



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
Deacon	Jacques Abat
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Secretary	Mrs. Sofia Flores, ext. 240
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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, 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 9/26 8:15 A.M. ✠ Deyanira Maguire
Tues 9/27 8:15 A.M. ✠ Ceeryn Catangal
Wed 9/28 8:15 A.M. ✠ Lupe Rodriguez
Thurs 9/29 8:15 A.M. Miguel Angel Gomez
Dorien Jerome = SI
Catherine B. = B
Fri 9/30 8:15 A.M. Jackie Cantu = B
Sat 10/1
5:30 P.M. ✠ Jose G. Garcia
✠ Henrietta Manzano
Sun 10/2 7:30 A.M. ✠ Virginia/John Bennett
✠ Henry Presz
9:00 A.M. ✠ Angelita Castilleja
✠ Martha Irene Ortiz
11:00 A.M. John Yelverton & Fam = SI
1:00 P.M. ✠ Lorenza Gutierrez
✠ Maria del Carmen Coronado
Teresa Hernandez = B
5:00 P.M. Feast of Guardian Angel = SI
7:00 P.M. ✠ Fernando Roman

✠ = 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
Albert W. & Rupert Samuda



The St. Vincent de Paul pantry is in
need of rice in boxes or bags and
boxed stuffing and/or potatoes. You
may place your donation in the box in
the church foyer. Sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus.

YOUNG AT HEART

Our Coordinator of Events, Adalene Marquart, has submitted
notice of her resignation from that position. Adalene has
tirelessly served the Senior Community of St. Monica's Parish
for eight years. We have enjoyed game playing, speakers,
visiting churches within the Archdiocese and other places of
interest, plus many delicious potluck luncheons. We are
hoping that one of our spirit filled parishioners will come
forth to fill the position of Coordinator of this very popular
organization. For more information, please call Adalene at
658-6934 or Rene at 656-8020 or Ken at 658-1317.

Upcoming Events

SUNDAY FAMILY MOVIE

Sunday, September 25th the Knights of Columbus will be
showing *The Jungle Book* in the parish hall. Doors open at
2 p.m. Movie begins at 2:30 p.m. Admission is free.
Refreshments and popcorn will be available for everyone free
of charge. Bring your sleeping bags and pillows!

HOLY HOUR AND ADORATION

Next bilingual Holy Hour is Thursday, September 29th
at 7 p.m. Please invite your friends and family to
participate and if you would like to share a prayer, song,
poem during this Holy Hour, please contact Christian at
(210) 725-4908.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

Next First Saturday Mass will be in October 1st at 9:30 a.m.
Preceded by Rosary at 9 a.m.

MAGNIFICAT FOR 2016-2017

It is time to order our yearly subscription to the
Magnificat. If you are interested, please stop by the
church foyer this weekend. The deadline is Tuesday,
September 27th. Current subscribers please pick up your
October issue this weekend.

DIAPER DRIVE

St. Monica's Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a
Diaper and Baby Items drive this month. A crib will be
placed in the church foyer. All items collected will go to
assist the pregnant, unwed mothers at the Guadalupe Home.
Thank you for being generous ☺

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

We highly encourage you to attend 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. The theme is
"The Spirituality of Ministry". 8:30 a.m. sign in and coffee.
Retreat starts promptly at 9:00 am. Please email Jackie
Cantu, Jackie@saintmonicaconverse.net or Bertha
Castellanos, berthacastellanos4@gmail.com for more
information.



FR. MAURICIO IS ON TO SOMETHING!

We want to wish our Parochial Vicar, Fr. Mauricio Lopez a very happy and blessed birthday! (Oct. 4th) He seems ageless but that is because of his childlike spirit. He believes in living with simplicity and being humble in his dealings

with others. Consequently, this combination is also what is needed to enter the kingdom of heaven! We love you Padre Mauricio and thank you for your wisdom, love, guidance and gentle reprove when needed. You are a true shepherd of God's people!

OCTOBER MONTH OF ROSARY

All are invited to the Latin Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on Friday, October 7th. Confessions begin at 6 p.m.; a Rosary (bilingual) at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Holy Mass at 7 p.m.

Please join us for the *outdoor Rosary* in back of the parish hall on Friday, October 7th at 7:30 p.m.

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



St. Francis

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In celebration of St. Francis' Feast Day (Oct. 4th), we will have the blessing of our family pets Sunday, October 2nd at 2:30 p.m. behind the parish hall.

My dear people of God:

I ask for your prayers as I journey with a delegation of bishops and lay leaders to the Vatican Sept. 20-27 to meet with representatives of various Vatican offices concerning the V Encuentro. In addition to these gatherings, I will have the opportunity to cross through the Jubilee Door of Mercy at St. Peter's Basilica, and the possibility exists that our group will take part in a Mass with the Holy Father. Please know I take all of you with me on this pilgrimage of faith in our efforts to form an increasing number of missionary disciples for our beloved Catholic Church.

God bless you all.

Archbishop Gustavo

THIS IS THE BEST SOUL FOOD!

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 is now open on the archdiocesan website. www.archsa.org

ASK A LAWYER FREE CLINIC

Catholic Charities Caritas Legal Services will be hosting another Ask-A-Lawyer at St. Gerard Church, 1523 Iowa St. San Antonio, 78203, from 9 AM to 12 PM on Saturday, October 29th. This free seminar will cover wills, trusts, power of attorney, and guardianships.



SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, September 18th ; \$10,100.00
Capitla Campaign: \$ 822.50
Catholic Charities: \$2,393.00



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