

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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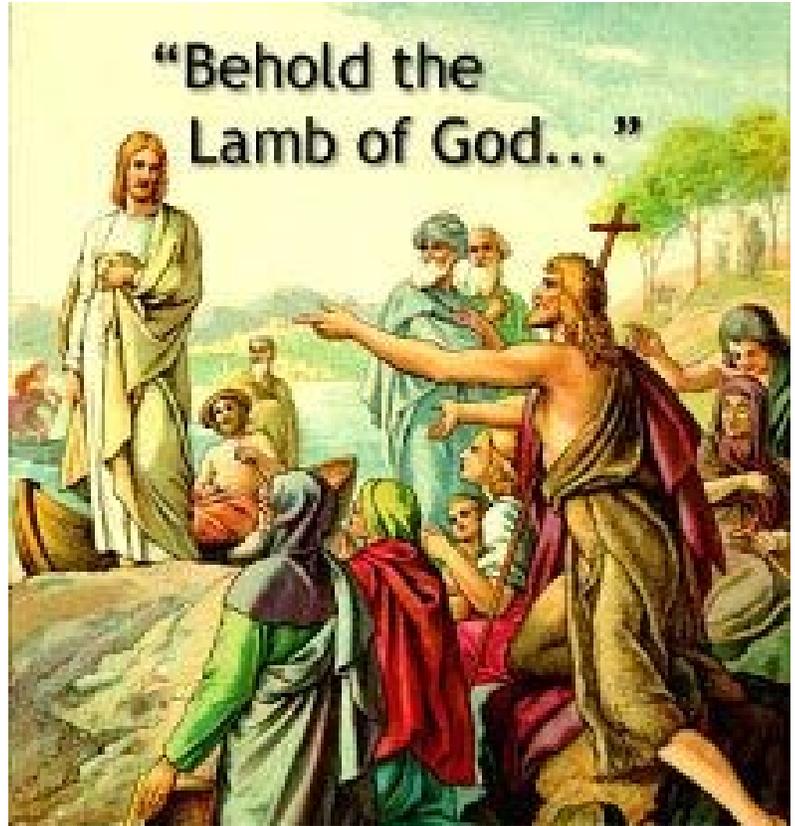
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*~ This faith community of St. Monica was established in 1883 ~
~ Esta comunidad de fe de Santa Mónica se estableció en 1883 ~*

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 tradición Católica que reconocemos la necesidad de una unidad mas fuerte dentro de nuestra comunidad Católica.

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

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

Mass Schedule
Horario de misas
Mass Intentions - Intenciones de la misa

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

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

12:10 p.m. † Rudy Tepera
† Jerry Kostroun Jr.

6 p.m. (en español) † Aniceto Silva Castillo

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

8 a.m. † Aniceto Silva Castillo

Thursday, January 22, 2026

12:10 p.m. † Aniceto Silva Castillo

Friday, January 23, 2026

8 a.m. (en español) † Aniceto Silva Castillo

Saturday, January 24, 2026

6 p. m. † Jerry Kostroun, Jr.
† Aniceto Silva Castillo
† Jimmy Fino

Sunday, January 25, 2026

9 a.m. † Anthony & Timothy Woytek
† Paul & Jaquin Garcia Sr.
† Gregorio & Francisca Ortega

11 a. m. † Fernando Reyes

† Aniceto Silva Castillo

St. Monica's Prayer Chain
Cadena de Oración de Sta. Mónica

Please Pray for: Por favor reza por:

Jessilyn Henderson, Marie Kortis, and Jose Gonzalez

To be added to the prayer list please contact parish office. Names will be listed for 30 days and then transferred to the Book of Prayers.

Stewardship Report

Week of January 11, 2026

Sunday Collection:	\$ 5,223.00
Solemnity of Mary :	\$ 820.00
St. Monica's CYO:	\$ 769.00
Online Giving:	
* Sunday Collection:	\$ 345.00
Total Collection:	\$ 7,157.00

Upcoming Second Collections

Jan. 24 & 25:
Parish Building & Maintenance

Scan to Donate Online
One time Gift - Recurring Gift




Calendar of Events/Meetings

Parish Office Closure/Oficina Parroquial Cerrada

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

St. Monica's Ladies Society

Ladies Society will be meeting in the St. Anthony School, Library on 1/26/26 at 10:30a.m. to prepare mail outs for the Spring Festival. Many hands make light work. All ladies are invited to join.

Parish Office Closure/Oficina Parroquial Cerrada

The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

St. Monica's Ladies Society Meeting

The February Ladies Society meeting on February 3, will be held at the Simon George Hall, instead of the library, at 2:00p.m. with those in attendance starting preparations for the lunch for the Priests' Deanery meeting to be held at St. Monica's on 02/04. All ladies are encouraged to attend. We will be making final plans and preparations for the upcoming Festival.

Ladies Society Deanery meeting Preparations

In preparation for the Ladies Deanery meeting to be hosted by our parish on 02/18, the Ladies Society will meet at 10:00a.m. on 02/17, in the Simon George Hall, to decorate tables and begin preparing for the meeting and lunch the following day. All ladies are invited to join in helping on both days.

Ladies Deanery meeting

The Ladies Deanery meeting is 02/18. There will be Mass in the church at 8:30a.m., with registration for the Deanery meeting beginning immediately afterward, at 9:30a.m. in the Simon George Hall. The meeting begins at 10a.m. and will conclude after lunch. Again, all ladies are invited to join.

Sanctuary Light will burn this Week
Lampara Del Santuario arderá esta semana

In Memory of Jimmy Fino
By/Departa de : Marcelo & Patsy Fino



St. Monica's Ladies will be collecting items for Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter in Temple at Masses through the month of February, ending on our festival on March 1st. Boxes will be located in the back of the church for donations to be placed in. The shelter will also gratefully accept monetary donations (payable to Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter). They are always in need of all baby items and personal toiletry items for the mothers. You are welcome to list my name and phone number if anyone has any questions about what is needed.




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

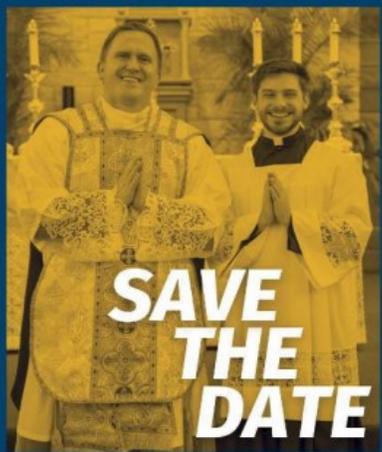
Upcoming Events & Class Schedule: Pre-K-9th: SUNDAY'S (Domingo) : 10 a.m. -10:50 a.m.

- Class # 13 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
- Class # 15: Sunday, February 15, 2026
- Class # 16 : Sunday, February 22, 2026

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
In today's psalm, we respond "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." How is the Lord calling us to respond to him this week? May the Holy Spirit guide our thoughts and actions as we listen for the Lord.
Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
En el salmo de hoy, respondemos "Aquí estoy Señor, para hacer tu voluntad". ¿Cómo está el Señor llamándonos a responderle esta semana? Que el Espíritu Santo guíe nuestros pensamientos y acciones mientras escuchamos al Señor.

CALL BY NAME SUNDAY
JAN. 25, 2026



SAVE THE DATE

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK
JAN. 24-30, 2026

PARTICIPATE AT 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.

Year-End Statements:

Parishioners that would like a copy of their 2025 Contribution statement, please call the church office or email Gilda at office@saintmonicatx.org. We will only be sending out the tax information to those who request it.

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 bonifacio@rodriguez@yahoo.com

Sign up sheet back of the church



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.



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.

Charity + Justice = Solidarity

Once upon a time, the people in a village along a river began seeing an odd occurrence. Every week a raft would float down to their village carrying people who were sick and suffering. The good people would take them in and heal their wounds, bringing them back to health. This happened each week for nearly a year. Finally, someone suggested that they go upstream to see why they were getting sick in the first place. Charity is the virtue of caring for someone, giving them their basic needs of food, water, shelter, and medical care. Justice is the virtue of changing the system which results in their neediness, their lack of these basic needs. In modern Catholic social teaching, our teachers have argued that both of these virtues result in unity and commitment to the common good. According to Pope Paul VI, peace can only be achieved by securing human rights and promoting human development. For example, all people have an economic right to work in order to better their condition. They have a political right to have a voice in decisions about how the State will function in society. They have cultural and religious rights in that they can freely practice their own beliefs and traditions as long as these are not harmful to others. When we recognize these rights for people both near to us and far away, we can then respond out of compassion, practicing both virtues of charity and justice. In the

end, according to Pope John Paul II, a new virtue is produced – solidarity. Solidarity is “the determination to commit oneself to the common good...because we are all responsible for one another.” (Pope John Paul II).

Lets keep our eyes open for opportunities for solidarity. - - - Fr. Jim

Caridad + Justicia = Solidaridad



Hace mucho tiempo, los habitantes de una aldea junto a un río comenzaron a observar un suceso extraño. Cada semana, una balsa llegaba a su aldea con personas enfermas y sufrientes. La gente buena los acogía y curaba sus heridas, devolviéndoles la salud. Esto sucedió semanalmente durante casi un año. Finalmente, alguien sugirió que fueran río arriba para ver por qué enfermaban. La caridad es la virtud de cuidar a alguien, satisfaciendo sus necesidades básicas de alimento, agua, refugio y atención médica. La justicia es la virtud de cambiar el sistema que resulta en su necesidad, en la falta de estas necesidades básicas. En la doctrina social católica moderna, nuestros maestros han argumentado que ambas virtudes resultan en unidad y compromiso con el bien común. Según el Papa Pablo VI, la paz solo se puede lograr garantizando los derechos humanos y promoviendo el desarrollo humano. Por ejemplo, todas las personas tienen el derecho económico a trabajar para mejorar su condición. Tienen el derecho político a participar en las decisiones sobre el funcionamiento del Estado en la sociedad. Tienen derechos culturales y religiosos, ya que pueden practicar libremente sus propias creencias y tradiciones, siempre que no perjudiquen a los demás. Cuando reconocemos estos derechos para las personas, tanto cercanas como lejanas, podemos responder con compasión, practicando las virtudes de la caridad y la justicia. Al final, según el Papa Juan Pablo II, surge una nueva virtud: la solidaridad. La solidaridad es «la determinación de comprometerse con el bien común... porque todos somos responsables los unos de los otros» (Papa Juan Pablo II). Estén atentos a las oportunidades de solidaridad. - - - P. Jim

9 DAYS FOR LIFE
JANUARY 16-24



Pray to protect human life!

Join Catholics nationwide in prayer for the protection of human life! You can download the novena or get the daily prayers and reflections by email or text message.



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Ministry Schedule

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.

Saturday, January 31, 2026 6 PM

Lector: Becky Ferrara and Keith Copeland

Euch. M.: Cynthia & Agnes Kostroun

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, February 1, 2026, 9 AM

Lector: Mariana Reyes

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Joe Mancha

Altar Servers: Guadalupe Acosta, Valentina & Julisa Quintero

Sunday, February 1, 2026, 11 AM

Lector: Sonia Vega Perez and Marilyn Murphy

Euch. M.: Carmen Rios and Anna Reyes Hill

Altar Servers: Kenly Reese, Sebastian Layburn, and Aubrey Rios

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MEETINGS 3RD 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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Rest in Peace*

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*May all the faithful departed
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St. Monica's Ladies' Society

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

All Ladies Invited!

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ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY

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Juan Gonzalez, Becky Ferrara, Patsy Vrazel, Gregorio Ortega, Rosa Cardona,
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Finance and Maintenance Council Members

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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

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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.