



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
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 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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon 1/23 8:15 A.M. ✚ Grace Packer
Tues 1/24 8:15 A.M. Philip Gray = SI
Wed 1/25 8:15 A.M. ✚ Tom Silk
✚ Rodney Howe
Thurs 1/26 8:15 A.M. ✚ Mark Villarreal
Fri 1/27 8:15 A.M. Juan Mendoza & Fam = SI
Sat 1/28 5:30 P.M. ✚ Arnulfo Torres Barajas
Sun 1/29 7:30 A.M. ✚ Grace Ingraham
9:00 A.M. ✚ Suzell Ann Walter
✚ Arnold W. Koch
11:00 A.M. Expectant parents = SI
1:00 P.M. Lupita y Alfredo Rodriguez = A
✚ Leonor Minjarez
✚ Leonardo Mondragon
✚ Isidro y Rogelio Garcia
5:00 P.M. ✚ Archbishop Patrick Flores
7:00 P.M. ✚ Pdre. Juan Antonio Longares
Maria Guadalupe Ruiz = SI

SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased



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memory of **Tom Silk**

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 ☺



HOLY HOUR

The next bilingual Holy Hour is
Thursday, January 26th at
7 p.m. Come spend time with
Our Lord while we praise him
through prayer, song and some
silent meditation.



Padre Alejandro, we wish
you a happy and blessed
birthday (January 24th).
We thank you for being
our faithful shepherd, and
we pray that you will have
a long, fruitful and peace-filled life.

YOU WON'T BE SORRY YOU CAME!

All are invited to Padre Alejandro's birthday
celebration in the parish hall this Friday, January
27th, at 7:30 p.m. there will be dinner and music
- an enjoyable evening for all ☺

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

HE WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY!

Your presence is requested and would be sincerely
appreciated by Fr. Mauricio Lopez who will be
celebrating his 25 years in the priesthood on Sunday,
May 21st. Reception will follow in the school cafeteria
after a 12 noon Mass. More details in near future!

LA LOTERIA (MEXICAN BINGO)

Don't miss the fun next Saturday, January 28th in the
parish hall. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. The fun begins at
5 p.m. Game cards are 2 for \$10 and the price includes
dinner and a drink.

Sunday Collection:

January 15th : \$10,381.50

Capital Campaign \$3,877.50

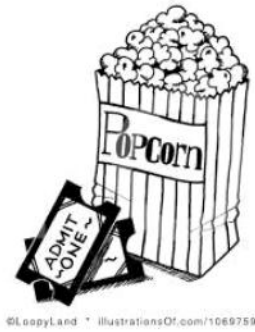
St. Vincent de Paul: \$5,282.00

Second collection this Sunday for the church in Latin
America. Thank you for your support.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY MATINEE

When was the last time you and the family did something fun together?! Come out to see the movie "Storks" on Sunday, January 29th at 2:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your blankets, pillows and bring a friend. Not only is the movie free of charge but so are the snacks! Sponsored by St Monica Council 9681, Knights of Columbus



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PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

Pope Francis said, "The internet is a gift from God". By means of the internet, the Christian message can reach "to the ends of the earth". There is also a danger in this blessing of technology. Seventy percent of kids ages 7 to 18 will be exposed to sexual content online accidentally. They find it while doing homework or a simple web search for something else. This first exposure (or repeated exposure) can lay the groundwork for habit, addiction, shame and a distorted view of sexuality. **Covenant Eyes** can help parents and their teens filter software to protect their family and tech devices. Get more information at info@covenanteyes.com or by calling (877) 479-1119

LOOKING OUT FOR YOUR HEALTH

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



YOU FEELING LUCKY?

We're bringing Vegas to you on Saturday, February 4th 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. The GOOD • the BAD • the LUCKY will gather in the parish hall. There will be gaming tables, silent auction, raffle cart and prizes. Dinner 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Gaming

starts at 7:30 p.m. Must be 21 years of age or older. Tickets will be sold this weekend after all Masses. Contact St. Monica School or J.T. Waggoner at 210-218-4057 for info.



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 24th from 5 to 6 p.m. and Tuesday, January 31st 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 30th 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.

INDULGE YOUR SWEET TOOTH FOR A PURPOSE!

The school's children's choir, who runs the music ministry on Friday mornings, successfully raised money to purchase monitors for the parish to be used by all the music ministers. They are continuing their fund raising efforts in hopes of acquiring a few more necessities related to their music ministry. They will have candy for sale \$1 each on Sunday, January 29th after the 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Masses. We wish to thank Padre Alejandro and you, the parishioners, for giving us this opportunity ☺

A SPECIAL MASS FOR PEACE AND THE PERSECUTED

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 4201 De Zavala Road., 78249, will be having a special Mass on Wednesday, January 25th at 7 p.m. for peace and for persecuted Christians. The presider is Fr. Tony Vilano.



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