

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

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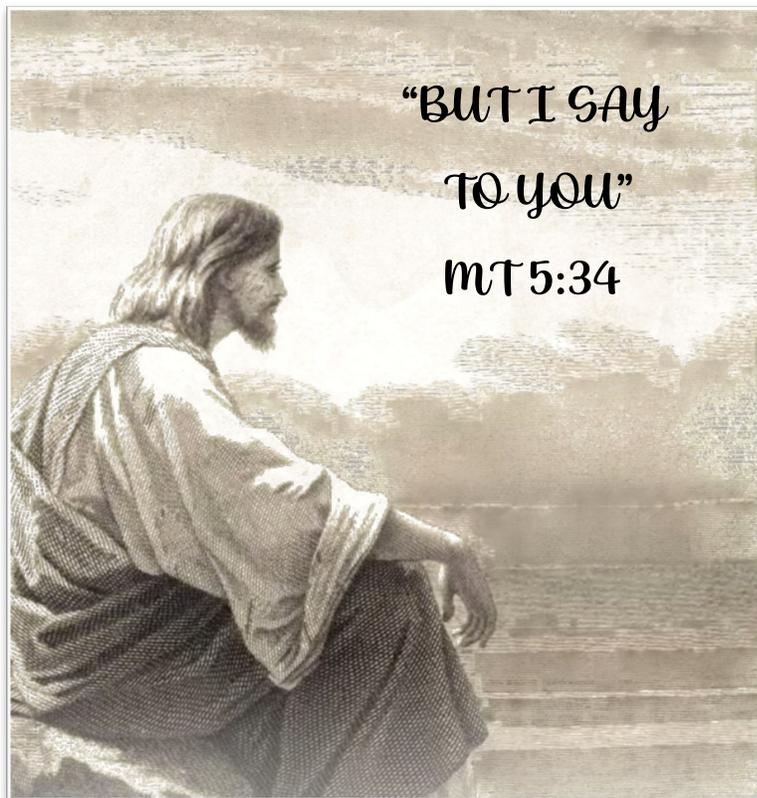
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"BUT I SAY

TO YOU"

MT 5:34



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 entemos

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

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)

Tuesday, February 17, 2026
12:10 p.m. For the People of the Parish
6 p.m. (en español) For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, February 18, 2026
Ash Wednesday: 8:30am, 12pm, 7pm

Thursday, February 19, 2026
12:10 p.m. For the People of the Parish

Friday, February 20, 2026
8 a.m. (en español) For the People of the Parish

Saturday, February 21, 2026
6 p. m. † Kevin Klecka

Sunday, February 22, 2026
9 a.m. † Paula & Juaquin Garcia, Sr.
† Gregorio & Francisca Ortega
† Sally Cervantes and Juaquin Garcia Jr.

11 a. m. † Rosalie Mueck

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.

Featured Advertiser:
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Stewardship Report

Week of February 8, 2026
Sunday Collection: \$2, 728.00
Catholic Higher Education: \$ 686.00
Online Giving:
* Sunday Collection: \$ 390.00
* Catholic Higher Education: \$ 50.00
Total Collection: \$ 3, 854.00

Upcoming Second Collections
Feb. 18: World & Home Missions (Supports Latin America; Black and Native American Home Missions; Catholic Home Missions; Central and Eastern Europe; Africa)

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Ash Wednesday **Miércoles de Ceniza**

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

*Ashes will be distributed at all Masses and Liturgy of the Word
*La Ceniza se impondría en todas las Misas y Liturgia de la Palabra.

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.

Stations of the Cross
Beginning February 20th
English: 12:00 p.m. — En Español: 6:00 p.m.

Confessions — Confesiones
Beginning February 20th
Fridays: 5:00 p.m.— 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

 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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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.

Diocesan Special Collection: World & Home Missions
The World and Home Missions second collection will be taken up on **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th**. 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.

- STATIONS OF THE CROSS -
Join us every Friday during Lent beginning Feb. 20th.

-VIA CRUCIS-
¡Acompáñanos cada Viernes en los Via crucis de esta Cuaresma!
Comenzaremos el 20 de febrero

12 p.m.: English (en ingles)
6 p.m.: Spanish (en español)



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
In today's Gospel, Matthew makes it clear that it is not enough for disciples to refrain from murder, adultery or false oaths. We are called to exhibit what Jesus did, the love and holiness of God. However, none of us can do this alone. We are given each other in the Christian community for guidance, strength and support and we are given Christ himself in Word and Eucharist. We are challenged to love beyond measure, but supported to do so by God's love poured out to each of us. To whom are we called to be Good News this week?

Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
En el Evangelio de hoy, Mateo deja claro que no es suficiente para los discípulos abstenerse del asesinato, el adulterio y el falso testimonio. Estamos llamados a exhibir el comportamiento que Jesús exhibió, el amor y la santidad de Dios. De cualquier modo, ninguno de nosotros puede hacer esto solo. Nos tenemos unos a otros en la comunidad Cristiana para encontrar dirección, fuerza y apoyo y se nos ha dado a Cristo mismo en la Palabra y la Eucaristía. Tenemos el reto de amar sin medida, pero contando con el apoyo del amor de Dios derramado sobre cada uno de nosotros ¿Para quién estamos llamados a ser Buena Nueva esta semana?

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.
- **ASH WEDNESDAY: 2/18/26**
 - Class # 16: Sunday, February 22, 2026
 - Class # 17: Sunday, March 1, 2026
 - Class # 18: Sunday, March 8, 2026
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- ♦ **NO CCE CLASS - SPRING BREAK:**
* March 15th & 22nd *
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- Class # 19 Resumes : Sunday, March 29, 2026
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- ♦ **NO CCE CLASS - EASTER SUNDAY:**
*April 5th *

Please Join Us for
St. Monica Ladies Society Festival
Annual BBQ Chicken & Sausage Dinner

Sunday,
 March 1,
 2026

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



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

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11:00am to 2:00pm

Annual Spring Festival

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Thanks to the wonderful donors
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 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
 - Frankie & Janice Klecka

RUMMAGE SALE
 FUNDRAISER
Saturday, March 7, 2026
8AM-2PM

Place: St. Monica's Parish Lighthouse
 (Tan building by Simon & George Hall)
 401 S. Karnes Ave, Cameron, TX

- Clothing
- Home Decor
- Kitchenware
- Toys
- Books

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 For more information please contact: 1-254-295-6092

If you would like to donate items please drop
 them by the parish office during office hours.

A Message from Bishop Daniel E. Garcia

The season of Lent is the 40 days from Ash Wednesday (Feb. 18) to the evening of Holy Thursday (April 2) during which we prepare for the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Lent is an opportunity for us to step back and examine our lives in relationship to God and to our sisters and brothers in Christ. During this Lenten season, I pray that we pause, take a deep breath and allow God to transform our hearts, so that we may acknowledge how important we are to one another, work to rebuild trust and strive to love one another despite our differences. -Bishop Daniel E. Garcia

Un Mensaje del Obispo Daniel E. Garcia

La temporada de Cuaresma son los 40 días que van desde el Miércoles de Ceniza (18 de febrero) hasta la noche del Jueves Santo (2 de abril) durante los cuales nos preparamos para la pasión, la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo. La Cuaresma es una oportunidad para nosotros para detenemos y examinar nuestras vidas en relación con Dios y nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo. Durante esta temporada de Cuaresma, oro por que hagamos una pausa, respiremos profundo, y permitamos a Dios transformar nuestros corazones, para que podamos reconocer qué importantes somos unos para los otros, por que trabajemos para reconstruir la confianza, y luchemos por amarnos mutuamente a pesar de nuestras diferencias.- Monseñor Daniel E. Garcia

What is Lent all about?

Jesus made it clear that all the law can be summed up in the one great commandment: "to love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as you desire to be loved." (Mark 12:28-34). In other words, our religious practices should help us to love God and our neighbor. If not, we are doing something wrong. Or we are doing something right for the wrong reason. In Lent, we take a 40-day retreat in imitation of Our Lord in the desert. The three pillars of action are to pray, fast, and give alms. When we pray, we awaken ourselves to the God within us. We let him enter into our heartbeat and our breathing. It is by being awake to God that we can then recognize Him in the world around us. When we fast, we feel the pangs of hunger in solidarity with those around the world who even today go to bed hungry each night. This hunger spurs an action of charity within us and we then give alms – gifts to those who are working to alleviate human misery. We can give to Catholic Charities or CRS or any number of worthy organizations. Or we can give to the pastor's charity account of our local parish. (Hint, hint!) If you prefer to use a Catholic digital tool (app) to guide your through Lent, there are wonderful offerings through Hallow, Dynamic Catholic, Word on Fire, etc. But do something to mark these 40 days as special, with Our Lord as your companion. Choose something you know you can do, and be consistent. If you practice Lent with attentiveness, you will actually feel the dreariness of winter give way to spring. And, as Jesus said, you will not be far from the Kingdom of God. --- Fr. Jim



¿De qué se trata la Cuaresma?

Jesús dejó claro que toda la ley se puede resumir en un gran mandamiento: "amar a Dios con todo tu corazón y amar a tu prójimo como deseas ser amado". (Marcos 12:28-34). En otras palabras, nuestras prácticas religiosas deberían ayudarnos a amar a Dios y a nuestro prójimo. Si no, algo estamos haciendo mal. O estamos haciendo algo bien por el motivo equivocado. En Cuaresma hacemos un retiro de 40 días a imitación de Nuestro Señor en el desierto. Los tres pilares de acción son orar, ayunar y dar limosna. Cuando oramos, despertamos al Dios que está dentro de nosotros. Le dejamos entrar en nuestros latidos y en nuestra respiración. Es estando despiertos a Dios que podemos reconocerlo en el mundo que nos rodea. Cuando ayunamos, sentimos los dolores del hambre en solidaridad con aquellos en todo el mundo que aún hoy se acuestan con hambre cada noche. Esta hambre estimula una acción de caridad dentro de nosotros y luego damos limosna, regalos a quienes están trabajando para aliviar la miseria humana. Podemos donar a Caridades Católicas o CRS o cualquier cantidad de organizaciones valiosas. O podemos donar a la cuenta de caridad del párroco de nuestra parroquia local. (¡Pista, pista!) Si prefiere utilizar una herramienta digital católica (aplicación) para guiarse durante la Cuaresma, hay ofertas maravillosas a través de Hallow, Dynamic Catholic, Word on Fire, etc. Pero haga algo para marcar estos 40 días como especiales, con Nuestro Señor como compañero. Elige algo que sepas que puedes hacer y sé constante.. Si practicas la Cuaresma con atención, sentirás que la tristeza del invierno da paso a la primavera. Y, como dijo Jesús, estaréis cerca del Reino de Dios. --- P. Jim

Ministry Schedule

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.

Saturday, February 28, 2026 6 PM

Lector: Monica Schiller & Becky Ferrara
Euch. M.: Janice Klecka and Patsy Vrazel
Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, March 1, 2026, 9 AM

Lector: Ramona Banda & Mariana Reyes
Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Bonifacio Banda
Altar Servers: Ariana, Margarita, & Efrain Cruz

Sunday, March 1, 2026, 11 AM

Lector: Celeste Cardona & Rick Rhoades
Euch. M.: Anna Reyes and Carmen Rios
Altar Servers: Kenly Reese, Sebastian Layburn

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MONTH AT THE
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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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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.)

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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.

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Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial para un registro. Los arreglos deben
hacerse al menos seis meses antes de la fecha deseada.