



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
Secretary	Mrs. Sofia Flores, ext. 240
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

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 9:30 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 2/13 8:15 A.M. ✠ Juan Garcia
Tues 2/14 8:15 A.M. ✠ Arthur Villarreal
✠ Antonio Rafael Martinez
✠ Gumecinda Arteaga
Wed 2/15 8:15 A.M. ✠ Rita Garcia
Thurs 2/16 8:15 A.M. ✠ Raul Garcia
Fri 2/17 8:15 A.M. ✠ Cecilia Baker
Sat 2/18 5:30 P.M. ✠ Felipe Esparza
Sun 2/19 7:30 A.M. ✠ Billy R. Payton
Reynaldo Vela = SI
9:00 A.M. ✠ Jose/Consuelo Garza
✠ Laura Morlet
✠ Richard Tennison
11:00 A.M. ✠ Michael Camargo
1:00 P.M. ✠ Leonor Minjarez
✠ Leonardo Mondragon
✠ Ricardo and Luis Flores
5:00 P.M. ✠ Andrew Roca
7:00 P.M. ✠ Pdre. Juan Antonio Longares
Maria Teresa Martin = SI

SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in loving
memory of *Christopher Tufino*



HOLY HOUR IN ADORATION

The next Holy Hour is Thursday,
February 16th at 7 p.m. This is always
open for everyone; however, there will be
an emphasis on those involved in serving
at the Masses; Extraordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers,
Sacristans and Mass Coordinators. We

are hoping many of you can attend. The Blessed
Sacrament will be exposed until 8 p.m. Then after, we
will spend another hour sharing our reflections and
perhaps spend a few minutes to address our vocation
concerns.

ARE YOU READY TO SEE THE FACE OF GOD?
How many of us would run and hide if God
came knocking on our door? How many of us
would admit that it's not because we are poor
housekeepers but that we are living shameful
lives? Lent is a time of reflection on how we are
living our lives; moreover, it's an opportunity to
do penance to prepare and remember our Lord's
Passion, Death and Resurrection. This Lent we
will host a Lenten Mission on the dates of
Monday, March 6th thru Friday, March 9th. If
you have never experienced a Mission, please
come spend this time with our guest and
presenter, Fr. Thaddaeus Lancton who
lives in Stockbridge, Massachusetts at the
National Shrine of The Divine Mercy. Mission
will be given in English.

WHAT GOOD IS FAITH WITHOUT WORKS?

The 2017 Archbishop's Appeal will take place
this month, and letters have already been mailed
from the Archdiocese. There are many
important programs that assist tens of thousands
in our Archdiocese each year. The Appeal
brochure shows a complete list of all charitable
organizations that will be funded. These
brochures are located on a table in the foyer.
Please give what your circumstances will allow
and God bless you and your family ☺

CALLING ALL TEENS! COME FOLLOW HIM!

St. Monica ACTS invites all teens, ages 15-18 to a
Teen ACTS Retreat that will be held on March 16-19,
2017 at Slumber Falls Camp in New Braunfels. Join us
for this fun-filled three day retreat, where you learn
more about your faith, strengthen your relationship
with God, and make many friends. The cost of the
retreat is \$170, but financial assistance is available.
Call Michelle Quintana (210) 823-8379, or Steve Van
Slambrouck (210) 602-5950 for more information.
Registration forms are available at
saintmonicaconverse.net/acts.

GRIEF DUE TO LOSS OF LOVED ONE

We will not be offering a Grief Support Group until summer, however, we encourage you to call Bereavement Coordinator, Celeste Miller, with Porter Loring, to find a Grief Group suitable for you. Her contact number is (210) 227-8221.



DON'T PASS BY THIS DESSERT TABLE!

The Catholic Daughters will have baked goodies for sale this weekend at all Masses.

Please stop by and find out what programs your supporting through this ministry while satisfying your craving for sweets ☺



CALLING ALL VENDORS!

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.



Pancake Breakfast

COME WITH THE FAMILY

This Sunday, the Knights of Columbus are having their Pancake Breakfast in the parish hall 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.

Sunday Collection

February 5th: \$12,164.50

WEDDING RINGS MISSING

There was a set of wedding rings left inside the church or possibly in the parking lot by handicap space at last Sunday's 5 p.m. Mass.

If you have any information, you may contact the church office. As anyone can understand, these are of great sentimental value and can't be replaced.

DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

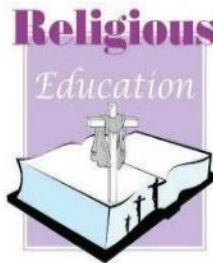
Your presence is requested and would be sincerely appreciated by Fr. Mauricio Lopez who will be celebrating his 25 years in the priesthood on Sunday, May 21st. Reception will follow in the school cafeteria after a 12 noon Mass.



CATHOLIC YOUTH SPORTS (CYO)

Registration for both baseball and softball is taking place all of the Sundays in February at the school's gym between the hours of

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you have any questions, you may contact Cruz Cerda (210) 569-3748. You can also register online at www.saintmonicaconverse.net/cyo.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be no Religious Education Classes on these following Wednesday nights: March 1st, March 8th and March 15th (during Spring Break). Also, Life Teen that meets on Sundays will not meet March 12th through March 19th because of Spring Break!

**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
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