

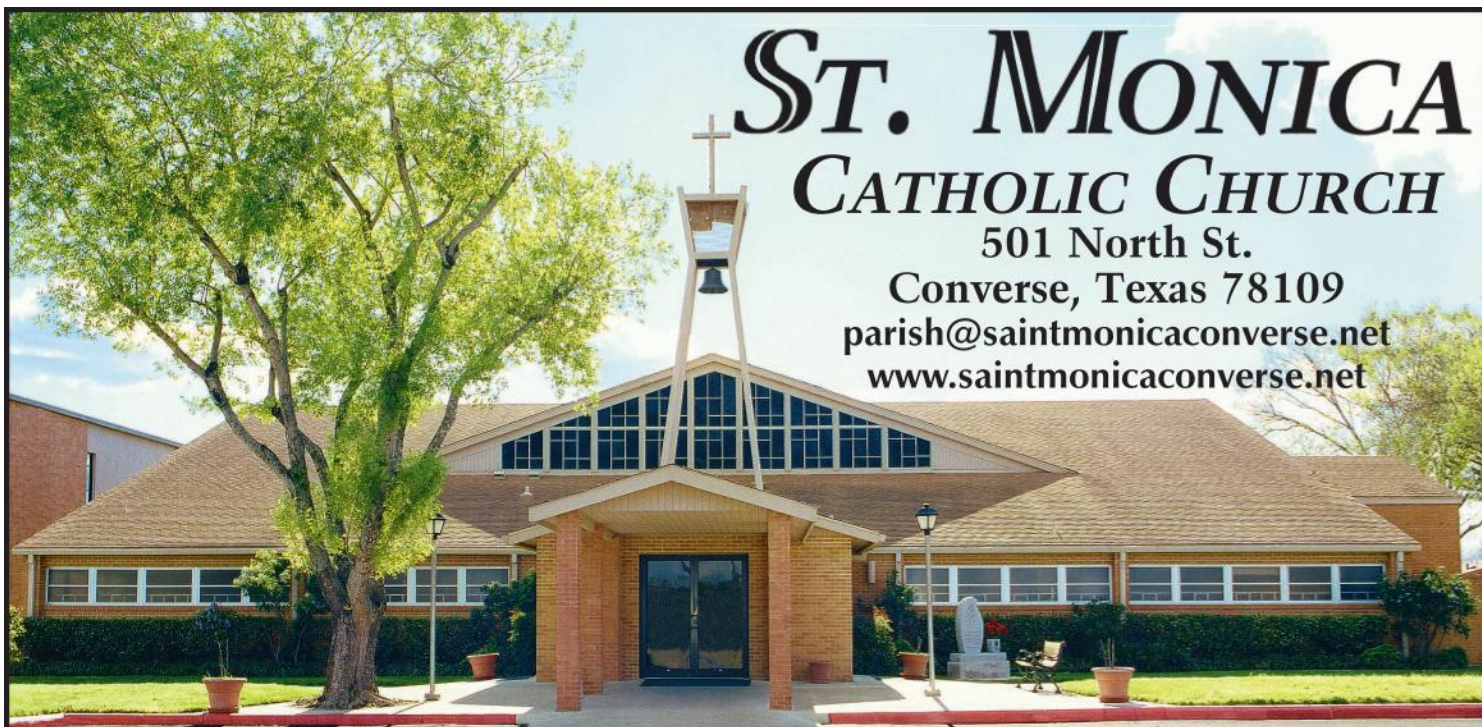
ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

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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
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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

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Mon 2/5 8:15 A.M. † Juan Chavez
- Tues 2/6 8:15 A.M. † Bea Berg
- Wed 2/7 8:15 A.M. † Gloria Callahan
- Thurs 2/8 8:15 A.M. † Edward Matthews
- Fri 2/9 8:15 A.M. † Lina Rocha
- Sat 2/10 5:30 P.M. † James/Linda Mollicone
- Sun 2/11 7:30 A.M. † Theresa Meuer
- 9:00 A.M. † Luis/Richard Flores
- 11:00 A.M. † Irene Venuto
- † Carmen Rosas
- † Cecilia Urrabazo
- 1:00 P.M. † Araceli Roa
- 5:00 P.M. † Juan Gutierrez
- 7:00 P.M. † Ana Rebecca Medina

† = Deceased A = Anniv B = Birthday
 SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased

FINANCIAL REPORT (July 1 thru Dec. 31, 2017)

Total Revenue: \$458,438.54
 Total Expenditures: \$394,862.96
 Income vs. expenses: \$63,575.58
 Capital Campaign: \$819,853.15



SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week's Sanctuary Candle will burn
 in memory of
Shirley Ann Gratt



HOLY HOUR

Next Thursday, February 8th at 7 p.m.
 Meditational songs, prayers and
 reflections while we sit with Our Lord
 in the Blessed Sacrament. Please join
 us. (bilingual)



BAKE SALE FOR THE TEENS!

You still have time to enjoy the baked
 goodies before you give them up for Lent!
 Life Teen is having a bake sale next

weekend after all Masses. The money raised will be used
 for future faith formation retreats ☺ Thank you for your
 support.



In the Gospel this Sunday, we find
 that Jesus would rise very early
 before dawn and go to a deserted
 place to pray and then he went out
 to preach and to heal. Please pray
 for the poor and suffering,
 knowing that you are bringing the
 love and peace of Jesus to those

who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread. St.
 Vincent de Paul's Society is in need of new members. 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.

CALLING ALL TEENS!

You are invited to join us for
 a very special weekend. The
 2018 St. Monica's Teen
 ACTS Retreat will be held
 March 15-18, at Slumber
 Falls Camp in New
 Braunfels. It will be a fun
 activity-filled three day retreat where you can learn more
 about God's Great Plan! The cost is \$170, however, financial
 assistance is available. For more details, contact Timo
 Zepeda 210-410-7647 or Anita Moreno 210-326-3218.
 Registration Forms are available at
saintmonicaconverse.net/acts



LLAMANDO A TODOS LOS ADOLESCENTES!

Están invitados a unirse a nosotros para un fin de semana muy
 especial. El Retiro de ACTS para adolescentes de 2018 Santa
 Mónica se llevará a cabo del 15 al 18 de marzo en el
 campamento Slumber Falls en New Braunfels. ¡Será un retiro de
 tres días lleno de actividades donde podrá aprender más sobre el
 Gran Plan de Dios! El costo es de \$170, sin embargo, hay ayuda
 financiera disponible. Para obtener más información,
 comuníquese con Timo Zepeda 210-410-7647 o Anita Moreno
 210-326-3218. Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles
 en saintmonicaconverse.net/acts

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

TALLERES DE CRECIMIENTO ESPIRITUAL

Lunes de: febrero 12 a marzo 19 del 2018, de 7:00 pm a 8:00 pm, en el salon parroquial, sin costo alguno. requisitos: asistencia puntual y biblia. Es tu oportunidad en esta cuaresma para conectarte mas profundamente con dios y crecer espiritualmente. Inscríbete de inmediato llamando a la Hra. Esperanza al 210 659 4242 o 210 438 2827: puedes mandar texto con tu nombre completo.



YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart will meet on Thursday, February 8 at 10:00 A.M in the Parish Hall. We are planning a Valentine Day celebration starting off with Bingo and followed by a catered meal. Members will be

called for reservations. For more information, please call Bea at 210-658-4439.



LITTLE BOOKS WITH BIG PURPOSE!

The ACTS Ministry will be selling the "Little Books" for this Lenten season. They are \$3 each. Please stop by after Mass this weekend in the church foyer and purchase

your copy. This "Little Book" is full of reflections, prayers and stories to help your soul prepare, not only Easter, but for eternity.

LOS LIBRITOS DE ORACION DE ACTS

El ministerio de los ACTS venderá los "pequeños libros" para esta temporada del Cuaresma. Son \$3 por cada uno. Después de misa este fin de semana en el vestíbulo de la iglesia puede comprar el librito lleno de reflexiones, de rezos y de historias ☺

THIS IS NOT JUST ANY RETREAT

How does one cope with the grief, loss and pain of losing a spouse to death or divorce? So many people suffer in silence, turn to alcohol, drugs or other forms of destructive measures that only leave one feeling worse. Call Beginning Experience of San Antonio to find out about their weekend retreats that are scheduled for 2018. There is bound to be a weekend that will work for you. Here are the dates: February 16 – 18; July 13 -15 and October 12 – 14. Call (210) 478-0690 to find out more information.

BREAKFAST WITH THE KNIGHTS
Knights of Columbus breakfast will serve up their famous Pancake Breakfast next Sunday after the 7:30 and 9 a.m. Masses, there will be pancakes, eggs, sausage inks and fruit cocktail, coffee and or juice. Adult plates are \$4.50 and child plates \$2.50.



GUADALUPE HOME NEEDS SUPPLIES

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the Diaper Drive for the young mothers at Guadalupe Home. Your donations are appreciated. The following is what has been requested: Cleaning supplies, (antibacterial cleaners, sponges, toilet cleaners, dish soap, laundry detergent, mops) Hangers, Bath Towels, Bed Sheets (twin and crib sizes), crib mattresses, blankets, diaper bags, baby wipes, diapers, paper towels, hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner, liquid body wash, razors and sanitary napkins), ponytail holders, women's undergarments, socks, maternity clothes, women's and baby shoes, first aid items, furnishings and housewares. Put in crib in foyer next weekend!



PARISH FESTIVAL

Sunday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be lots of fun to be had in games, food, music and other surprises suited for the entire family! Register as a vendor or become a sponsor by

calling (210) 658-3816. Vendor registration forms are in the foyer of the church or at www.saintmonicaconverse.net/festival.

FESTIVAL PARROQUIAL

El festival de la parroquia se llevara a cabo el domingo 29 de abril de 2018, y actualmente estamos buscando patrocinadores corporativos e individuales. Para hacer una contribución, comuníquese con la oficina de la parroquia por teléfono y deje un mensaje (210) 658-3816, o envíe un correo electrónico a parish@saintmonicaconverse.net.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

No Religious Education Classes on Ash Wednesday, February 14th

CLASES DE RELIGION

No habra clases de religión el miércoles de ceniza 14 de febrero (dia de san valentin)

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