

St. Monica Catholic Church

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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

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

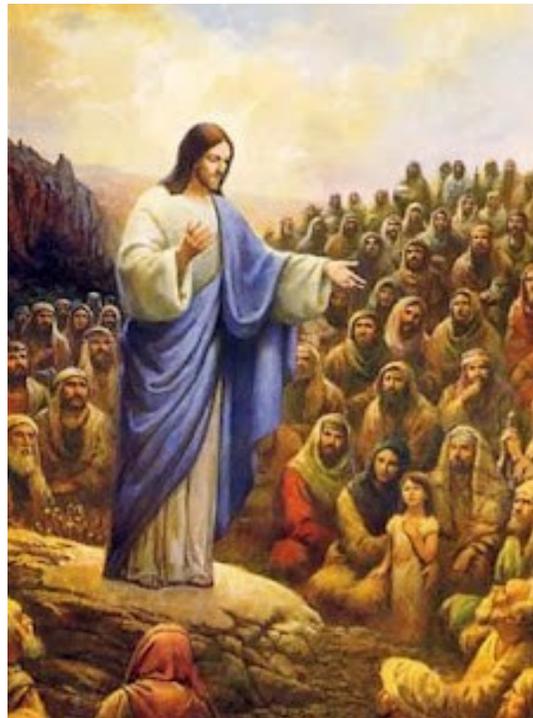
Friday/ Viernes

8:00 a.m. - Spanish/en Español

Reconciliation / Reconciliación

Saturday/ Sábado, 5 PM - 5:45 PM

or by appointment / O por cita



"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me." -Mt 5:11

"Dichosos serán ustedes cuando los injurien, los persigan y digan cosas falsas de ustedes por causa mía." -Mt 5,11

~ 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

Mass Intentions - Intenciones de la misa

Saturday, January 31, 2026

6 p. m. † Paul & Rosalie Mueck
† Sara Matamoros
† Jimmy Fino

Sunday, February 1, 2026

9 a.m. † Anthony & Timothy Woytek
† Mia R. Oviedo
† Sally Cervantes & Juaquin Garcia Jr.

11 a. m. †Emil Vaculin
† Mary, Frank, Lee, Lawrence Klement

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

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

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

8 a.m. † Living & Deceased members of St. Monica's Ladies Society

Thursday, February 5, 2026

12:10 p.m. † Rudy Tepera

Friday, February 6, 2026

8 a.m.(en español)†For the People of the Parish

Saturday, February 7, 2026

6 p. m. † Hubert Marek
† Blasa M. Sanchez
† Imelda D. Manili

Sunday, February 8, 2026

9 a.m. † Mia R. Oviedo
† Eugenio Morales
† Mary Ann Seaton

11 a. m. †Ann Krenek
†Fernando Reyes
† E.L. Wied

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 25, 2026

Sunday Collection: \$ 460.00

Online Giving:

* Sunday Collection: \$ 575.00

Total Collection: \$ 1,035.00

Upcoming Second Collections

Feb. 7 & 8: Catholic Higher Education (Campus Ministries)

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Calendar of Events/Meetings

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.

Confirmation Mass

Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 6PM.

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.

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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. Contact the parish office for any questions

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 bonifaciovdriague@yahoo.com
Sign up sheet back of the church

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses and Liturgy of the Word

La Ceniza se impone en todas las Misas y Liturgia de la Palabra

February 18, 2026

- 8:30 a.m.: English Mass
- 12:00 p.m.: English Liturgy of the Word
- 5:30 p.m. (Marak): English Mass
- 7:00 p.m.: Bilingual Mass

Diocesan Special Collection: World & Home Missions

The World and Home Missions second collection will be taken up on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th for world and home missions. The Catholic Church in the U.S. has a strong history of supporting worthy causes in our own parish communities and beyond. This combined collection will benefit areas in the Church that are greatest in need, including Black and Indian Missions in the U.S. Additionally, there are many places beyond our borders where the Church is poor, communities are scattered, and priests are few. This special appeal helps Catholic communities in Latin America, Africa and Central and Eastern Europe, by underwriting evangelization, religious education, education for future priests, and training for lay ministers. Please be generous in your support of this most worthy cause.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Alleluia! The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free. Alleluia!

Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¡Aleluya! El Señor siempre es fiel a su palabra, y es quien hace justicia al oprimido; él proporciona pan a los hambrientos y libera al cautivo. ¡Aleluya!



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.

- 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
- CONFIRMATION MASS
Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 6 p.m.
- Class # 15: Sunday, February 15, 2026
- Class # 16: Sunday, February 22, 2026
- Class # 17: Sunday, March 1, 2026

Consecration to St. Joseph by Fr. Donald Calloway is a lively, eye-opening journey into the life of the quietest man in Scripture—who somehow still manages to outshine all of us in holiness. This 33-day spiritual "training camp" reveals St. Joseph not as a silent bystander with a toolbox, but as a warrior, protector, and the gold standard of Christian manhood. With Fr. Calloway's storytelling and enthusiasm, men discover a practical roadmap for becoming better husbands, fathers, leaders, and disciples—no carpentry experience required.

- What to expect in our study:
- ♥ Discover St. Joseph's surprising titles, strengths, and spiritual superpowers
 - ♥ Learn how his virtues apply to real men in real life (yes—even us!)
 - ♥ Be challenged, inspired, and occasionally humbled
 - ♥ Experience humor, brotherhood, and meaningful conversation
 - ♥ Grow closer to Jesus by walking with the man who raised Him
- "St. Joseph, take the wheel... and maybe the whole workshop!"**



Cedarbrake
CATHOLIC RETREAT CENTER

- ◆ 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 or call (254) 780-2436.
- ◆ Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple will host a **Lenten Day of Prayer - Staying Hydrated: Drink from the Living Water** March 5 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The struggles that we face as Catholic men and women living our faith and growing into a relationship with Christ are enormous. We are anxious about many aspects of our lives, and at times, we can become spiritually dry. If we want to "Stay Hydrated", we must drink from the living water every day! Bill Moyer, a spiritual director, father, and parishioner at St. Jerome Parish in Waco, will lead this day retreat. For more information or to register, visit austindiocese.org/cedarbrake or call (254) 780-2436.



Diocesan Marriage Enrichment for Killeen/Temple Deanery evening of February 12th (Thursday)

The Diocese of Austin and Worldwide Marriage Encounter are partnering to offer couples in our deanery the chance to deepen their sacrament during National Marriage Week with a marriage enrichment entitled *Together with Purpose* at St. Mary Parish in Temple on Thu., Feb. 12th in the Rectory. The evening will open with fellowship, finger food and beverages at 6:30pm, followed by a program (7:00-8:30pm) on how couples can intentionally align their purposes and vision in marriage to: Grow, Create, Serve. Babysitting available with pre-registration. \$30/couple. Pre-register (required) and find more info and additional dates/en español/locations at <http://www.austinme.org>.

Seeing life after death

What can science teach us about life after death? In 1982, a Gallup survey revealed that about 8 million adults in the United States had had a near-death experience (NDE). After a heart attack, or drowning, or significant trauma, the body is deprived of oxygen and all brain activity ceases for a time. Modern medical technology can often bring these patients back. But while their physical components have ceased functioning, some patients report having extraordinary experiences. Some are able to look down upon the operating table and to hear the voices of the surgeons. This is all without the benefit of eyes or ears which are controlled by the brain. There are even cases where blind people have had a NDE in which they can see! What does this prove? It is our consciousness, our reflective awareness, that separates human beings from other animals. Scientists have often attributed these unique capabilities to the functioning of our complicated brain. But now it seems like consciousness can exist apart from the brain, and sight and hearing can exist apart from eyes and ears. Memory, too, is present in an NDE, as patients often see people they remember from their past. The length of time varies, but one patient reported that he was aware for more than three minutes after cardiac arrest. Of course, this doesn't prove that the life after death experience is eternal. Nevertheless, there are clues that it is eternal. The white light is always experienced as loving and welcoming. One woman said that "I floated right out through the screen door onto the porch into a clear, illuminating white light. ... I felt as though I



were surrounded by an overwhelming love and compassion." Is not this what the disciples felt in the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus? - - - Fr. Jim

Ver la vida después de la muerte

¿Qué nos puede enseñar la ciencia sobre la vida después de la muerte? En 1982, una encuesta de Gallup reveló que aproximadamente 8 millones de adultos en Estados Unidos habían tenido una experiencia cercana a la muerte (ECM). Después de un ataque cardíaco, un ahogamiento o un traumatismo grave, el cuerpo se ve privado de

oxígeno y toda la actividad cerebral cesa temporalmente. La tecnología médica moderna a menudo permite reanimar a estos pacientes. Pero, aunque sus funciones físicas han cesado, algunos pacientes informan haber tenido experiencias extraordinarias. Algunos son capaces de verse a sí mismos desde arriba, sobre la mesa de operaciones, y de escuchar las voces de los cirujanos. Todo esto sin la intervención de los ojos ni los oídos, que están controlados por el cerebro. ¡Incluso hay casos de personas ciegas que han tenido una ECM en la que podían ver! ¿Qué demuestra esto? Es nuestra conciencia, nuestra capacidad de reflexión, lo que distingue a los seres humanos de los demás animales. Los científicos a menudo han atribuido estas capacidades únicas al funcionamiento de nuestro complejo cerebro. Pero ahora parece que la conciencia puede existir independientemente del cerebro, y la vista y el oído pueden existir independientemente de los ojos y los oídos. La memoria también está presente en las ECMs, ya que los pacientes a menudo ven a personas que recuerdan de su pasado. La duración varía, pero un paciente informó haber estado consciente durante más de tres minutos después de un paro cardíaco. Por supuesto, esto no prueba que la experiencia de la vida después de la muerte sea eterna. Sin embargo, hay indicios de que sí lo es. La luz blanca siempre se percibe como amorosa y acogedora. Una mujer dijo: «Floté a través de la puerta mosquitera hacia el porche, hacia una luz blanca clara e iluminadora... Sentí como si estuviera rodeada de un amor y una compasión abrumadores». ¿No es esto lo que sintieron los discípulos en las apariciones de Jesús después de la resurrección? – P. Jim



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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 7, 2026 6 PM

Lector: Keith Copeland & Patsy Vrazel

Euch. M.: Denise Pineda and Janice Klecka

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, February 8, 2026, 9 AM

Lector: Blanca Cazares and Samantha Reyes

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Ramona Banda

Altar Servers: Ariana, Margarita and Efrain Cruz

Sunday, February 8, 2026, 11 AM

Lector: Renee Christenson and Chris Wilson

Euch. M.: Marilyn Gaas and Pam Oliver

Altar Servers: Vicente Sanchez, Danny Reyes and Raphael Martinez Jr.

Saturday, February 14, 2026 6 PM

Lector: Nonito Martinez & Marilyn Gaas

Euch. M.: Becky & Joe Ferrara

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, February 15, 2026, 9 AM

Lector: Joe Mancha & Mariana Reyes

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Sonia V. Perez

Altar Servers: Guadalupe Acosta, Jonah DeLosSantos

Sunday, February 15, 2026, 11 AM

Lector: Priscila Reyes & Elizabeth Pineda

Euch. M.: Monica Schiller and Marilyn Gaas

Altar Servers: Kenly Reese, 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
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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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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.