



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: 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 9/4 8:15 A.M. Grace Van Hamont = SI
Tues 9/5 8:15 A.M. † Johnny Campos
Wed 9/6 8:15 A.M. Irma Muriel = SI
Thurs 9/7 8:15 A.M. † John Greenwood
Fri 9/8 8:15 A.M. † Edward Matthews
Sat 9/9 5:30 P.M. Chris Roe = SI
Sun 9/10 7:30 A.M. Betty Sanchez = B
 9:00 A.M. † Elidio/Carmen Cantu
 Gaby Hernandez = SI
 11:00 A.M. † Lila Torres
 † Fermin Melendez, III
 Diego Cortes = B
 1:00 P.M. † Ladislao Torres Hernandez
 † Steven Acosta
 5:00 P.M. † Max/Minerva Cuellar
 Darrick Dove = B
 7:00 P.M. † Lulu Rodriguez

SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Sunday Collection: \$9,979.12

St. Vincent de Paul collection will be next
 Sunday at the second collection.

The church office will be closed Monday,
 September 4th for Labor Day

HOLY HOUR

The next Holy Hour will be Thursday, September 7th at
 7 p.m. Come spend an hour with Our Lord. There will
 be songs of praise and music for meditational prayers.

● 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**

HE HAD OUR ATTENTION THE WHOLE TIME!
 Fr. Gregory Chagin was kind enough to give two Talks
 last week to celebrate our patron saint St. Monica. He
 emphasized on doing our part as Christians to reach out
 (encounter) to the poor, the vulnerable and the outcasts
 of the world especially in our community. He presented
 a new perspective on what we've possibly heard before
 and/or have always known but have never practiced due
 to fear, no time, ignorance, etc. A special thanks to
 Bertha Castellanos and Padre Alejandro for inviting such
 a dynamic priest to revive our commitment to God.
 After all, we are all accountable to Him!

WITH SINCERE LOVE AND APPRECIATION

We are blessed that she volunteers and enjoys sharing
 her talent with us! The elegant flower arrangements you
 see from time to time adorning our altar are the
 breathtaking work of our parishioner, **Sonja Cook.**



St. Monica's parishioners have
 always been known for their
 heart and soul. You always rise
 to the occasion in time of need;
 Hurricane Harvey was no
 exception. Thank you for
 donating bottled water, food,
 clothing and your time to help
 our brothers and sisters whose
 lives have been devastated in the
 wake of such a merciless storm. May God bless you,
 your family and the people severely impacted by this
 hurricane.

CATHOLIC LIFE INSURANCE EXTENDS A HAND

We would like to acknowledge and thank Catholic Life
 Insurance for donating \$250 to the St. Vincent de Paul
 Society.

PLEASE HELP US RESTOCK FOOD PANTRY

The St. Vincent de Paul's food pantry is running low on
 the following staples: cereal, canned soups, canned
 beans and pasta. Please pay careful attention to the
 expiration dates on these items. As always, we
 appreciate your giving spirit ☺

PICK UP YOUR MAGNIFICAT THIS WEEKEND

Subscribers to the Magnificat, please stop by the church
 foyer to pick up your October issue this weekend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to join a group that helps mold the future of our church – and has fun doing it? Our Religious Education Center is in dire need of volunteers to help with Wednesday evening classes – teachers and assistants. All that is required is a loving heart, dedication, and a willingness to share God's word. You must be over age 21 to teach a class, but high school students can assist in classrooms. Fair warning: being a part of this group can be quite addictive and produce a warm, fuzzy feeling! If interested in joining, please contact Janice Van Slambrouck at (210) 416-2018 or jan@saintmonicaconverse.net

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS BACK!

Knights of Columbus will have their pancake breakfast Sunday, September 10 after the morning Masses. They will be serving pancakes, eggs, sausage links and fruit cocktail, coffee and or juice. Adult plates are \$4.50 and child plates \$2.50. If you bring two (2) canned goods per plate, we will take \$.50 off. Come and enjoy a great breakfast and share in fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ.

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 after all Masses.

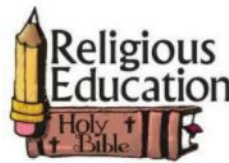
PERSONAL HOLY OIL IS AVAILABLE AGAIN

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.



SELL YOUR HANDCRAFTED ART HERE!

We need vendors for the Arts and Crafts Fair Saturday, October 21st. Call Herlinda Garcia 210-658-0062 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.



Classes will begin Wednesday, September 20th for all grades Kinder through 8th. Life Teen (High School) will begin Sunday, September 17th.

Deadline for registration was Monday, August 7th. All registrations received after August 7th have been placed on a waiting list and will be filled if there is room. **NO REGISTRATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED** after Wednesday, September 13th. A current list of registered students is in the church foyer, including those on the waiting list. **NO PHONE CALLS WILL BE MADE TO PARENTS ON STATUS OF CHILD.** This is why list of students is in church foyer this weekend © For additional information, contact the church office at jan@saintmonicaconverse.net or (210) 416-2018

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