



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
Parochial Vicar	Fr. Mauricio Lopez, ext. 238
Deacon	Jacques Abat
Deacon	Sean Dooley, ext. 242
Deacon	Jack Karam
Secretary	Mrs. Sofia Flores, ext. 240
Pastoral Secretary	Mrs. Jackie Cantú, ext. 237
Dir. of Religious Ed.	Mrs. Janice Van Slambrouck, ext. 244
Housekeeper	Mrs. Limbania Reyes
RCIA Director	Mr. Paul Cassetta
Counselor	Joanne Ayala Mylacraine

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 6:30-7:30 p.m. Office hours - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

GLOW (4th-6th grade group) meets Thursday in hall 6:30-8:00 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, & Josie Rodriguez (210) 988-3954

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

PARISH COUNCILS: Pastoral Council meets monthly.

To schedule **Quinceanera Mass:** must be registered parishioner at least one year; attend Religious Education classes at parish; have priest's permission.

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: Martin Sanchez, 387-3469.

ALTAR SOCIETY & THRIFT SHOP: Altar Society meets first Tuesday at 12:00 noon, September through May. Thrift Shop open Wednesday and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 noon. Contact: Edna Diaz, 598-9885.

ACTS: Contact Tony Canez, 857-0789.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Meets second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Contact Tony Canez, Grand Knight, 857-0789.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Ruben Rosas, President, (210) 818-1230. 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., Margie Moncada, 661-7381.

LIFE TEEN (High School Youth Group): Meets Sunday, 3:00-4:30 p.m., in the parish hall. Contact Timo Zepeda, 410-7647.

EDGE (Middle School Youth Group): Meets Wednesday 6:15-7:45 p.m. Contact Lyle Pearce, 913-5585.

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

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

YOUNG AT HEART GROUP: Meets second Thursday of the month. Call Bea Ramirez at 210-658-4439 for more information.

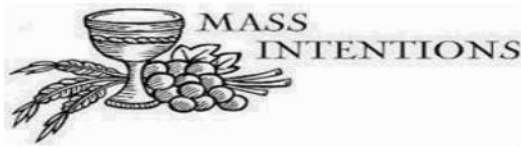
DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: (Spanish) Meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel.

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



Mon 1/15 8:15 A.M. Lupita Ruiz = B
Tues 1/16 8:15 A.M. † Ernestino Soliz, Sr.
Wed 1/17 8:15 A.M. Rosita Payton = B
Thurs 1/18 8:15 A.M. † Mauricio Morales
† Emmanuel Espiritu
Fri 1/19 8:15 A.M. † Flor de Maria Pineda
Sat 1/20 5:30 P.M. † Rosa E. Molbe
† Neno Elizondo
Sun 1/21 7:30 A.M. † Dominick Scarpatti
9:00 A.M. † Michael Camargo
Pablo/Herlinda Garcia = SI
11:00 A.M. † Ceeryn Catangal
1:00 P.M. Maria Cristina Gutierrez = B
5:00 P.M. † Christopher Tufino
7:00 P.M. † Deyanira Maguire

SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased



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A SPECIAL GUEST NEXT THURSDAY AT 7 PM

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The church office will be closed Monday, January 15th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

La oficina de la parroquia estara cerrada el lunes 15 de enero.

ARCHBISHOP GUSTAVO'S APPEAL

The 2018 Archbishop's Appeal will take place this month, and letters have already been mailed from the Archdiocese. Our parish goal is \$39,900. This year's theme is "In the Spirit of Love" and success will mean the continuation of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our Archdiocese each year. (see insert)

Ha comenzado ya la Campaña Anual del Arzobispo de 2018 con el tema En el Espíritu del Amor y un objetivo general de campaña de \$4.5 millones. Nuestra meta parroquial de la Campaña Anual 2018 es \$ 39,900. La Campaña Anual del Arzobispo es el esfuerzo anual continuo de la comunidad católica, que apoya a más de 40 ministerios que evangelizan localmente al pueblo de Cristo y sirven a los necesitados.

YOU DESERVE A WEEKEND TO YOURSELF ☺

There will be an ACTS retreat for women in Spanish on February 1-4, 2018. It will be held at St. Anthony of Padua's Retreat Center. The cost is \$170 per person. A deposit of \$85 is required at the time the application is turned in for retreat. Please don't let the cost of the retreat keep you from attending this life changing experience. You can contact the following ladies for additional information: Maria Rosaura Apolinar (210) 373-6913, Evelyn Martinez: (210) 376-9110, Lupita Arroyo: (210) 291-8049. Marta M Lopez (210) 663-5150.

BECAUSE ALL LIFE FROM BEGINNING TO END IS PRECIOUS

Join us for a vigil beginning at 4 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, downtown, followed by a prayerful procession (10-12 minute walk) to San Fernando Cathedral at 4:30 pm. Mass celebrated by Archbishop Gustavo will start at 5:00 pm. Free parking is available at the Frost Bank Parking Lot, located at 121 North Main Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78205. ***Because of the prayerful nature of this event, please do not bring signs or distribute literature of any kind.*** For more information, contact Nicky Mata at nicky.mata@archsa.org or 210-734-1651.

PORQUE LA VIDA ES ALGO MUY ESPECIAL

Todos están invitados a la vigilia que comienza a las 4:00 pm en la iglesia St. Mary's Church, downtown, seguida de una devota procesión (caminata de 10-12 min.) hasta la Catedral de San Fernando. La Misa presidida por Rev. Mons. Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S. Estacionamiento gratis esta en Front Bank Parking lot (121 North Main Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78205. **Debido al carácter de oración de este evento, por favor, no traiga carteles ni distribuya material de ningún tipo.** Para información adicional, contacte a Nicky Mata: nicky.mata@archsa.org o 210-734-1651.

Is your Marriage Struggling?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Has infidelity or addiction made your marriage an emotional wasteland?
- Are you frustrated, hurt, or angry with your spouse?
- Are you constantly fighting? Or do you simply shut down?
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- Does talking about it only make it worse?



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¿Discuten o pelean frecuentemente? ¿Te sientes aislado?

¿Ha pensado en la separación o el divorcio?

¿se empeoran los problemas al hablar de ellos?

Retrouvaille puede ayudar su matrimonio! Llamen a 210-848-3278 para mas informacion.

CHURCH NEEDS MORE SACRISTANS

The Sacristan is crucial to the Catholic Mass; in that, he or she prepares for the Liturgy by ensuring that the books for celebration, the cruets, chalices, ciboria, linens, oils, processional crosses, candles and torches are set up for Mass. If you would like to help your church in this capacity, please contact Mary Kirby at the parish office. One must be in good standing with the Catholic Church meaning one should have all the sacraments and be attending Mass.

LA IGLESIA NECESITA MÁS SACRISTANS

El Sacristan es crucial a la misa católica; en ése, él o ella se prepara para la liturgia asegurándose de que los libros para la celebración, las vinajeras, el cáliz, el copón, los manteles del altar, los aceites, las cruces del processional, las velas y las antorchas están instalados para la misa. Si usted quisiera ayudar a su iglesia en esta capacidad, por favor comunicase con Mary Kirby en la oficina de la parroquia. La persona tendrá que tener los sacramentos y estar en buenas circunstancias con la iglesia.



**IN SEARCH OF
COMPASSIONATE PEOPLE**

St. Monica's Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in need of new members. Please pray these simple words of St. Vincent and ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance: "Oh my God, set my heart on fire with the desire to

serve thee." If you feel strongly about helping others and are seeking for a means of doing so, please consider joining us to help the needy within our parish boundaries. For further information, please call Rene Silk at 210-656-8020.

INVEST IN A CATHOLIC EDUCATION

We would like to invite you to check out St. Monica's Catholic School. There will be an Open House on Sunday, January 28th from 12:30 to 2 p.m. If you or someone you know has children ages 2 years-8th grade looking for a challenging, fun place with reasonable rates to send their children, invite them to the Open House.

INVIERTA EN UNA EDUCACIÓN CATÓLICA

Quisiéramos invitarlos a que compruebe la escuela católica de Santa Monica. Habrá una casa abierta el domingo 28 de enero el horario de las 12:30 hasta 2 de la tarde. Si usted o alguien que conozca tiene hijos de las edades 2 hasta 13 años por favor invitalos a esta casa abierta para enterarse de lo que ofrece la escuela de santa Mónica.



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