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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.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Every Friday after Mass until 7:00 p.m.

**EUCHARIST 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.

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 Parish: 658-3816 Fax: 566-3821 St. Vincent De Paul: 658-8791 Religious Ed: 658-7920 School: 658-6701

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon 8/28 8:15 A.M. ♣ Romulo A. Sortijas Tues 8/29 8:15 A.M. Roberto Garza = SI Florine P. Horario = B

Wed 8/30 8:15 A.M ♥ Elidio Cantu, Sr.

Thurs 8/31 8:15 A.M.♥ Trinidad Valdez

Fri 9/1 8:15 A.M. World Leaders = SI

Sat 9/2 9:30 A.M. Foster Care children = SI 5:30 P.M. † Ramona Delgado

Sun 9/3 7:30 A.M. Kirby grandkids = SI

9:00 A.M L&D Adolph/Mary Schumann Scheel

🏕 Martha I. Ortiz

**11:00 A.M.** St. Monica Parishioners **1:00 P.M.** Miguel Angel Pacheco = B

♣ Steven Acosta

♣ Lucia Rojas Ramirez

🕈 Juan Antu

🕈 Jose Luz Ojeda Hernandez

**5:00 P.M.** U.S. Military = SI **7:00 P.M.** ♥ Conrado Carrillo

### SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased

### CATHOLIC DEVOTIONS

40 Hours of Adoration is Thursday, August 31 at 7 p.m. Come join us for this special period of continuous prayer during which the Eucharist is exposed in the monstrance for a 40 hour period and concludes with the First Saturday Mass September 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Latin Mass in September is Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m.

First Saturday Mass in September is September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. The Rosary will be recited at 9 a.m.

### SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Capital Campaign August 13th: \$7,539.50

Sunday Collection: \$10,244.50 Assumption Collection: \$2,109.00

#### WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE

We are very thankful to the family who so generously gave a donation of \$6,000 for our Capital Campaign. Though they requested not to let their names be known, their selfless spirit reflects the heart and spirit of our parishioners who work tirelessly and sacrifice personally to contribute to the wellbeing of our church. Thank you for your devotion and generosity, and may our Lord continue to bless you and your family.

### Padre Alejandro

Estamos candialmente agradecidos con una familia de nuestra comunidad que nos donó un generoso donativo de \$6,000 para la expansión de la Iglesia. A pesar de que ellos pidieron no hacer público sus nombres, esto refleja el corazón y el espíritu de nuestros feligreses que trabaja incansablemente y personalmente se sacrifican por el bien de la Iglesia y la comunidad. Gracias de nuevo por su generosidad y amor al Señor y que El síga bendiciéndolos a Uds., a su familia y a nuestra comunidad.

### Padre Alejandro

THE CHURCH PARKING GETTING FACELIFT The resurfacing of the church parking lot will take place on the following dates: Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. We ask that you please use the parking lot located on side of school during these days.

## CURIOUS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH <u>Catholicism</u> - 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 fover after Masses

Please contact Josie Rodriguez at (210) 988-3954 or (719) 660-2169 (Josierodro@aol.com)

for further information

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU! If you wish to serve at Mass as a Lector, Usher, Altar Server, or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Jackie Cantu or Mary Kirby in the church office.

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES JULY 1, 2016 THRU JUNE 30, 2017

JULY 1, 2016 THRU J	JNI	<b>E</b> 30, 2017		
INCOME				
Offertory	\$	613,041.98		
Capital Project	\$	477,916.18		
Other	\$	154,246.70		
Total	\$	1,245,204.86	***************************************	
OTHER COLLECTIONS	-			
2d Collections for Archdiocese	\$	28,508.82		
Special Collections	\$	9,151.76		
St Vincent de Paul (Oct 2016-Aug 2017)	\$	56,871.00		
Total	\$	94,531.58		
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 1,33	9,736.44
EXPENSES	<u> </u>			
Salaries (Religious)	\$	68,303.94		
Salaries (Lay Personnel)	\$	149,747.85		-10,0
Total	\$	218,051.79		
Archdiocese of San Antonio (includes 2d collections)	\$	192,694.08		<u> </u>
Janitorial Services	\$	28,322.20		
Utilities	\$	45,854.87		***************************************
Visiting Priests	\$	15,730.00		17-2.
Other	\$	278,994.40		
Total	\$	561,595.55		1975
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ 77	9,647.34
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES		11.0		1000
Capital Campaign	\$	751,711.48	V.I.I.	
Maintenance	\$	128,025.58		
General (Operating)	\$	35,541.07		
Payroll	\$	8,947.59		
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS		VI		
Altar Society	\$	35,498.94		77
CYO	\$	3,803.88		
Family Rosary	\$	1,834.56		.,
Guadalupanos	\$	10,567.00	744	- 47
Spanish Prayer Group	\$	3,941.76		

#### **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.

### MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS SOLD HERE!

It is time again to renew or purchase your 2018 Magnificat subscription. Volunteers will be in the church foyer to assist you this weekend and next weekend, September 2nd and 3rd after all Masses.

#### PERSONAL HOLY OIL IS AVAILABLE AGAIN

We have holy oil available in the church office. This holy oil can be used to pray for the healing of the sick. This oil can be used only as a sacramental. Therefore, please be aware that this holy oil does not replace the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Each bottle comes with a prayer both in English and in Spanish. If you would like to have a container of holy oil, you may pick one up at the church office during operating hours. There is a limited quantity available.



The Catholic Daughters will hold our annual Fall Arts and Craft Show Saturday, October 21. It will be held in school cafeteria from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come and shop for those unique gifts for the upcoming holidays. Proceeds to help local charities and St. Monica School. Vendors call: 210-658-0062 to leave contact information.

### THE FIRST STEP IS THE HARDEST

Come to the parish hall on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. to find out more about Alcoholics Anonymous. The information session will be in Spanish and there will be a dinner and dance to follow at 5 p.m. This event is free.

*Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers* and *Altar Servers*: Your schedules are online and have been emailed, or there are copies in the chapel.



## TEEN CONFIRMATION PREPARATION NEWS:

Attention students for 9<sup>th</sup> grade and up: on Wednesday, September 13 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the parish hall, there will be a

MANDATORY test for high school teens planning on preparing for Confirmation. You can come anytime between 6-7 p.m. to take the test; allow 20-30 minutes. An automatic "0" will be given to those who fail to come without prior notification. Prior notification must be given to Jan Van Slambrouck at (210) 416-2018 or

jan@saintmonicaconverse.net if you're not able to make this

Meeting for Confirmation students and parents will be held Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. in the parish hall. If you can't make this meeting, join us at 4:45 p.m. in the parish hall.

LIFE TEEN begins Sunday, September 17 at 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### FROM A VERY GRATEFUL PILGRIM ©

Dear Padre Alejandro,

I would like to once again take the opportunity to say "thank you" for inviting me to join you on the pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain and France. Growing up in Guam, my family and I have always had a great devotion to Our Lady of Fatima so, from the age of a young teenager, I had always wanted to go there. Thank you for making this long time dream of mine come true. I had been in Lourdes over 20 years ago and I was still in awe from our recent visit there. Going back and participating in the candle light procession, going into the healing bath, praying at The Grotto and making the Stations of the Cross is beyond words. Seeing other places in Spain was such an extraordinary experience. But most of all, to be able to celebrate Mass in all these places just fills my heart with so much joy and is as holy as no words can explain. I am thankful for the blessings of sharing this experience with the new friends that I met on this pilgrimage. I thank the Holy Trinity for all the blessings that I have received on this trip and for blessing us all with your spiritual guidance on our pilgrimage. My eyes and mind are open a bit more and I pray that as I continue on my journey of faith, I may be blessed to see and feel even more of His awesome graces that he showers my life with. Thank you Padre Alejandro for being our pastor especially during this journey. I pray that our Lord God continues to bless you abundantly as you continue to be His instrument here on earth.

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