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MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

**RCIA Director** 

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.; 1:00 (Spanish), 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Paul Cassetta

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 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

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

EUCHARIST 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. *Clissie 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.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:} Meets Thursdays 6:30-8:00 p.m. Contact Annette Winfield 885-0861 \end{tabular}$ 

**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.

 $\textbf{YOUNGAT HEART GROUP:} \ \textit{Meets second Thursday of the month.} \ \textit{Call Adalene at 658-6934 for more information.}$ 

**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 Parish: 658-3816
St. Vincent De Paul: 658-8791 Religious Ed: 658-7920

Fax: 566-3821 School: 658-6701

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon 12/12 8:15 A.M. ♥ Carmen Rodriguez
Tues 12/13 8:15 A.M. ♥ Fred Rodriguez

Wed 12/14 8:15 A.M. Mike Wheeler = B

\* Richard Flores

**Thurs 12/15 8:15 A.M.** Craig Anthony Bottiglieri = SI Beverly Samuda = SI

Arnold W. Koch

Fri 12/16 8:15 A.M. T Rafael Villa

Roy Benavides

Sat 12/17 5:30 P.M. Probert Villalobos, Jr.

Ramona Delgado

Sun 12/18 7:30 A.M. Charlie/Edi Wheeler = SI

9:00 A.M. Transcript Carmen Cantu

Souls in purgatory

11:00 A.M. & Ruben Rodriguez

1:00 P.M. & Daniel Chavez

5:00 P.M. & Sandra Padilla

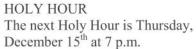
♣ Francisco Ramirez

7:00 P.M. Toe Cantu

SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in loving memory of **Cynthia Villanueva** 





The Knights of Columbus are serving up their hot and delicious Pancake Breakfast in the parish hall from 7:30 to 11 a.m. this Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Stop by with the family. Plates are \$4.50 each for adults and \$2.50 for kids under age 13.



### VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Our Lady of Guadalupe's Feast Day is December 12<sup>th</sup>. The *Vigil Mass, Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>* at 5 p.m.

**Procession** 9 p.m. thru 12 Midnight in the church parking lot. Wear comfortable shoes and warm clothing. Procession will conclude with **Las Mananitas at 12 a.m**. in the parish hall.

Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Masses are 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Spanish

Mass with Matachines Dance.

Las Mananitas at 6 a.m. Breakfast tacos and refreshements for everyone in the parish hall after the morning Masses. Sponsored by The Guadalupanas. Spanish Mass at 7 p.m. will be followed by reception in parish hall.

THERE WILL NOT BE AN 8:15 A.M. MASS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, HOWEVER, THE MORNING MASS WILL BE AT 6:30 A.M. DUE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY.



### GO AHEAD AND INDULGE!

The Catholic Daughters will have a bake sale this weekend after all Masses. Money raised goes towards charities that Catholic Daughters support. Thank you for your contribution.

### LAS POSADAS

We invite the entire parish family to this beautiful Christmas tradition, Las Posadas. It's a re-enactment of Mary and Joseph's search for lodging in Bethlehem, performed by our very own youth. Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. This parish event will need many volunteers to help make it enjoyable and memorable! We are looking for:

- Team members to put together and lead the Posada planning efforts.
- Volunteers to bring cookies, pastries, make hot chocolate and/or perhaps even donate other foods (buñuelos or tamales).
- Donors of piñatas and candies. Please contact Bertha at 210-862-5549 or berthacastellanos4@gmail.com for questions, to donate or to volunteer.

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve: 3 p.m., 5 p.m. Children's Mass, 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. bilingual Mass Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. Spanish; 7 p.m. Spanish



PARTY CLOSE TO HOME! Ring in the New Year at St. Monica's New Year's Eve Party Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> in the school cafeteria. The committee does such a good job with the decorations, food and music that you won't need to go elsewhere to enjoy an extravagant and unforgettable evening! Party from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Dinner is served from

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. More details to come in future bulletins.

ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS OF THE MASS Please sign up for special Masses coming up with Our Lady of Guadalupe, Christmas and Mary Mother of God. Very few have signed up. The sign-up sheets are in the chapel or you may sign up on line.

Sunday collection: \$13,020.50 Capital Campaign: \$5,534.50



Our Advent Penance Service will be Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. There will be several priests assisting with confessions including those who speak Spanish.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

There will be classes held at the regular time of 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the following dates:
December 7 and 14
NO CLASSES ON THE DATES:
December 21 and December 28 and January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017
CLASSES RESUME: January 11, 2017

### OFFICE CLOSURES

Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> for Christmas.



### ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE BACK SOON

We want to thank all of those who participated in the Angel Tree gift program. We ask that you bring back the gift by Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> to the church foyer. It must be wrapped and with the label securely taped to the gift to ensure that it will get delivered to the right child and family  $\odot$ 

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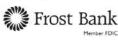
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