



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.**

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Pastor	Fr. Alejandro Del Bosque, ext. 241
Parochial Vicar	Fr. Mauricio Lopez, ext. 238
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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	Mr. Paul Cassetta

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 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

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. ☩ Rafael Villa
☩ Roy Benavides
Sat 12/17 5:30 P.M. ☩ Robert Villalobos, Jr.
☩ Ramona Delgado
Sun 12/18 7:30 A.M. Charlie/Edi Wheeler = SI
9:00 A.M. ☩ 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. ☩ Joe Cantu

SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased



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HOLY HOUR
The next Holy Hour is Thursday,
December 15th at 7 p.m.



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 11th. 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 12th. The *Vigil*
Mass, Sunday, December 11th 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 12th. Masses
are 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Spanish

Mass with Matachines Dance.

Las Mananitas at 6 a.m. Breakfast tacos and
refreshments 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 12TH, 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 18th 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 24th Christmas Eve :
3 p.m., 5 p.m. Children's Mass, 7 p.m. and
11 p.m. bilingual Mass

Sunday, December 25th 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 31st
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 21st 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 4th, 2017

CLASSES RESUME: January 11, 2017

OFFICE CLOSURES

Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th 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 18th 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 ☺



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