



# 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

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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

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

**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 1/16 8:15 A.M.** ☩ Lou Clair  
**Tues 1/17 8:15 A.M.** Esmeralda Barron = SI  
**Wed 1/18 8:15 A.M.** Rosita Payton = B  
☩ Emmanuel Espiritu  
**Thurs 1/19 8:15 A.M.** Cecilia Baker = SI  
**Fri 1/20 8:15 A.M.** ☩ Cathy West  
**Sat 1/21 5:30 P.M.** Elvira Espiritu = SI  
**Sun 1/22 7:30 A.M.** ☩ Frank Kruse  
9:00 A.M. Pablo/Herlinda Garcia 42<sup>nd</sup>  
☩ Michael Camargo  
11:00 A.M. ☩ Sergio y Tony Carrillo  
1:00 P.M. ☩ Leonor Minjarez  
☩ Leonardo Mondragon  
Maria Cristina Gutierrez = B  
5:00 P.M. ☩ Christopher Tufino  
7:00 P.M. ☩ Guadalupe Rodriguez

SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the  
special intentions of  
*June and Rigo Santiago, Jr.*

### 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.

### THE THRIFT STORE HAS NEW HOURS

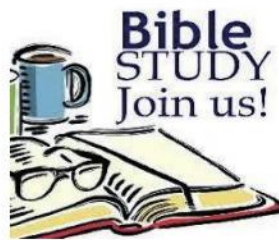
The new hours of operation are from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the same days of Wednesday and Saturday. Spread the word ☺

### Sunday Collection:

January 8, 2017 \$11,870.50  
Capital Campaign \$3,149.50

### 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](http://saintmonicaconverse.net)



### SPANISH BIBLE STUDY

You can still register for the Spanish Bible Study class. It meets on Sundays in parish hall 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 ☺



### HOLY HOUR

The next bilingual Holy Hour is Thursday, January 19 at 7 p.m. Come spend time with Our Lord while we praise him through prayer, song and some silent meditation.

### STROKE SCAN CANCELLED

We are sorry to disappoint all of you who scheduled screenings next week with Stroke Scan. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the screenings through no fault of Stroke Scan. Again, we apologize for any inconvenience.





### SUNDAY MATINEE!

Come join other families to watch a "free" family movie, Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 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.



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 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> after all Masses.

Contact St. Monica School or J.T. Waggoner at 210-218-4057 for info.



### MEXICAN BINGO

Loteria /Mexican Bingo (bilingual event), Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> 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!

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY



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We will have refresher training for the current Altar Servers. We encourage all altar servers to attend **one** of the dates designated which are Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 6 p.m. and Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 5 to 6 p.m. We thank you for your commitment to serving God's people which is no small task ☺



IT'LL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT!

Plans for the St. Monica's Parish Festival have begun. The Parish Festival will be held on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. We are currently soliciting donations for the Silent

Auction and vendors. Vendor registrations can be found at the entrance of the church foyer or at the parish office. Donations for the Silent Auction can be dropped off at the parish office Monday thru Friday between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.





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