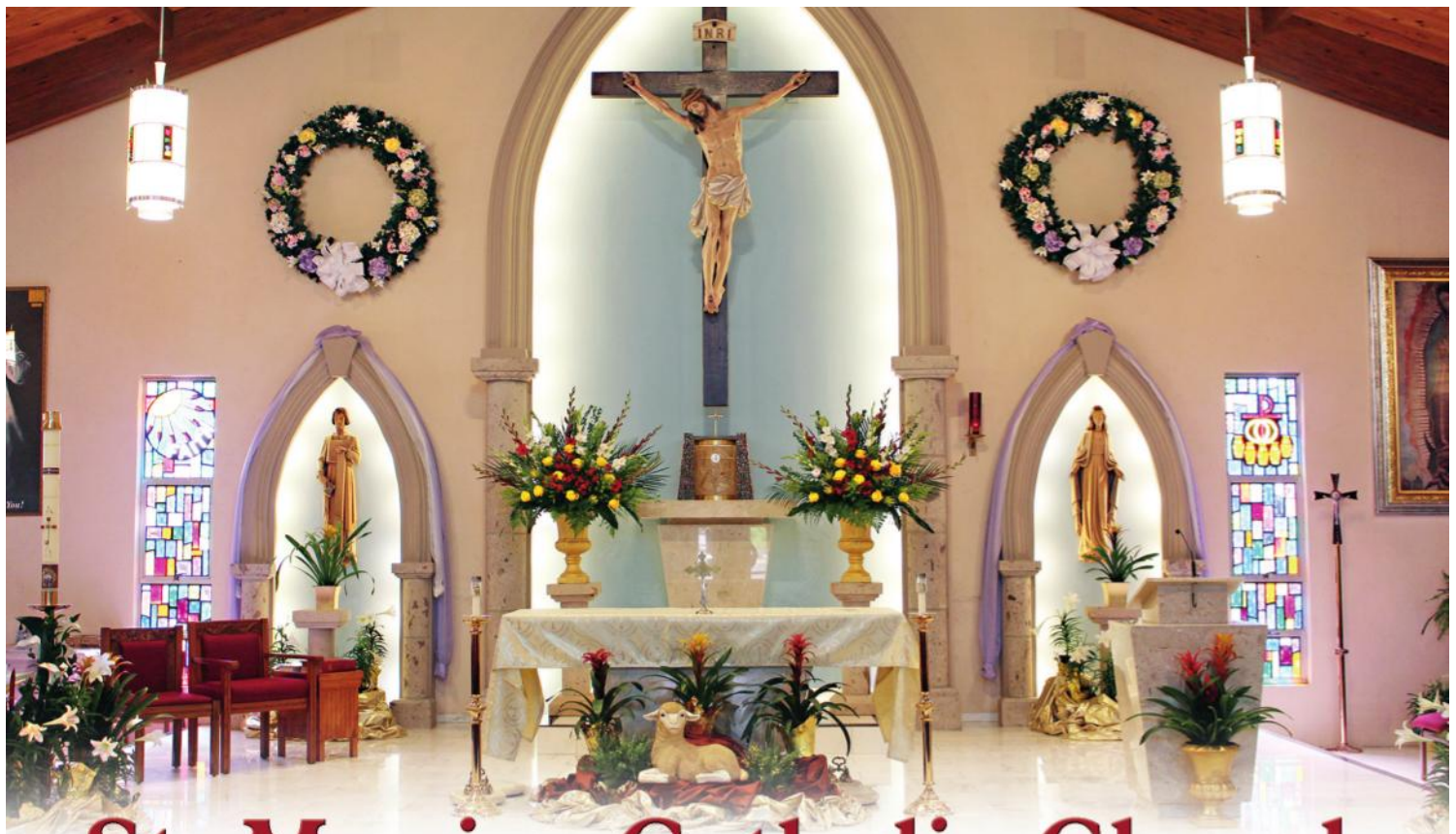




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MASS SCHEDULE

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: Paulette Richards, 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.

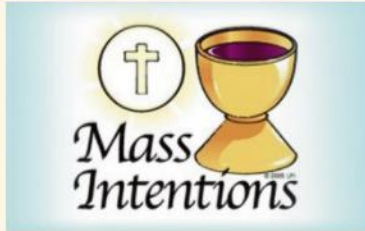
DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: (Spanish) Meets Tues. 7:00 p.m., chapel.

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	11/18	8:15 a.m.	† Cecila Baker
Tue	11/19	8:15 a.m.	† Elvira Espiritu
Wed	11/20	8:15 a.m.	† Juan Sanchez
Thurs	11/21	8:15 a.m.	† Carmen Rosas
			† Tere Zahuita Antillon
			† Adelina Dia Galvan
			† Aida Swinning
Fri	11/22	8:15 a.m.	† Christian Pearce
Sat	11/23	5:30 p.m.	† Scott Case
			† Jaylen Richardson
Sun	11/24	7:30 a.m.	Charles J. Wheeler, Jr. = B
			† Linda & Samuel Kirby
			† Aurora Ramirez
		9:00 a.m.	† Alicia & Santos Trevino
			† Ella Tillman
		11:00 a.m.	† Dominick Scarpati
		1:00 p.m.	† Amparo Pacini
		5:00 p.m.	† Max/Minerva Cuellar
		7:00 p.m.	† Julian Cornejo y Trinidad Reyes
			† Virginia Cornejo
			Familia Antillon Zahuita = SI

† = Deceased SI = Special Collection
B = Birthday

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, November 10th: \$12,216.00

St. Vincent de Paul: \$6,643.00

The Second Collection this Sunday is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Support the Collection for the CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please be generous in this week's special collection, which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Por favor, contribuya generosamente en la colecta especial de esta semana, la cual apoya a la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano. En los Estados Unidos, una de cada seis personas vive en pobreza. A través de esta colecta usted apoya programas que tratan con las causas de la pobreza y proporcionan un futuro sostenible a las personas que siguen luchando en el país. Además, el 25% de los fondos recaudados permanece en nuestra diócesis para financiar proyectos antipobreza en nuestra comunidad. Por favor, en oración, considera la manera de apoyar a esta colecta y trabajar desde la periferia. Encuentra más información sobre la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano, en www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.



The Sanctuary Candle will burn all week in celebration of ***Dorian Jerome's Birthday*** and in loving memory of ***Miguel Vela***.



The Altar Flowers were donated by Robert and Maryann Vela in loving memory of their son,
Miguel Vela.

ESTUDIO DE BIBLIA CON DIACONO RAFAEL

Las clases de la biblia en Español son miércoles en la escuela, salon 102. El horario es 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. No es necesario inscribirse antes para asistir a la clase. Para mas información, marcar a numero (787) 955-2121

Spanish Bible Study Classes Wednesdays; 6:30-7:30 pm
at St. Monica School , Rm. 102

If you wish to donate altar flowers, please contact the church office.

Si gusta donar flores para el altar, puede marcar la oficina parroquial.



WE ARE READY FOR THE NEXT CHALLENGE!

We invite all our parishioners to join us for TWO upcoming friendly soccer games. The first one will be on **Sunday, November 24 at 3 pm, against Assumption Seminarists; the second will be Sunday, December 1, at 3 pm, versus San Fernando Cathedral (on the school soccer fields).** We wel-

come you and hope you can join us to cheer us up in this community building effort.

¡ESTAMOS LISTOS PARA EL PRÓXIMO DESAFÍO!!

Invitamos a todos nuestros feligreses a unirse a nosotros para DOS próximos partidos de fútbol amistosos. El primero será el **domingo 24 de noviembre a las 3 pm, contra los seminaristas de Asunción; el segundo será el domingo 1 de diciembre a las 3 pm, contra la Catedral de San Fernando (en los campos de fútbol de la escuela).** Les damos la bienvenida y esperamos que puedan acompañarnos para animarnos en este esfuerzo de construcción comunitaria.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

VIRTUS TRAINING IN HALL

Tuesday, November 19th in the parish hall at 9:30 am.—11:30 a.m. (English)

BLUE MASS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Thursday, November 21st at 11 a.m. in main church.



THANKSGIVING MASS

Thursday, November 28th at 8:30 a.m.

HOLY HOUR & ADORATION CANCELLED

There will not be Holy Hour or Adoration on Thursday, November 28th or November 29th.



BLUE MASS

We would enjoy your participation at the **Blue Mass** honoring those who put their lives on the line for us every day. They are all those in the “public safety field” (i.e. police officers, firefighters, correctional officers, 911 operators and EMS personnel). The color **blue** relates to the **blue-colored** uniforms predominantly used by these services. The Blue Mass will be Thursday, November 21st at 11 a.m. in the church. It will be celebrated by both Father Thumma and Fr. Mauricio.

MISA AZUL

Nos gustaría su participación en la **Misa Azul** en honor a los que arriesgan sus vidas por nosotros todos los días. Son todos aquellos en el “campo de seguridad pública” (es decir, oficiales de policía, bomberos, oficiales correccionales, operadores de 911 y personal de EMS). El color **azul** se refiere a los uniformes de color **azul** predominantemente utilizados por estos servicios. La **misa azul** será el jueves 21 de Noviembre a las 11 a.m. en la iglesia. Será celebrada por el Padre Thumma y el Padre Mauricio.

WE WANT TO MEET YOU ☺

The Welcome Ministry is having a Donut and Coffee Social after the Sunday Masses outside the church on November 24th after the 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Masses.



If you are a newcomer or a newly registered parishioner, we would like to visit with you. Please contact Eliza Reyna if you would like to join the Welcome Ministry. They are always in need of a friendly face. elizagreyna@gmail.com.

El Ministerio de Bienvenida va ofrecer donuts y café después de las Misas Dominicales a las 11 a.m. y 1 p.m. fuera de la iglesia el 24 de noviembre. Si usted es un recién llegado o un feligres recién registrado, nos gustaría visitar con usted. Póngase en contacto con Eliza Reyna si desea unirse al Ministerio de Bienvenida. Siempre están en necesidad de una cara amable. elizagreyna@gmail.com.



Thursday, November 21st there will be a bilingual Holy Hour at 7 p.m. Please mark your calendar that Holy Hour will be cancelled Thursday, November 28th for the Thanksgiving Holiday nor will there be Adoration on Friday, November 29th. Please share this change in the parish calendar with those you know.

El jueves 21 de Noviembre va haber Hora Santa (bilingüe) pero el jueves, 28 de Noviembre no va haber Hora Santa por el día de Acción de Gracias también se cancela Adoración el viernes, 29 de Noviembre. Por favor comparten este cambio en el calendario parroquial con gente que conocé.

**ANGEL TREE GIFTS**

Put a big smile on a needy child this Christmas ☺ The St. Vincent de Paul Society is taking registrations for the Angel Tree Program. Applicants must live in the boundaries of St. Monica's Catholic Church or be a registered parishioner. You may call (210) 658-8791 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to apply. Proof of residency is required, such as, a current utility bill or photo I.D. Children must reside at eligible household location. Last day to register is **Monday, November 25th.**

ÁRBOL DE ÁNGEL

La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paula está recibiendo inscripciones para el Programa Árbol de Ángel. Los solicitantes deben vivir en los límites de la Iglesia Católica de Santa Mónica o ser un feligrés registrado. Puede llamar al (210) 658-8791 los martes, miércoles y jueves de 10 a.m. a 1 p.m. para aplicar. Se requiere comprobante de residencia, como, por ejemplo, una factura de servicios públicos reciente o una foto de identificación. Los niños deben residir en un hogar elegible. ¡El último día para inscribirse es **lunes 25 de Noviembre.**

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

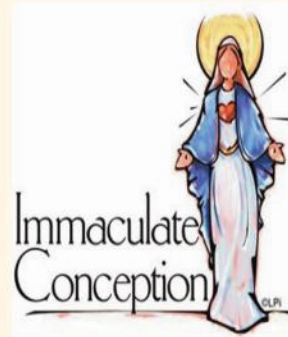
Are you an adult (18+ yrs) who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation but would like to? Then please call or email Josie Rodriguez at (210) 988-3954 or RCIA@saintmonicaconverse.net. Classes will begin soon. So do not delay.

LITTLE ADVENT BOOKS

Advent is a good time to remember why there is so much to be thankful for and the reason life is to be celebrated. The Little Advent Books can help us in our prayer time. Take 10 minutes of your day; you will notice a positive difference in your every day experiences. The ministry of ACTS will have the Little Books available in the foyer on the weekends of November 23/24th and December 7th/8th. You may offer a **\$3 donation** for each book.

**LIBROS PEQUEÑOS DE ADVIENTO**

Ya viene adviento y es un buen rato de recordar porque hay tanto de ser agradecido y de que la vida se debe de celebrar. Los libros pequeños del ministerio de ACTS del advenimiento pueden ayudarnos en nuestro tiempo del rezo. Los libros van estar disponible por una pequeña **donación de \$3** en los fines de semana de 23-24 de noviembre y 7-8 de diciembre después de las misas.



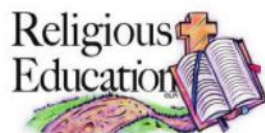
JOIN US TO HONOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER
Mark the Date! Sunday, December 8th
EVERYONE is invited to honor Our Blessed Mother Mary by joining in the **LIVING Rosary**. The youth of our community will lead us in in this beautiful devotion.

The rosary will be bilingual and take place at 3:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

ACOMPÁÑANOS PARA HONRAR A NUESTRA BENDITA MADRE

¡Marca la fecha! Domingo, 8 de Diciembre
TODOS están invitados a honrar a Nuestra Santísima Madre María uniéndose al Rosario **VIVIENTE**. Los jóvenes de nuestra comunidad nos guiarán en esta hermosa devoción.

El rosario será bilingue y tendrá lugar a las 3:30 PM en el Salón Parroquial.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

The holidays are in the air! Here is a reminder of the Religious Education schedule:

Wednesday Classes	6:25 – 7:25 PM:
Nov 27	- Holiday – NO CLASS
Dec 4 & 11	- Class days
Dec 18, 25 & Jan 1	- Holidays - NO CLASS
Jan 8	- CLASSES RESUME

Teen Life – Sundays:	3:00 – 4:30 PM
Nov 24	- NO Teen Life
Dec 1	- NO Teen Life
Dec 8 & 15	- Teen Life
Dec 22, 29 & Jan 5	- NO Life Teen
Jan 12	- Teen Life Resumes

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you are going to be having surgery soon or are having health concerns, please call the church office to request The Anointing of the Sick. Fr. Thumma or Fr. Mauricio will make time to visit you either at home, the hospital or the parish office. The Anointing of the Sick is one of the 7 sacraments of our faith. It is a misconception that one has to be near death to receive this sacrament of healing. Please do not hesitate to make this appointment.



Anointing the sick

UNCION DE LOS ENFERMOS

Si esta teniendo problemas de salud o va tener una cirugía por favor llame la oficina de la parroquia para ser cita con uno de los padres para recibir la unción de los enfermos. Uno de ellos pueden ir a su casa, el hospital o en la oficina parroquial.



ESTA SEMANA EN LA IGLESIA

Misas de mañana 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 Padre Thumma
 Misas de la tarde 1 (Español) Padre Gregorio Chahin
 5 Padre Thumma
 7 (Español) Padre Heliodoro Lucatero
RICA en Ingles cancelado por Dia de Accion en semana
Life Teen cancelado por los días de vacaciones

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

There will be a Live Training session in English on Tuesday, November 19 in the parish hall from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This training will include the following sessions: Code of Conduct, Sexual Harassment, Protecting God's Children, and Vulnerable Adult Training. This is for anyone who would prefer to attend a live training session. Plan on 2-3 hours to complete your necessary sessions. If you have completed your training online, you do not need to attend this session. If you prefer to do the training online, you may do so at www.Virtusonline.org

REMEMBER: EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERS IN ANY MINISTRY, must complete this Safe Environment training.

Any questions, please contact Jan Van Slambrouck: Jan@saintmonicaconverse.net 210-658-3816 X243

**ENTRENAMIENTO DE AMBIENTE SEGURO**

Habr  un taller de entrenamiento (en Ingles) en vivo el martes 19 de Noviembre en el salon parroquial a partir de las 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Esta capacitaci n incluir  las siguientes sesiones: C digo de conducta, acoso sexual, protecci n de los hijos de Dios y capacitaci n de adultos vulnerables. Esto es para **TODOS LOS VOLUNTARIOS EN CUALQUIER MINISTERIO**. Planee en 2-3 horas para completar sus sesiones necesarias. Si ha completado su capacitaci n en www.Virtusonline.org, no necesita asistir a esta sesi n. Si gusta hacer el entrenamiento en la computadora vaya a www.Virtusonline.org. **RECUERDE: TODOS LOS VOLUNTARIOS EN CUALQUIER MINISTERIO, deben completar esta capacitaci n sobre Ambiente Seguro.** Cualquier pregunta, comun quese con Jan Van Slambrouck: Jan@saintmonicaconverse.net o 210-658-3816 X243

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