



# ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**The Mission of St. Monica is to build a welcoming community  
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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 8/15 8:15 A.M.** ✠ Mike Flanagan  
**Tues 8/16 8:15 A.M.** ✠ Caleb Velazquez  
**Wed 8/17 8:15 A.M.** Michael Say = B  
✠ Wilfred Samuda  
✠ Donald Hays  
**Thurs 8/18 8:15 A.M.** ✠ Eduviges y Juan Hernandez  
Linda Kibbe = SI  
**Fri 8/19 8:15 A.M.** Lorraine/Mike Say = 50A  
Jason Krug = SI  
**Sat 8/20 5:30 P.M.** ✠ Souls in purgatory  
✠ Larry/Ilene McCarthy  
**Sun 8/21 7:30 A.M.** ✠ Rafael/Maria Zuluaga  
**9:00 A.M.** ✠ Guadalupe Garcia  
✠ Donald Hays  
✠ Alicia Cardenas Rapanotti  
**11:00 A.M.** Orlando/Evelyn Martinez = SI  
**1:00 P.M.** Zair Hernandez = B  
Tony/Alma Castillo = SI  
✠ Lorenza Gutierrez  
✠ Jesus Nuno  
**5:00 P.M.** Monica & Brandon Peck = SI  
**7:00 P.M.** Patricia Sadler = SI  
✠ Pedro Hernandez Sanchez

✠ = Deceased A = Anniv B = Birthday  
SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased

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### SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week's Sanctuary Candle will burn  
in loving memory of  
**Soledad Hernandez**



COME SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS  
Next Holy Hour is August 18 at 7 p.m.  
Invite your family and friends.

### 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.

### SUNDAY'S COLLECTION REPORT:

Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> ; \$12,321.50 Building Fund: \$20  
Sunday, Aug 7<sup>th</sup> ; \$13,267.00 Building Fund: \$20



**CONFESSIONS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR WEDNESDAY EVENINGS THE MONTH OF AUGUST. THEY WILL RESUME WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION (CYO) SPORTS  
Come out and register your child with our CYO. Registration for all sports for the ages 3 to 12. Last day to register is **Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>** for: Soccer, Volleyball and Flag Football and these are the dates for the following:  
Basketball Oct 1 – Oct 30  
Track Jan 2 – Jan 29, 2017  
Baseball, Softball & Tee ball Feb 1 – Feb 26, 2017  
For registration online [saintmonicaconverse.net/cyo](http://saintmonicaconverse.net/cyo) or email: [stmonicacyoconverse@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicacyoconverse@gmail.com)/ 978-328-4644

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

FINAL REGISTRATION IS MONDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Registration forms are by bulletin board in church. Any questions, contact the Religious Education office at 658-7920 or [Jan@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:Jan@saintmonicaconverse.net)

### ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This is the oldest feast of our Lady that celebrates her being taken up body and soul into heaven. It is not a holy day of obligation; nonetheless, we encourage all of you to come to the Masses we will have on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. (bilingual) Both Masses will be preceded by the Rosary at 7:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

### ST. MONICA'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

We will begin the celebration of our patron saint Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. with a special Holy Hour and Reflection of the Life of St. Monica. Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> we will serve Bill Miller's barbeque plates in the parish hall at 6 p.m. Barbeque tickets will not be sold that evening. You can buy your ticket for \$10 after Mass this weekend. The evening will continue with a free concert outside with music by our very own, Britt Mitchell and his band; Britt is the music minister for the 5 p.m. Sunday Mass. The night will end with dancing from 9 to 11 p.m. in the parish hall with DJ Herrera. Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. the celebration concludes with a Mass to celebrate our patron Saint's Feast Day.

**PRAY FOR OUR NATION; 54 DAY ROSARY NOVENA**



## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This is the official endorsement of “Novena for Our Nation” by his Eminence, Cardinal Raymond Burke:

“There is no doubt that our beloved nation is in one of the worst crises which it has ever experienced, a profound moral crisis which generates division on all levels and results in an ever-greater more pervasive violence and killing. For Roman Catholics, who have always been known for their faith-filled patriotism, the first response to this crisis is fervent prayer and, in particular, prayer through the intercession of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Mary Immaculate who is also the patroness of our nation.

One of the most powerful prayers which is ours in the Church is, in fact, the Holy Rosary. I think, for instance, of the Battle of Lepanto and the victory which was won on October 7, 1571, over the Saracens who were bent on conquering Christian Europe. Let us now turn to the powerful prayer of the Holy Rosary, asking Mary Immaculate to intercede with Our Lord to bring healing to our nation and to inspire in her citizens the holiness of life which alone can transform our nation.

I wholeheartedly endorse the Novena for Our Nation (*starting August 15<sup>th</sup>*) and the Rosary Rally on October 7<sup>th</sup> next, 445<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Lepanto. I urge as many as are able to participate in these great spiritual works for the sake of our entire nation. In a special way, as the spiritual advisor to the Holy League, I urge all members of the Holy League to give strong leadership in this great campaign of prayer of our nation.”

With the assumption of Mary into heaven, She is presented to us as a model of faith and hope for us. And she is among "the first-fruits" of "all those who belong to Jesus" and who share in his triumph. There is a venerable tradition dating back to the early church which marks Mary's "falling asleep" (called the Feast of Dormition in many Eastern churches) and her heavenly birthday when she was received into heaven. Her reception into heaven is seen as a sign to all believing Christians of the promise Jesus made that we too would be received into paradise. At the last supper Jesus told his disciples that he would prepare a place for them in his Father's house. "And when I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also".

What enabled Mary to grow in faith and to persevere in hope in the face of obstacles and trials? The Gospel of Luke reveals the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in Mary's life. When Elizabeth and Mary greeted one another they were filled with the Holy Spirit and with a joyful anticipation of the fulfillment of God's promise to give a Savior. John the Baptist, even before the birth of the Messiah, pointed to his coming and leapt for joy in the womb of his mother as the Holy Spirit revealed to him the presence of the Anointed King in the womb of Mary.

The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us to enable us to know and experience the indwelling presence of God and the power of his kingdom. The Holy Spirit is the way in which God reigns within each of us. Mary accepted her mission with uncompromising faith and obedience. She acted with unwavering trust and faith because she believed that God would fulfill the word he had spoken. Her great hymn of praise echoes the song of Hannah (see 1 Samuel 2:1-10) and proclaims the favor of the Lord: *God exalts the lowly and he fills the hungry.*

The Holy Spirit is ever ready to renew your faith and hope in God's promises and to make you strong in love for God and your neighbor. Do you live in the joy and confidence of God's indwelling presence with you through his Holy Spirit?

Yours in Christ  
Padre Alejandro

*From Padre Alejandro's Desk*





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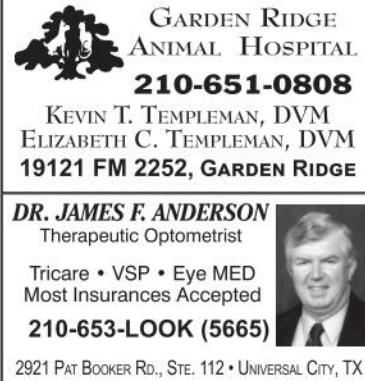
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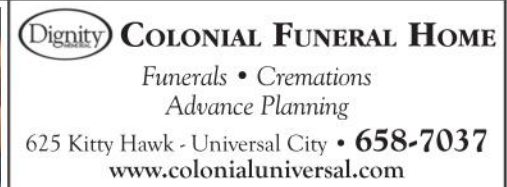
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