

Lent

WEEK 4

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## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

Mon 3/12 8:15 A.M. **†** Elizabeth C. Quiban  
Tues 3/13 8:15 A.M. **†** Elizabeth C. Quiban  
Wed 3/14 8:15 A.M. **†** Elizabeth C. Quiban  
Thurs 3/15 8:15 A.M. **†** Elizabeth C. Quiban  
Fri 3/16 8:15 A.M. **†** Elizabeth C. Quiban  
7:00 P.M. **†** Juan Alberto Rodriguez  
Sat 3/17 5:30 P.M. **†** Doris Lumber  
**†** Dr. Esther Cruz Guerrero  
**†** Elizabeth C. Quiban  
Sun 3/18 7:30 A.M. **†** William Johnson  
Fr. Alejandro del Bosque = SI  
9:00 A.M. **†** Michael Camargo  
**†** Dale Wilson  
11:00 A.M. **†** Irene Venuto  
**†** Arturo Alvarado  
1:00 P.M. **†** Carlos Rodriguez  
**†** Miguel Morales  
5:00 P.M. **†** Elizabeth C. Quiban  
**†** Jeanne Jansen  
7:00 P.M. Maria del Rosario Pelayo = B

**†** = Deceased A = Anniv B = Birthday

SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and  
Deceased

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SUNDAY COLLECTONS: \$15,032.00



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This week's Sanctuary Candle will burn  
in loving memory of **William Johnson**



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The pressures of today's teens is nothing like it used to be! There is more pressure to fit in, to be perfect, to go against authority especially parents and to be cool. Spend a weekend with other kids like you. Who else can appreciate what you are living through? The 2018 St. Monica's Teen ACTS Retreat will be held March 15-18, at Slumber Falls Camp in New Braunfels. It will be a fun activity-filled three day retreat where you can learn more about God's Great Plan! The cost is \$170, however, financial assistance is available. For more details, contact Timo Zepeda 210-410-7647 or Anita Moreno 210-326-3218. Registration Forms are available at saintmonicaconverse.net/acts



The **Lenten Penance Service** will be held on Wednesday, March 21, at 7 p.m. there will be several priests to hear confessions.



### EASTER LILIES FOR SALE

Lilies symbolize that the soul of the departed has received restored innocence after death. What better way to celebrate Easter than with this beautiful flower reminding us of Jesus' resurrection, goodness and hope. Buy an Easter lily for \$12 to remember a loved one and it will be used to decorate the church at Easter. You can buy your lily after Mass next weekend!

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

There will not be Religious Education Classes on the following Wednesdays

March 14: Spring Break

March 21: Penance Service

March 28: Holy Week Confirmation Mass: April 12, 6:30 p.m. First Communion Liturgies: May 5<sup>th</sup>; May 6<sup>th</sup>

My dear parishioners, friends, brothers and sisters,

Thank God I was able to return to San Antonio this past Wednesday February 28th. Now I pray Our Lord to grant me to share in his divine eternity to thank you for all I have received from all of you; definitely a life time here on earth wouldn't be enough to thank you. Though I feel totally unworthy to receive all you have offered me, it has resulted an absolutely necessary support.

Just as our brother Fr. Mauricio says: "this is to prove how much we need of each other".

Thanks given again to God Our Merciful Father for all you have offered me during these days and in the past. My beloved brothers in the priesthood who have been by my side, my dearest people of God, doctors, nurses and all other services personnel have been an overwhelming expression of Our Good Father's caring love. By all means I have deeply perceived how strongly the Lord reigns in so many hearts: "Viva Cristo Rey and His Most Blessed Mother!"

They started my treatment in Monterrey and the results are hopeful. This week, God willing, I will continue my neurological treatment here in San Antonio.

In my last communication I already mentioned my diagnosis- it is damage to the spinal cord, a sort of a myelopathy. Therefore the results of treatment that I already received and other treatment to come after are in the hands of our Lord, Our Lady of Guadalupe and medical doctors.

On the last homily I was able to address to you I spoke about the leper that came to Jesus Christ with his humble petition:"Lord, if You wish You can heal me".

Illness, trials and all other kind of bodily or spiritual sufferings, my dear sisters and brothers, are a great opportunity for our personal purification and a great deal of redemption, participated in the redemption of Christ, for humanity in so much in need of the Lord's Mercy.

I also raise up my prayers for all the sick- parishioners, relatives and dear friends, and particularly for the sick that in addition, suffer from abandonment and loneliness; for those who we are unknown but nonetheless, they are still our brothers just as those by our side.

If every one of us, daily prayed in OUR FATHER, to the Father of US ALL, isn't He the same Father to all those we already know more closely and those who might be completely unknown to us? Are these last ones less true brothers and sisters than those that we are more familiar with? By no means! Those we know, those we don't know are all the same because we all have a True Commune Father!

May an array of army of Saints and Angels be by their side day and night to comfort them, and if it is the Father's will, to be healed!

Many greetings also from my dear brother, Fr. Antoine Mekhallale, from the city of Aleppo, in the martyred country of Syria.

I spoke with him last Saturday and he told me about the beautiful and amazing things that have happened over there since our parishes of St. Demetrius in Aleppo and our St. Monica here in Converse became twin sister parishes.

He reassured me that last Sunday 7:30 am Mass was going to be offered for our St. Monica parish. What a beautiful and amazing thing! For those of us who profess the same Christian faith there are no barriers or distances. No doubt, we are One Body in the Body of Christ!

At his early age of 35 years of life Fr. Antoine also suffers from a serious heart condition and severe damage to one of his lungs. I told him that at his young age he does not have a right to be a sick. He replied that Our Lord died at the age of 33.

With my blessing and my humble prayers, may God bless you, and may Our Blessed Mother never forsake you. May they continue to be by our side as we journey throughout this world of God.

Peace of Christ,

*Padre Alejandro*

## ORACIONES DESDE NUESTRA PARROQUIA HERMANA SAN DEMETRIO EN ALEPO (SYRIA); Y NUESTRAS ORACIONES DESDE NUESTRA PARROQUIA SANTA MÓNICA EN CONVERSE TX.

Mis queridos feligreses, amigos, hermanas y hermanos,

Gracias a Dios pude regresar a San Antonio el pasado miércoles 28 de Febrero. Quiera el Señor concederme la eternidad divina para agradecerles por todo cuanto he recibido de Uds. Una vida aquí en la tierra jamás sería suficiente. Absolutamente inmerecido pero totalmente necesario cuanto he recibido de Uds.

Como dice nuestro hermano el Padre Mauricio... “Prueba de cuánto necesitamos los unos de los otros”.

Gracias sean dadas nuevamente a Dios Padre Misericordioso por cuanto me han ofrecido en estos días y en el pasado.

Mis hermanos en el sacerdocio tan queridos que han estado a mi lado, y Pueblo amadísimo de Dios. Médicos y personal de enfermería y todo tipo de servicios. He palpado cuán profundamente el Señor reina en tantos corazones. ¡Viva Cristo Rey y Su Madre Santísima!

Me iniciaron el tratamiento en Monterrey y los resultados han sido alentadores. Por lo pronto esta próxima semana, el lunes Dios mediante, seguiré el tratamiento neurológico aquí en San Antonio.

El diagnóstico ya se los había comentado; se trata de un daño en la médula espinal. Y pues los resultados del tratamiento recibido y los tratamientos por recibir, en manos del Señor, de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y de los médicos.

Como lo expresé en mi última homilia dominical que pude dirigirles a propósito del leproso que acudió a Cristo Señor con aquella humilde petición “Señor si Túquieres puedes sanarme”: La enfermedad, la prueba, los padecimientos no son más que motivo de purificación personal y de un gran valor redentor unidos a la Redención de Cristo por una humanidad tan necesitada de la Misericordia del Señor.

Me uno yo también a las oraciones por todos los enfermos; ya sean feligreses, familiares y seres queridos así como por los enfermos que por añadidura sufren tanto abandono y soledad. Desconocidos pero no menos hermanos que nuestros hermanos de a nuestro lado. ¿Acaso no rezamos todos los días PADRE NUESTRO? Tan hermanos aquellos que conocemos como los que no conocemos.

¡Que un ejército de Santos y Ángeles los acompañen y conforten, y si es la voluntad del Padre que los sane!

Muchos saludos de mi queridísimo hermano el Padre Antoine Mekhallale, desde la ciudad de Aleppo en el martirizado país de Syria.

Ayer que hablé con él, me contaba hechos tan hermosos y asombrosos desde que hermanamos su parroquia de San Demetrio en Aleppo con la nuestra de Santa Mónica aquí en Converse.

Me aseguró ayer sábado que su Santa Misa de hoy las 7.30 am, la ofrecería por nuestra parroquia de Santa Mónica. ¡Qué belleza! ¡Para quienes profesamos la misma fe cristiana no hay barreras ni distancias!

A sus escasos 35 años, el padre Antoine también sufre de una seria afección cardiaca y un severo daño en un pulmón. Le dije que a su edad tan joven no tiene derecho a enfermarse. Me replicó que el Señor murió a los 33 años.

Con mi bendición y mis pobres oraciones que el Señor me los bendiga y la Madre que nunca nos deja, nos siga acompañando en nuestro caminar por este mundo de Dios.

La Paz de Cristo, Peace of Christ

*Padre Alejandro*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Catholic Schools high school graduation rate is 97 percent on average compared to public school which is 84 percent. Similarly the college enrollment rates among Catholic school students are higher than those among their public school counterparts — about 76 percent. Begin investing in your child's future by enrolling him/her in St. Monica's School. Registration is going on now for fall 2018. Please contact school (210) 658-6701 for more information. The school is also in need of substitute teachers. If interested, please call the same number listed. Hope for the Future provides need-based tuition assistance for Catholic and non-Catholic students who meet eligibility requirements and enroll in one of the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Call (210) 734-1642 for more information or go on the website [www.archsa.org/hope](http://www.archsa.org/hope).

El porcentaje de la graduación de High School secundaria de las escuelas católicas es 97 por ciento en el promedio comparado a la escuela pública que es 84 por ciento. El porcentaje de la inscripción de la universidad entre estudiantes de la escuela católica son semejantemente más altas que éas entre sus contrapartes de la escuela pública - cerca de 76 por ciento. Comience a invertir en el futuro de su niño matriculandolo en la escuela Católica de Santa Monica para el otoño de 2018. Entre en contacto con la escuela (210) 658-6701 para más información. La escuela está también necesitando profesores substitutos. Si está interesado, por favor llame el mismo número enumerado. Hope for the Future es un programa que ayuda los estudiantes necesitados que son católicos y no-Católicos con la instrucción de la escuela católica. Llame a (210) 734-1642 para más información o vaya en el Web site [www.archsa.org/hope](http://www.archsa.org/hope).

### ROSARY

Recited every Sunday at 7 a.m. in church and at 4:30 p.m. in the chapel. Please come and pray with your parish family especially for the health of our pastor Padre Alejandro del Bosque.



### TEMPTATION NEVER TASTED SO GOOD!

Stop by the foyer after Mass this weekend and buy a cake, cookies, pie, etc. There is bound to be something you haven't had in a while that will satisfy your craving. The Guadalupanas thank you for your support!

*Venta de pastelitos este fin de semana en el vestíbulo de la iglesia*



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