



Mon 9/5 8:15 A.M. & Mike Say, Sr.

₱ Jerome Strum, Sr.

Ralph Rhorer

Tues 9/6 8:15 A.M. ♥ Laura/Mertes Boesewetter

Wed 9/7 8:15 A.M ₱ Betty Sanchez

† Luis Flores

Thurs 9/8 8:15 A.M. & Edward Matthews

Henrietta Manzane

Fri 9/9 8:15 A.M. JoAnn Wood = SI

Sat 9/10 5:30 P.M. & Adrian Elena Knights

Sun 9/11 7:30 A.M. ♥ Norma McMiller

9:00 A.M. & Jose G. Garcia

Ricky S. Garcia

11:00 A.M. P Delia Finch & Fam = SI

1:00 P.M & Ladislao Torres Hernandez

† Carlos Montes

† Daniel Chavez

Yaned Mondragon = B

5:00 P.M. TRafael Bermea

7:00 P.M. The Lorena Gutierrez

 Φ = 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 *Bruna Paes*



Next bilingual Holy Hour is Thursday, September 8th. Please invite your friends and family, everyone to participate and if you would like to share a prayer, song, poem during this Holy Hour, please contact Christian at (210) 725-4908

PLEASE HELP US RE-STOCK THE FOOD PANTRY

We are in need of canned fruit and apple sauce for the St. Vincent de Paul pantry. Please bring your donation to the donation box in the church foyer. There is also a need for brown bags to distribute food. Please bring them to the church. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

MINISTER SCHEDULES

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers - your schedules are online and have been emailed, or there are copies in the chapel.



CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTMBER 5th LABOR DAY

NEW LIFE TEEN PROGRAM

Begins on Sunday, September 18. This is for all high school students. It will begin by attending the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass, and continue with the Life Teen event from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in Steubben Hall (parish hall). All students who are planning to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation must attend Life Teen sessions. For more information, contact Jan Van Slambrouck (210) 416-2018 or Jan@saintmonicaconverse.net .

ADULT CATHECHISM CLASSES

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is our parish program for any adult wishing to become Catholic. RCIA is also for those baptized Catholic adults who have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. RCIA sessions will begin on Sunday, September 11, 2016 in the Bauman Room of the parish hall from 10:00am -12 Noon. There is a \$20.00 fee for class materials. Call Paul Cassetta at (210) 343-9655 to register. The *Spanish RCIA* classes will begin Sunday, September 11th in the parish hall after the 1 p.m. Spanish Mass. You will find green forms by the bulletin board with more information or you may call Sr. Esperanza Buitron at (210) 659-4242.

PARISH FAMILY

We wish to thank the parishioners and ministries who participated in the events honoring our patron saint, St. Monica. Congratulations to *Natalia Lopez* for winning the 50/50 raffle!

MAGNIFICATS FOR 2017

It is time to order the yearly subscription to the Magnificat. If you are interested in purchasing a subscription, please stop by the church foyer next weekend after Mass to place your order.

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, August 28th; \$10,277.00

Captial Campaign: \$4,520.00

Second collection this weekend for Heralds of Good News through the S.A. Archdiocese Mission Cooperative Plan

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIND OUT THE LATEST ABOUT RENOVATION!

Everyone is invited to upcoming presentations about the Parish Renovation Project. There will be two in English on Sunday, September 11th after the 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Masses and one in Spanish on Sunday, September 18th after the 1 p.m. Mass. These discussions will be held in the Knights of Columbus Hall located across the church office. All are welcome to come view the updated design concepts and hear more about the Parish Renovation Project. We encourage everyone to come see the progress that has been made for the newly updated design and to learn about the Capital Campaign. More info can be found at:www.saintmonicaconverse.net/parishrenovation.

HERALDS OF GOOD NEWS

Please help us welcome our visiting, missionary priest, Fr. Tomy Thomas, who is with the religious congregation, Heralds of Good News, that was founded in India in the year 1984. The specific purpose of the mission is the formation of saintly missionaries that are sent wherever it is needed. They started with 4 priests, grown today after 29 years, to 455 priests and 579 seminarians at various level of formations. They are now serving in many dioceses in India, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Guatemala, Italy, Germany, Indonesia, Australia, News Land, Papua New Guinea and USA. Apart from direct pastoral work, they also serve in the field of education for the poor and boarding for the orphans, caring for the mentally and physically challenged, sheltering and caring for the aged and destitute.

THE NEW AND EXCITING MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS **ENCOUNTERING DRAGONS** for 5th – 6th **grade** will begin with the *Encounter Bible Study* program from Ascension Press. Our 5th-6th graders will follow examples from Scripture and Saints by exercising virtues and love in their homes and schools; and help others who battle with DRAGONS of bullying, poverty and need for a friend in Christ-like ways. We meet beginning September 8th on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00.

IN HIS IMAGE for 7th – 8th grade is a new concept for the Junior High Youth Group, reminding them that they are made in God's image and is based on the Theology of the Body program. They will learn to treat others and to be treated with love and dignity; explore Scripture, Tradition and the Saints; and reach out to others in our parish and the world. IN HIS IMAGE will meet on Wednesday evenings at the parish hall from 7:45 - 9:00, beginning Wednesday, September 14th. For more information on both programs please contact Annette Winfield at (210) 885-0861.



From Padre Alejandro's Desk

Dear sisters and brothers,

In many places throughout the world where there is an international and multilingual congregation, the Lord's Prayer (the Our Father or Pater Noster) is chanted in Latin. The liturgical norms of the Catholic Church have always encouraged the people of God to learn the common parts of the Mass in Latin. Of all the common parts of the Mass, it is especially the Pater Noster that is to be taught in Latin. Except for the private prayers of the priest celebrating Mass, the Main doxology (Per Ipsum, cum Ipso et in Ipso...) and the Pater Noster, the rest of the Mass is prayed in the vernacular language. For solemn Masses of the year all other common parts of the Mass should be chanted in Latin.

As I have explained many times in the past, except for first Friday Mass once a month, our Masses are prayed in the vernacular language, either English or Spanish. This doesn't imply that we should not sing or recite the Lord's Prayer in Latin, as most of the people in the world have been taught and have learned. Since other priests might not be very familiar with the official language of the Church, it will be mainly when I celebrate Mass on Sunday that I'll be using this universal prayer.

So that people will become more familiar with the words and the chanting, some cards will be available in church so that people will be able to read the prayer and sing it.

Needless to say, the Vatican Council stated that Traditions of the Catholic Church are to be preserved. "Learning the prayers in Latin as well as in one's own language will help Christian faithful of different languages pray together" (Pope Benedict XVI).

La Paz de Cristo Padre Alejandro



We give thanks to God for living in this beautiful country and we entreat God's blessing and mercy upon us and those fearless souls, who protect us or have died doing so; military, police and fire personnel alike.

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