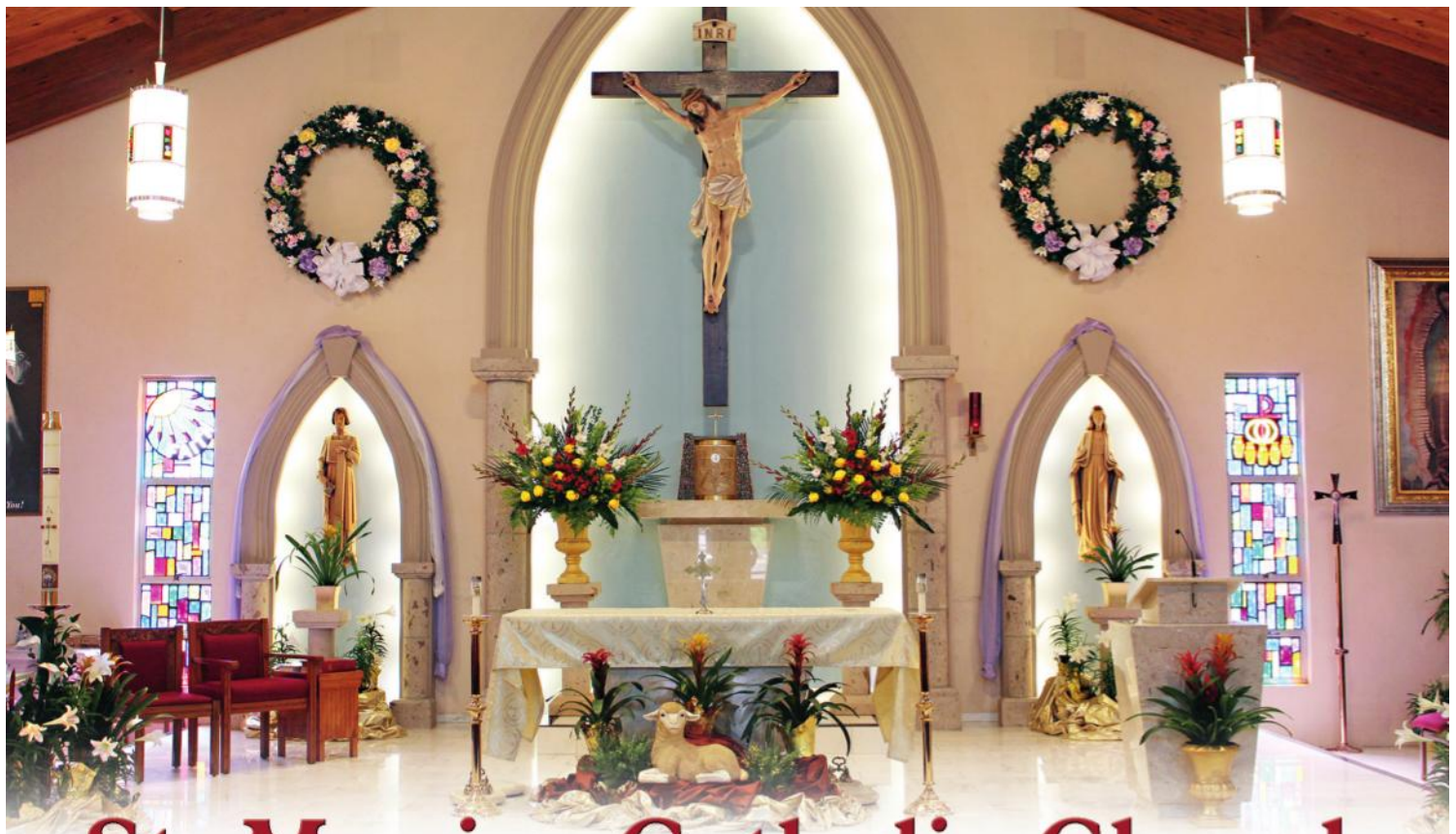




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MASS SCHEDULE

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 First 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: Saturdays. Contact parish office.

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.

PARISH HALL RENTAL: 210-566-3530

DECORATION COMMITTEE: Alma Castillo, 210-659-0056

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.-5:00 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, 210-438-2827, 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: 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, 210-658-8791. Meets 2nd Tues. at 12:00 noon.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: Meets 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m. Sylvia Benavides, 656-2609.

GUADALUPANAS: Meets 2nd Mon. 10:00 a.m. parish hall, Edna Gonzalez, 287-5761.

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.

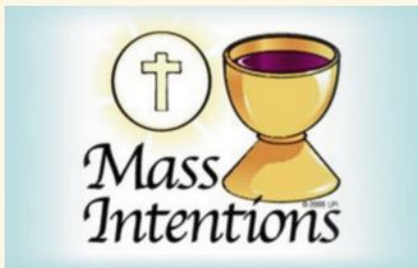
DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: (Spanish) Meets Tues. 7:00 p.m., chapel.

FAMILY OF THE ROSARY (bilingual) Meets first Sat. 9:00 a.m. in church. Graciela Morgan, 445-5933.

FINANCE COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Sandra Lyssy

WELCOME MINISTRY: Eliza Reyna, 210-273-8851

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



Mon	9/2	8:15 a.m.	† Ben Gabel
Tue	9/3	8:15 a.m.	Joplin Family = SI
Wed	9/4	8:15 a.m.	† Cecilia Baker
Thurs	9/5	8:15 a.m.	† Carlos Rodriguez
Fri	9/6	8:15 a.m.	† Linda/James Mollicone
Sat	9/7	5:30 p.m.	† Maria E. Salinas † Amelia Champion † Aniceto y Maria Contreras
Sun	9/8	7:30 a.m.	† Betty Z. Sanchez
		9:00 a.m.	† Edward Matthews † Maria y Samuel Contreras
		11:00 a.m.	† Jerome Strum, Sr. Robert Brummitt Fam = SI
		1:00 p.m.	† Ladislao Torres Hernandez † Rebeca Diaz † Ubaldo Cantu Miguel Angel Pacheco = B
		5:00 p.m.	Elijah Saldana = B
		7:00 p.m.	† Lesandro Guzman Feliz

+ = Deceased Birthday = B Special Intention = SI

August 25th: \$12,709.00
St. Monica School: \$1,809.50



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The parish office will be closed Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el lunes, September 2 en cumplimiento del Día del Trabajo.

FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

Attention St Monica! This is to announce the beginning of our Military Ministry. Come out Wednesday September 4th and learn about how you can participate in this newest ministry for those who support our military and military families past and present. The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall at 7 pm. We look forward to working together with each of you in this important ministry.



St. Monica's Goal: \$760,000

Pledges: \$319,893 (as of 8-23-2019)

Cash received: \$72,121

YOU CAN STILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Please make your pledge to the On the Way Andale Campaign. Prayerfully consider committing to an amount and call the church office for more information.



We wish to thank everyone who participated in the celebration Mass and party of our patron saint, St. Monica, last Saturday. We wish to especially acknowledge and give our most sincere gratitude to **Juan Zuñiga and his family** for cooking and serving the food we had, without charging us for their labor. Come visit him and his family at their restaurant, **Jalisco's**, in **Cibolo**.

We express our gratitude also to the following:

- the School for allowing us so graciously to use their facilities
- the Knights, the Guadalupanos and the Spanish Prayer Group for helping with set up and clean up
- the Catholic Daughters for their donations of water and sweet treats.
- Ludy Kent and her team for decorating the hall.
- All the ministries for participating in the Liturgy and for helping as they could.
- To Anita Moreno and Barbara Stewart for the Liturgy and all their unconditional sisterly support.
- To Timo Zepeda for his leadership and his emceeing.
- To Tony Canez for his unmatched service and ALL the enormous effort put into our parish renovation and his report.

COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

Please come to St. Helena's Church with Fr. Lénin Náfatte, 14714, Edgemont St., San Antonio; 78247, from 6:30—8 p.m. in the main church sanctuary. A presentation on "Hospice and Compassionate End of Life Care" will be given by Ms. Patricia Williams, RN. This is part of the Final Affairs Seminar Series sponsored by the Office of Development with the Archdiocese of San Antonio.



40 HOURS OF ADORATION

Join us for the next 40 Hours of Adoration Thursday, September 5th beginning at 7 p.m. It concludes with Mass; Saturday, September 7th at 9:30 a.m.

40 HORAS DE ADORACIÓN

Venga a la próxima 40 horas de adoración el jueves 5 de Septiembre a las 7 p.m. Se concluye con la misa del Sabado, 7 de Septiembre a las 9:30 a.m

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Friday, September 6th at 7 p.m. (bilingual)
Misa el primer viernes, 6 de Septiembre a las 7 p.m. (bilingue)

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

Saturday, September 7th ; 9:30 a.m.
Misa el primer sabado ; 7 de Septiembre a las 9:30 a.m.



HEALING MASS

Come to a Healing Mass with Fr. Thumma and Fr. Mauricio Wednesday evening, September 18th; 7 p.m. Confessions will still be held at 6 p.m.

MISA DE SANACIÓN

Ven a una Misa de Sanación con el Padre Thumma y el Padre Mauricio el miércoles 18 de septiembre a las 7 p.m. Las confesiones se llevarán a cabo a las 6 p.m.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Congratulations to

Lorraine and Michael Say on their wedding anniversary and to the newly married couple,

Claudia Ramirez and **Jose Moreno** who exchanged wedding vows this weekend. These couples in love are the reason we have such beautiful flowers on the altar this weekend!



**TEEN CONFIRMATION :**

Are you in High School and ready to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation? Come join us at Teen Life on Sundays starting September 15 at 3 PM in the Parish Hall. A meeting that will explain the requirements for the preparation of Confirmation will be held Sunday, September 22 at 2 PM in the Parish Hall. Parents are encouraged to join.

PREPARACIÓN DE CONFIRMACIÓN PARA ADOLESCENTES:

¿Estás en la escuela secundaria y estás listo o lista para prepararte para el sacramento de la Confirmación? Únete a nosotros en Teen Life los domingos a partir del 15 de septiembre a las 3 PM en el Salón Parroquial.

Una reunión que explicará los requisitos para la preparación de la Confirmación se llevará a cabo el domingo 22 de septiembre a las 2 PM en el Salón Parroquial. Se alienta a los padres a unirse.

RCIA FOR CHILDREN

Do you have a child that is 7 years old or older and has never been baptized? Would you like for them to be baptized in the Catholic church? Do they want to be part of the Catholic Church? If so, then contact Josie Rodriguez, the RCIA Coordinator for St. Monica's parish. Josie will explain the process and determine if your child can be a catechumen for the RCIA for children (Children's Catechumenate) process. Please note: the classes are in English and parents must attend the classes with their child(ren). For more information contact Josie Rodriguez at RCIA@saintmonica.net, or (210) 988-3954. If classes are needed in Spanish, please contact Sr. Esperanza Buitron at 210-659-4242.

RICA PARA NIÑOS

¿Tiene un niño que tenga 7 años o más y nunca ha sido bautizado? ¿Le gustaría que se bautizara en la iglesia católica? ¿Quiere ser parte de la iglesia católica? Si es así, comuníquese con Josie Rodriguez, Coordinadora de RICA para la parroquia de Santa Monica. Josie le explicará el proceso y determinará si su hijo/hija puede ser un catecúmeno para el proceso RICA para niños (catecumenado de niños). Tenga en cuenta que las clases son en inglés y los padres deben asistir a las clases con sus hijos. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Josie Rodriguez en RCIA@saintmonica.net, o al (210) 988-3954.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation is now enrolling 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. First day of class, **Sunday, September 8, 2019** You may also read more about RCIA and print off the registration at: <https://saintmonicaconverse.net/rite-christian-initiation-adults-rcia>

CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION (C.Y.O.)**Registration for sports is below:**

All registrations held in person date, time and location listed below

Ages 3-14**Registration for Basketball****October 6—November 3, 2019**

Child 1 \$120, Child 2 \$115, Child 3, \$110

In person Dates: Sundays in Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 Nov. 3

Time: 10am-1pm

Location: St Monica Gym

For more information & Coaches inquiry:

[Saintmonicaconverse.net/cyo](https://saintmonicaconverse.net/cyo)

Email: **cyo@saintmonicaconverse.net**





PARENTS OF FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES:

A meeting will be held for all parents of SECOND YEAR students preparing for First Eucharist. This meeting will inform you about the preparation requirements for this sacrament and answer any questions you may have. This is a mandatory meeting – Wednesday, September 25 at 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria.

This is a meeting for the parents and the children are not required to attend – they will be in class during this time. Please insure that at least one parent is present. Failure to attend could result in your child delaying their sacraments for another year. If you have any questions, please contact the DRE- Jan Van Slambrouck at 210-658-3816 or Jan@saintmonicaconverse.net

PADRES DE LOS CANDIDATOS A LA PRIMERA EUCARISTÍA:

Se llevará a cabo una reunión para todos los padres de estudiantes del SEGUNDO AÑO que se preparan para la Primera Eucaristía. Esta reunión le informará sobre los requisitos de preparación para este sacramento y responderá cualquier pregunta que pueda tener. Esta es una reunión obligatoria: el miércoles 25 de septiembre a las 6:30 PM en la cafetería de la escuela.

Esta es una reunión para los padres y los niños no están obligados a asistir; estarán en clase durante este tiempo. Por favor, asegúrese de que al menos uno de los padres esté presente. Si no asiste, su hijo podría demorar sus sacramentos por otro año. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con el DRE- Jan Van Slambrouck al 210-658-3816 o Jan@saintmonicaconverse.net

THEY ARE BACK!

Their first meeting with the Young at Heart will be in the parish hall Thursday, September 12 at 10 a.m. Members will be contacted. You can contact Sally if you have any questions. Ph# 210-367-1118



As we approach the end of the year, we offer our gratitude to all who have made a gift and lifted their prayers for the 2019 Archbishop's Appeal. At this time, our parish has raised **\$36,136.94** toward our parish goal of **\$38,556.35**. We would like to reach our parish goal by December 31, 2019. For those who are still praying and considering their gift to this year's Appeal, we invite you to consider making a gift to help continue the Appeal ministries that shelter the homeless, assist mothers in need, support men on their journey to the priesthood or diaconate, support archdiocesan Catholic Social Services that feed and clothe those in need, counsel and serve the spiritually wounded, support our retired clergy, and so much more.

A medida que nos acercamos a fin de año, ofrecemos nuestra gratitud a todos los que han hecho un regalo y han levantado sus oraciones para la Apelación Del Arzobispo 2019. En este momento, nuestra parroquia ha recaudado \$ **36,136.94**. Nos gustaría alcanzar nuestra meta de apelación parroquial de **\$35,556.35** antes del 31 de diciembre de 2019. Para aquellos que todavía están orando y considerando su don a la Apelación de este año, los invitamos a considerar hacer un regalo para ayudar a continuar con los ministerios de Apelación que albergan a las personas sin hogar, ayudar a las madres necesitadas, apoyar a los hombres en su viaje al sacerdocio o diaconado, apoyo a los Servicios Sociales Católicos arquidiocesanos que alimentan y visten a los necesitados, aconsejan y sirven a los heridos espiritualmente, apoyan a nuestro clero retirado, y mucho más.



ESTUDIO DE BIBLIA CON DIACONO RAFAEL
La primer clase de la biblia en Español es miércoles el 18 de Septiembre en la escuela. El horario es 7 - 8:20 p.m. No es necesario inscribirse antes para asistir a la clase.

TWENTIETH SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**STEWARDSHIP DAY**

Growing our Catholic Community, September 14th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 600 Oblate Drive, San Antonio; 78216. Learn the keys to committing to a Stewardship Vision at your parish. Sessions include:
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**DIA DE CUSTODIO**

Creciendo Nuestra Comunidad Católica, 14 de septiembre de 8:30 a.m. a 1:30 p.m. en el Salón de la Iglesia del Santísimo Sacramento, 600 Oblate Drive, San Antonio; 78216. Aprenda las claves para comprometerse con una visión de custodio en su parroquia. Las sesiones incluyen:

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