



# ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor	Fr. Alejandro Del Bosque, ext. 241
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Dir. of Religious Ed.	Mrs. Janice Van Slambrouck, ext. 244
Business Manager	Mrs. Mary Howard, ext. 235
Housekeeper	Mrs. Limbania Reyes
RCIA Director	Mrs. Mersi Schorran, ext. 234

#### MASSES

<b>Saturday Vigil:</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.; 1:00 (Spanish), 5:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m. (Spanish)</b>
<b>Weekdays:</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 4:00 p.m. & Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

**BAPTISMS:** First Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Parents and Godparents must attend class held on prior Thursday 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Family Center.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Two-year program required; usually received in the second grade.

**CONFIRMATION:** Must complete a two-year program which begins in high school years.

**MARRIAGE:** Six months notice required. Contact parish office.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:** Director, Mrs. Janice Van Slambrouck, (210) 701-7831. Classes - Grades K-10, Wednesday 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Office hours - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**RCIA:** Adult converts or those needing sacraments are invited. Classes begin in September on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Call Mersi Schorran at 658-8669 for more information. Spanish RCIA contact: Sr. Esperanza Buitron 659-4242.

**ST. MONICA SCHOOL:** Early Childhood through 8th Grade. Principal, Mrs. JoAnn Wood, 658-6701. School Annex 659-5939. Inquiries to school office.

**PARISH COUNCILS:** Pastoral Council meets monthly

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Every Friday after Mass until 7:00 p.m.

**EUCCHARIST FOR SICK & SHUT-INS:** Contact church office.

**ROSARY:** Rosary recited Monday - Friday at 7:45 a.m. and Sunday 7 a.m.

**CHOIR:** 9:00 a.m., *Bill Staggs, Music Minister, 274-8847*. Adult Choir Rehearsal - Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Children's Choir and Guitar Rehearsal - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; Teen Musician Rehearsal after 11:00 a.m. Mass, *Lilli Soto, Music Minister, 241-7666*. Spanish Choir - Monday, 7:00 p.m. *Glissie Esquivel, Director, 251-2902*.

**SPANISH PRAYER GROUP:** Every Friday at 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall. Contact: Gustavo Munoz, 663-5642.

**ALTAR SOCIETY & THRIFT SHOP:** Altar Society meets first Tuesday at 12:00 noon, September through May. Thrift Shop open Wednesday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Contact: Edna Diaz, 598-9885.

**ACTS:** Contact Steve Van Slambrouck, 602-5950.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Meets second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Contact Timo Zepeda, Grand Knight, 410-7647.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Meets second Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS:** Meets third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Contact Mary Jane Garza, 210-843-2190.

**GUADALUPANOS:** Meets second Monday of every month in the church cry room from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Alma Castillo, 659-0056.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Meets Wednesdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Contact Steve Van Slambrouck, 602-5950.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Meets Thursdays 6:30-8:00 p.m. Contact Annette Winfield 885-0861

**REGISTRATION FORMS:** Located in parish office or next to the bulletin board inside of the church.

**HALL RENTAL:** Contact Leroy Kruse at 560-5375.

**BULLETIN:** Submit notices by 12:00 noon on Monday prior to issue.

**YOUNG AT HEART GROUP:** Meets second Thursday of the month. Call Adalene at 658-6934 for more information.

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP:** (Spanish) Meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel.

**FAMILY OF THE ROSARY** (bilingual) Meet last Tuesday of Month in church cry room 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. contact Carmenza Barrios, 210-724-8660.

**Office Hours: 9:00 to 5:00, M-F**  
**St. Vincent De Paul: 658-8791**

**Parish: 658-3816**  
**Religious Ed: 658-7920**

**Fax: 566-3821**  
**School: 658-6701**



# Mass Intentions for the Week

- Mon 8/29 8:15 A.M. † Christopher Garza
- Tues 8/30 8:15 A.M. † Michael Camargo
- Wed 8/31 8:15 A.M. † Antonio Carrillo
- Thurs 9/1 8:15 A.M. Ivonne Zamuda = SI  
Alan Pague = B
- Fri 9/2 8:15 A.M. Rose Marie O'Connor = SI
- Sat 9/3 9:30 A.M. † Souls in purgatory  
† Arnold W. Koch  
5:30 P.M. † Mary Garza
- Sun 9/4 7:30 A.M. Active/Retired Priests = SI  
9:00 A.M. L&D Adolph/Mary Schumann/Scheel  
Ralph/Edna Diaz = SI  
11:00 A.M. † Lila Torres  
1:00 P.M. † Lorenza Gutierrez  
† Antonia Lucatero  
5:00 P.M. † Eric Aaron  
† Souls in Purgatory  
7:00 P.M. Betzy Torres = B

† = Deceased A = Anniv B = Birthday  
SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased  
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## NEW LIFE TEEN PROGRAM

Come join us on Sunday, September 18 as we kick off our Life Teen program! All high school students are invited (parents you can tag along to see what it's all about) Jump start this amazing spiritual journey by attending the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass, and continue with the Life Teen event from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in Steubben Hall (parish hall). All students who are planning to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation must attend Life Teen sessions. For more information, contact Jan Van Slambrouck (210) 416-2018 or [Jan@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:Jan@saintmonicaconverse.net).

## NEED SOMETHING TO DO ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS?

Would you like to join a group that helps mold the future of our church – and has fun doing it?! Our Religious Education Center is in need of volunteers to help with Wednesday evening classes – teachers, assistants and office help. We are also in need of someone who could volunteer to help with paperwork for children making sacraments. All that is required is a loving heart, dedication and a willingness to share God's word. If interested in joining, please contact Jan Van Slambrouck at (210) 416-2018 or [Jan@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:Jan@saintmonicaconverse.net). **FAIR WARNING: BEING PART OF THIS GROUP CAN BE QUITE ADDICTIVE AND PRODUCE A WARM, FUZZY FEELING!**



## SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week's Sanctuary Candle will burn in loving memory of  
*Luis Malagon*



## 40 HOURS OF ADORATION

Please join us on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. 40 Hours of Adoration will run through Saturday, September 3 and end with Mass at 9:30 a.m.

PLEASE HELP US RE-STOCK THE FOOD PANTRY  
The food pantry is running low of the following staples: canned Tuna/Chicken, Pancake Mix, Chicken Broth, canned and dried Beans. Please bring your donation to the church foyer and place in designated box.



The altar flowers were donated by *Elvira and Faustino Gomez* in celebration of their 58<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

## ADULT CATHECHISM CLASSES

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is our parish program for any adult wishing to become Catholic. RCIA is also for those baptized Catholic adults who have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. These sessions will begin on Sunday, September 11, 2016 in the Bauman Room of the parish hall from 10:00am -12 Noon. There is a \$20.00 fee for class materials. Call Paul Cassetta at (210) 343-9655 to register. The **Spanish RCIA** classes will begin Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall after the 1 p.m. Spanish Mass. You will find green forms by the bulletin board with more information or you may call Sr. Esperanza Buitron at (210) 659-4242.



## VENDORS NEEDED FOR ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Catholic Daughters of the Americas invites vendors to their 2016 fall Arts & Crafts Show on Saturday, October 22nd. Contact Contact: Herlinda Garcia 210-658-0062 for more information.

WE WILL **NOT HAVE A LATIN MASS** FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>.



## TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Saturday Mass in September will be September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Mass. Rosary at 9 a.m

### WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Everyone is invited to upcoming presentations about the Parish Renovation Project. There will be two in English on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> after the 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Masses and one in Spanish on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> after the 1 p.m. Mass. These discussions will be held in the Knights of Columbus Hall located across the church office. All are welcome to come view the updated design concepts and hear more about the Parish Renovation Project. We encourage everyone to come see the progress that has been made for the newly updated design and to learn about the Capital Campaign. More info can be found at: [www.saintmonicaconverse.net/parishrenovation](http://www.saintmonicaconverse.net/parishrenovation).

### MAKE THE JOURNEY OF FAITH AS A FAMILY

The Family of Families ministry begins meeting evenings on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the same time as Religious Education Classes for grades Kindergarten thru 8<sup>th</sup>. This ministry is open to family members supporting the children and youth in our religious education programs particularly those preparing to celebrate Sacraments for the first time. The first two weeks they will meet outdoors between the church and school. The ministry will then meet in the school cafeteria following those first weeks. For more information, you may call Annette Winfield at (210) 885-0861.

### DO YOU WISH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH?

You will have an opportunity by attending Monday night classes in Spanish with Sr. Esperanza Buitron. Classes begin Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. They will be held in the parish hall located behind the church. Classes will run through Monday, May 22, 2017. If you complete the courses, you will be certified as a Catechist Level 1 useful for teaching. You may call Sr. Esperanza Buitron to register at (210) 659-4242. Yellow forms of information are by bulletin board in church.



*Tithes and offerings*

### COLLECTIONS REPORT

Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>; \$11,482.65  
Capital Campaign (Building Fund) for August: \$7,719.50



*From Padre Alejandro's Desk*

Jesus' parable of the guests invited to the marriage feast probes our motives for seeking honor and position. Self-promotion is most often achieved at the expense of others! Jesus' parable reinforces the teaching of Proverbs: *Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of the prince.*

What is true humility and why should we make it a characteristic mark of our life and action? True humility is not feeling bad about yourself, or having a low opinion of yourself, or thinking of yourself as inferior to others. True humility frees us from preoccupation with ourselves, whereas a low self-opinion tends to focus our attention on ourselves. Humility is truth in self-understanding and truth in action. Viewing ourselves truthfully, with sober judgment, means seeing ourselves the way God sees us. A humble person makes a realistic assessment of himself or herself without illusion or pretense to be something he or she is not. The humble regard themselves neither smaller nor larger than they truly are.

True humility frees us to be our true selves and to avoid despair and pride. A humble person does not have to wear a mask or put on a facade in order to look good to others, especially to those who are not really familiar with that person. The humble are not swayed by accidentals, such as fame, reputation, success, or failure.

Humility is the queen or foundation of all the other virtues because it enables us to view and judge ourselves correctly, the way God sees us. Humility leads to true self-knowledge, honesty, realism, strength, and dedication to give ourselves to something greater than ourselves. Humility frees us to love and serve others selflessly, for their sake, rather than our own. Paul the Apostles, gives us the greatest example and model of humility in the person of Jesus Christ, who *emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, ...who humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.* The Lord Jesus gives grace to those who seek him humbly.





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