

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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



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

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, April 25, 2026

6 p. m. † David Angell
† Joe & Mary Vrazel
† Joe & Annie Dohmalik

Sunday, April 26, 2026

9 a.m. † Antonia Casillas
† Sally Cervantes
† Juaquin Garcia Jr.
† Anthony & Tim Woytek

11 a. m. † Adrian Reyes
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Tuesday, April 28, 2026

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

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

8 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Thursday, April 30, 2026

12:10 p.m. For the People of the Parish

Friday, May 1, 2026

8 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Saturday, May 2, 2026

6 p. m. † Olga Marek
† David Angel
† Louis Krenek

Sunday, May 3, 2026

9 a.m. † Miguel & Alberta Vargas Sr.
† Milton & Evelyn Hubnik
Victor & Miguel Zaragoza

11 a. m. † Judy Farrell
† Mary, Frank, Lee, and
Lawrence Klement

Stewardship Report

Week of April 19, 2026

Sunday Collection:	\$ 4, 671.00
Building Fund:	\$10.00
Online Giving:	
* Sunday Collection:	\$440.00
Total Collection:	\$5,121.00

Upcoming Second Collection

May 9 & 10: Building Fund

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Calendar of Events/Meetings

Ladies Society Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 2 PM. Held at the St. Anthony School/ Office building, library room.

Baccalaureate Mass


Sunday, May 17, 2026, 11 AM Mass.

Mary's Fest

Sunday, May 17, 2026, 11 AM- 4PM will be held on the church grounds.

St. Monica Bingo

Sunday, July 5, 2026



just a reminder:

If you have not picked up your offertory envelopes please do so after mass, they are located on the table at the entrance of the church. If you did not receive please contact the parish office we have a couple of extra box sets.

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

Please Pray for: Por favor reza por:
Martha Hubnik, Christine Alvarez, Christopher Lopez Sr., Sally Vega, Isabella Sosa Ramirez and Kim Dille.

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.

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Millions of Monicas meets every Monday at St. Mary Cathedral

Many people have children who are struggling to embrace their Catholic faith or have the church. The Millions of Monicas prayer ministry support mothers in this situation. Following the example of St. Monica, these mothers come together weekly to persevere in prayer for their children's joyful return to full unity with the Catholic Church. Meetings are held every Monday from 6 to 7 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral, 203 E. 10th St. in Austin. For more information, visit www.millionsofmonicas.com.

Veneration of relic of St. Francis of Assisi

In celebration of "eight hundred years of grace, memory, and renewed calling," St. Francis on the Brazos Parish in Waco will host the exposition of a first-class relic of St. Francis of Assisi on April 28, 29 and 30. The schedule is as follows:
4/28: 6 p.m., 4/29: 7 p.m. (Mass), 4/30: 7 p.m.

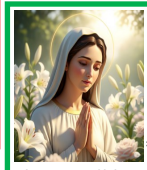
Para celebrar "ochocientos años de gracia, memoria y llamado", la parroquia de St. Francis on the Brazos, en Waco, acogerá la exposición de una reliquia de primera clase de San Francisco de Asís los días 28, 29 y 30 de abril. El programa es el siguiente:
Martes(4/28): 6 p.m. Miércoles(4/29): 7 p.m. (Misa) Jueves(4/30): 7 p.m.

Learn more by visiting St. Francis on the **Brazos'** **website:** Para más información, visite la página web: stfrancistorwaco.org/800-años-franciscanos.




Congratulations on your First Holy Communion
Narciso Arreola, Evelyn Bolivar, Destiny Guadalupe Moreno, Daniel Pham, Haley Reese, Daniela Westbrook, and Virginia Zeig

Congratulations to all who received their First Holy Communion! This is a significant moment in their faith, and we share in the joy of their deeper union with Christ in the Eucharist. We are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate alongside your family and for the gift of this day. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith and devotion. Many thanks to the Catechist, parents, & volunteers for their help in their faith formation.



MARY FEST IS COMING SOON!
Sunday, May 17 | 11 am – 4 pm
Food, games, music—all in honor of Mary!
Donation Items Needed for Booths:
2-Liter soda, Toys, or Household items

There will be a donation box in the church for donation items or you can drop off at the parish office.
FIESTA DE MARIA
Domingo 17 de Mayo | 11 am –4 pm
Comida, juegos y música: ¡todo en honor a María!
Por favor done articulos para los puestos:
*** Refresco de 2 litros, jugetes o Articulos para el hogar***
Tendremos una caja en la Iglesia para artículos de donación o puede dejarlo en la oficina parroquial.



St. Monica Baccalaureate

For Graduating Seniors & College Graduates

Sunday, May 17, 2026, at the 11AM Mass
Sign up sheet will be in the church.
For questions please call or text St. Monica DRE./YM: Sonia Vega-Perez (254)295-6092



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

In Memory of Muriel Eady
By/Departa de: James & Pat Holley

Fourth Sunday of Easter

On this Sunday, our Risen Lord is recognized as the good shepherd who protects us and cares for us. Being the recipients of God's care, we need to realize that Peter's words to the people of Jerusalem are addressed to us as well – we too must reform and embrace a new way of living if we wish to be a part of Christ's fold. That new way of life is to bring God's care and mercy to the poor, the vulnerable, the forgotten and abandoned through our relationships with them.

Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

En este domingo, nuestro Señor Resucitado es reconocido como el Buen Pastor que nos protege y nos cuida. Al ser quienes reciben el cuidado de Dios, necesitamos darnos cuenta de las palabras de Pedro a la gente de Jerusalén, las cuales están dirigidas a nosotros también – nosotros también debemos reformar y adoptar una nueva manera de vivir si deseamos ser parte del redil de Cristo. Esa nueva manera de vivir es llevar el cuidado y la misericordia de Dios a los pobres, los vulnerables, los olvidados y abandonados a través de nuestras relaciones con ellos.



**Clerical Endowment (CEF)
Spiritual bouquet Mass cards**

If you would like to enroll your Mother or deceased mother for Mother's Day in the CEF please contact Carol Moore or call the Parish office. The cost is \$2 per person.

The spiritual benefits of each Mass card enrollment include Masses offered monthly by the bishop and the CEF director, and the recipient of the Mass card is remembered in the prayers of the seminarians and Sisters of Mary Morning Star in our diocese .



If you donated an Easter Lily, you may pick up flower from side altars. Thank you.



Cedarbrake
CATHOLIC RETREAT CENTER

- **Navigating Grief**, a day of reflection, will be presented May 9 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. Taking steps to work through grief is the focus of this day's retreat. Retreatants will identify and reflect on their personal grief symptoms followed by a ritual to help ease the pain of grief and increase positive emotions. Father Harry Dean, along with spiritual directors Clyde Gottschalk and Judy Hoelscher, will lead this retreat. The cost is \$50, which includes lunch.
- Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple will present a **Summer Silent Retreat** May 29 - June 3. Take a vacation with the Lord and enter into silence to hear his voice speaking to your heart. Our annual summer silent retreat offers the option of two to five nights with daily Mass, talks, Adoration, confession, and communal prayer. Andrew Blila, parishioner and catechist at St. Patrick Parish in Hutto, will give several talks on the life of St. Augustine and the call to holiness for all. Cedarbrake Chaplain Father Harry Dean and Cedarbrake Director Brian Egan will share reflections, and spiritual direction will also be offered.

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



CENTRAL TEXAS CATHOLIC

Central Texas Catholic (CTXC) is a new resource from the Diocese of Austin. CTXC strives to connect Catholic young adults, ages 23-39, inviting them into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church. This initiative offers opportunities for spiritual growth, community building, and active involvement in parish life. Regional young adult CTXC representatives are ready to help build community and connect Catholic young adults in this area. To learn more and meet your regional representative, visit www.centraltexascatholic.org



Becoming good

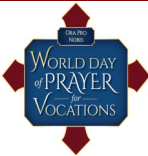
An action is "moral" when it is good, holy, and pleasing to God. Any parent who has raised a child to teenager has seen the various stages of moral development. As an infant, the baby is still connected to its mother. But at around the age of 2, she becomes independent, her own self. She is at a Level 1 stage of moral development. The child is self-centered – "I want that candy, and if I don't get it I will scream!" Gradually she can be motivated by fear of punishment. In Level 2, the young person moves beyond self-interest and begins to feel a sense of belonging to a small group, such as a family, a team, or a set of friends. If he persists in development, he can begin to feel part of a larger group, such as a church or a nation. He has a personal belief in law and order for the sake of the larger community. Level 3 is the highest stage and is exemplified by Jesus who preached "Love your neighbor as you desire to be loved" (Mt 22:39). Now the individual believes in the dignity of the whole human family. The stages don't always correspond to someone's age. Some adults never get beyond Level 1. They have a desperate need for admiration, are unable to accept critique, and they lack empathy for others. On the other hand, you may know of a young teenager who is already thinking of how his actions might affect the lives of others, even across the world. How do you develop your moral conscience? 1) **Practice Empathy by actively** thinking about the feelings and perspectives of others. 2) **Reflect Often by** evaluating your actions to identify areas for improvement. And 3) **Seek Truth** which reveals principles of what is right and wrong, especially in the Gospels. --- Fr. Jim



Para llegar a ser bueno

Una acción es «moral» cuando es buena, santa y grata a Dios. Todo padre que haya criado a un hijo hasta la adolescencia ha sido testigo de las diversas etapas del desarrollo moral. En la infancia, el bebé permanece aún vinculado a su madre. Sin embargo, alrededor de los dos años de edad, la niña se independiza y se constituye como un ser individual. Se encuentra entonces en la etapa de Nivel 1 del desarrollo moral. La niña es egocéntrica: «¡Quiero ese dulce, y si no me lo dan, gritaré!». Gradualmente, puede ser motivada por el temor al castigo. En el Nivel 2, el joven trasciende el interés propio y comienza a experimentar un sentido de pertenencia a un grupo reducido, tal como la familia, un equipo o un círculo de amigos. Si persevera en su desarrollo, puede llegar a sentirse parte de un grupo más amplio, como una iglesia o una nación. Posee una convicción personal respecto a la ley y el orden, en aras del bienestar de la comunidad en su conjunto. El Nivel 3 es la etapa más elevada y está ejemplificada por Jesús, quien predicó: «Ama a tu prójimo como deseas ser amado» (Mt 22:39). En este punto, el individuo cree en la dignidad de toda la familia humana. Las etapas no siempre se corresponden con la edad de una persona. Algunos adultos nunca superan el Nivel 1; tienen una necesidad desesperada de admiración, son incapaces de aceptar críticas y carecen de empatía hacia los demás. Por otro lado, es posible que conozcas a algún adolescente que ya esté pensando en cómo sus acciones podrían afectar la vida de otros, incluso al otro lado del mundo. ¿Cómo desarrollas tu conciencia moral? 1) Practica la empatía, pensando activamente en los sentimientos y las perspectivas de los demás. 2) Reflexiona con frecuencia, evaluando tus acciones para identificar áreas de mejora. Y 3) Busca la verdad, la cual revela los principios de lo que es correcto e incorrecto, especialmente en los Evangelios. — P. Jim

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

Spring Fiesta, Christ the King in Belton: Christ the King Parish in Belton will host their annual Spring Fiesta May 3 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the parish grounds. Activities will include live music, classic car show, activities for all ages and much more.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 2, 2026, 6PM

Lector: Keith Copeland and Cindy Hollas

Euch. M.: Janice Klecka and Patsy Vrazel

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, May 3, 2026, 9AM

Lector: Ramona Banda and Samantha Rodriguez

Euch. M.: Rosa Banda and Sonia Perez

Altar Servers: Ariana, Margarita and Efrain Cruz

Sunday, May 3, 2026, 11 AM

Lector: Marilyn Gaas and Renee Christenson

Euch. M.: Marilyn Murphy and Ben Christenson

Altar Servers: Sebastian Layburn, Kenly Reese, and Raphael Martinez Jr.

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MEETINGS 3RD TUESDAY OF THE
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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*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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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.