

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)

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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, 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

Tuesday, January 6, 2025
12:10 p.m. For the People of the Parish
6 p.m. (en español) For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 7, 2025
8 a.m. Living & Deceased members of
St. Monica's Ladies Society

Thursday, January 8, 2026
12:10 p.m. For the People of the Parish

Friday, January 9, 2026
8 a.m. † Vanessa R. Barba

Saturday, January 10, 2026
6 p.m. † Steve Simecek

Sunday, January 11, 2026
Sunday Mass times are subject to change.
Los horarios de las misas dominicales están sujetos a cambios.

8 a.m. † Rosalio Madera
† Herminia Rodriguez
† Manuel Saucedo

10 a.m. † Helen & Raymond Richter

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

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

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 by Jan. 18 to receive a free copy of the Montfort preparation prayer book in the mail.

Calendar of Events/Meetings

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.

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 for more information.



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:

- 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

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/>.

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Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord

In Christ there is no east or west, north or south. There is no distinction of Jew or Greek, slave or freedom, male or female. We are all one in the Lord. The commitment to life, charity and justice by the church is rooted in Christ who came for each of us. The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord helps us to focus on the reality that we are all called to sit around the table without regard to distinction.

Solemnidad de la Epifanía de Nuestro Señor

En Cristo no hay este, oeste, norte o sur. No hay distinción entre Judío o Griego, esclavitud o libertad, hombre o mujer. Todos somos uno en el Señor. El compromiso con la vida, la caridad y la justicia de la Iglesia está enraizado en Cristo quien vino por cada uno de nosotros. La Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor nos ayuda a enfocarnos en la realidad de que todos estamos llamados a sentarnos en la Mesa sin distinción.

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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

For prayer with the Word of God.
Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

INTENCIONES DE ORACIÓN DEL SANTO PADRE

Por la oración con la Palabra de Dios.
Oremos para que la oración con la Palabra de Dios sea alimento en nuestras vidas y fuente de esperanza en nuestras comunidades, ayudándonos a construir una Iglesia más fraterna y misionera.

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.

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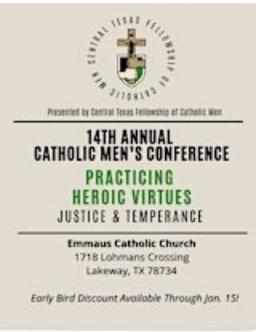
Attention all KJZT member high school seniors and current college students! Applications for the 2026 KJZT Scholarships are now open. Requests must be made by the student in one of the following ways:

Mail: PO Box 18896, Austin, Texas 78760,

Email: 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.



Saturday, February 21, 2026
8:00AM - 4:00PM



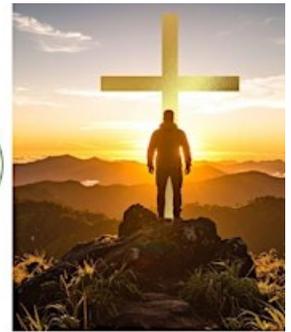
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MLK Commemoration is Jan. 17: The Diocese of Austin will host its annual Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration on Jan. 17 at 11 a.m. at St. Austin Parish in Austin. This day of prayer will include a talk from Keynote Speaker and Drum Major for Justice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

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 for Sunday starting January 4th 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

Saint in the New World

Bartolome de las Casas was born in Seville, Spain, in the 15th century. At the age of 18, he traveled to the Dominican Republic, 10 years after the voyages of Christopher Columbus. What he saw was appalling! In their desire for gold and other riches, the Spanish conquistadores were working the native Indians to death and enslaving them in inhuman conditions, using their Christianity as a justification. He saw three native men tied together and slowly strangled to death "in honor of Christ, our Redeemer." After being ordained a Dominican priest back in Spain, Fr. Bartolome returned to the New World to work with his Dominican friars on an *encomienda*, a large Spanish farming estate. On the Fourth Sunday of Advent 1511, he heard one of his friars give a powerful homily chastising the Spanish for their immoral treatment of Indians. For the rest of his life, Bartolome preached and fought for the human dignity of these enslaved peoples. A common philosophy was that certain groups of people, due to their lack of intelligence and moral integrity, were destined to be ruled. And that only by accepting Christ could they be saved from eternal damnation. Fr. De las Casas relied on his Dominican predecessor, St. Thomas Aquinas, to refute this view. Even pagan societies, in the measure that they lived by just laws, were implicitly in line with Christian civilization. Bartolome pointed out how the native peoples were skilled in architecture, painting, needlework, and song. Using Christ as an example, he pointed out that true evangelization only takes place in a peaceful context. Christ converted men and women through his words, ideas and good example, not through the sword. Further, Christ summoned his apostles to preach only to those who were willing to receive his message of God's love. --- Fr. Jim



Un santo en el Nuevo Mundo

Bartolomé de las Casas nació en Sevilla, España, en el siglo XV. A los 18 años, viajó a la República Dominicana, diez años después de los viajes de Cristóbal Colón. ¡Lo que vio fue espantoso! En su afán de oro y otras riquezas, los conquistadores españoles explotaban a los indígenas hasta la muerte y los esclavizaban en condiciones inhumanas, justificándose con su fe cristiana. Vio a tres hombres indígenas atados y estrangulados lentamente "en honor a Cristo, nuestro Redentor". Tras ser ordenado sacerdote dominico en España, el padre Bartolomé regresó al Nuevo Mundo para trabajar con sus frailes dominicos en una encomienda, una gran hacienda agrícola española. El cuarto domingo de Adviento de 1511, escuchó a uno de sus frailes pronunciar una poderosa homilía en la que reprendía a los españoles por el trato inmoral que daban a los indígenas. Durante el resto de su vida, Bartolomé predicó y luchó por la dignidad humana de estos pueblos esclavizados. Una filosofía común sostenía que ciertos grupos de personas, debido a su falta de inteligencia e integridad moral, estaban destinados a ser gobernados. Y que solo aceptando a Cristo podían salvarse de la condenación eterna. El padre De las Casas se basó en su predecesor dominico, Santo Tomás de Aquino, para refutar esta visión. Incluso las sociedades paganas, en la medida en que se regían por leyes justas, estaban implícitamente en consonancia con la civilización cristiana. Bartolomé señaló la habilidad de los pueblos indígenas en arquitectura, pintura, bordado y música. Tomando a Cristo como ejemplo, indicó que la verdadera evangelización solo se produce en un contexto de paz. Cristo convirtió a hombres y mujeres a través de sus palabras, ideas y buen ejemplo, no mediante la espada. Además, Cristo encomendó a sus apóstoles predicar solo a aquellos que estuvieran dispuestos a recibir su mensaje del amor de Dios. -- 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
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us the strength to walk always in the
footsteps of the Lord. Amen.

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*May all the faithful departed
Rest in Peace*

St. Monica's Ladies' Society

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

All Ladies Invited!

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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.