



**Stay awake!**

**For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.**

Matthew 24:42

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of  
**Advent**

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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, 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. & 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

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Please contact Alex Dominguez on his cell

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Memorials are highly encouraged. So please call for more information.

## DIOCESAN

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



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|-------|------|------------|--|
| Mon   | 12/2 | 8:15 a.m.  | † Jose Luis Enriquez   |
| Tue   | 12/3 | 8:15 a.m.  | † Victims of suicide   |
| Wed   | 12/4 | 8:15 a.m.  | Childless couples = SI   |
| Thurs | 12/5 | 8:15 a.m.  | † Jose Luis Elizalde<br>Rene Silk = SI   |
| Fri   | 12/6 | 8:15 a.m.  | † Margarita Lerma<br>Mary Moreno = B   |
| Sat   | 12/7 | 9:30 a.m.  | † Souls in purgatory<br>† Kathi Dooley   |
|       |      | 5:30 p.m.  | † Scott Case<br>† Onufry Cielencki   |
| Sun   | 12/8 | 7:30 a.m.  | † Art Lugo<br>† Kathi Dooley   |
|       |      | 9:00 a.m.  | L&D Adolph & Mary Schumann Scheel<br>Family<br>† Edward Matthews<br>† Ella Tillman |
|       |      | 11:00 a.m. | † Kathi Dooley<br>The Rodriguez Fam. = Si<br>† Teofila Graciani                    |
|       |      | 1:00 p.m.  | † Kathi Dooley<br>† Manuel Loyola  |
|       |      | 5:00 p.m.  | † Kathi Dooley<br>† Esperanza Trevino  |
|       |      | 7:00 p.m.  | † Kathi Dooley   |

† = Deceased    SI = Special Intention  
B = Birthday



### ANGEL TREE GIFTS

Please pick up an angel and provide a gift for a child in need. The gift should be wrapped and returned with the angel tree tag securely taped on the gift. Please return the wrapped gift to the church foyer by **Sunday, December 15th** to ensure every child on registered for the Angel Tree receives a gift for Christmas

### ÁRBOL DE ÁNGEL

Por favor, recoja un ángel y proporcione un regalo para un niño necesitado. El regalo debe ser envuelto y devuelto con la etiqueta del ángel árbol firmemente pegada en el regalo. Por favor, devuelva el regalo envuelto al vestíbulo de la iglesia para el domingo, **15 de diciembre** para asegurarse de que todos los niños registrados para el arbol de angel reciban un regalo para Navidad

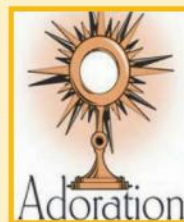
### COLLECTION REPORT

Due to the holiday, the collection report could not be reported in time for the printing of bulletin. Amount will be reported in the next bulletin.



The Sanctuary Candle will burn all week in thanksgiving for another year of life for **Tatyana Jerome**. Happy Birthday!

San Antonio Liederkrantz present *A Star is Born* to celebrate the Christmas Season with the historic San Antonio Liederkanz Choir, now in its 127th year of performing traditional German religious, and popular choral music. Sunday, December 8, 2019 from 3:00 – 5:30 PM at the San Antonio Shrine Auditorium, 901 N Loop 1604 W, San Antonio, TX. Cost is \$15 donation. Refreshments included. For ticket info, call Ted Villalon at (210) 789-0768 or tedvillalon@hotmail.com



Next 40 Hours of Adoration is Thursday, December 5th beginning at 7 p.m. It will continue through Saturday, December 7th concluding with the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Las 40 Horas de Adoración son el próximo jueves 5 de Diciembre a las 7 p.m. y concluye con la misa del primer sábado el, 7 de Diciembre a las 9:30 a.m.



### LET'S GET TO IT!

We invite all our parishioners to join us for the next friendly soccer game on the school soccer field, *this Sunday, December 1, at 3 pm, against the players of San Fernando Cathedral.* Bring your chairs and canopies to the school soccer field after the 1pm Mass for this exciting event and don't forget to wear your red for St. Monica! Please join us to cheer us on in this community building effort.

¡ESTAMOS LISTOS PARA EL PRÓXIMO DESAFÍO!! Invitamos a todos nuestros feligreses a unirse a nosotros para el próximo partido de fútbol amistoso este *domingo 1 de diciembre a las 3 pm, contra la Cathedral de San Fernando (en los campos de fútbol de la escuela).* Traiga sus sillas al campo de fútbol de la escuela después de la misa de la 1pm para estos emocionantes eventos y no se olvide de ponerse su rojo para Santa Mónica! Les damos la bienvenida y esperamos que puedan acompañarnos para animarnos en este esfuerzo de construcción comunitaria.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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@saintmonicacomverse.net](mailto:RCIA@saintmonicacomverse.net). Classes will begin soon. So do not delay.



### CONFIRMACIÓN PARA ADULTOS

¿Es usted un adulto (mayor de 18 años) que no ha recibido el Sacramento de la Confirmación, pero le gustaría recibirlo?

Entonces llame o envíe un correo electrónico a (210) 988-3954 o [RCIA@saintmonicacomverse.net](mailto:RCIA@saintmonicacomverse.net). Las clases comenzarán pronto, así que no se demore.



**WHAT'S KEEPING YOU FROM CONFESSION?**

Don't let Satan set up his workshop in your soul. Come to the Advent Penance Service Wednesday, December 18 at 7 p.m. We have invited several patient and kind priests to hear confessions.

"Confession is more powerful than exorcism. One confession is worth 100 exorcisms. ...If people want to decrease the work of Satan, they should increase the use of confession." *Fr. Gabriele Amorth, World Renowned Exorcist*

**¿QUÉ TE ESTÁ MANTENIENDO DE LA CONFESSION?**

No dejes que Satanás instale su taller en tu alma. Ven al Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento el miércoles 18 de diciembre a las 7 p.m. Hemos invitado a varios sacerdotes amables y gentiles a escuchar confesiones. "La confesión es más poderosa que el exorcismo. Una confesión vale por 100 exorcismos. ... Si la gente quiere disminuir el trabajo de Satanás, debería aumentar el uso de la confesión ". *Exorcista, Padre Amorth*

**RELIGIOUS ED HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

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

- |                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Wednesday Classes</b>    | <b>6:25 – 7:25 PM:</b> |
| Nov 27                      | - Holiday – NO CLASS   |
| Dec 4 & 11                  | - Class days           |
| Dec 18, 25 & Jan 1          | - Holidays - NO CLASS  |
| Jan 8                       | - CLASSES RESUME       |
| <b>Teen Life – Sundays:</b> | <b>3:00 – 4:30 PM</b>  |
| 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    |

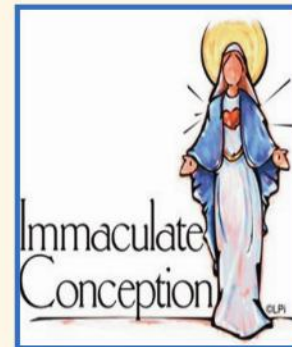


**JOIN US TO HONOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER**  
 Mark the Date! Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
**EVERYONE** is invited to honor Our Blessed Mother Mary by joining in the **LIVING Rosary**. The youth of our community will lead us in in this beautiful devotion. The rosary will be bilingual and take place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



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH,**  
**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,**  
 there will be Masses held at 8:15 a.m and again at 7 p.m. in Spanish.

**LUNES, 9 DE DICIEMBRE,**  
**FIESTA DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN,**  
 se celebrarán misas a las 8:15 a.m. y de nuevo a las 7 p.m. en español.

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH****Monday, December 2**

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Mauricio  
*Bible Study (English) in hall at 7 p.m.*  
*Teen ACTS in hall from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.*

**Tuesday, December 3, St. Frances Xavier**

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma  
*Divine Mercy Group in church 7 p.m.*  
*Leaders of Parish Ministries in hall 6:30 p.m.*

**Wednesday, December 4, St. John Damascene**

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Mauricio  
 Confessions 6:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma  
*EDGE (middle school youth) in hall 6:25—7:35 p.m.*  
*CCD (1<sup>st</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>) 6:25 thru 7:35 p.m. in school*  
*Spanish Bible Study at school Rm 103; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.*

**Thursday, December 5**

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma  
 40 Hours 7:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma  
*Children's Catechumen at school 6pm—8 pm*  
*GLOW (grades 4th thru 6th) in parish hall 6:30 p.m.*  
*9 Mass Choir Practice in hall 6:30 p.m.*

**Friday, December 6, St. Nicholas**

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma  
 First Friday Mass 7:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma  
*40 Hours continues after Mass*  
*Spanish Prayer Group meets in hall at 7:00 p.m.*

**Saturday, December 7, St. Ambrose**

First Saturday Mass 9:30 a.m. Fr. Mauricio  
 Confessions 4:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma  
 Vigil Mass 5:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma  
*Knights of Columbus Christmas Party in hall*

**Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent**

Masses in a.m. 7:30, 9 & 11:00 Fr. Thumma  
 Masses in p.m. 1 (Spanish) Fr. Mauricio  
                   5 Fr. Mauricio  
                   7 (Spanish) Fr. Mauricio  
*RCIA (English) meets in hall 10 a.m.—12 p.m.*  
*Children's Catechumen in hall 8:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.*  
*Life Teen in hall 3—4:30 p.m.*

**ESTA SEMANA EN LA IGLESIA****Lunes, 2 de Diciembre**

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Mauricio  
*Estudio de Biblia en Ingles en el salon a las 7 p.m.*  
*Los coordinadores de ACTS de jóvenes en salon 6—9 p.m.*

**Martes, 3 de Diciembre, San Francisco Javier**

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma  
*Grupo de la Divina Misericordia en la iglesia; 7:00 p.m.*  
*Lideres de los ministerios en salon a las 6:30 p.m.*

**Miercoles, 4 de Diciembre, San Juan Damasceno**

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Mauricio  
 Confesiones 6:00 p.m. Padre Thumma  
*EDGE (jovenes de secundaria) en el salon 6:25 p.m.*  
*CCD (clases de religion nivel 1—8) en la escuelita*  
*6:25 p.m.- 7:35 p.m.*  
*Clases de biblia en Español en la escuela; 6:30—7:30 p.m.*

**Jueves, 5 de Diciembre**

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma  
 40 Horas 7:00 p.m. Padre Thumma  
*Clases de catecúmeno para niños en la escuela 6—8pm*  
*GLOW (jóvenes en grados escolar 4th-6th) salón 6:30 pm*  
*Practica con el coro de misa de 9 a.m. en salon 6:30 p.m.*

**Viernes, 6 de Diciembre, San Nicolás**

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma  
 Misa primer viernes 7:00 p.m. Padre Thumma  
*40 Horas continua después de misa*  
*Grupo de Oración en Espanol en el salón a las 7 p.m.*

**Sabado, 7 de Diciembre, San Ambrosio**

Primer Sabado 9:30 a.m. Padre Mauricio  
 Confesiones 4:00 p.m. Padre Thumma  
 Misa de vigilia 5:30 p.m. Padre Thumma  
*Fiesta navideña de Los Caballeros de Colon en salon*

**Sunday, 8 de Diciembre, Segundo Domingo de Adviento**

Misas de mañana 7:30, 9 & 11:00 Padre Thumma  
 Misas de la tarde 1 (Espanol) Padre Mauricio  
                   5 Padre Mauricio  
                   7 (Espanol) Padre Mauricio  
*RICA en Ingles en el salon 10 a.m.—12 p.m.*  
*Catecúmen de los niños en el salon 8:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.*  
*Life Teen en el salon 3—4:30 p.m.*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

We welcome the parish community to join us on the following dates and times for the 9 day Novena to our Blessed Mother. This is the time to pray for a special intention that is burdening or speaking to your heart.

**Tuesday Dec. 3 and Wed. Dec 4 @ 9:00 AM**

( after the 8:15 a.m. Mass )

**Thurs. Dec 5 @7:00 during Holy Hour**

**Fri. Dec 6 @ 9:00 A.M.**

**Sat. Dec. 7 @ 5:00 P.M.**

**Sun. Dec. 8 @ 4:30 P.M.**

**Mon. Dec.9 ,Tues. Dec.10 AND Wed. Dec. 11th @ 9:00.**

**NOVENA PARA NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE**

Damos la bienvenida a la comunidad parroquial para que se una a nosotros en las siguientes fechas y horas para los 9 días de Novena a nuestra Santísima Madre. Este es el momento de orar por una intención especial que está agobiando o hablando a su corazón. Las fechas y los horarios son los siguientes:

Martes 3 de diciembre y miércoles 4 de diciembre a las 9:00 a.m. (después de la misa de la mañana)

Jueves 5 de diciembre a las 7:00 durante la hora santa . Viernes 6 de diciembre a las 9:00 a.m.

Sábado 7 de diciembre a las 5:00 p.m.

Domingo 8 de diciembre a las 4:30 p.m.

Lunes 9 de diciembre, martes 10 de diciembre y

miércoles 11 de diciembre a las 9:00 a.m.


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