



# ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

#### STAFF

Pastor	Fr. Alejandro Del Bosque, ext. 241
Parochial Vicar	Fr. Mauricio Lopez, ext. 238
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Pastoral Secretary	Mrs. Jackie Cantú, ext. 237
Dir. of Religious Ed.	Mrs. Janice Van Slambrouck, ext. 244
Business Manager	Mrs. Mary Howard, ext. 235
Housekeeper	Mrs. Limbania Reyes
RCIA Director	Mr. Paul Cassetta

#### 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 Paul Cassetta at 343-9655 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, *Michelle Hernandez, Music Minister, after 5 p.m. call (210) 215-0811*. 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**

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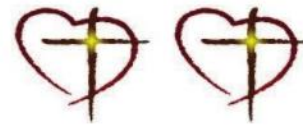
## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Mon 11/7 8:15 A.M.** † Carmen Rodriguez  
† Luis Flores  
**Tues 11/8 8:15 A.M.** † Edward Matthews  
**Wed 11/9 8:15 A.M.** † Juan Sanchez  
**Thurs 11/10 8:15 A.M.** Alicia Bottiglieri = B  
Margie Moncada = B  
**Fri 11/11 8:15 A.M.** † Simon Franco  
**Sat 11/12 5:30 P.M.** Valerie Jimenez  
**Sun 11/13 7:30 A.M.** † Samuel/Linda Kirby  
† Michael Camargo  
**9:00 A.M.** † Dominga Lopez  
† Susana Garza  
† Jovita Montforte  
**11:00 A.M.** † Dave Thomas  
**1:00 P.M.** † Daniel Chavez  
† Lorena Gutierrez  
† Fabiola Villa  
† Marta Velasquez  
**5:00 P.M.** † Christian Pearce  
**7:00 P.M.** † Mark Villarreal

† = Deceased A = Anniv B = Birthday

SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased

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In observance of the closing of the Extraordinary Year of Mercy, which will be on November 20th, Christ the King Sunday, St. Monica is organizing a **Pilgrimage to The Basilica of the Little Flower** to take place on Thursday, November 17th. The church will provide limited transportation for about 55 people on one bus from the Kerrville Bus Company. To offset expenses a \$10.00 donation per seat would be welcome. If you prefer to provide your own transportation, the address of The Basilica of the Little Flower is 1715 N. Zarzamora, San Antonio, TX 78201. The bus will depart from the front of the church at 5:45 p.m. If you drive your own vehicle, please arrive at the Basilica by 6:30 p.m. The Mass will begin at 6:45 p.m. You may sign up by going online at [www.saintmonicaconverse.net](http://www.saintmonicaconverse.net), or you can call the church office to reserve a seat. To take full advantage of this beautiful opportunity, we all need to prepare by going to confession in the days prior to the Pilgrimage. Regular confessions are on Wednesday, November 9th at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 12th, at 4:00 p.m.



### SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week's Sanctuary Candle will burn  
in loving memory of  
**Leslie B. Samuda**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS & ALTAR SERVERS**  
We are currently working on the schedule for December through February. Please call or email Jackie Cantu with any changes for the next schedule by Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>!

### SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

October 30<sup>th</sup> : \$10,404.50

Church Renovation Fund: \$7,569.50

This Sunday's second collection is for the Military Services.

### TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

**Altar Servers** are close to the altar as they serve the priest, they carry the cross, the processional candles, hold the book for the priest celebrant when he is not at the altar, present the bread, wine, and water to the priest during the preparation of the gifts or assist him when he receives the gifts from the people. There will be Altar Server Training Tuesday evening, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7:30 p.m in the church for those boys and girls who have made their First Communion and are 8 years or older. If interested, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Jan Van Slambrouck by email [Jan@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:Jan@saintmonicaconverse.net) or 210-658-7920.



The **St. Vincent de Paul** is putting together Christmas baskets for the needy in our area. Please bring the following items to church to put into the donation box: Canned pumpkin or pie mix, French fried onions, chicken broth, canned soups, boxed mashed potato flakes, canned or dry gravy, canned yams, stuffing, Carnation milk canned and paper grocery bags



## THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ACTS NEEDS THEIR CORE!

St. Monica ACTS is looking for members to serve on its Core leadership team. Qualified members must have previously served on at least one retreat team, be a registered parishioner of St. Monica, and not served on Core during the past three years. If you are interested, please contact Tony Canez at 210-857-0789 or Steve Van Slambrouck at 210-602-5950.



**PUT A SMILE ON A NEEDY CHILD AT CHRISTMAS**  
Share your abundance with those less fortunate. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is taking registrations for the *Angel Tree Program*. Applicants must live in the boundaries of

St. Monica's 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 will be required, such as, current utility bill or photo I.D. Children must reside at eligible household location. Last day to register is Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**HELP WARM A NEEDY SOUL**  
The Knights of Columbus is having a Coat Drive to benefit SkyCross Ministries who helps the impoverished families on the border. Please bring your clean and gently used *coats* and *blankets* to put in the drop box in the church foyer the next two weekends. Thank you for your generosity!

### HOMEMADE TACOS THIS SUNDAY

Treat yourself and your family to a mouth watering taco! The Spanish Prayer Group will be selling tacos at ALL Masses Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. All money raised will go towards the Church Renovation Fund! Thank you for your support ☺



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
The Knights of Columbus are very excited to announce that they will begin holding a Pancake Breakfast in the parish hall from 7:30 to 11 a.m. on every second Sunday of the month beginning November 13! Stop by with the family.

Plates are \$4.50 each for adults and \$2.50 for kids under age 13.



### COULD YOU NOT SIT AND WATCH WITH ME FOR ONE HOUR?

What is your excuse for not coming to the next Holy Hour and Adoration? Really, it's not to give you a guilty conscience but just to reexamine your priorities. God wants to be first! The next bilingual Holy Hour is Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

### Bible Study



#### THE BOOK OF SAMUEL 2

The Adult Bible Study Class will resume on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7 p.m. Classes will be held each Monday from 7 – 9 p.m. in the Goertz room. During the coming session we will be studying the Book of 2 Samuel. A 3-ring binder containing a copy of the Book of 2 Samuel in enlarged print will be provided. There is a \$10 pass-through charge for this binder. We will proceed with a careful reading of and commentary on the text at the rate of approximately one chapter each hour. This will be our ninth class since beginning in the spring of 2013. Classes are designed to allow students to determine their own level of participation. Among other things, this means that you will be asked no questions yet enjoy the freedom to ask as many questions as you wish. Please address any inquiries to the class teacher, Chuck Hall, at 210-410-7674.

### WITHOUT PRIESTS, THERE IS NO EUCHARIST

The week of November 6 – 12 is National Vocations Awareness Week. We encourage you to pray for continued vocations into the priesthood, as well as, for deacons, sisters and lay ministers.



### WE INVITE YOU TO SHARE YOUR ABUNDANCE!

The Knights of Columbus will provide turkeys and hams to needy families in our area. We are asking parishioners to bring the following items to the church to help prepare the Thanksgiving Food Baskets:

Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Chicken Stock, Yams & Cranberries, Drink & Cake Mixes, etc. This collection will continue through Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Once again, thank you for your continued support!

### SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday's second collection is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. They help the needy in our parish and surrounding areas.





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