

St. Monica Catholic Church

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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: Ralph Diaz, 887-9721.

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): Sun. 3:00-4:30 p.m., parish hall. Lyle Pearce, 210-913-5585.

EDGE (Middle School Youth Group): Wed. 6:25-7:35 p.m. Jan Van Slambrouck, 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) Meets first Sat. 9:00 a.m. in church. 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.

HOLY HOUR: Thursday 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

40 HOURS: Thursday 7:00 p.m., prior to Friday 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

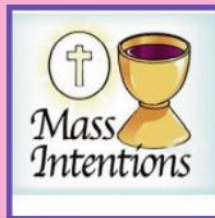
ST. MONICA SCHOOL: Early Childhood-8th Grade. Principal, Ms. Abby Salazar, 658-6701. School Annex 659-5939. Inquiries to school office.

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.

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



Mon	2/18	8:15 a.m.	Foster children = SI
Tues	2/19	8:15 a.m.	✠ Souls in purgatory
Wed	2/20	8:15 a.m.	✠ Robert Barker
Thurs	2/21	8:15 a.m.	✠ Carmen Rosas
Fri	2/22	8:15 a.m.	Juanita Juarez = SI
Sat	2/23	5:30 p.m.	✠ Onufry Cielencki
Sun	2/24	7:30 a.m.	Victims of human trafficking
		9:00 a.m.	Melissa Gilluly = SI Jerry Hamm = S
		11:00 a.m.	Victims of clergy abuse = SI
		1:00 p.m.	Arnulfo Torres = SI Mayra Casas = SI Victoria Buitron = 97 (B) ✠ Maria Fernandez
		5:00 p.m.	✠ David Hebert
		7:00 p.m.	✠ Almas de purgatorio

Sunday, February 10 Collection:
\$10,405.50
St. Vincent de Paul:
\$4,142.10



The Sanctuary Light will burn this week
for the repose soul of
Lorene Coleman



PARISH FESTIVAL!

Our annual Parish Festival will take place on Sunday, April 28, 2019, 10 am-6 pm. More exciting details to come!

FESTIVAL PARROQUIAL

La fecha de nuestro festival parroquial es el Domingo, 28 de abril 2019 desde 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Tendremos informacion mas adelante en el boletin!



Your Pastoral Council is comprised of:

Chair: Timo Zepeda
Recorder: Anita Moreno
Members:
Deacon Jacques Abat
Julian Apolinar
Tony Canez
Bertha Castellanos
Herlinda Garcia
Deacon Jack Karam
Chuck Rehome

The Pastoral Council is composed of members of the congregation . The council's main purpose is to investigate, reflect and reach conclusions about pastoral matters to recommend to the parish priest as appropriate. So if you have a question or concern you may contact Timo Zepeda at tzepeda@me.com or @10-410-7647

Your Finance Council is comprised of:

Chair: Eddie Lopez
Recorder: Sandra Lyssy
Members:
Chuck Hall
Steven Kotzur
Jesse Rodriguez

The Parish Finance Council is a consultative body that assists the pastor in meeting the obligations that have to do with financial and temporal management. While the Parish Finance Council does not have decision making authority, consultation is at the heart of the decision-making process – sharing information, listening, contributing to the discussion, and promoting consensus.



EVENTS THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, February 18

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Marcin, SDS
Scriptural Study of Mass in hall 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Directors meeting Spanish Pray Grp. in hall at 7 p.m.
Spanish Bible Study in hall at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 19

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
Divine Mercy Group in church 7 p.m.
11 Choir practice in hall at 6:30 p.m.
ACTS Core Meeting in hall 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, February 20

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Marcin, SDS
 Confessions 6:00 p.m. Fr. Marcin, SDS
EDGE (middle school youth) in hall 6:25—7:35 p.m.
CCD (1st thru 8th) 6:25 thru 7:35 p.m. in school
Confirmation 2nd year students in hall 6:25 p.m.

Thursday, February 21 St. Peter Damian

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Marcin, SDS
 Holy Hour 7:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma
GLOW (grades 4th thru 6th) in parish hall 6:30 p.m.
Parish Council Meeting in hall 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Friday, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
 Adoration 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma
Youth Serve in Bauman Room 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Spanish Prayer Group meets in hall at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 23, St. Polycarp

Confessions 4 p.m. Fr. Thumma
 Mass 5:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma
Family of the Rosary in hall at 9 a.m.

Sunday, February 24

Masses in a.m. 7:30, 9:00, 11 Fr. Thumma
 Masses in p.m. 1, 5 and 7 (Spanish) Fr. Marcin, SDS
RCIA in English at 10 a.m. in Spanish at 2 p.m. both in hall
Life Teen in hall 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Spanish Bible Study in hall 11 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Movimiento Familiar en el salon 4 p.m.—6 p.m.

EVENTOS ESTA SEMANA EN LA PARROQUIA

Lunes, 18 de febrero

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Marcin, SDS
Estudio de la Misa en el salón 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
Biblia en español en salón 7 p.m. a 9 p.m.
Junta de mesa directiva de Grupo de Oración en el salón 7 p.m.

Martes, 19 de febrero

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma
Grupo de la Divina Misericordia en la iglesia; 7:00 p.m.
Practica con el coro de las misa de 11 en el salón a las 6:30 p.m.
Junta de ACTS en el salón 6 p.m.—9 p.m.

Miércoles, 20 de febrero

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Marcin, SDS
 Confesiones 6:00 p.m. Padre Marcin, SDS
CCD (clases de religión nivel 1 – 8) en la escuelita
6:25 p.m.- 7:35 p.m.
Estudiantes de segundo año de confirmación en salón 6:25 p.m.

Jueves, 21 de febrero, San Pedro Damián

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Marcin, SDS
 Hora Santa 7:00 p.m. Padre Thumma
GLOW (jóvenes en grados escolar 4th-6th) salón 6:30 pm
Junta del consejo pastoral en el salón 7 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Viernes, 22 de Febrero, Cátedra de san Pedro, apóstol

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma
 Adoración 9 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Padre Thumma

Sábado de 23 de Febrero, San Policarpo

Confesiones 4:00 p.m. Padre Thumma
 Misa 5:30 p.m. Padre Thumma
Familia del Rosario en el salón a las 9 a.m.

Domingo, 24 de Febrero

Misas de mañana 7:30, 9 y 11 Padre Thumma
 Misas de la tarde 1, 5 y 7 (Español) Padre Marcin, SDS
RCIA en Ingles (10 a.m.) y Espanol (2 p.m.) en el salón
Movimiento Familiar en el salón a las 4 p.m.—6 p.m.
Life Teen en el salón de 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Estudio de biblia Espanol en salón 11 a.m.—12:30 p.m.



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Day/Time: Saturday/10:00am-noon Start Date: March 23, 2019



On behalf of Archbishop Gustavo and Father Thumma, we invite you and your family to serve our Catholic community by participating in the 2019 Annual Archbishop's Appeal, *Encounter: Live in Faith, Give in Love*. Your prayers and gifts serve all of us by raising up our next generation of priests and deacons, providing sound catechesis and Catholic education for our children, bringing the sacraments to the hospitalized and homebound, broadcasting the Mass and other faith-filled programming to thousands, and bringing Christ's mercy as it feeds, clothes, shelters, and cares for the most vulnerable.

If you have already responded to the Archbishop's letter sent to your home, thank you! If you have not yet had an opportunity to respond to this year's Appeal, please prayerfully consider how to renew your gift, or make one for the first time. Pledge envelopes and pencils are available in the pews. Once completed, place your envelope in the offertory during Mass. You may also make your gift online at www.archsa.org/archbishops-appeal, or by calling the Office of the Archbishop's Appeal at 210-734-1604. Thank you for your prayers and generosity. May God continue to bless you!



En nombre del Arzobispo Gustavo y del Padre Thumma, lo invitamos a usted y a su familia a servir a nuestra comunidad católica participando en la Campaña Anual del Arzobispo 2019, titulada *Encuentro: Vivir en la Fe, Dar en el Amor*. Sus oraciones y donaciones son un servicio a todos nosotros al hacer crecer a nuestra siguiente generación de sacerdotes y diáconos, proveyendo una educación católica robusta para nuestros niños, llevando los sacramentos a los que están hospitalizados y a los que no pueden salir de casa, transmitiendo la misa y otros programas llenos de la fe a miles de personas y llevando la misericordia de Cristo al alimentar, vestir, dar albergue y cuidar a los más vulnerables. Si usted ya ha respondido a la carta que el Arzobispo mandó a su hogar, ¡se lo agradecemos! Si usted no ha tenido todavía la oportunidad de responder al llamado de la Campaña de este año, por favor considere en la oración cómo renovar su donación, o haga una por primera vez. Hay sobres de compromiso y lápices disponibles en las bancas. Una vez llenados, por favor pongan su sobre en la ofrenda de la colecta durante la misa. Usted también puede realizar su donativo en línea en el sitio www.archsa.org/archbishops-appeal, o llamando a la Oficina de la Campaña Anual del Arzobispo al (210) 734-1604. Muchas gracias por sus oraciones y por su generosidad. ¡Qué Dios los siga bendiciendo!

LO QUE SIGNIFICA

LA MISA

¿Entiende el significado detrás de las partes de la misa? En su estudio presentado como video *Un Paseo Bíblico a Través de la Misa*, el Dr. Edward Sri explora las raíces de las palabras y los gestos que experimentamos en la misa y explica su profundo significado. En este estudio, conocerá y entenderá la Misa como nunca antes, lo que lo llevará a una experiencia de adoración más rica y fructífera. Únase a nosotros en el Hall de Santa Mónica a partir del 25 de febrero y continuando todos los lunes por la mañana de 9:30-11:00 a.m. durante 6 semanas. Para obtener más información o para inscribirse en el estudio, llame a Annette



UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

Do you understand the meaning behind the parts of the Mass? In his video-based study *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass as never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience. Join us at St. Monica's Hall beginning 25 February and continuing every Monday morning from 9:30-11:00 for 6 weeks. For more information or to register for the study, call Annette Winfield at

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organizando un evento Pregunte a un Abogado que
ofrece consultas gratuitas para aquellos con cualquier
pregunta legal.

DELIVER THE WORD

There will be Lector training for those interested in serving in this ministry on Wednesday, February 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the church. For questions, please call Anita Moreno 210-326-3218 or Maria Garcia 210-264-4040.



COMPARTÉ LA PALABRA

Habrá entrenamiento de Lectores para aquellos interesados en servir en este ministerio el miércoles 20 de febrero a las 6:30 pm en la iglesia. Si tiene preguntas, por favor llame a Anita Moreno al 210-326-3218 o a Maria Garcia al 210-264-4040.

ACTS will be selling their "Little Books" for the Lenten season next week-end in the church foyer after all Masses. They are \$3.00 each. The "Little Book" is full of reflections, prayers and stories to help your soul prepare, not only for Easter, but eternity.



El grupo de ACTS estarán vendiendo sus "libritos" para la Cuaresma en el vestíbulo de la iglesia después de todas las misas en el proximo fin de semana . Son \$3,00. El "pequeño libro" está lleno de reflexiones, oraciones y cuentos para ayudar a su preparación del alma, no sólo para Semana Santa, sino la eternidad.

YOUTH SPECTACULAR
Seekers of Truth
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March 23, 2019

YOUTH SPECTACULAR
 Seekers of Truth, Saturday, March 23, 2019 at St. Mary's University from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Archbishop Siller is extending an invitation to all adolescents in Middle School and High School to join him for a fun-filled day of prayer, worship and teaching. Registration is now open! The parish youth ministers must register the participants since they are minors. For more information, please contact: Juan Carlos Carreno, Jr., Coordinator. Juancarlos.carreno@archsa.org/Ph#210-734-1679

ESPECTACULAR DE LA JUVENTUD
Buscadores de la Verdad
 ArchSA.org/EJ2019
23 de Marzo de 2019

ESPECTACULAR DE LA JUVENTUD
 Buscadores de la Verdad, sábado 23 de marzo de 2019 en la Universidad St. Mary's de 8:30 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. El Arzobispo Siller está extendiendo la invitación a todos los adolescentes de la escuela secundaria y preparatoria para que se unan a él en un día lleno de diversión de oración, adoración y enseñanza. ¡La inscripción ya está abierta! Los ministros juveniles de la parroquia deben registrar a los participantes ya que son menores de edad. Para más información, por favor póngase en contacto con: Juan Carlos Carreño, Jr., Coordinador. Juancarlos.carreno@archsa.org /Tel# 210-734-1679

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