



# 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
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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

#### 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 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 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 Sunday, in the parish hall after the 5:00p.m. Mass. 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 2/6 8:15 A.M. ✠ Ceeryn Catangal  
Tues 2/7 8:15 A.M. ✠ Deyanira Maguire  
Wed 2/8 8:15 A.M. ✠ Ralph Lerma  
✠ Edward Matthews  
Thurs 2/9 8:15 A.M. ✠ Bob Barker  
Fri 2/10 8:15 A.M. ✠ James Mollicone  
Sat 2/11 5:30 P.M. St. Monica Parishioners = SI  
Sun 2/12 7:30 A.M. ✠ Bob Barker  
9:00 A.M. ✠ Elidio/Carmen Cantu, Sr.  
✠ Jose Garza  
11:00 A.M. ✠ John Duffy  
1:00 P.M. ✠ Leonor Minjarez  
✠ Leonardo Mondragon  
Marta Rosales = B  
Ricardo Rosales = B  
5:00 P.M. People fighting addiction = SI  
7:00 P.M. Montserrat Chavez = SI  
✠ Padre Juan Antonio Longares

SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in loving  
memory of *Martha I. Ortiz*

### 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.



### HEALING MASS

On Saturday, February 11th, we will celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes with a Mass to include the Anointing of the Sick. Mass will be bilingual and begins at 9:30 a.m. We encourage everyone to come especially those who are unwell either physically, emotionally or spiritually. For those who are in need of reconciliation, the best way to prepare for the anointing is to go to confession first. Confessions are held Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and again Saturdays at 4 p.m.

### HEEDING THE CALL TO HELP

The 2017 Archbishop's Appeal will take place this month, and letters have already been mailed from the Archdiocese. Success will mean the continuation of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our Archdiocese each year: education of our children and seminary students, taking care of the sick and needy, and many other programs. Please be as generous as your circumstances allow.

La Loteria brought in \$1,577.00 and it will go towards the Capital Campaign Fund!



### BAKE SALE

The Catholic Daughters will have a bake sale the weekend of February 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> after all Masses.

Thank you for your support!



They're back! The Young at Heart will celebrate Valentine's Day in the Parish Hall on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. Bingo is on the schedule followed by a Potluck Luncheon. Members will receive a reminder call. For further information, please call

Bea Ramirez at 658-4439.



### CALLING ALL VENDORS!

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.

### SCHEDULES BEING PREPARED

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers, please call or email Jackie by Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> with any changes in your status for the schedule beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. You may also enter changes into the Ministry Pro Program

### HOLY HOUR

The next Holy Hour is Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. There will be a Holy Hour where all church ministries are invited to attend Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. It will extend to 9 p.m. This extra hour is for those who are members of the ministries.

### YOU CAN'T BEAT A CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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!

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Don't forget that the monthly pancake breakfast will be held in the hall Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 11 a.m.! Come get your fill of pancakes and sausage and help the Knights raise money for many important causes. Breakfast is only \$4.50 or \$2.50 for the kiddos, and includes coffee, juice, and fruit cocktail. Also, don't forget to bring in two canned or dry items for the Food Pantry, and you will save fifty cents per plate! Help the St. Vincent de Paul Society to provide for the needy in our area and save a little on breakfast!! What more can you ask for?!

### SHE'S A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW

But you can't help but love her anyway! We are talking about our very own Irene "Rene" Silk. She is being honored this year with the Lumen Gentium Award. This award is bestowed upon those who are a true example of living life serving God's people in His church. Rene has served our parish in various ministries; in different capacities for over 30 years. Today's Catholic will have a congratulatory ad about "Rene" Silk in the February 17<sup>th</sup> issue! Complimentary issues can be found on the table in the church foyer.

### Sunday Collection

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> : \$10,875.00

Latin American 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: \$1,668.00

Jan 29<sup>th</sup> : \$11,607.00

Capital Campaign \$11,863.50

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