

DECEMBER 8, 2015 - NOVEMBER 20, 2016

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Mon 11/21 8:15 A.M.** ☩ Carmen Rodriguez  
**Tues 11/22 8:15 A.M.** Sage Soc. Serv. Employees = SI  
S.V. Billing Employees = SI  
**Wed 11/23 8:15 A.M.** Charles J. Wheeler = B  
Nancy Hennis = SI  
**Thurs 11/24 8:15 A.M.** ☩ Laura Nicholson  
**Fri 11/25 8:15 A.M.** St. Monica Parishioners = SI  
**Sat 11/26 5:30 P.M.** June Santiago = SI  
**Sun 11/27 7:30 A.M.** ☩ Doreen S. Leon Guerrero  
9:00 A.M. ☩ Jose G. Garcia  
☩ Ricky S. Garcia  
☩ Henrietta Manzano  
11:00 A.M. Daphne Duncan = SI  
1:00 P.M. ☩ Lorenza Gutierrez  
5:00 P.M. Kathy Mechtel = SI  
7:00 P.M. David Vasquez = SI

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

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### SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week's Sanctuary Candle will burn  
in loving memory of  
*Fabiola Villa y Marta Velasquez*



### ANGEL TREE SIGN UP

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is taking registrations for the *Angel Tree Program*. Applicants must live in the boundaries of St. Monica's Church or be a registered parishioner. You may call (210) 658-8791 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10

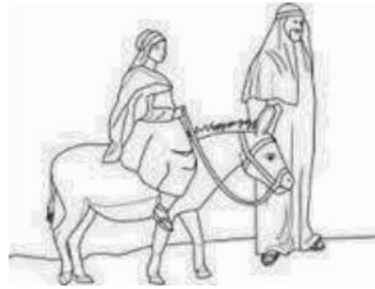
a.m. to 1 p.m. to apply. Proof of residency will be required, such as, current utility bill or photo I.D. Children must reside at eligible household location. Last day to register is Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Second Collection this Sunday is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out.

### SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

November 13<sup>th</sup> : \$10,643.00

St. Vincent de Paul: \$5,313.00



## LAS POSADAS

We invite the entire parish family to this beautiful Christmas tradition, Las Posadas. It's a re-enactment of Mary and Joseph's search for lodging in

Bethlehem, performed by our very own youth. Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. This parish event will need many volunteers to help make it enjoyable and memorable! We are looking for:

- Team members to put together and lead the Posada planning efforts.
- Volunteers to bring cookies, pastries, make hot chocolate and/or perhaps even donate other foods (buñuelos or tamales).
- Donors of piñatas and candies.

Please contact Bertha at 210-862-5549 or

berthacastellanos4@gmail.com for questions, to donate or to volunteer.

### TEEN ACTS IS FORMING THEIR TEAM!

St. Monica's Teen ACTS is now accepting applications for those interested in being part of the team conducting the 2017 retreat to be held March 17-20 at Slumber Falls Camp in New Braunfels. The only requirements are that you must be between the ages of 15 to 19 and have attended a Teen ACTS retreat previously. Applications are located at the back of the church and need to be turned in no later than December 4th to either Michelle Vaughan 823-8379 or Steve Van Slambrouck 602-5950.



### DO YOU HEAR HIS VOICE CALLING YOU?

Don't spend your life wondering if you are called to the Priesthood or Religious Life. Come join us at Cordi-Marian Retreat Center (11624 FM 471, S.A. 78253) on

January 13-15, 2017. This will be a time and place to reflect and really listen without the outside world distractions. Registration is required: [www.archsa.org/vocations](http://www.archsa.org/vocations). This is for ages 18 through 45. Contact Sr. Ana Cecilia Montalvo or Ana Bojorquez at 735-0553 for more information. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller.



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

### EVERYONE NEEDS A LITTLE BLUE BOOK ☺

Advent is a time to reflect on and remember Christ's presence in everyday life – taking time to pray. The Little Blue Book can be the perfect companion. You can take it with you wherever you wish. You can write in it or tear out a page to put in your pocket. It contains a variety of thoughts about the Advent and Christmas season, along with various traditions and customs. And it will walk you through the first part of Luke's Gospel a little bit at a time! The books are available in English and Spanish and will be for sale in the church foyer this weekend for \$3 each. Sponsored by ACTS.



The *St. Vincent de Paul* is putting together *Christmas baskets* for the needy in our area. Please bring the following items to church to put into the donation box: Canned pumpkin or pie mix, French fried onions, chicken broth, canned soups, boxed mashed potato flakes, canned or dry gravy, canned yams, stuffing, Carnation milk canned and paper grocery bags.

### DON'T LET THE NAME INTIMIDATE YOU ☺

This Sunday, the Spanish Prayer Group will be selling **Pupusas** after the 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Masses. They are a Salvadoran food made of a thick, handmade corn tortilla that you can fill with seasoned pork, cheese, refried beans, etc. Come on, be adventurous and taste one! All proceeds go towards the Church Renovation Fund.

### BUY YOUR POINSETTIAS HERE

You will have an opportunity to buy a poinsettia on the weekends of November 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> in memory of or an honor of a loved one. The name of your loved one will be placed on the altar for prayer throughout the Christmas season. The poinsettia will be used to decorate the altar for Christmas.

THERE WILL BE NO HOLY HOUR ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> NOR ADORATION ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>.

Happy Thanksgiving!



### HOME FOR SINGLE MOMS AND CHILDREN

The Guadalupe Home has just put out an urgent request for diapers sizes 4, 5 and 6. The Guadalupe Home provides shelter and assistance to mothers and their children who would otherwise have no other place to stay. Please bring packages of diapers to the church foyer this weekend and throughout next week. Randy Teeter, with the Knights of Columbus, is point of contact if you have any questions, (210) 296-9071.

### THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

We will *not have* Religious Education Classes on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The church office will *close* at 12 noon Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and will re-open Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

### THANKSGIVING MASS

Please join us for the Thanksgiving Mass, Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m.

### SPECIAL MARIAN CELEBRATIONS

The month of December honors our Blessed Mother for bringing Our Savior to the world. There will be special Masses and celebrations beginning with *The Immaculate Conception Masses* ( holy day of obligation) that will be : Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass and Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m., 12 Noon, 3 p.m. No Mass; Solemn Divine Mercy Prayer and 7 p.m. Mass (bilingual).



### CONTINUE HONORING HER

Our Lady of Guadalupe will be honored with a novena beginning Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 p.m. before the 5:30 p.m. Mass. The novena will continue every day thru Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The Guadalupanas will attend the Mass Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. There will be a procession later this day beginning at 9 p.m. thru 12 Midnight so where some comfortable shoes and warm clothing. Las Mananitas will follow in the parish hall with coffee, hot chocolate and baked goodies. Our Lady of Guadalupe's Feast Day is Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Las Mananitas will be 6 a.m. and Masses will be 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., and 7 p.m. Spanish Mass with Matachines dance. Reception in hall will follow Mass.





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