

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Monica Catholic Church

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DIOCESE OF AUSTIN
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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

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

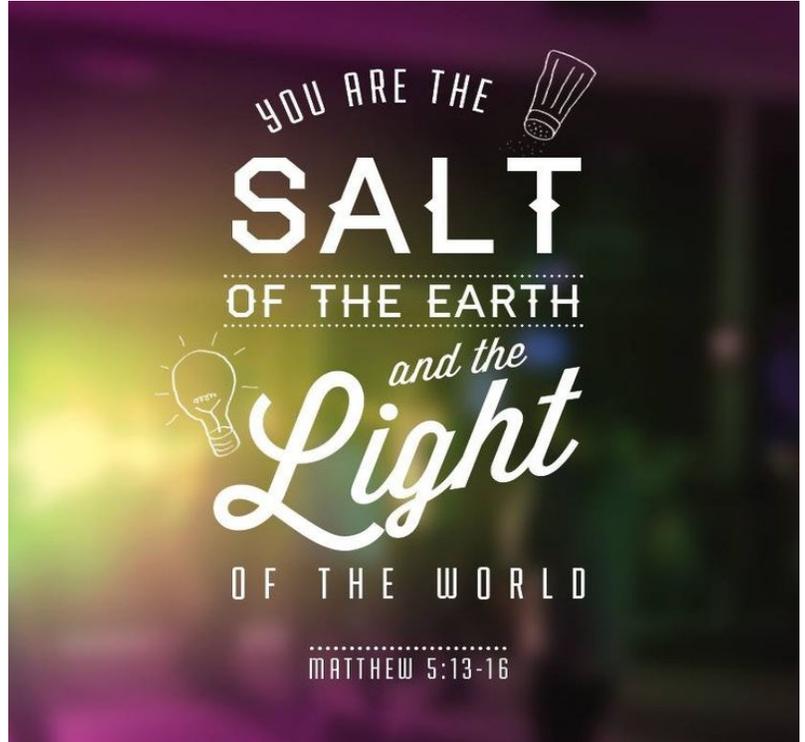
Friday/ Viernes

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 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, 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
* Bob & Carolyn Novis 68th Anniversary

Tuesday, February 10, 2026
12:10 p.m. † Ann Krenek
6 p.m. (en español) For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, February 11, 2026
8 a.m. † For the People of the Parish

Thursday, February 12, 2026
12:10 p.m. † Rudy Tepera

Friday, February 13, 2026
8 a.m. (en español) † For the People of the Parish

Saturday, February 14, 2026
6 p.m. † Ann Krenek
† Kevin Klecka

Sunday, February 15, 2026
9 a.m. † Emma Placencia
† Roberto Medrano
† Anthony & Tim Woytek

11 a.m. For the People of God (Pro Populo)

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 February 1, 2026

Sunday Collection:	\$3,952.00
Building Fund:	\$ 145.00
Online Giving:	
* Sunday Collection:	\$ 290.00
Total Collection:	\$ 4,387.00

Upcoming Second Collections
Feb. 7 & 8: Catholic Higher Education (Supports Campus Ministries in the DOA)

Scan to Donate Online
One time Gift - Recurring Gift







Calendar of Events/Meetings

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.

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

In Memory of Kevin Klecka
Given By: Dcn, John & Marilyn Murphy, Johnnie & Jane Marek, Frank & Janice Klecka, Mary Frances Shipp, Billy & Mary Ann Seaton, Janice & Richard Johnson.
Many thanks to all for your continued support to St. Monica Parish, continued prayers for the faithful departed.

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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 Becky Ferrara or the parish office for any questions.

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BULLETIN ADVERTISERS NEEDED!

Pray fully consider advertising your business, organization or memorial in our parish bulletin in order for us to continue printing this valuable means of communication. Many thanks to all who have continued in supporting our Parish Bulletin throughout the years. For more information contact Gilda at the parish office.

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



La Ceniza se repartirá 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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
As disciples of Jesus we are called to be light and salt for the world. Both light and salt are change agents and that is what we are called to be. But first we must allow the power of God to change us – so we are able to live and act as Christ did. When we allow God's power to work in us, then our actions of charity and justice; of feeding the hungry; clothing the naked; sheltering the homeless and oppressed will be Good News for others. Then we will be acting as agents of God's light with the flavor of God's love for others. Who do you know that is in need of light and salt? How can you bring that to them?

Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Como discípulos de Jesús estamos llamados a ser la luz y la sal del mundo. Ambas, luz y sal son agentes de cambio y eso es lo que estamos llamados a ser. Pero primero debemos permitir que el poder de Dios nos cambie – de manera que seamos capaces de vivir y actuar como Cristo lo hizo. Cuando permitimos que el poder de Dios trabaje en nosotros, entonces nuestras acciones de caridad y justicia; de alimentar al hambriento; vestir al desnudo; alojar al que no tiene hogar y al oprimido serán Buenas Noticias para otros. Entonces estaremos actuando como agentes de la luz de Dios con el condimento del amor de Dios por los otros ¿A quién conoce que necesite la luz y la sal? ¿Cómo puede usted dárselas?



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.

- **CONFIRMATION MASS**
Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 6 p.m.
- Class # 15: Sunday, February 15, 2026
- **ASH WEDNESDAY: 2/18/26**
- Class # 16: Sunday, February 22, 2026
- Class # 17: Sunday, March 1, 2026

Please Join Us for

St. Monica Ladies Society Festival

Annual BBQ Chicken & Sausage Dinner

Sunday, March 1, 2026



Complete with
Pinto Beans, Potato
Salad, Cole Slaw,
Bread, Tea and
Dessert

\$15

Simon-George Hall
401 S. Karnes
Cameron, TX 76520

11:00am to 2:00pm

Annual Spring Festival

Dine In or
Drive-
Thru

- Raffle
- Silent Auction
- Sweet Shop
- Cake Wheel
- Face Painting for the kids

Thanks to the wonderful donors who were able to support the Ladies Raffle this year:

- Knights of Columbus #12601
- In Loving Memory of Ann Krenek
- Becky & Joe Ferrara
- Bud Hajovsky
- Jane & Johnnie Marek
- Elma & Nonito Martinez
- Becky & Thomas Michalka
- Carol & Nubby Moore
- Marilyn & Jack Murphy
- Joan & John Pagach
- Monica & Bobby Schiller
- Mary Frances Shipp

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For children with incurable diseases
Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

INTENCIONES DE ORACIÓN DEL SANTO PADRE

Para los niños con enfermedades incurables

Oremos para que los niños que padecen enfermedades incurables y sus familias reciban la atención médica y el apoyo necesarios, sin perder jamás la fuerza y la esperanza.



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.

Ministry Schedule

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

Saturday, February 21, 2026 6 PM

Lector: Cynthia Kostroun & Denise Pineda

Euch. M.: Patsy Vrazel and Agnes Kostroun

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, February 22, 2026, 9 AM

Lector: Margarita Saucedo & Samantha Reyes

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Joe Mancha

Altar Servers: Valentina & Julisa Quintero

Sunday, February 22, 2026, 11 AM

Lector: Kailey Rodriguez & Esmeralda Layburn

Euch. M.: Sonia Vega Perez and Marilyn Murphy

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

A Song of Thanks and Mercy

The Atlantic slave trade was a forced migration of 12.5 million Africans across the Atlantic Ocean to the Americas between the 16th and 19th centuries. Driven by demand for plantation labor, it was a brutal, 300-mile journey in which roughly 15% of the passengers didn't survive. Men, women, and children died from disease, starvation, or exhaustion aboard the over-crowded ships. It was not unusual for a sick slave to have his throat cut open and be thrown to the sharks. Upon arrival in the New World, witnesses describe the horrific cries of children and mothers as they were separated from one another. John Newton was a slave ship captain from London who had a difficult childhood. In 1748, while on a slave ship, Newton faced a terrifying storm, prompting him to cry out to God for mercy. This began his spiritual awakening. After surviving the storm and returning to England, Newton gradually turned from his wicked pasts. Eventually he became a minister and abolitionist, deeply ashamed of his past and of the cruel treatment of slaves. He wrote the hymn "Amazing Grace" to express his deep gratitude for God's mercy and grace. Newton wrote the poem as the basis for a sermon, using his own life as an example of God's overwhelming goodness. The words apply to anyone who has a conversion experience - "I once was lost, but now I'm found,



was blind, but now I see". The hymn continues to be a powerful anthem for oppressed people and a symbol of hope. Many of us are enslaved by one thing or another. All of us are in need of God's mercy. --- Fr. Jim [See: yellowwoodblog.com]

Un canto de gratitud y misericordia

El comercio transatlántico de esclavos fue una migración forzada de 12,5 millones de africanos a través del océano Atlántico hacia América entre los siglos XVI y XIX.

Impulsado por la demanda de mano de obra para las plantaciones, fue un viaje brutal de 300 millas en el que aproximadamente el 15% de los pasajeros no sobrevivió. Hombres, mujeres y niños murieron de enfermedades, hambre o agotamiento a bordo de los barcos abarrotados. No era raro que a un esclavo enfermo le cortaran la garganta y lo arrojaran a los tiburones. Al llegar al Nuevo Mundo, los testigos describieron los horribles gritos de niños y madres al ser separados unos de otros. John Newton fue un capitán de barco negro de Londres que tuvo una infancia difícil. En 1748, a bordo de un barco de esclavos, Newton se enfrentó a una terrible tormenta, lo que lo llevó a clamar a Dios pidiendo misericordia. Este fue el comienzo de su despertar espiritual. Tras sobrevivir a la tormenta y regresar a Inglaterra, Newton se apartó gradualmente de su pasado pecaminoso. Con el tiempo, se convirtió en ministro y abolicionista, profundamente avergonzado de su pasado y del cruel trato que se daba a los esclavos. Escribió el himno «Amazing Grace» para expresar su profunda gratitud por la misericordia y la gracia de Dios. Newton escribió el poema como base para un sermón, utilizando su propia vida como ejemplo de la inmensa bondad de Dios.

Las palabras se aplican a cualquiera que haya experimentado una conversión: «Antes estaba perdido, pero ahora me he encontrado; estaba ciego, pero ahora veo». El himno sigue siendo un himno poderoso para los oprimidos y un símbolo de esperanza. Muchos de nosotros estamos esclavizados por una u otra cosa. Todos necesitamos la misericordia de Dios. - P. Jim

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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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St. Monica's Ladies' Society

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

All Ladies Invited!

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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 Uncion 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.