



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
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, & 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: 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, in the parish hall after the 5:00p.m. Mass. Contact Timo Zepeda, 410-7647.

EDGE (Middle School Youth Group): Meets Thursdays 6:30-8:00 p.m. Contact Lyle Pearce, 913-5585.

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	8/21	8:15 A.M.	✠ Sophie Massey
Tues	8/22	8:15 A.M.	✠ Ronald Duman
Wed	8/23	8:15 A.M.	✠ Patricia/Wendel McAuliffe
Thurs	8/24	8:15 A.M.	✠ Delia Manrique
Fri	8/25	8:15 A.M.	✠ Chris Cook
Sat	8/26	5:30 P.M.	✠ Antonio Villarreal
Sun	8/27	7:30 A.M.	✠ Rafael/Maria Zuluaga
		9:00 A.M.	✠ Consuelo Garza
			✠ Ambrocio/Santos Lopez
		11:00 A.M.	Carlos Cortes = 15B
			Teachers/Students = SI
		1:00 P.M.	Alan Pague = B
			✠ Steven Acosta
		5:00 P.M.	Ann Gilluly = B
		7:00 P.M.	✠ Cecilia Baker

SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased



NO HOLY HOUR

The Holy Hour and Adoration for Thursday, August 24th has been cancelled because of the special Talk with Fr. Chahin. See the insert for more detailed information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

First day of Religious Education Classes grades 1 – 8 is Wednesday, September 20 and Life Teen grades 9 -12 is Sunday, September 17.

YOUTH SPORTS

Catholic Youth Organization (Sports for the kids) Registration will be held every Sunday in July in school gym from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ages 3-14 Soccer, Volleyball & Flag football

One child \$120, two \$115, three \$110. Registration online: saintmonicaconverse.net/cyo

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

\$11,707.51

St. Vincent de Paul: \$6,093.20

Thank you for giving faithfully to your parish ☺



- **ST. MONICA'S FEAST DAY DINNER & DANCE**
Don't forget to purchase your ticket for the Bill Miller BBQ dinner plate for the dinner and dance scheduled Saturday, August 26th! The dinner tickets are available at the church office during operating hours. Dinner tickets will not be sold the night of the dance!
- The church parking lot is getting a facelift. We ask that you park on the side of the school on the dates of Monday, August 28th thru Friday, September 1st.
- The Four Lenses training is from 9:00-12:30 August 26th in the parish hall; this training, which helps one communicate more effectively, is open to anyone. **Cost is \$20.00 for materials.** Register by contacting Josie Rodriguez at josierodro@aol.com or (210) 988-3954 since seating is limited.
- **CURIOUS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH**
Catholicism - By Bishop Barron is coming to the St. Monica Parish
Classes begin Sept 10th- Dec. 17th, 2017
Time: 3:00-5:00pm
Place: St. Monica's Steubben Hall (Parish Hall)
Cost: \$30.00 (includes workbook)
(Couples may share a workbook)
Registration in the church foyer after Masses
Please contact Josie Rodriguez at (210) 988-3954 or (719) 660-2169 (Josierodro@aol.com) for further information

RCIA

All adults who are desiring to receive the sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) please contact Paul Cassetta (210) 343-9655 or speak with Josie Rodriguez after Mass this weekend in the foyer. RCIA classes will begin Sept. 10th

RICA EN ESPANOL (RCIA IN SPANISH)

Si le hace falta la confirmacion o el matrimonio, hable de inmediato con la hermana Esperanza para ser registrado y prepararse en Español, a recibir los sacramentos. tel. 210 659 4242. O bien, puede llenar ficha de inscripcion la cual esta en la mesita de avisos.

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DATE, TIMES & LOCATION:

Sundays -
Sept. 10th-Dec. 17th, 2017

Time: 3:00pm-5:00pm

Place: St. Monica Catholic Church
(Bauman Room)

COST / REGISTRATION:

\$30.00 (Includes cost of workbook)

****Couples may purchase and share
one workbook, if they desire****

Scholarships are also available if
needed - Please contact Josie

CONTACT:

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or
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Feast Day of **ST. MONICA**

Join us in celebrating our Patron Saint
with this Tridum in her honor:

**"Creating a Culture of Encounter
in Our Community"**

Thursday, August 24

7 pm Talk in English in the Church

Friday, August 25

7 pm Talk in Spanish in the Church
presented by Fr. Krikor Gregory Chahin



Syrian Priest from the Diocese of Stockholm, Sweden

Doctor in Canon Law

Book Author

Professor at Assumption Seminary and
the Mexican American Catholic College
in San Antonio, TX.

Saturday August 26

5:30 pm **SOLEMN MASS** WITH PROCESSION OF
MINISTRY BANNERS

7-8 pm **BBQ DINNER** catered by Bill Miller's served in the
school cafeteria **pre-sale tickets only \$10 per plate**

8-11 pm **FREE** music and dancing in the school cafeteria!

**Let us rejoice together and invite ALL to come
to this community celebration!**

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501 North Street
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Tickets will be on sale starting July 23!
More details are available at
www.saintmonicaconverse.net

MARRIAGE PREPARATION / ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

All couples who are planning to convalidate their marriage beginning in November please sign up for our first parish lead and taught Marriage Preparation/Enrichment class which begins August 26th.

Registration will take place in the foyer after Mass this weekend. The first part of the program will be Saturday, August 26th and it will continue with:

Part Two: What are you saying “I Do” to? (Sep 30th, 2017 from 8:30-4:30PM)

What did you “sign up for” when you said “I Do?” This session traces marriage through the lens of Holy Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We will discuss the true meaning of the sacramental bond and the nature of true love.

Part Three: Building a Thriving Marriage (Oct 7th, 2017 from 8:30-4:30PM)

During this session, we will teach you the best way to overcome conflict and how to find an anchor to keep your marriage steady in the turbulent waters of life. We also will help you lay the groundwork to build a thriving marriage. **Who:** This program is for St Monica Parish con-validating couples *but is open to all*.

What: Invest three partial Saturday’s to build up your marriage and family.

Where: All gatherings will be in the Steubben Hall (Parish Hall).

When: 8:30-4:30PM across three Saturdays: Aug 26th, Sep 30th and Oct 7th

Cost: Program Cost is \$85 per couple— covers all program materials. **Meal Costs:** \$90 per couple for three days of catered lunches or you can bring your own lunch **Registration is required.** Please contact Josie Rodriguez to enroll: josierodro@aol.com or call at (210) 988-3954.



Thank you to all the parishioners who responded to the request for school supplies! It can be a burdensome expense for some needy families within our parish so thank you for lightening the load ☺

DO YOU WISH TO SERVE AT MASS?

We are in need of Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Requirements:

Be a registered parishioner for at least 6 months

If married, married by the Church; if single, living in chastity have received Baptism, 1st Communion and Confirmation

Requirements for Altar Servers:

Have received Baptism and 1st Communion

If you are interested in serving, please contact Jackie Cantu at 210-658-3816, Ext 237 or

jackie@saintmonicaconverse.net.

ONE WEEKEND ALL THE DIFFERENCE

Beginning Experience of San Antonio is extending an invitation to those who are going through the death of a spouse, divorce or separation. It is a program founded by a Catholic sister and her divorced friend. It can help deal with the grief, loss or pain and turn the experience into positive growth through Our Lord. The next weekend will be October 13-15, 2017. Call (210) 478-0690 for more information or log onto www.sanantoniobe.org

CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION IS PRICELESS!

Of course when you’re signing that monthly tuition check you don’t feel that way but the investment well pay off later. St. Monica’s Catholic School is enrolling now for the 2017-2018 school year. Meet the new principal, Kristi Geyer, tour the campus, 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 visit the school.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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