



# 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
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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 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	1/30	8:15 A.M.	✠ Edward Matthews ✠ A. Davos
Tues	1/31	8:15 A.M.	Reynaldo Vela = SI
Wed	2/1	8:15 A.M.	✠ John Berlinski & Fam
Thurs	2/2	8:15 A.M.	✠ Rafael Villa
Fri	2/3	8:15 A.M.	✠ Bob Barker
		7:00 P.M.	Amanda Almader = SI
Sat	2/4	9:30 A.M.	Familia Castellano y Macarena ✠ Ralph Lerma
		5:30 P.M.	✠ Scott Case ✠ Joaquin Hernandez
Sun	2/5	7:30 A.M.	✠ Jesus Lugo, Jr. ✠ Ignacio Asuncion
		9:00 A.M.	L&D Adolph/Mary Schumann Scheel Familia Huerta Farias = SI
		11:00 A.M.	✠ Dominick Scarpati
		1:00 P.M.	✠ Leonor Minjarez ✠ Leonardo Mondragon ✠ Pedro Matias Juana Jose Matias = SI
		5:00 P.M.	✠ Max C. Cuellar
		7:00 P.M.	✠ Archbishop Patrick Flores

SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased

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memory of *Rafael Villa*

## The Thrift Shop

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 ☺

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



40 HOURS OF ADORATION  
The practice of the 40 Hours  
Devotion has been around since  
the Middle Ages. In those days,  
people did not receive  
communion very often, so  
adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament was their opportunity  
to feel connected with Jesus in  
the Eucharist. Take advantage of this treasure of our  
Catholic faith and attend the next **40 Hours** of  
Adoration, Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. It is a time  
for prayer, meditation and reflection. Please join us.

The **Latin Mass** is Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m.  
Our presider will be Fr. Cesar Betancourt. We  
will not have confessions prior to the Mass.

The **First Saturday Mass** is February 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30  
a.m. The Rosary is recited at 9 a.m.

## LENTEN PARISH MISSION

This year, Lent begins Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.  
To keep us focused on preparing our hearts for  
Easter, we will have a Lenten Mission based on  
the teachings, beliefs and devotions of The  
Divine Mercy Message first revealed to the  
polish nun, Sr. Faustina Kowalska. The Mission  
begins Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, March  
9<sup>th</sup> and it will be presented by Fr. Thaddaeus  
Lancton who lives in Stockbridge,  
Massachusetts at the National Shrine of The  
Divine Mercy. The agenda for the Lenten  
Mission will be shared in upcoming bulletins.



If you are an Altar Server, you have one more  
chance to attend a refresher training. The next one  
is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>; from 5 to 6  
p.m. in the church.



### THE CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Men, are you living the life worthy of spending eternity with Our Lord? Come experience a conference for men presented by The Pilgrim Center of Hope. Our very own archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller will be one of the presenters. The conference experience is steeped in the Sacraments (Mass, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration) and speaker presentations focused on the full truth of our vocation that ignites the spirit of men as disciples of Christ. Participants receive spiritual tools for everyday living and resources for education. Conference date is Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up with one of the Knights of Columbus next weekend after Mass.

### ST. BLASE FEAST DAY

The blessing of the candles in anticipation of the feast day of St. Blasé will be this Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 8:15 a.m. Mass. The blessing of the throats will be Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 8:15 a.m. Mass.

### HAPPINESS IS A WARM PANCAKE OR HOMEBAKED COOKIE♥

The Knights of Columbus take to heart this philosophy so much that they offer their pancake breakfast every second Sunday of the month. The next pancake breakfast will be February 12<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall after the 7:30 and 11 a.m. Masses. The Catholic Daughters will also have a bake sale the weekend of February 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> after all Masses. We aim to please you and get you off your too strict diet ☺

Sunday Collection:  
Capital Campaign \$,220.00



### TRY YOUR LUCK!

We're bringing Vegas to you on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Contact St. Monica School or J.T. Waggoner at 210-218-4057 for info.

**MAKE THIS PARISH FESTIVAL BETTER THAN LAST**  
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.

### STOP BY FOYER FOR SOME CANDY!

The school's children's choir, who sings at Friday morning Mass, will have candy for sale \$1 each this Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> after the 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Masses. We wish to thank Padre Alejandro and you, the parishioners, for supporting our fundraising efforts!

### INVEST IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION ☺

In keeping with the spirit of appreciation during Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 29 thru Feb. 4, 2017), we would like to invite you to check out St. Monica's Catholic School. Enrollment is going on now for all current and new students for Summer Fun and the 2017-2018 school year. Tour the campus, meet the teachers, learn about the academic program, and ask questions. If you know someone with children ages 2 years-8th grade looking for a challenging, fun place with reasonable rates to send their children, invite them to come visit the school. They are open from Monday- Friday 7am-6pm. Enroll before May 31st to receive a registration/processing fee discount!





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