

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

Saturday Vigil:	5:30 p.m.
Sunday:	7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.; 1:00 (Spanish), 5:00 p.m.
Weekdays:	7:00 p.m. (Spanish) 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, 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 10/10 8:15 A.M.** L&D Adolph/Mary Schumann Scheel
✠ Amelia Torres
- Tues 10/11 8:15 A.M.** ✠ Claudia Montoya
- Wed 10/12 8:15 A.M.** ✠ Chester & Family
- Thurs 10/13 8:15 A.M.** Felix Esparza = SI
- Fri 10/14 8:15 A.M.** ✠ Richard Flores
- Sat 10/15 5:30 P.M.** ✠ James/Linda Mollicone
Alicia Arroyo Johnson = SI
- Sun 10/16 7:30 A.M.** ✠ Grace Ingraham
✠ Eric Aaron
9:00 A.M. ✠ Jose Rodriguez
✠ Carmen Cantu
11:00 A.M. Richard/Bernice Gonzales = SI
1:00 P.M. ✠ Lorenza Gutierrez
✠ Angel Gamez
✠ Sergio Macedo
Sofia Pacheco = B
5:00 P.M. St. Monica Parishioners = SI
7:00 P.M. ✠ Claudia Montoya

✠ = Deceased A = Anniv B = Birthday
SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased

OCTOBER MONTH OF ROSARY

The Rosary will be recited before all Sunday Masses for the whole month of October.



OUR BLESSED MOTHER & HOLY HOUR
Help us honor Our Lady of Fatima on Thursday, October 13th at the next bilingual Holy Hour and Benediction at 7 p.m. Fr. Mauricio Lopez will lead the Holy Hour.



GIVE IN TO TEMPTATION!
Stop by the Guadalupe's Bake Sale after all Masses the weekend of October 15th/ 16th. There will be a variety of baked goods to satisfy any craving.

PUMPKIN PATCH

Hey, it's that time again! The parish will have a pumpkin patch from October 15th thru October 31st. Last year we raised \$4,700 for the parish building fund! You may sign up to volunteer by going to parish website: www.saintmonicaconverse.net. Thank you for contributing to the parish building fund!



SANCTUARY CANDLE
This week's Sanctuary Candle will burn in loving memory of
Antonia Flores

LECTORS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, SACRISTANS, USHERS & HOMEBOUND MINISTERS:

You don't want to miss this opportunity for spiritual renewal! Join us for a spiritual retreat Saturday, October 15th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Guest speaker will be Sr. Guadalupe Ramirez, from the Mexican American Catholic College where she serves as Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology. Sr. Guadalupe Ramirez holds a B.A. in Religious Studies from Our Lady of the Lake University San Antonio and an M.A. in Religious Studies from the University of Incarnate Word San Antonio. In 2013, she received her Doctor of Ministry degree in adult spiritual formation from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.



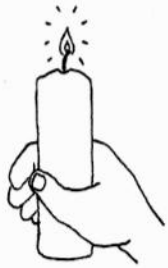
The Catholic Daughters of America are having their annual Arts and Crafts Fair Saturday, October 22nd from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be indoor and outdoor booths filled with everything imaginable especially for Christmas gifts! There will be fun activities for the kids, a Pumpkin Patch, food and refreshments. So come out for some shopping and fun with the family ☺ Held in the school cafeteria!

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WORLD YOUTH DAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

The world's youth was celebrated in Krakow, Poland this year. It is celebrated every three years and was initially established by Pope John Paul II in 1985. On Sunday, October 23rd, we invite everyone to honor and celebrate our youth by experiencing the ***Living Outdoor Rosary*** (bilingual) after the 5 p.m. Youth Mass



FAITHFUL DEPARTED REMEMBERED

For All Souls Day, the Mass (bilingual) with the candles for the faithful departed will be Wednesday, November 2nd at 7 p.m. If you would like to have the names of your loved ones memorialized at the altar, please complete the envelopes located under the bulletin board in back of church and place them in the collection basket.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Saints' Day is a holy day of obligation in the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. The Masses for All Saints Day will be celebrated on Monday, October 31st at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 1st at 8:15 a.m., 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. bilingual Mass.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday, the second collection will be for Hope for the Future. The money collected goes directly to supporting tuition assistance scholarships to families who cannot fully afford the cost of a Catholic school education. Thank you for your donation.

Second collection this Sunday is for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This organization helps the needy in and around the surrounding areas of your parish.



SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT
Sunday, October 2nd ; \$ 19,071.50
Capital Campaign: \$ 2,457.51

DON'T REACH FOR THE YELLOW PAGES!

The next time you need to have your air conditioner serviced, your car repaired, or your home's foundation repaired, look no further than the back of the church's bulletin. The advertisements from these businesses pay for the production of our weekly bulletins. We thank all of our sponsors.



IT'S TIME TO CHALLENGE YOURSELF!

St. Monica' ACTS invites everyone to participate in the 2nd Annual Spirit Run 5K Run & Walk on Oct 29, 2016. This year's event will be at beautiful Crescent Bend Nature Park in Cibolo. This will be a fun morning to get moving, share laughs, and enjoy nature. The Spirit Run is held

around All Souls Day so that we can run or walk in memory of lost loved ones. Contact Tony Canez at 210-857-0789 for more info. Details can be found at www.saintmonicaconverse.net/acts.

THE CURE FOR YOUR LUKEWARMNESS!

Archbishop Gustavo is inviting us to join him at assembly 2016 on Saturday, November 5th at St. Mary's University, to experience a life-changing encounter with our Lord and one another. Registration forms are on the archdiocesan website. www.archsa.org. For being a member of the parish, you will pay only \$25.

COME SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

Saturday, October 15th, there will be a Casino Night at Retama Park Raceway from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. This is a fundraiser that will benefit local law enforcement. Come try your luck! Call Bob for ticket information (210) 352-0917.



TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTHCARE!

Tuesday, October 25th in the parish hall from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., we will be offering 8 ultrasound screenings for an affordable price. You may call (281) 616-9192 to schedule with Rightway Imaging.



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