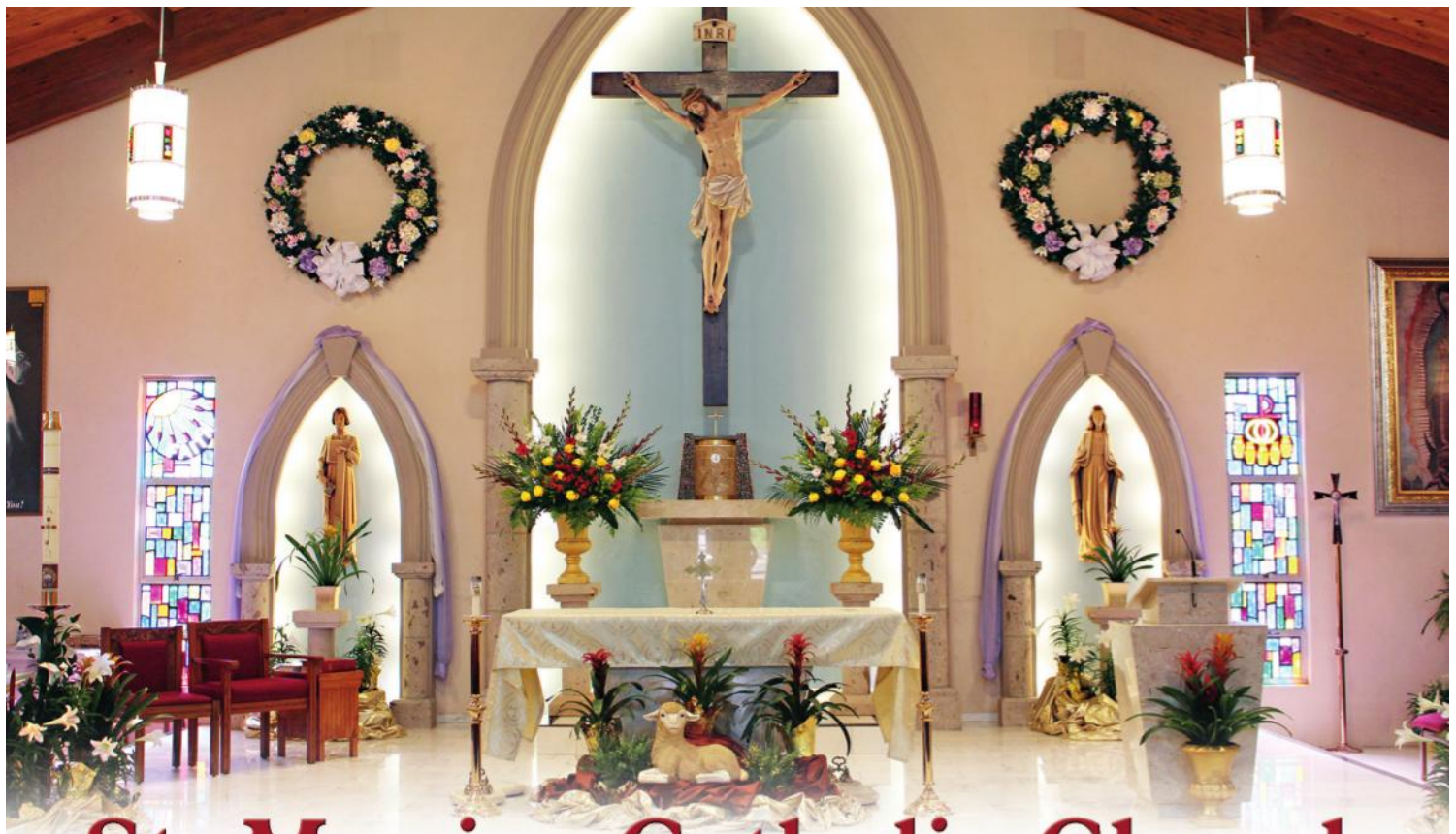




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MASS SCHEDULE

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.

HOLY HOUR: Thursday 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)
40 HOURS: Thursday 7:00 p.m., prior to Friday of month

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. Annette Winfield, 210-885-0861

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, Ms. Abby Salazar, 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 the church.

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. Sylvia Benavides, 656-2609.

GUADALUPANOS: Meets 2nd Mon. 10:00 a.m. parish hall, Margie Moncada, 661-7381.

LIFE TEEN (High School Youth Group): Wed. 6:25-7:35 p.m., parish hall. Jan Van Slambrouck, 416-2018.

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.

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 9/3 8:15 A.M. † Rob Howard, Jr.
Tues 9/4 8:15 A.M. St. Monica Parishioners = SI
Sister Esperanza = B
Wed 9/5 8:15 A.M. † Juan Chavez
Thurs 9/6 8:15 A.M. † Souls in purgatory
Fri 9/7 8:15 A.M. Troubled marriages = SI
7:00 P.M. Luisa Fernanda Hiraldo = SI
Sat 9/8 5:30 P.M. † Edward Matthews
Elijah Saldana = 15B
Sun 9/9 7:30 A.M. Betty Sanchez = B
† Juan Soto
9:00 A.M. † Josie McElrath
11:00 A.M. † Lyla Torres
† Fermin Melendez, III
1:00 P.M. † Ladislao Torres Hernandez
† Maria Flores y Miguel Morales
Miguel Angel Pacheco = B
Yaned Mondragon = B
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 Collection: \$13,030.50

ASSUMPTION COLLECTION ERROR

Discrepancy in the amount reported last
Sunday for Feast of the Assumption's

collection. The correct amount was \$2,140.00.

Sorry for the confusion.

The second collection this weekend will be for St.
Monica's School for the month of August.

*Next Sunday's second collection will be for the St.
Vincent de Paul Society.*

YOUR BIG HEARTEDNESS NEVER DIMINISHES
Thanks to everyone who sponsored Bibles for the
Religious Education Program. Through your
generosity, we will be able to purchase 300 Bibles
to use in our Elementary and Junior High program,
100 Bibles to use in our Life Teen and
Confirmation program and 20 Spanish Bibles for
Sister Esperanza's program.

HELP WITH TUITION

It is estimated about 7,000 children are in need of tuition
assistance to attend the Catholic school of their choice in
the Archdiocese of San Antonio Catholic school
community. Our goal at Hope for the Future is to fund
every deserving child whose family seeks the faith-filled
and academically rigorous education at one of our
Catholic schools. Please contact our office to request
more information (210) 734-1642 / fax: (210) 734-9112

AYUDA CON LA MATRICULA

Se estima que aproximadamente 7,000 niños necesitan
asistencia financiera para asistir a la escuela católica de
su elección en la comunidad de escuelas católicas de la
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cada niño que lo merece y cuya familia busca la fe y la
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nuestra oficina para solicitar más información (210) 734-
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LIFE AFTER LOSS BEREAVEMENT GROUP

St. Pius X Stephen Ministry is sponsoring a six-week
Life after Loss program for those who are grieving the
loss of a loved one in the last two years. This program is
designed to give participants an opportunity to:

- Understand the process of grief
- Assess where you are in this process
- Discover how your loss can transform you
- Plan for how you will continue to heal and live
a good life

The facilitator will be Celeste Miller MA, LPC,
Bereavement Coordinator from Porter Loring Family
Care Services. The program will meet on six
consecutive Wednesdays beginning September 12th from
11:30am to 1:00pm. To reserve a spot or ask any
questions, please call Cindy Libera, 210-912-2979.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, September 3rd, the Parish Office will be closed
for Labor Day.

LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL ESTARA CERRADA

La oficina parroquial estara cerrada el primero de
Septiembre para reconocer el "Dia Laboral".

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Friday, September 7th at 7 p.m. This Mass is bilingual

PRIMER MISA DE VIERNES

Viernes, 7 de Septiembre. Misa es bilingüe



FIRST DAY OF LIFE TEEN IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

On Sunday, September 9th at 2 p.m., there will be a meeting in the parish hall for parents and teens discussing requirements for the preparation of the Sacrament of Confirmation. After the meeting, High School Teens can continue the fun at the Life Teen Kick-off at 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.!

FIRST DAY OF CCD IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

Religious Education Classes (1st thru 8th grade) are Wednesdays evenings from 6:25 p.m. to 7:35 p.m. Classes are held at St. Monica's School.

Last day to register in September 6th!

PRIMER DÍA DE LIFE TEEN ES EL DOMINGO, 9 DE SEPTIEMBRE

El domingo, 9 de septiembre a las 2 p.m., habrá una reunión en el salón parroquial para los papas y adolescentes acerca de los requisitos para la preparación del Sacramento de Confirmación. Después de la reunión, los adolescentes de escuela secundaria pueden continuar la diversión en el lanzamiento de Life Teen a las 3 p.m.!

EL PRIMER DÍA DE CCD ES MIÉRCOLES, 19 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Las clases de educación religiosa (1^o a 8^o grado) son los miércoles por la noche a partir de las 6:25 p.m. a 7:35 p.m. Las clases se llevan a cabo en la escuela de Santa Mónica.



G.L.O.W. (God lights our world)

The tween youth group is back in session Thursday, September 13th. Come join the excitement if you are in grades 4th thru 6th. The time they meet on Thursdays is 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the parish hall. Contact Annette Winfield (210) 885-0861 for more information.

G.L.O.W. (Dios ilumina nuestro mundo)

El grupo juvenil intermedio volverá a estar en sesión el jueves 13 de septiembre. Ven y únete a la emoción si estás en grados 4to a 6to. Los jóvenes se reúnen los jueves a las 6:30 p.m. a 8 p.m. en el salón parroquial. Póngase en contacto con Annette Winfield (210) 885-0861 para obtener más información.

Calendar of Events

EVENTOS ESTA SEMANA EN LA PARROQUIA

Lunes, 3 de septiembre

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Marcin

Oficina Parroquial Cerrada

Martes, 4 de septiembre

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma

Grupo de la Divina Misericordia en la capilla; 7 p.m.

Reunión de ministros en el salón parroquial; 6:30 p.m.

Reunión Ultreya en el salón parroquial; 7 p.m.

Práctica de coro de Misa de las 11 en el salón parroquial 6:30 p.m.

Miércoles, 5 de septiembre

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Marcin

Confesiones 6:00 p.m. Padre Thumma

Jueves, 6 de septiembre

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Marcin

40 horas de adoración a las 7:00 p.m. Padre Thumma

Viernes, 7 de septiembre

Adoración 9 a.m. a 6:30 p.m.

Misa Bilingüe a las 7 p.m. Padre Thumma

Grupo de Oración en español en el salón 7:00 p.m.

Reunión de ACTS para hombres en español en el salón parroquial de 3 a 5 p.m.

Sábado, 8 de septiembre

Confesiones 4:00 p.m. Padre Marcin/Padre Thumma

Misa 5:30 p.m. Padre Marcin/ Padre Thumma

Mini Retiro del Grupo de Oración en Español de 2 a 6 p.m. En el salón parroquial

Reuniones de ACTS para mujeres y hombres en el salón parroquial de 9 a 11 a.m.

Reunión de ACTS de hombres en español en el salón parroquial de 3 a 5 p.m.

Domingo, 9 de septiembre

Misas de mañana 7:30, 9 y 11 Padre Thumma

Misas de la tarde 1 y 7 (Español), 5 Padre Marcin

Desayuno de Panqueques en el salón parroquial de 7:30 a 10:30 a.m. (Los Caballeros de Colon)

El primer día de clase para RICA y Life Teen, ambos en el salón parroquial. RICA después de misa de 1. Life Teen a las 3 p.m.

Estudio de Biblia en español en el salón parroquial a las 11 a.m.

EVENTS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, September 3rd

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Marcin

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 4th

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma

Divine Mercy Group in chapel 7:00 p.m.

Ministries meeting in hall 6:30 p.m.

Ultreya meeting in hall 7:00 p.m.

11 Choir practice in hall 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 5th

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Marcin

Confessions 6:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma

Thursday, September 6th

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Marcin

40 Hours of Adoration at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma

GLOW meets in hall at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 7th

Adoration 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Bilingual Mass 7:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma

Spanish Prayer Group meets in hall at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 8th

Confessions 4:00 p.m. Fr. Marcin / Fr. Thumma

Mass 5:30 p.m. Fr. Marcin / Fr. Thumma

Spanish Prayer Group Mini Retreat 2 to 6 pm in hall

ACTS meetings for women and men in hall 9 to 11 am

Spanish ACTS Men meeting in hall 3 to 5 p.m.

Sunday, September 9th

Masses in a.m. 7:30, 9:00 and 11 Fr. Thumma

Masses in p.m. 1 & 7 (Spanish), 5 Fr. Marcin

Knights Pancake Breakfast in hall 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

First class for RICA 10 a.m./RICA después de misa de 1 in the hall (salon parroquial)

Life Teen 3 p.m. in the parish hall except for those making Confirmation who have meeting at 2 p.m. in hall

Spanish Bible Study in hall at 11 a.m.

MASS CELEBRANT SUBJECT TO CHANGE

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

ITS' REPUTATION IS WELL DESERVED!

Next Sunday, the Knights of Columbus will be serving their FAMOUS Pancake Breakfast until 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. *Desayuno de Panqueques en el salón parroquial de 7:30 a 10:30 a.m. el próximo domingo*

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Enrollment is going on now for classes. Are you an adult (18+ yrs) who would like to join the Catholic Church then RCIA might be for you?

RCIA is for:

- Unbaptized adults seeking to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist (*Holy Communion*).
- Baptized adults from another Christian tradition (Baptists, Evangelical, Methodist etc.) who wish to become members of the Catholic Church.
- Adults baptized in the Catholic Church as infants and who now wish to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

Please call Josie Rodriguez at (210) 988-3954 or email her at rcia@saintmonicaconverse.net please leave your name, phone number and email address. **Classes** will begin **Sept. 9th**, 2018 at 10:00am in the Baumann Room

RICA EN ESPANOL

Si te falta recibir el bautismo, la confirmacion o la primera comunión, tienes mas de 18 años y deseas prepararte en Espanol, llena la ficha de inscripción, comunícate con la hermana Esperanza Buitron, 210-659-4242, y ven a prepararte. Iniciamos el 9 de Septiembre después de misa de 1 p.m. (de 2:15 p.m. a 4:15 p.m.) en el salón parroquial atrás del templo. INSCRIPCIONES a partir de hoy. Se cierran el 9 de Septiembre. Toma LA FICHA DE INSCRIPCION de la mesita que esta a la izquierda al entrar al templo o pídelas en la oficina de la parroquia. Entregala a la Hna. Esperanza o en la oficina.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Are you a baptized, practicing Catholic, 18 years of age or over, have received 1st Eucharist, and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation Dec. 1st? If so, please contact Josie Rodriguez as soon as possible at rcia@saintmonicaconverse.net, (210) 988-3954, or (719) 660-2169. Classes will begin Oct. 7th at 3:00pm 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.

WHO AM I TO JUDGE STUDY PROGRAM

There will be an eight part study program that is based on Dr. Edward Sri's book. It will be offered in the parish hall on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. beginning September 11 thru October 30. Class will be led by Annette Winfield. This study will discuss how Catholic morality is all about love and why making a judgement is not judging a person's soul. Topics included are:

- Real Freedom, Real Love
- Sharing truth with compassion
- Why "I disagree" doesn't mean "I hate you"

PROGRAMA DE ESTUDIO ¿QUIÉN SOY YO PARA JUZGAR?

Habrà un programa de estudio de ocho partes basado en el libro del Dr. Edward Sri. Se ofrecerà en el salón parroquial los martes de 9:30 a.m. a 11:30 a.m. comenzando el 11 de septiembre hasta el 30 de octubre. La clase será dirigida por Annette Winfield. Este estudio discutirá cómo la moral católica tiene que ver con el amor y por qué hacer un juicio no es juzgar el alma de una persona. Los temas incluidos son:

- Libertad Real, Amor Real
- Compartiendo la verdad con compasión
- Por qué "No estoy de acuerdo" no significa "Te odio"

40 HOURS OF ADORATION

Begins Thursday, September 6 at 7 p.m. Please sign up with Christian Zunino 210-725-7908 to spend one hour with Our Lord.

40 HORAS DE ADORACIÓN

Tu hora con Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento traerá sanación, paz y rendición a Su voluntad, misericordia y poder místico. Únete a nosotros este jueves a las 7 p.m. para las 40 Horas. Se puede comunicar con Christian Zunino para poner su nombre en la lista 210-725-7908.



DON'T MISS OUT

Don't leave through the side door of church this weekend! The Spanish Prayer Group will be having a bake sale in the church foyer ☺ Start the month of September out with something sweet

NO SE LO PIERDA!

Pase por el vestíbulo de la iglesia después de la misa este fin de semana y escoja su postre favorito en la venta de pasteles patrocinada por El Grupo De Oración.



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