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**The Mission of St. Monica is to build a welcoming community
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STAFF

Pastor	Fr. Alejandro Del Bosque, ext. 241
Parochial Vicar	Fr. Mauricio Lopez, ext. 238
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Deacon	Jack Karam
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Pastoral Secretary	Mrs. Mary Kirby, ext. 237
Dir. of Religious Ed.	Mrs. Janice Van Slambrouck, ext. 244
Housekeeper	Mrs. Limbania Reyes
RCIA Director	Mr. Paul Cassetta
Counselor	

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 6:30-7:30 p.m. Office hours - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

GLOW (4th-6th grade group) meets Thursday in hall 6:30-8:00 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 Eliza Reyna, 273-8851.

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	4/16	8:15 A.M.	† David Bell
Tues	4/17	8:15 A.M.	Allison Grace Bottiglieri =B
Wed	4/18	8:15 A.M.	† Virginia Serrano
Thurs	4/19	8:15 A.M.	† William Sullivan
Fri	4/20	8:15 A.M.	Abused children = SI
Sat	4/21	5:30 P.M.	† Florinda M. Fraga † Carmen Rosas
Sun	4/22	7:30 A.M.	Mike Wheeler = SI
		9:00 A.M.	† Michael Camargo † Linda Blair
		11:00 A.M.	† Consuelo/Juan Gutierrez
		1:00 P.M.	† Josefina Ochoa de Torres † Quint Guadalupe Payton Juliana Vargas = B Santo Nino de Atocha = SI
		5:00 P.M.	† Max/Minerva Cuellar
		7:00 P.M.	† Almas de purgatorio

† = Deceased A = Anniv B = Birthday

SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased

SUNDAY COLLECTONS: \$10,762.00

St. Vincent de Paul: \$5,044.00

Next Sunday, we will have a visiting priest who is with the Mission Awareness Ministry. Your donation will allow opportunity to reach out in solidarity to parts of the world's people who have yet to hear or experience Christ!



SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week's Sanctuary Candle will burn in loving memory of *Elizabeth C. Quiban*

Next **Holy Hour** and Adoration Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Confessions for children making First Communion is **Saturday, April 21 at 9 a.m.** This is **MANDATORY** for those making this sacrament.



A RETREAT FOR THE MEN OF ST. MONICA'S

The ACTS Ministry invites all the men in our community to a very special **Retreat Weekend** that will be held in **Spanish** on May 31- Jun 3, 2018 at St. Anthony de Padua Retreat Center in San Antonio. This will be an excellent opportunity for the men of the parish to come together with others in the Community to listen to the Word, examine your relationship with God, and contemplate on God's Plan for each of us. The cost of the retreat is \$170, but financial assistance is available. Call Juan Oritz: (210) 376-7126, Ángel Ayala: (210) 463-0157, Julián Apolinar: (210) 316-6988, or John Yelverton (210) 883-8058 for more information. Registration forms available at www.saintmonicaconverse.net/acts.

RETIRO PARA LOS HOMBRES DE SANTA MÓNICA,

El ministerio ACTS de Santa Mónica invita a los hombres de nuestra comunidad a un Fin de Semana muy especial que se llevará a cabo en español este 31 de mayo a 3 de junio en el St. Anthony de Padua en San Antonio. Esta será una excelente oportunidad para que se reúnan con otros caballeros en nuestra comunidad para escuchar la Palabra, examinar su relación con Dios y contemplar el Plan de Dios para cada uno de nosotros. El costo es de \$180, pero hay asistencia financiera disponible. Llame a Juan Oritz: (210) 376-7126, Ángel Ayala: (210) 463-0157, Julián Apolinar: (210) 316-6988, or John Yelverton (210) 883-8058 para obtener más información. Se adjunta un formulario de registro y también está disponible en www.saintmonicaconverse.net/acts.

YES, YOU STILL HAVE ROOM FOR GROWTH ☺

We are all works in progress! The progression of our spiritual transformation does not end with Easter. This is an ongoing development that will continue throughout our lives. Padre Heliodoro Lucatero will be giving Talks on this very subject beginning Monday, April 23rd thru Thursday, April 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the church. The Talks will be in English. Padre Heliodoro has quite an impressive resume, as stated in previous bulletins, and we are very honored that he has accepted our invitation in enlighten us with how to continue our conversion through Christ. His Talks will emphasize *how encountering the Risen Lord: Jesus' triumph over sin and death transforms our lives*

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

¡SÍ, AUN TIENES ESPACIO PARA EL CRECIMIENTO ☺

El progreso de nuestra transformación espiritual no termina con la Pascua. Es un desarrollo continuo que continuará a lo largo de nuestras vidas. El Padre Heliodoro Lucatero dará Charlas sobre este mismo tema a partir del lunes 23 de abril hasta el jueves 26 de abril a las 6:30 p.m. en la iglesia. Las Charlas serán en inglés. El Padre Heliodoro tiene un currículum impresionante, como se indicó en boletines anteriores, y nos sentimos muy honrados de que haya aceptado nuestra invitación de iluminarnos para continuar nuestra conversión a través de Cristo. Sus reflexiones se titulan: Encuentro con el Señor resucitado: el triunfo de Jesús sobre el pecado y la muerte transforma nuestras vidas

EXPAND YOUR INTERESTS!

The Aztec Theatre, 104 N. St. Mary's Street in San Antonio, is having an artist show featuring original creations of local talent. A few of these young and raw artists happen to be members of our parish community. Come experience something new by attending their show titled, *Magnify*, on Wednesday, April 25th at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$22 per person for ages 18 and up.

¡AMPLÍA TUS INTERESES!

El Teatro Azteca, 104 N. St. Mary's Street en San Antonio, tendrá una presentación de artistas con creaciones de talentos locales. Algunos de estos artistas jóvenes son miembros de nuestra comunidad parroquial. Venga a experimentar algo nuevo asistiendo a su espectáculo en el Teatro Azteca, titulado *Magnifique*, el miércoles, 25 de abril a las 7 p.m. Los boletos cuestan \$22 por persona para mayores de 18 años.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AROUND THE CORNER

It is time to get excited about this year's parish Vacation Bible School themed *Passport to Peru!* The plans are in place for evenings of June 24th thru 29th and will include youth entering 4th – 7th grades. What we need is excited adults, teens and organizations who would like to help with basic preparation, sponsorship and most exciting of all, help during the event. If you think you might fall into any of these categories come find out the details at a pre-event meeting on Tuesday, April 24th at 7:00 or contact Annette Winfield at (210) 885-0861.

TAKE THE FAMILY TO A MOVIE!

If you haven't seen the movie *Coco*, now is your chance! Life Teen is hosting a Family Movie Night on Saturday, April 21st in the parish hall beginning at 9 p.m. Bring your own seating blankets or lawn chairs. Admission is \$3 per person; price includes popcorn. Drinks and snacks will be sold for \$1.00. Please NO OUTSIDE FOOD. Doors open at 8:30 p.m.

¡LLEVA LA FAMILIA A UNA PELÍCULA!

Si no ha visto la película *Coco*, ¡ahora es su oportunidad! Life Teen está organizando una Noche de Película Familiar el sábado 21 de abril en el salón parroquial a partir de las 9 p.m. Traiga sus propias colchas para sentarse o sillas de jardín. La entrada es \$3 por persona; el precio incluye palomitas de maíz. Las bebidas y aperitivos se venderán por \$1.00. Por favor NO TRAIGA COMIDA DE AFUERA. Las puertas se abren a las 8:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR ADULTS

Are you are a baptized, practicing Catholic, 18 years of age or over, have received 1st Eucharist, and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on July 14th? If so, please contact Josie Rodriguez as soon as possible at Josierodro@aol.com, (210) 988-3954, or (719) 660-2169. Classes will begin May 6th at 10:30am in the Baumann Room. Please bring a copy of your baptismal certificate, have a Confirmed Catholic sponsor chosen and please begin to think about a Saints name.

SACRAMENTO DE CONFIRMACION PARA

¿Es usted un católico practicante, bautizado, de 18 años de edad o más, ha recibido la 1^a Eucaristía y desea recibir el Sacramento de la Confirmación el 14 de julio? De ser así, comuníquese con Josie Rodriguez lo antes posible a Josierodro@aol.com, (210) 988-3954 o (719) 660-2169. Las clases comenzarán el 6 de mayo a las 10:30 a.m. en el salón Baumann. Por favor traiga una copia de su certificado de bautismo, elija un padrino católico confirmado y empiece a pensar en el nombre de un santo.

YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!

Because of the parish festival on Sunday, April 29th, we will not have the 5 and 7 p.m. late Masses so that everyone including our priests can enjoy the festivities!

¡SU ATENCIÓN POR FAVOR!

!Debido al festival parroquial el domingo, 29 de abril, no tendremos las misas de 5 y 7 p.m. para que todos, incluidos nuestros sacerdotes, puedan disfrutar de las festividades!

SCHEDULE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The schedule for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Ushers is being prepared. Please call Mary Kirby with your schedule changes by Friday, April 20th

La lista de los servidores de la Misa se esta preparando. La ultima fecha para mandale a Mary Kirby los cambios en su agenda es viernes 20 de abril.



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