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Sonia Perez

Altar Servers: Guadalupe Acosta, Valentina & Julisa Quintero

**Sunday, January 11, 2026, 10 AM**

Lector: Marilyn Gaas and Monica Schiller

Euch. M.: Anna Reyes Hill and Marilyn Murphy

Altar Servers: Vicente Sanchez, Danny Reyes, and Sebastian Layburn

**Retreat experience for older teens, young adults**  
TEC (Together Encountering Christ) is a diocesan spiritual movement for older teens and young adults. It begins with a retreat weekend set for Jan. 17-19. The retreat will be filled with dynamic reflections, music, sacraments, adoration, small group dialogue, and prayer. Afterward, the TEC community continues as a source of support to reinforce local parish involvement and personal spiritual growth. TEC integrates Christ's Paschal Mystery (dying, rising, and going forth) into the challenges and needs of young adulthood.  
For more information, visit: <https://tecofctx.wordpress.com/>.

**Prepare for Total Consecration, order your book today**  
Join thousands throughout the diocese for 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. The prayers begin on Feb. 20 and are done privately using the preparation book. Visit [www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org](http://www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org) by Jan. 18 to receive a free copy of the Montfort preparation prayer book in the mail.

**Retreat for men at Eagle's Wings**  
Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet will offer Renew, a retreat for men 18 and older, on Jan. 10-11. In the modern era, our days are filled with tasks, stresses, distractions and endless to-do lists. Men are invited to get away, to retreat from the daily grind and spend some time with the Lord. With talks by Taylor Schroll of Forte Catholic, Renew is an opportunity to slow down and spend time in prayer, the Sacraments, and fellowship with other men from across the Diocese. Visit [ewrc.org/renew](http://ewrc.org/renew) for more information.

**Texas Pro-Life Day is Jan. 24:**  
Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day is Jan. 24. Masses for Life will be celebrated at San José Parish in Austin and St. Louis King of France Parish in Austin. The rosary will be prayed at 9 a.m., and Mass will follow at 10 a.m. Then all are invited to the March and Rally for Life from 1 to 4 p.m. at the State Capitol. All are invited to pray for the restoration of the dignity of human life. Details: [www.austindiocese.org/texas-catholic-pro-life-day](http://www.austindiocese.org/texas-catholic-pro-life-day).

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MEETINGS 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY OF THE  
MONTH AT THE  
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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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## Mikula

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MIKULA*

*May all the faithful departed  
Rest in Peace*

## St. Monica's Ladies' Society

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

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## INFORMATION: ORGANIZATIONS

### Pastoral Council Members

Patsy Vrazel, Chairwoman - Email: [pavrazel@yahoo.com](mailto:pavrazel@yahoo.com)

Juan Carlos Perez, Denise Pineda, Araceli & John Vargas, Ramona Bolivar,  
Juan Gonzalez, Becky Ferrara, Patsy Vrazel, Gregorio Ortega, Rosa Cardona,  
Celeste Cardona, Rick & Sherri Rhoades, and Louis "JR" Vrazel Jr.

### Finance Council Members

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### Cemetery Council Members

Robert Acosta, Juan Casillas, Linda Kamenicky, Cynthia Kostroun,  
Richard Kostroun, Renee Mueck, Billy Pagach, Carlos & Francisca Rodriguez,  
Gary Vrazel

### St. Monica's Ladies' Society

Becky Ferrara, President

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

Thomas Michalka, Grand Knight

### Bereavement Meal Committee

Carol Moore and Mary Frances Shipp

### EIM Site Admin. & Homebound Listing

Linda Kamenicky - email: [eim@saintmonicatx.org](mailto:eim@saintmonicatx.org)

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.