



St. Monica Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00 pm

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Secretary Sofia Flores, ext. 240
Pastoral Secretary Mary Kirby, ext. 237
Dir. of Religious Ed. Janice Van Slambrouck, ext. 244
Housekeeper Limbania Reyes
RCIA Director Josie Rodriguez

CHOIR: 9:00 a.m., Bill Staggs, Music Minister, 274-8847. Adult Choir Rehearsal - Thurs. 6:30 p.m.; Children's Choir & Guitar Rehearsal - Tues., 6:30 p.m.; Michelle Hernandez, Music Minister, after 5 p.m. 215-0811. Spanish Choir - Mon. 7:00 p.m. Glissie Esquivel, Director, 251-2902.

SPANISH PRAYER GROUP: Fri. 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall. Martin Sanchez, 387-3469.

ACTS: Eliza Reyna, 273-8851.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Meets 2nd Tues. 7:30 p.m. Tony Canez, Grand Knight, 857-0789.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Ruben Rosas, President, 818-1230. Meets 2nd Tues. at 12:00 noon.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: Meets 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m. Mary Jane Garza, 843-2190.

GUADALUPANOS: Meets 2nd Mon. 5:30-6:30 p.m. parish hall, Margie Moncada, 661-7381.

LIFE TEEN (High School Youth Group): Wed. 6:25-7:35 p.m., parish hall. Timo Zepeda, 410-7647.

EDGE (Middle School Youth Group): Meets Wed. 6:15-7:45 p.m. Lyle Pearce, 913-5585.

YOUNG AT HEART GROUP: Meets 2nd Thurs., Sally Tokarski at 367-1118.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: (Spanish) Meets Tues. 7:00 p.m., chapel.

FAMILY OF THE ROSARY (bilingual) Meet last Tues. 7:00-9:00 p.m. in church cry room. Carmenza Barrios, 724-8660.

MASS SCHEDULE

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: Sat. 4:00 p.m. & Wed. 6:00 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every Fri. after Mass until 7:00 p.m.

EUCCHARIST FOR SICK & SHUT-INS: Contact church office.

BAPTISMS: 1st Sat. of month at 11:00 a.m. Spanish Baptisms on 2nd Sat. 11:00 a.m.

FIRST COMMUNION: 2 year program required; usually received in 2nd grade.

CONFIRMATION: Must complete a 2 year program which begins in high school.

MARRIAGE: 6 months notice required. Contact parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Director, Janice Van Slambrouck, 416-2018. Grades K-5th, Wed. 6:25-7:35 p.m. Office hours - Tue., Wed. and Thurs. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

GLOW (4th-6th grade group) meets Thurs. in hall 6:30-8:00 p.m.

RCIA: Adult converts or those needing sacraments are invited. Classes begin in Sept. on Sun. 10:30 a.m., parish hall. Josie Rodriguez 988-3954. Spanish RCIA: Sr. Esperanza Buitron 659-4242 rcia@saintmonicaconverse.net

ST. MONICA SCHOOL: Early Childhood-8th Grade. Principal, Kristi Geyer, 658-6701. School Annex 659-5939. Inquiries to school office.

QUINCEANERA: Must be registered parishioner at least one year; attend Religious Education classes and have priest's permission.

ALTAR SOCIETY & THRIFT SHOP: Altar Society meets 1st Tues. 12:00 noon, Sept.-May. Thrift Shop Wed. & Sat. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Edna Diaz, 598-9885.

REGISTRATION FORMS: In parish office or next to the bulletin board inside of the church.

The Mission of St. Monica is to build a welcoming community of faith, making God's love visible through service to others.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon 6/4 8:15 A.M. Leroy Kruse = B
Betty Schaefer = SI

Tues 6/5 8:15 A.M. † Juan Chavez

Wed 6/6 8:15 A.M. † Juan Garza

Thurs 6/7 8:15 A.M. † Souls in purgatory

Fri 6/8 8:15 A.M. † Edward Matthews

Sat 6/9 5:30 P.M. Fr. Ricardo Hernandez = SI

Sun 6/10 7:30 A.M. † William/Bea Berg
† Michael Gutierrez

9:00 A.M. † William/Shirley Nelson
† Tony Canez, Sr.
† Pedro Miniel

11:00 A.M. † Souls in purgatory

1:00 P.M. † Luis/Richard Flores
† Ubaldo Cantu
† Apolonia/Jose Nuño
† Almas de purgatorio
Irma Baquero = B

5:00 P.M. St. Monica Parishioners = SI

7:00 P.M. St. Monica Parishioners = SI

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

Sunday Collection: \$9,358.00
St. Monica School: \$1,764.00

This weekend's second collection will be for the Priest Pension Fund. This weekend, all parishes in our Archdiocese will be conducting a second collection for the Priest Pension Fund. This fund supports the pension for the priests who have reached retirement age. The Priest Pension Fund ensures that our semi and fully retired priests may have a dignified retirement by being able to pay for the many expenses encountered in retirement. As the average age of priests continues to rise and priests, along with the general population, live longer lives, there is a greater need than ever to ensure the viability and strength of their pension. Please be generous in making a donation.



"The priest is not a priest for himself; he does not give himself absolution; he does not administer the Sacraments for himself. He is not for himself, he is for you." St. John Vianney

OFFICIAL FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO
Our pastor, Padre Alejandro del Bosque, has been assigned to St. Luke's Parish in San Antonio as parochial vicar effective July 2, 2018. Fr. Thumma Prathap will be the new pastor of St. Monica's Parish. He was formerly the parochial vicar at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Selma. Fr. Mauricio Lopez will continue as our parochial vicar.



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for Religious Education Classes is now taking place. Forms can be found under the bulletin board in back of church. Classes for Kindergarten through High School (Life Teen) will be held on Wednesday nights from 6:25 thru 7:35 p.m. EDGE for grades 7th - 8th will meet from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. High School's (Life Teen) time to meet has not been confirmed yet. FINAL REGISTRATION is **Monday, August 6, 2018** to begin in fall 2018 thru spring 2019. For more information, call Jan Van Slambrouck, D.R.E. at (210) 416-2018

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 hasta los de la secundaria. Las clases son los miércoles por la noche de 6:25 a 7:35 p.m. y para los grados 7^o - 8^o, EDGE, el horario es de 6:15 a 7:45 p.m. El horario de Life Teen para los que están en la secundaria todavía no se ha confirmado. Los formularios de inscripción se pueden obtener en la iglesia debajo del tablón de anuncios, o en la oficina parroquial. 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

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

COURSES FOR LAY MINISTERS

Institute (LMI) & *Instituto de Formación Pastoral/Pastoral Formation Institute* (IFP/PFI) are currently accepting applications for the 2018 - 2019 lay ministry formation programs. Both the LMI & IFP/PFI are two-year certificate programs.

The **IFP/PFI** is a basic adult faith formation program, offered in English or Spanish that affords the student an initial introduction to theological studies and personal leadership development for use in a pastoral setting. This is a two year Oblate School of Theology

Pastoral Lay Formation Certificate Programs

The Lay Ministry Certificate course of study. Year 1 classes will be hosted at San Juan de los Lagos Parish and at St. Jude Parish. The **LMI** is an intermediate level preparation program that builds on the student's foundational theological knowledge and personal spiritual formation. During this two year course of study, participants will also be discerning the call to ministry and guided through a practicum experience. All classes will be held on the OST Main Campus.

To request an application packet please contact the following: *Noemy Colon, Asst. Registrar, 341-1366, ext. 212 or ncolon@ost.edu* For additional information regarding the programs please contact either: *Rita Velasquez, Program Director, 341-1366, ext. 238 or rvelasquez@ost.edu* or *Donna San Miguel, Admin. Asst., 341-1366, ext. 286 or dsanmiguel@ost.edu* Complete applications for either program must be received by August 1, 2018



THE GUADALUPE HOME

A safe haven for young mothers and their babies is in need of the following items:

Cleaning Supplies, Hangers, Bath Towels, Bed sheets (twin and crib), Crib mattresses, Blankets/Bedding, Diaper Bags, Diapers, Baby Wipes,

Paper Towels, Hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner, liquid body wash, disposable razors, sanitary napkins), Maternity clothes, women's undergarments and socks, First Aid items and housewares. Place your donation in box in the church foyer the next two weekends. Thank you!

WE WANT TO HEAR IT FROM YOU!

Please send us an email about your experience while attending Fr. Claudio Barbut's Healing Masses last week. Some stories will be selected to share in bulletin of course with your permission. parish@saintmonicaconverse.net

CURSOS PARA MINISTROS LAICOS

El Instituto (**LMI**) y el *Instituto de Formación Pastoral/Pastoral Formation Institute* (**IFP/PFI**) están actualmente aceptando solicitudes para los programas de formación de ministerio laico 2018-2019. Tanto el LMI como el IFP/PFI son programas de certificación de dos años. El **IFP/PFI** es un programa básico de formación de fe para adultos, ofrecido en inglés o español que ofrece al estudiante una introducción inicial a los estudios teológicos y al desarrollo del liderazgo personal para su uso en un ambiente pastoral. Este es un programa de dos años de *Programas de Certificación de Formación Laica Pastoral* de la Escuela Oblata de Teología (**OST**). El curso de estudio es del Certificado de Ministerio Laico. Las clases de 1^{er} año se llevarán a cabo en la Parroquia de San Juan de los Lagos y en la Parroquia de St. Jude.

El **LMI** es un programa de preparación de nivel intermedio que se basa en el conocimiento teológico fundamental del alumno y la formación espiritual personal. Durante este curso de estudio de dos años, los participantes también discernirán el llamado al ministerio y serán guiados a través de una experiencia de práctica. Todas las clases se llevarán a cabo en el campus principal de OST.

Para obtener un paquete de solicitud, póngase en contacto con lo siguiente: *Noemy Colon, Asst. Registrador, 341-1366, ext. 212 o ncolon@ost.edu*. Para obtener información adicional sobre los programas, comuníquese con: *Rita Velasquez, Directora del programa, 341-1366, ext. 238 o rvelasquez@ost.edu* o *Donna San Miguel, Admin. Asst., 341-1366, ext. 286 o dsanmiguel@ost.edu* Las solicitudes completas para cualquiera de los programas deben ser recibidas antes del 1 de agosto de 2018.

SUMMER FUN CAMP REGISTRATION

St Monica's School is offering their Summer Fun Camp for children grades pre-k through 8th grade. You can call for more information at 210-658-6701 or visit the website at www.saintmonica.net. Bring in this bulletin and receive \$10 off the summer supply fee.

REGISTRO DEL CAMPAMENTO DE DIVERSIÓN DE VERANO

La escuela Santa Mónica ofrece su "Summer Fun Camp" para niños desde preescolar al octavo grado. Para obtener más información puede llamar al 210-658-6701 o visitar el sitio web en www.saintmonica.net. Traiga este boletín y reciba un descuento de \$10 de la tarifa de suministros de verano.

YOU HELPED THE ANGELS KEEP US SAFE

We want to thank the men who worked as "catchers" for Fr. Claudio Barbut's Healing Masses.

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