



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

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.

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 8/8 8:15 A.M. † Edward Matthews
† Mary Ann Colley
Tues 8/9 8:15 A.M. † Souls in purgatory
Wed 8/10 8:15 A.M. † Rosalino Villaflores
Thurs 8/11 8:15 A.M. St. Philomena Feast Day
Fri 8/12 8:15 A.M. † Nicolas Sanchez, Jr.
Sat 8/13 5:30 P.M. J.T. Waggoner & Fam = SI
† Frank Graham
Sun 8/14 7:30 A.M. Shawn/Carmen Kirby = SI
9:00 A.M. † Jose G. Garcia
† Henrietta Manzano
11:00 A.M. † Rafael Lopez
† Jack Nixon
1:00 P.M. Honor of St. Jude = SI
† Richard Flores
5:00 P.M. The Martinez Family = SI
7:00 P.M. Mario Alvarez y Fam = SI
† Lorenza Gutierrez

† = Deceased A = Anniv B = Birthday

SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased



SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week's Sanctuary Candle will burn
in loving memory of **Julia Pacheco**



COME SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS
Next Holy Hour is August 11 at 7 p.m.
Invite your family and friends.

**CONFESSIONS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS THE MONTH OF AUGUST.**

CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION (CYO) SPORTS
Come out and register your child with our CYO. Registration
for all sports for the ages 3 to 12.

Soccer July 18 - August 21
Volleyball July 18 - August 21
Flag Football July 18 - August 21
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 For more
information email: stmonicacyoconverse@gmail.com/ 978-
328-4644



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

It's time to register for the 2016-2017 religious education
classes. These classes are for all students who attend public
school for grades Kindergarten and up. Classes for
Kindergarten thru 8th grade will continue to be held on
Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Note: For High
School, LIFE TEEN will begin in September and will be
held on Sunday evenings.** Registration forms can also be
obtained in the church under the bulletin board or at the
Pastoral Center Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is
a maximum amount of students for each class. **FINAL
REGISTRATION IS MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016.** Any
questions, contact the Religious Education office at 658-7920
or 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 15th 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 IS COMING UP!

We welcome all of our parish family to our saint's feast day
celebrations. We'll begin by having a special Holy Hour on
Thursday, August 25th at 7 p.m. where we'll reflect on St.
Monica's life and spirituality. Friday, August 26th a barbeque
dinner will be served in the parish hall from 6 to 7 p.m. The
fun will continue with an outdoor concert featuring Britt
Mitchell and his friends on stage behind the parish hall. Bring
your lawn chairs, blankets, canopies and shades. The night
will come to an end with dancing from 9 to 11 p.m. in the
parish hall. DJ Herrera will keep our feet moving with a
variety of music for all tastes. Our saint's feast day
celebration will conclude with Mass on Saturday, August 27th
at 10 a.m. All parish ministries, groups and parishioners are
encouraged to attend this very special Mass as a community
of faith to ask St. Monica to intercede for our prayer
intentions.

FROM PADRE ALEJANDRO'S DESK

The Lord Jesus promises that those who seek God and his kingdom first will not be disappointed. The Lord Jesus offers us the greatest treasure possible, but we must first seek it and make it our true joy and possession above all else. We naturally want to have and keep whatever we think will bring us happiness, peace, and security. Jesus offers a priceless treasure and source of abundant joy and security that is worth selling all else

Jesus tells his followers to not be fearful or anxious about their present lives and future security. He urges them to sell their possessions and to give their money to those who need it most, especially those who have nothing to provide for their present needs and welfare. This seems to go against our natural instinct to hoard and save for the future. Why would anyone want to sell their possessions and give away their money, unless they wanted to exchange these goods for something far more precious and of greater value than all the money and possessions they could ever hope to acquire in this present life.

Jesus warns that money and possessions will not last and can be taken away at any moment by a thief or by death itself. But there is one treasure which can never be lost or destroyed because it is kept secure by God himself. What is that treasure? It is the Lord himself and his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. This treasure is worth far more than anything we could possibly acquire on our own. If you make the Lord your treasure, then you will have in your possession the greatest source of joy and lasting peace and security. The wisdom of Scripture tells us, *If the Almighty is your gold and your precious silver, then you will delight yourself in the Almighty, and will turn your face toward God.*

What is the meaning of the parable of the master who returns from a wedding feast to his home in the middle of the night? The door to one's house in the ancient world was usually bolted from the inside, especially at night to keep out thieves and troublemakers. It was not possible to enter from the outside without help from someone inside. Household attendants who knew their master's voice were expected to be always vigilant and prepared to unbolt the door and let him in without a moment's delay. This required an attentive watchfulness and listening ear for any sign of the master's approach. No distraction, not even sleep, could be allowed to interfere with the preparation for the master's return. If the servants failed to hear the voice of their master's return, they literally shut him out since he could not unbolt the door from the outside, only they could open the door from within and allow him to enter. Their failure to welcome and serve the master on his return brought shame and dishonor.

If the Lord Jesus knocked on your door today would you be ready and eager to receive him? He wants us to be prepared for his coming - today, tomorrow, at the hour of our departure from this life, and when He comes again at the end of this present world to judge all living and dead. The Lord will reward those who have believed in him. The Lord Jesus knocks on the door of our heart each and every day. Do we listen to his word and receive it with trust and joy. The Lord calls to each of us and he says, "Listen! I am standing and knocking at your door. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and we will eat together".

Jesus' parable adds an unexpected reward for those who have patiently and faithfully waited for his return. When the master reaches home from the wedding feast at a late hour of the night, he does the unthinkable for his servants who are present to welcome him. He seats his servants at his own banquet table, and then begins to personally wait on them and serve them with a rich feast of choice food and drink as a reward for their faithfulness to him. Jesus' parable turns the world's way of thinking upside-down. The master rewards his faithful servants by serving them himself with the best he has to offer, a royal feast fit for a king and his loyal subjects.

Jesus' parable has an important lesson for each one of us. Just as Jesus was faithful and ready to obey his Father in everything, even to the point of laying down his life on the cross for us, we, too are called to be faithful and obedient to the Lord's will for our lives. How can we grow in faithfulness and obedience to the Lord? The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit who frees us from pride and fear, so we can hear the Lord and embrace his way of love and faithfulness. If we fail, the Lord will not fail us. He gives strength to the weak and to those who turn to him with trust in his mercy and help. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill you with his Holy Spirit and with a holy desire to seek the Lord and his kingdom first above all else.

La Paz de Cristo
Padre Alejandro

Sorry, but the Sunday collections report was not available by the time bulletin sent for printing. We will have full report in August 14's bulletin. Thank you for understanding.



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