

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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MASSES

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| 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 10/31 8:15 A.M.** † Raymond Aguilar
5:30 P.M. † John Greenwood
- Tues 11/1 8:15 A.M.** † Arnold W. Koch
† Elgin/Genny Schaefer
7:00 P.M. † Elvira Molinar
† Christopher Tufino
- Wed 11/2 8:15 A.M.** Mike Wheeler = SI
† Johnny Campos
7:00 P.M. † John Bacak
† Maria Flores
- Thurs 11/3 8:15 A.M.** † Carlito Pineda
† Maria de los Angeles Trillo
- Fri 11/4 8:15 A.M.** † Rose Lauer
Rose Marie O'Connor = SI
7:00 P.M. † Reynaldo Cortez
- Sat 11/5 9:30 A.M.** † Jesus y Maria Rosa Trillo
5:30 P.M. † Scott Case
- Sun 11/6 7:30 A.M.** † Billy R. Payton
† Alfred Hernandez
9:00 A.M. † Maria Gallagher
Melissa Cortez = B
11:00 A.M. † Raul Trevino
1:00 P.M. † Jesus Andrade
† Fabiola Velasquez
5:00 P.M. † Henry Presz
7:00 P.M. † Lorenza Gutierrez
† Pedro Matias

† = 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
Luis Marco Izquierdo



MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIBERS

The November issue of the Magnificat will be
distributed after all Masses this weekend

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

October 23rd: \$10,369.15
World Mission: \$2,013.00
Church Renovation Fund: \$2,787.50



The Altar Flowers were donated by
Sandra Lyssy in loving memory of
Ben Lyssy and Gertrude Prukop

For All Souls Day, the Mass (bilingual) with the candles for the
faithful departed will be Wednesday, November 2nd at
7 p.m.

All Saints' Day, celebrated on November 1st, is a Holy Day of
obligation. Masses are Monday, October 31st at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday,
November 1st 8:15 a.m., 12 Noon and 7 p.m. Mass (bilingual).

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 2nd.

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!

40 HOURS OF ADORATION

Next Thursday, November 3rd at 7 p.m. and concludes Saturday,
November 5th with First Saturday Mass at 9:30 a.m.
Please sign up with Christian Zunino, Holy Hour Coordinator, by
calling (210) 725-4908.

LATIN MASS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH 7 P.M.

Confessions at 6 p.m.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

Saturday, November 5th at 9:30 A.M.

PLEASE NOTE IN YOUR CALENDAR!

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, November 1st in
observance of All Saints Day.

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



What would you do if Jesus knocked on your door and said, "I must stay at your home today"? Would you be excited or embarrassed? Jesus often "dropped-in" at unexpected times and he often visited the "uninvited" - the poor, the lame, and even public sinners like Zacchaeus, the tax collector! Tax collectors were despised and treated as outcasts, no doubt because they over-charged people and accumulated great wealth at the expense of others.

Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector and was much hated by all the people. Why would Jesus single him out for the honor of staying at his home? Zacchaeus needed God's merciful love and forgiveness. In his encounter with Jesus, he found more than he imagined possible. He shows the depth of his repentance by deciding to give half of his goods to the poor and to use the other half for making restitution for fraud. Zacchaeus' testimony included more than words. His change of heart resulted in a change of life, a change that the whole community could experience as genuine.

Saint Augustine of Hippo urges us to climb the sycamore tree like Zacchaeus that we might see Jesus and embrace his cross for our lives:

Zacchaeus climbed away from the crowd and saw Jesus without the crowd getting in his way. The crowd laughs at the lowly, to people walking the way of humility, who leave the wrongs they suffer in God's hands and do not insist on getting back at their enemies. The crowd laughs at the lowly and says, 'You helpless, miserable clod, you cannot even stick up for yourself and get back what is your own.' The crowd gets in the way and prevents Jesus from being seen. The crowd boasts and crows when it is able to get back what it owns. It blocks the sight of the one who said as he hung on the cross, 'Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing... He ignored the crowd that was getting in his way. He instead climbed a sycamore tree, a tree of 'silly fruit.' As the apostle says, 'We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block indeed to the Jews, [now notice the sycamore] but folly to the Gentiles.' Finally, the wise people of this world laugh at us about the cross of Christ and say, "What sort of minds do you people have, who worship a crucified God?" What sort of minds do we

have? They are certainly not your kind of mind. 'The wisdom of this world is folly with God.' No, we do not have your kind of mind. You call our minds foolish. Say what you like, but for our part, let us climb the sycamore tree and see Jesus. The reason you cannot see Jesus is that you are ashamed to climb the sycamore tree.

Let Zacchaeus grasp the sycamore tree, and let the humble person climb the cross. That is little enough, merely to climb it. We must not be ashamed of the cross of Christ, but we must fix it on our foreheads, where the seat of shame is. Above where all our blushes show is the place we must firmly fix that for which we should never blush. As for you, I rather think you make fun of the sycamore, and yet that is what has enabled me to see Jesus. You make fun of the sycamore, because you are just a person, but 'the foolishness of God is wiser than men.'

The Lord Jesus is always ready to make his home with each one of us. Do you make room for him in your heart and in every area of your life?

"Lord Jesus, come and stay with me. Fill my life with your peace, my home with your presence, and my heart with your praise. Help me to show kindness, mercy, and goodness to all, even to those who cause me ill-will or harm."

HOMEMADE TACOS NEXT SUNDAY

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

DO YOU WANT TO BE A FISHER OF MEN?

The weekend of November 5th / 6th we will be distributing materials from the Office of Vocations . Vocations week is November 6 – 12, 2016.

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 14th!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INVITES YOUR FAMILY ☺

Sunday Movie in the parish hall October 30th. Doors open at 2 p.m. and movie begins at 2:30 p.m. It's free including popcorn and refreshments. PUMPKIN PATCH Monday, October 31st; take a picture for a small fee to put in your Memory Album while helping raise money for the Church Renovation Project!



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