

# 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

-Pastor-

Rev. Jim F. Chamberlain

Phone: 972-895-2622

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-Deacon-

Deacon Jack Murphy

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### PARISH STAFF

Gilda Rios, Pastoral Associate for Administration

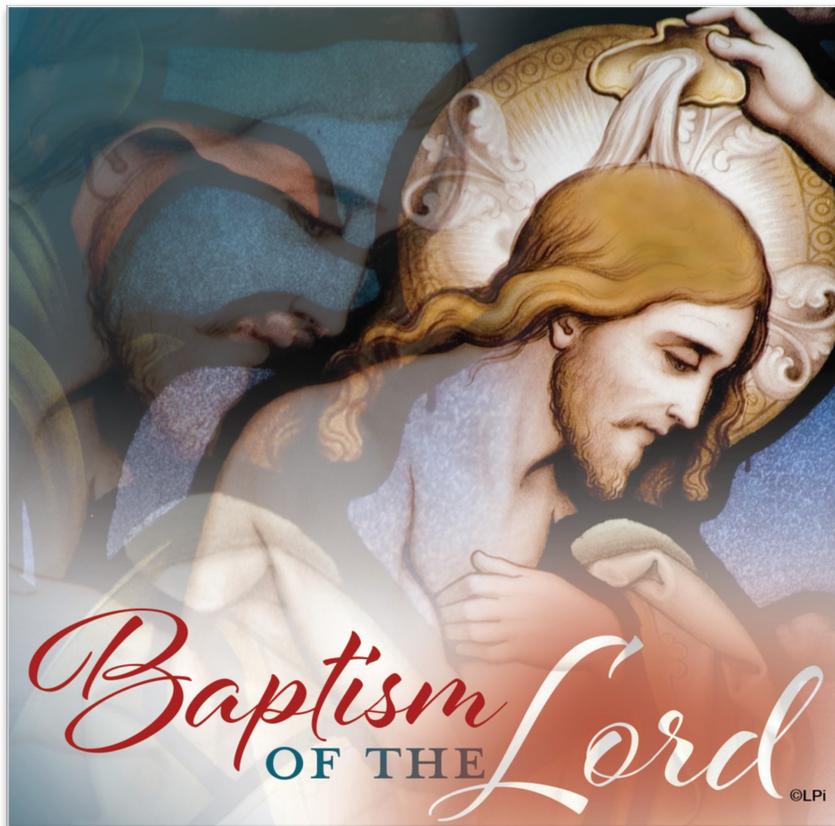
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Sonia Vega-Perez, Director of Religious Ed./YM

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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

9:00 a.m. Spanish/en Español

11:00 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 10, 2026**  
6 p.m. † Steve Simecek

**Sunday, January 11, 2026**  
9 a.m. † Rosalio Madera  
† Herminia Rodriguez  
† Manuel Saucedo

11 a.m. † Helen & Raymond Richter

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026**  
12:10 p.m. † Rudy Tepera  
6 p.m. (en español) No Habra Misa/No Mass

**Wednesday, January 14, 2026**  
8 a.m. † John & Mary Hubnik  
Wedding Anniversary

**Thursday, January 15, 2026**  
12:10 p.m. † Rudy Tepera

**Friday, January 16, 2026**  
8 a.m. (en español) No Habra Misa/ No Mass

**Saturday, January 17, 2026**  
6 p.m. † Laura Leigh Svetlik  
† Paul & Rosalie Mueck  
† Jerry Mueck

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**  
9 a.m. † Anthony & Timothy Woytek  
† Vanessa R. Barba  
† Mario Alberto Morales

11 a.m. For the People of God

**Stewardship Report**

**Week of December 21, 2025**

Sunday Collection: \$4,453.00  
Retired Clergy & Religious: \$50.00  
Online Giving:  
\* Sunday Collection: \$ 515.00  
\* Retired Clergy & Religious: \$50.00

**Total Collection: \$5,068.00**

**Week of December 28, 2025**

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,380.00  
Christmas Eve & Day: \$2,564.00  
Feast of the Holy Family: \$766.00  
Online Giving:  
\* Sunday Collection: \$ 675.00  
\* Feast of the Holy Family: \$50.00

**Total Collection: \$7,435.00**

**Week of January 4, 2026**

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,234.00  
Solemnity of Mary : \$ 38.00  
Online Giving:  
\* Sunday Collection: \$ 315.00

**Total Collection: \$ 3,587.00**

**Upcoming Second Collections**

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

**Calendar of Events/Meetings**

**Parish Office Closure**

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.  
*La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el lunes 19 de enero de 2025 en conmemoración del Día de Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

Christ came to effect a great reconciliation, bringing about the salvation all. In Christ, through baptism, we are born again and made a royal priesthood, a holy people set apart. As a result, we, the common priesthood of the faithful, have a part in the mission of the whole body — bringing glad tidings, proclaiming liberty, giving sight to the blind, and freeing the oppressed.

**Festividad del Bautismo del Señor**

Cristo vino para realizar una gran reconciliación, trayendo salvación a todos. En Cristo, a través del santo bautismo, renacemos y realizamos un sacerdocio real, somos gente santa. Como resultado, nosotros, - que formamos- el sacerdocio de los fieles, formamos parte del cuerpo entero - llevando buenas noticias, proclamando libertad, dando la vista a los ciegos y liberando a los oprimidos.

**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.



**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.



**Sanctuary Light will burn this Week**  
*Lampara Del Santuario arderá esta semana*  
**En Memoria de Rosalio Madera**  
**Luna, Manuel Saucedo, & Jose Luis Madera**  
By/De parte de : Margarita Saucedo Madera

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



**REMINDER:**  
**NEW TIME FOR RE CCE PROGRAM FOR GRADES PRE K—9TH**  
RECORDATORIO: NUEVO HORARIO PARA LAS CLASES DE CATECISMO  
Para los grados: PreK-9th

**SUNDAY'S (Domingo) : 10 a.m. -10:50 a.m.**

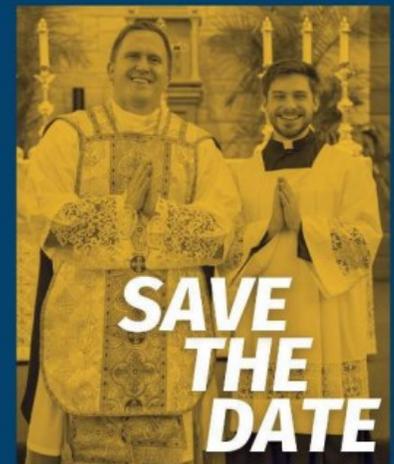
**Upcoming Events & Class Schedule: Pre-K-9th**

- Class # 11 resumes: Sunday, January 11, 2026
- Class # 12 resumes: Sunday, January 18, 2026
- Class # 13 resumes: Sunday, January 25, 2026
- **No Class/ No habra clases: Sunday, Feb. 1**
- AUSTIN DCYC: MARVELOUS THINGS  
January 30, 2026 to February 1, 2026
- Class # 14 resumes: Sunday, February 8, 2026

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**CALLED BY NAME SUNDAY**  
JAN. 25, 2026



**DIOCESAN VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK**  
JAN. 24-30, 2026

PARTICIPATE AT [WWW.AUSTINVOICATIONS.COM/CALLED/](http://WWW.AUSTINVOICATIONS.COM/CALLED/)

**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).

**MEN OF SAINT JOSEPH**

Consecration to  
**ST. JOSEPH**

6-Week Tuesday Class

Begins Tuesday, February 10, 2026 • 6:00 PM

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Temple, Texas

All are welcome

For more information call St. Mary's at (254) 773-4541  
Or Deacon Barney at bonifacionrodriguez@yahoo.com

Sign up sheet back of the church



**Donation to St. Monica's Stained Glass Window Restoration Fund**

In Memory of Anne Criddle  
Given By: Michelle A. Strickland

Many thanks to all for your continued support to St. Monica Parish, continued prayers for the faithful departed.

**St. Monica Ladies Society Spring Social Raffle**  
This year St Monica Ladies' Society Spring Social will be held on March 1st. We are looking for monetary donations to purchase gift cards, or the gift cards themselves for our raffle. We would appreciate anything you might want to give. Contact the church office or Linda Kamenicky 512/796-1904 to let us know. **Mark your calendars for this year's event and we hope to see you there. Deadline is January 26, 2026.**

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

Presented by Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men

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JANUARY 16-24

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**Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, January 17, 2026 6 PM**  
Lector: Becky Ferrara and Nonito Martinez  
Euch. M.: Patsy Vrazel and Joe Ferrara  
Altar Servers: Volunteers

**Sunday, January 18, 2026, 9 AM**  
Lector: Ramona Banda  
Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Bonifacio Banda  
Altar Servers: Ariana, Margarita & Efrain Cruz

**Sunday, January 18, 2026, 11 AM**  
Lector: Elizabeth Pineda and Rubi Bautista  
Euch. M.: Sonia Vega Perez and Marilyn Gaas  
Altar Servers: Kenly Reese, Raphael Martinez, and Aubrey Rios

**Cedarbrake**  
CATHOLIC RETREAT CENTER

- ♦ **Aging Faithfully** will be offered Jan. 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. Aging can often be seen as a time of loss and decline. It is also an opportunity to live faithfully and grow in grace while letting go of fears and doubts. Judy Hoelscher will invite us to explore aspects of aging that challenge us but also call us to respond in faith. Judy is a spiritual director, a retired chaplain and a parishioner of St. Luke Parish in Temple. Mass will be part of the retreat and the cost for the day is \$50, which includes lunch.
- ♦ Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple will host its annual **Ash Wednesday retreat** on Feb. 18 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Father Harry Dean and Brian Egan will share spiritual messages about what the season of Lent asks of us. The day will include lunch and Mass with the distribution of ashes. The cost is \$50.

For more information, or to register visit [www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake](http://www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake) or call (254) 780-2436

**A Message from Bishop Daniel E. Garcia**  
May we allow Christ to shed light in the midst of the darkness of our world. I pray for those who have lost hope — may we, as people of hope, reach out to them and help them to see the hope Christ offers us. Jesus came into this world to show us how to live and how to love; may we follow his example of forgiveness, mercy and unending love.  
-Bishop Daniel E. Garcia

**Un Mensaje del Obispo Daniel E. Garcia**  
Que permitamos que Cristo derrame luz en medio de la oscuridad de nuestro mundo. Oro por aquellos que han perdido la esperanza —que nosotros como gente de esperanza los alcancemos y ayudemos a ver la esperanza que Cristo nos ofrece. Jesús vino a este mundo para enseñarnos cómo vivir y cómo amar; que sigamos su ejemplo de perdón, misericordia y amor infinito. - Monseñor Daniel Garcia

**Saturday, January 24, 2026 6 PM**  
Lector: Cynthia Kostroun and Denise Pineda  
Euch. M.: Agnes Kostroun & Janice Klecka  
Altar Servers: Volunteers

**Sunday, January 25, 2026, 9 AM**  
Lector: Margarita Saucedo  
Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Ramona Banda  
Altar Servers: Cesar Guevara-Mateo, Jonah DeLosSantos and Nolvin Vasquez-Lopez

**Sunday, January 25, 2026, 11 AM**  
Lector: Rick Rhoades and Celeste Cardona  
Euch. M.: Monica Schiller and Pam Oliver  
Altar Servers: Vicente Sanchez, Danny Reyes and Raphael Martinez Jr.

**KJZT Family Life**  
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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](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.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES CENTRAL TEXAS**

Did you know that Catholic Charities of Central Texas serves people of all ages, faiths, ethnic backgrounds and economic circumstances? We are dedicated to eliminating poverty in our community so that all Central Texans may thrive in their God-given gifts and dignity. To learn more about the services available through Catholic Charities of Central Texas and how you can get involved, visit [www.ccctx.org](http://www.ccctx.org).

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ST. MONICA'S COUNCIL #12601

MEETINGS 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY OF THE  
MONTH AT THE  
SIMON & GEORGE HALL

*In Service to One. In Service to All!*



### 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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Edward O. Schiller, Jr.  
and son Richard Schiller*

*May all the faithful departed  
Rest in Peace*

## Mikula

*In Loving Memory of  
PETE & FRANCES  
MIKULA*

*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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Cameron, TX

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## ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY

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

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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 and Maintenance Council Members

Nonito Martinez, Frank Klecka, Joe Ferrara, Keith Copeland,  
and Thomas Michalka

### Cemetery Council Members

Juan Casillas, Cynthia Kostroun, Richard Kostroun, Renee Mueck,  
Carlos & Francisca Rodriguez, Delores Manili, and Sherry Mueck

### 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.