



ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**The Mission of St. Monica is to build a welcoming community
of faith, making God's love visible through service to others.**

STAFF

Pastor	Fr. Alejandro Del Bosque, ext. 241
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Deacon	Jacques Abat
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Deacon	Jack Karam
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Pastoral Secretary	Mrs. Jackie Cantú, ext. 237
Dir. of Religious Ed.	Mrs. Janice Van Slambrouck, ext. 244
Business Manager	Mrs. Mary Howard, ext. 235
Housekeeper	Mrs. Limbania Reyes
RCIA Director	Mr. Paul Cassetta

MASSES

Saturday Vigil:	5:30 p.m.
Sunday:	7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.; 1:00 (Spanish), 5:00 p.m.
	7:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Weekdays:	8:15 a.m.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4:00 p.m. & Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS: First Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Parents and Godparents must attend class held on prior Thursday 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Family Center.

FIRST COMMUNION: Two-year program required; usually received in the second grade.

CONFIRMATION: Must complete a two-year program which begins in high school years.

MARRIAGE: Six months notice required. Contact parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: Director, Mrs. Janice Van Slambrouck, (210) 701-7831. Classes - Grades K-10, Wednesday 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Office hours - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

RCIA: Adult converts or those needing sacraments are invited. Classes begin in September on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Call Paul Cassetta at 343-9655 for more information. Spanish RCIA contact: Sr. Esperanza Buitron 659-4242.

ST. MONICA SCHOOL: Early Childhood through 8th Grade. Principal, Mrs. JoAnn Wood, 658-6701. School Annex 659-5939. Inquiries to school office.

PARISH COUNCILS: Pastoral Council meets monthly

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every Friday after Mass until 7:00 p.m.

EUCCHARIST FOR SICK & SHUT-INS: Contact church office.

ROSARY: Rosary recited Monday - Friday at 7:45 a.m. and Sunday 7 a.m.

CHOIR: 9:00 a.m., *Bill Staggs, Music Minister, 274-8847*. Adult Choir Rehearsal - Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Children's Choir and Guitar Rehearsal - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; Teen Musician Rehearsal after 11:00 a.m. Mass, *Michelle Hernandez, Music Minister, after 5 p.m. call (210) 215-0811*. Spanish Choir - Monday, 7:00 p.m. *Glissie Esquivel, Director, 251-2902*.

SPANISH PRAYER GROUP: Every Friday at 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall. Contact: Gustavo Munoz, 663-5642.

ALTAR SOCIETY & THRIFT SHOP: Altar Society meets first Tuesday at 12:00 noon, September through May. Thrift Shop open Wednesday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Contact: Edna Diaz, 598-9885.

ACTS: Contact Steve Van Slambrouck, 602-5950.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Meets second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Contact Timo Zepeda, Grand Knight, 410-7647.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Meets second Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: Meets third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Contact Mary Jane Garza, 210-843-2190.

GUADALUPANOS: Meets second Monday of every month in the church cry room from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Alma Castillo, 659-0056.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Meets Wednesdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Contact Steve Van Slambrouck, 602-5950.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Meets Thursdays 6:30-8:00 p.m. Contact Annette Winfield 885-0861

REGISTRATION FORMS: Located in parish office or next to the bulletin board inside of the church.

HALL RENTAL: Contact Leroy Kruse at 560-5375.

BULLETIN: Submit notices by 12:00 noon on Monday prior to issue.

YOUNG AT HEART GROUP: Meets second Thursday of the month. Call Adalene at 658-6934 for more information.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: (Spanish) Meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel.

FAMILY OF THE ROSARY (bilingual) Meet last Tuesday of Month in church cry room 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. contact Carmenza Barrios, 210-724-8660.

Office Hours: 9:00 to 5:00, M-F
St. Vincent De Paul: 658-8791

Parish: 658-3816
Religious Ed: 658-7920

Fax: 566-3821
School: 658-6701

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon 1/9 8:15 A.M. ✚ Consuelo Rodriguez
Tues 1/10 8:15 A.M. ✚ Paul Webb
Wed 1/11 8:15 A.M. ✚ Bernadette Milliman
Thurs 1/12 8:15 A.M. ✚ Tom Silk
Fri 1/13 8:15 A.M. ✚ Peggy/Ed Bednas
Sat 1/14 5:30 P.M. ✚ Julia Villalobos
✚ Dale Wilson
June Santiago = B
Sun 1/15 7:30 A.M. Rosita Payton = B
✚ Arturo Lugo
✚ Antonia Lugo
9:00 A.M. ✚ Edilio/Carmen Cantu
✚ Stephen Tennison
11:00 A.M. ✚ Lou Clair
1:00 P.M. ✚ Rafael Villa
Maria Guadalupe Ruiz = B
✚ Leonor Minjarez
✚ Leonardo Mondragon
5:00 P.M. ✚ Fr. Robert Overman
7:00 P.M. Abused children = SI

SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the
special intentions of
Corbine & Annie Lomas

Religious Ed Classes resume January 11, 2017

LOST CAR KEYS IN CHURCH

It has been reported that there are some lost keys. If anyone has found Volkswagen keys with a key fob, please turn them in to the church office. As you all know, it is very expensive to have new ones duplicated, and the owner would be very appreciative. Thank you for your help.

Sunday Collection:

January 3, 2017 \$14,094.00
Capital Campaign \$7,619.50

MEN OF ST. MONICA, IS GOD CALLING YOU?

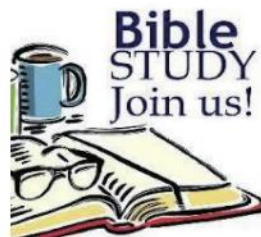
St. Monica's ACTS invites all men to an ACTS Retreat that will be held in Spanish on February 2-5, 2017 at St. Anthony de Padua Retreat Center in San Antonio. This is an excellent opportunity to strengthen your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God, and meet other members of our community. The cost of the retreat is \$170, but financial assistance is available. Call Julian Apolinar (210) 316-6988, Julio Rivera (210) 452-1650, or Ernesto Diaz (210) 834-9464 for more information. Registration forms are available at saintmonicaconverse.net



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SPANISH BIBLE STUDY

We will begin to offer a Bible Study class in Spanish on Sunday, January 8th from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class will be lead by Omar

Garnia. You may contact him to register and/or if you have any questions by calling (210) 789-8168. If you have wanted to know more about the word of God and what His plan for you is, now is your chance to satisfy that curiosity ☺

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

WHAT IS YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE?

Are you being called to serve others? God has made each one of us for a purpose in this life. In our Church tradition, we call this purpose our Vocation. This Vocation, this reason for being, is a gift from God. There will be a Life Awareness Retreat that is designed to help you become aware of the reason for your life. The retreat will be held at Cordi-Marian Retreat Center on the dates of January 13-15, 2017. At this retreat, you will have the time and space needed to help you discern seriously if the religious life is for you. This retreat is for single Catholic men and women ages 18-45. You may call Vocation Office at 210-735-0553 for more information or to register go to www.saintmonicaconverse.net



HOLY HOUR

The next bilingual Holy Hour is Thursday, January 12 at 7 p.m. Come spend time with Our Lord while we praise him through prayer, song and some silent meditation.



SUNDAY MATINEE!

Come join other families to watch a "free" family movie, Sunday, January 29th at 2:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your blankets, pillows and bring a friend.

Free snacks will be provided. Sponsored by St Monica Council 9681, Knights of Columbus

LOOKING OUT FOR YOUR HEALTH

Due to the flu season, we will discontinue serving the precious blood beginning next weekend, January 14th/15th.

STAY ON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW PATH:

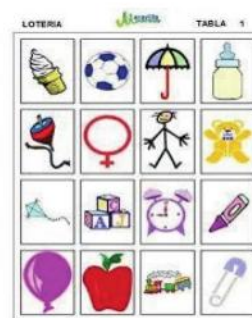
Adoration is every Friday beginning at 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Make it a new devotion for this New Year!

Confessions are not only on Saturday at 4 p.m. but every Wednesday at 6 p.m.



Hey partners, do you feel lucky? Save the date 2/4/17! The GOOD • the BAD • the LUCKY Casino Night. Tickets will be sold the weekend of January 21st/22nd after all Masses. Contact St. Monica School or J.T. Waggoner at 210-218-4057 for info.

Loteria /Mexican Bingo (bilingual event), Saturday January 28th 5 p.m. parish hall. Play cards 2 for \$10 this price includes dinner. Doors open 4:30 p.m. Join your parish family for a fun filled evening!



ST. MONICA'S BAPTISMAL REQUIREMENTS

In order to have a child under the age of six baptized at St. Monica Church please complete the following requirements:

- Parents and Godparents must attend a baptismal class.
- Only parents need to be interviewed by Padre Alejandro and you can schedule with Sofia or Grace at parish office.
- Godparents must be: a) Confirmed and b) if married, married in the Catholic Church.
- Do not make plans for Baptism date until you have spoken with Padre Alejandro to ensure there are no impediments



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