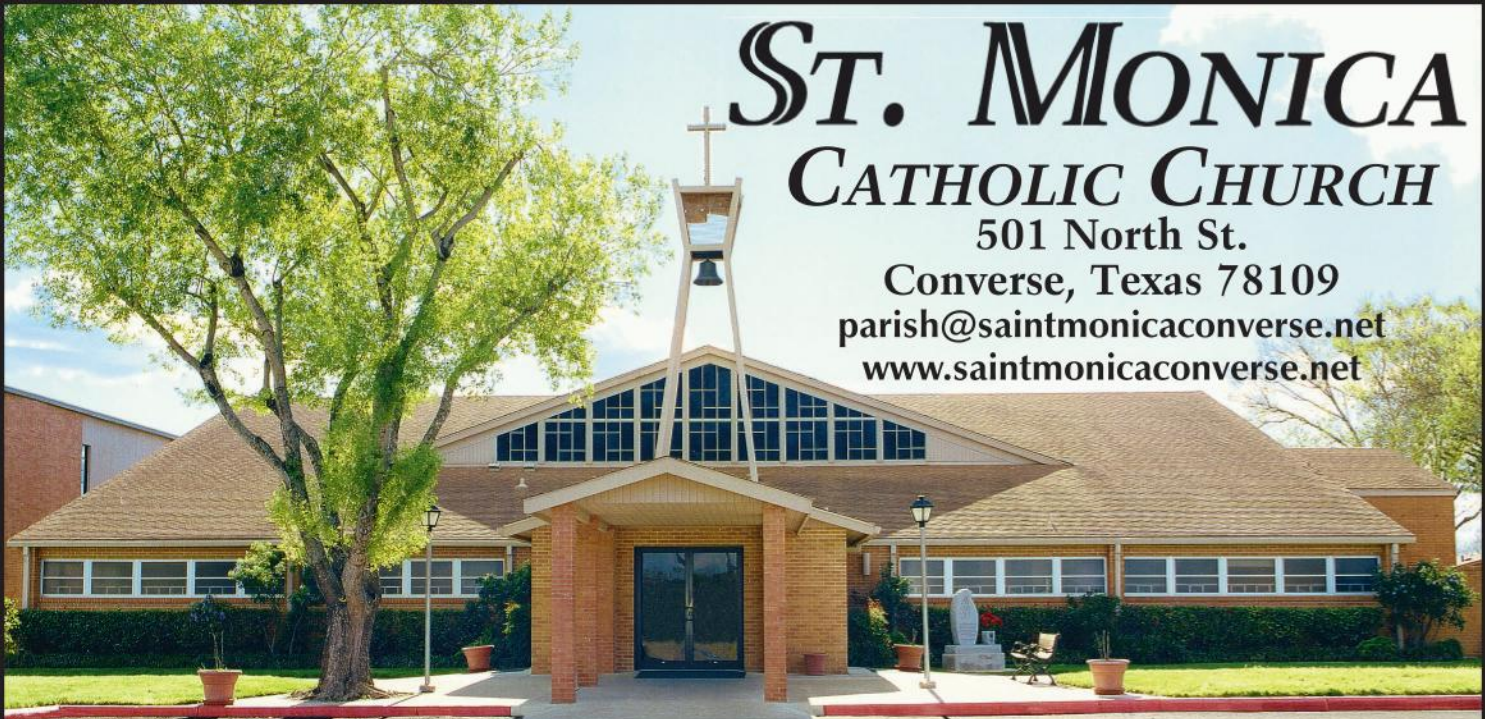




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**The Mission of St. Monica is to build a welcoming community
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Dir. of Religious Ed.	Mrs. Janice Van Slambrouck, ext. 244
Housekeeper	Mrs. Limbania Reyes
RCIA Director	Mr. Paul Cassetta
Counselor	

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	4/23	8:15 A.M.	Elena Lazo = B
Tues	4/24	8:15 A.M. †	Kyle Plush
Wed	4/25	8:15 A.M.	Martin Rodriguez = B
Thurs	4/26	8:15 A.M.	Danny Yanez = B
Fri	4/27	8:15 A.M.	Roland/Carla Salazar = SI
Sat	4/28	5:30 P.M. †	June/Rigo Santiago, Jr. † Martin/Elvira Samaniego
Sun	4/29	7:30 A.M. †	Beatrice Berg
		9:00 A.M. †	Harry Karp
		11:00 A.M.	Savannah/Veronica Campo = SI
		1:00 P.M.	Gabriel Beltran = SI San Judas = SI
		5:00 P.M. †	NO MASS
		7:00 P.M. †	NO MASS

† = Deceased A = Anniv B = Birthday
SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased

SUNDAY COLLECTONS: \$10,359.00

Assumption Seminary 2nd Collection: \$1,324.98



SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week's Sanctuary Candle will burn in loving
memory of *Donnie Elaine Rupp*

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

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!

HOLY HOUR THURSDAY, APRIL 26TH

The Talk on Thursday, April 26th with Padre Heliodoro will
begin at 7 p.m. to accommodate for the Holy Hour and
Adoration we usually have every Thursday evening at this
time.



What's Happening at Our Church?

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 \$180, but financial
assistance is available. Call Juan Ortiz: (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 Ortiz: (210) 376-7126,
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está disponible en www.saintmonicaconverse.net/acts.

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW CHURCH SIGN?!

The sign in front of our parish office recently received a
facelift and it looks absolutely stunning. It's the picture of
our patron saint, St. Monica! This beautiful job is the fancy
work of our very own parishioners, **Ruben Rosas, Pablo
Garcia** and **Tony Canez**. They enthusiastically put in their
time, effort and talent to create a more dignified and
welcoming sign for our parish! Thank you again gentlemen
for your generous spirit and may God bless you!



REGISTRATION FOR UPCOMING YEAR!

It's time to register for the 2018-19 Religious Education classes. These classes are for all students who attend public school for grades Kindergarten and up. Classes for Kindergarten thru 6th grade will continue to be held on Wednesday evenings 6:25 -7:35 p.m. and for 7th – 8th grade, EDGE , the time is 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. For High School students, Life Teen, will be held on Sundays. Registration forms can also be obtained in the church under the bulletin board or at the Religious Education office at the school on Wednesday evenings, April 25th and May 2nd. There is a maximum amount of students for each class. FINAL REGISTRATION IS MONDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 2018. Any questions, contact the Religious Education office at 210-416-2018 or Jan@saintmonicaconverse.net

CONFIRMATION PICTURES

The pictures taken during the Confirmation Liturgy are ready to be viewed on website www.matrixdigitalarts.com. You may view and purchase your pictures at this website. For many years, we have been blessed to have Matrix Digital Arts and Photography provide their services for our First Communion and Confirmation Liturgies. This company has generously given 40% of the profit back to the church for every purchase of pictures of First Communion and Confirmation. Thank You!

NOTICIAS DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Es tiempo de registrarse para las clases de educación religiosa 2018-19. Estas clases son para todos los estudiantes que asisten a la escuela pública en los grados Kindergarten y más. Las clases para Kindergarten hasta sexto grado continuarán llevándose a cabo los miércoles por la noche de 6:25 a 7:35 p.m. y para los grados 7 ° - 8 °, EDGE, el horario es de 6:15 a 7:45 p.m. Para los estudiantes de secundaria, Life Teen, se llevará a cabo los domingos. Los formularios de inscripción también se pueden obtener en la iglesia debajo del tablón de anuncios, o en la oficina de Educación Religiosa de la escuela los miércoles por la noche, 25 de abril y 2 de mayo. Hay una cantidad máxima de estudiantes para cada clase. LA INSCRIPCIÓN FINAL ES EL LUNES, 6 DE AGOSTO DE 2018. Para cualquier pregunta, comuníquese con la oficina de Educación Religiosa al 210-416-2018 o Jan@saintmonicaconverse.net

FOTOS DE CONFIRMACIÓN

Las fotos tomadas durante la Liturgia de Confirmación están listas para ser vistas en el sitio web www.matrixdigitalarts.com. Puede ver y comprar sus imágenes en este sitio web. Durante muchos años, hemos tenido la bendición de que *Matrix Digital Arts and Photography* brinde sus servicios para nuestras Liturgias de Primera Comunión y Confirmación. Esta compañía generosamente ha regresado el 40% de las ganancias a la iglesia por cada compra de fotos de Primera Comunión y Confirmación. ¡Gracias!

MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Date: May 11-12, 2018
Ages: 18-40
Contact person:
Fr. Jonathan Felux
Ana Bojorquez
vocations@archsa.org

Every man knows, eventually he has to put his neck on the line... What are you wearing on yours? →



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Priesthood →



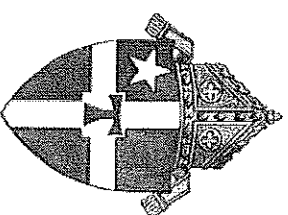
Religious Life →



Come join us in this opportunity to pray, share and learn more about the priesthood.

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YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND *(Room availability is limited)*
Dateline to register Monday, May 7, 2018



Contact us for more information 210.735.0553 or register online at www.archsa.org/vocations

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

TALKS WITH PADRE HELIODORO THIS MONTH ☺

We sometimes lose that commitment and focus we acquired during Lent once Easter has come and gone. Padre Heliodoro Lucatero will be giving Talks beginning Monday, April 23rd thru Thursday, April 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the church to help us stay on track! The Talks will be in English and they will emphasize *how encountering the Risen Lord: Jesus' triumph over sin and death transforms our lives.*

LAS PLATICAS CON PADRE HELIODORO ESTE MES ☺

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 curriculum 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

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.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH FOR THE BATTLE OF FLOWERS PARADE (FIESTA EVENT)



Don't miss the Parish Festival next Sunday, April 29th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be something for everyone to enjoy. This is the one time we can all gather together as a parish family and cut loosebut not too loose; there are Facebook happy folks in this family too! There will be plenty of food, fantastic live music, plenty of games, exciting chances to win great prizes, and many more activities. So, come on out and meet the rest of your family ☺

DON'T FORGET YOUR MAY MAGNIFICAT!

Magnificats will be distributed after all Masses the weekend of April 28/29 ☺

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.

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.



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