

St. Monica Catholic Church  
Archdiocese of Galveston - Houston  
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Fr. John Ayang, S.O.L.T., Pastor  
Fr. David Mumba, S.O.L.T., Parochial Vicar  
Dcn. John Lane, Permanent Deacon

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 7, 2010

**Scripture Readings**

**Monday**

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13

Mark 6:53-56

**Tuesday**

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30

Mark 7:1-13

**Wednesday**

1 Kings 10:1-10

Mark 7:14-23

**Thursday**

1 Kings 11:4-13

Mark 7:24-30

**Friday**

1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19

Mark 7:31-37

**Saturday**

1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34

Mark 8:1-10

**Sunday**

Jeremiah 17:5-8

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Luke 6:17, 20-26

**Parish Life and Organization**

**Parish Numbers**

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**Choir Rehearsals**

Teen Choir - Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Voices of Praise - Tues. 7:30 p.m.

Gospel - Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesday - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



**Prayer & Sacramental Life**

**Confessions:** Sat., from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in addition to Mon., 6:15 p.m.- 6:45 p.m. or by appointment.

**Marriages:** Minimum 6 months preparation required. Contact Fr. John or Deacon Lane before setting a wedding date.

**Baptisms:** To register your child, please call the church office. All registration must be submitted to the church office 1 week prior to the class date.

**Masses Schedule:**

Sat. Vigil - 6:00 p.m.

Sun. - 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Mon. - 7:00 p.m.

Tues., Wed., Thurs., &

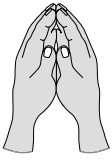
Fri. - 9:00 a.m.

Sat. - 8:00 a.m.

**Mission Statement**

*We, the people of St. Monica Catholic Church, recognize ourselves as a community of God's children called to holiness through Baptism and the Eucharist, to share the love of Christ through the message of the Gospel. Our mission is to pray and worship, teach and share Christ's saving message as we evangelize, build up, and nurture communities of faith; serving in Christ's name as we journey with each other to the fullness of eternal life.*

*Please remember to pray for the sick & Shut-in!*



*Sick:* Christopher Adams, Richard Anderson, Tom Andreoli, Linda Avila, Sr., Maria Blount,, Joyce Brantley, Elmore Breaux, Sr., Kathy Burbee, Hisae Casey, Mary Chapa, Kelly Crosby, Sr. Eileen Dougherty, George Estes, John Estorge, Mary Lou Farrell, Fr. Jim Flanagan, Joseph Francis, Willie Goldsmith, Melvin Gotch, Linda Green-Timmons, Fr. Joe Hadgkiss, Paul Harper, Delphie Holcombe, Mary Jenkins, Isabella Jones, Fr. Ralph Jones, Shebra-Dean Jones, Theola Joseph, Evelyn LaCour, Angela Landry, James Landry, Dorothy Leblanc, Dwight Leblanc, Overton Leblanc, Tillie Lopez, Robert Malonson, Sr., Courtney Mathis, Jack Meunier, Georgia Meyers, Wanda Milburn, Larry Montgomery, Sr., Junies Mouton, Ethel Moss, Susan Neubauer, Richard Padilla, Michael Page, Irma Peet, Fr. Jack Purtell, Alfonso Ramirez, Dorothy Richardson, Rosalinda Sanchez, Mary Sanders, Monica Sanders, Leocada Serbin, Jacqueline Sheehan, Fr. Tom Showalter, Alma Siner, Mary Lee Skipper, Edith Hodge Smith, Frank Smith, Daryl Spencer, Pearl Syon, Barbara Tatum, Andrew Tolliver, Israel & Paula Trevino, Tinity Vaughn, Shelia White, Mary Earline Williams

*Shut-in:* Rose Andrews, Mandoria Daigle, Ray Gafford, Gwen Harper, Lessie Johnson

*Special Intention:* Robert Smith, Gwen Smith

### *Next Week Ministers of the Mass (February 13th & February 14th)*

#### Altar Servers

**6:00 p.m.** Marcus Babineaux and Utopia LaStrap

**8:00 a.m.** Vashon Vick, Kenneth Adams, and  
Dallas Adams

**11:00 a.m.** Jamel Rosemond, Jalisa Rosemond, &  
Tony Carter-Samuels

#### Lectors

**6:00 p.m.** Maurice & Edwina Sebastien

**8:00 a.m.** Michelle French & Josephine Ned

**11:00 a.m.** Gerald Adams & Courtney McVea

#### Money Counters

**6:00 p.m.** Team 3                      **8:00 a.m.** Team 3

**11:00 a.m.** Team 3

#### Extraordinary Ministers

**6:00 p.m.** Wayne Jones, David Smith, Mae Smith

**8:00 a.m.** Dominic Ambe, Sidney Brewer, Sr.,  
Dorothy Parker, Philippa Thompson, Mary Earline  
Williams

**11:00 a.m.** Lillie Gobert, Ursula Johnson, Shirley  
Phillips, Willie Richards, Marcus Washington

#### Hospitality Ministries

**6:00 p.m.** Bertha Crawford

**8:00 a.m.** Venessa Delacroix & Ruby Francis

**11:00 a.m.** Evelyn Davebport & Pat Hammonds

### *Mass Intentions (February 6th - February 12th)*

**Sat.**            **02/06/2010**            **6:00 p.m.** — **† James Moss, Jr.**

**Sun.**            **02/07/2010**            **8:00 a.m.** — **Deceased Members of the Altar Society**  
— **Carol Patrick—The French Family**

**11:00 a.m.** — **The People of the Parish**

#### Stewardship Reflection

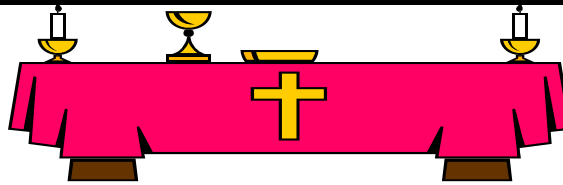
*In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do I hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am I prepared to answer, "Here I am. Send me!"?*

#### Sick and Homebound

*Parishioners, if you know of anyone sick at home or in the hospital, contact Fr. John. Please leave the following information: the person's name, phone number, home address or name of hospital.*

## Announcements

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### Eucharistic Adoration

*Our weekly Eucharistic Adoration will be on Wednesdays and Fridays after the weekday Masses.*

### Hospitality Ministry

*Greeters, the February schedule is available in the vestibule of the church in the rack next to the secretary's office. The Hospitality Ministry wishes to thank our church family for the candy donations. Please continue to support us.*

### Altar Servers

*Attention all Altar Servers: There will be a MANDATORY Altar Servers meeting on Saturday, February 20 at 11AM. All Altar Servers and parents are expected to be at this meeting. For more information, please call Angela D. Hollier at 281-893-3534*

### Ash Wednesday Mass

*Ash Wednesday Mass will be on Wednesday, February 17th at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend this Mass. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season.*

### Stations of the Cross

*The Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday during the Lenten Season beginning Friday, February 19th at 6:00 p.m. The "Stations of the Cross" represents the sorrowful journey that Jesus made with the cross on His shoulders, to die on Calvary for the love of us.*



### "Follow Me..." 2010 Diocesan Services Fund

*Our 2010 Diocesan Services Fund begins next weekend in every parish throughout the Archdioceses of Galveston-Houston. Our theme this year is "Follow me..." We are called to be Christ to those sick or in need, to teach, to reach out. The Archdioceses of Galveston-Houston needs your compassion and generosity. Your gift to DSF enables us to reach out to people in your parish and in the Archdiocese through more than 60 important programs.*

*This week, all registered parishioners will receive a letter from His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, along with a personalized pledge card, inviting you to head Christ's call and follow him by your participation in this year's Diocesan Services Fund. Please complete the enclosed pledge card and return it in the mail in the special envelope provided or bring it to Mass next weekend. If you prefer, you may go online at [www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf) to make your donation. Your generous gift will allow our Catholic community to continue many vital programs and services. Our parish goal for this year is **\$37,000**.*

## Announcements

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today, the disciples decide to leave everything to follow Jesus. We are called to follow Jesus, who tells us that "whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me."

**Your gift to the poor can bring the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.**



### ST. MONICA FOOD PANTRY 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

We are very excited about St. Monica Catholic Church's 2nd Annual Golf Tournament scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2010 at Longwood Golf Club. The golf committee will meet every Thursday @ 6:30 PM during the month of November in the St. Vincent DePaul room (Inside the parish hall) and we are in need of volunteers, committee chairpersons, players and sponsors.



The goal is to eventually make this event our major SPRING fundraiser to compliment our major FALL fundraiser. The entire parish is invited to assist. Visit [www.stmonicagolf.webs.com](http://www.stmonicagolf.webs.com) for more information regarding the tournament or contact Doris Barrow @ 281-804-4037 for additional information.

### Knights of St. Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary



#### Ash Wednesday Fish Fry

Fish dinners will be sold on Ash Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until all dinners are sold. Dinners are \$7.00. The dinners will include: fried fish, potato salad, green beans, bread and dessert.



#### Ladies Auxiliary Initiation

"The KPC Ladies Auxiliary, Court #151 will be having an initiation on Sunday, February 28, 2010 at St. Monica Church, immediately after the 11:00 a.m. mass. If you are interested in joining this noble order, please contact Grand Lady Norma Woodson as soon as possible at (832) 646-5842 or (281) 820-7907. Thank you."

#### Black History Play

To celebrate Black History Month, The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary, Council and Court #151 will present its annual Elvina LeBlanc Black History Play entitled: "The History of the African-American Through Acting, Music, and Dance" (presented by Eisenhower High School Drama Department), Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in our parish hall. Pre-sale tickets are now on sale. For more information, please contact Knight Wardell Williams at (832) 892-2121 or Lady Kimberly Fleeks @ (832) 286-6887.

#### Super Bowl Sunday

The Knights of Peter Claver Council # 151 will be hosting a Super Bowl Pot Luck and BYOB Party in the KPC Building on this Sunday, February 7, 2010. Everyone is invited. Please come out and fellowship and bring your favorite dish. Kick-off time is at 5:30 pm.

## *Announcements*

### CCE—Continuing Christian Education & Youth Ministry



#### Human Sexuality

There will be a 12-hour Archdiocesan Human Sexuality Catechist Formation Course offered at Epiphany of the Lord Parish on the following Saturdays, February 13 & 27 from 9 am- 4 pm. An additional offering is also scheduled at St. Dominic Center on the following Saturdays, March 6 & 20 (9 am-4 pm). This formation is for all catechists, especially those teaching human sexuality catechesis in parishes or Catholic schools. Following Archdiocesan policy, this is a mandatory course for anyone teaching human sexuality from grades K-12. See link below for information and registration.  
<http://www.diogh.org/cce-new/pdf/ministries-sexuality-english-regform.pdf>

#### RCIA

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please call the church office.



#### Anniversary Events Committee

St. Monica 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events Committee is seeking volunteers to help with our Adults Only Social Nights (Fridays 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.) during the our celebration May – Aug. You are invited to attend our planning meeting Tuesday, Feb 9, at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. Also contact Johnny Jones 281-447-0050.

St. Monica 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events Committee is seeking volunteers to help organize our Cinco de Mayo Mass and Celebration May 5<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to attend a planning meeting Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the church conference room.

#### Virtus—Safe Environment

Preventing child sexual abuse is the goal of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. “Protecting God’s Children for Adults” educates clergy, staff and volunteers who work with children about child sexual abuse and the ways to create safe environments for children. Clergy, staff and volunteers (ages 16 and above) who have regular contact with children and youth are required to attend training. All other adults are invited and encouraged to participate as part of the church’s commitment to make the world a safe place for all our children. The workshop will be Saturday, February 24th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (3 hours). Please be prompt, you will not be allowed to enter once the in-service begins. Please sign up on line at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org)—click on registration. For more information contact Helen Jones at 713-681-5589.

### Food for Thought!

When and how is my memory an enemy to spiritual growth,  
to my journey with Christ?

*Announcements*

Lenten Season: February 17th is Ash Wednesday. There will be Masses and distribution of ashes at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

✦ Lent has a dual character: preparing catechumens for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion) by the Rite of Election, catechesis, and scrutinizes; as well as preparing the faithful by word of God, prayer, and penance, to renew their baptismal vows.

✦ The journey through Lent is called an “Ascent to the Mountain of Easter.”

✦ Lent has a penitential tone. As such, the *Gloria* and the *Alleluia* are omitted in the liturgies.

✦ Altars are not decorated with flowers.

✦ Musical instruments are used only as low-keyed accompaniments. (They may be used in full on the 4th—*Laetare* = *Rejoice*—Sunday only.)

✦ Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fast and abstinence.

✦ A communal celebration of the Sacrament of Penance, as well as an individual celebration, is highly encouraged.

✦ There will be a Communal Penance Service at St. Monica Parish.

✦ We will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:00 p.m.

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Fast (small meals, no snacks):

\* What days are we to fast?

There are two major days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Self-imposed observance of fasting on all weekdays of Lent is strongly recommended.

\* How are we to fast?

We are to fast with only one meal a day, but it does not forbid that a little bit (of food) be taken in the morning and evening (for example, we can exchange the evening meal with lunch).

\* Who are to fast?

Those who have reached the age of 18 and are not yet 60.

Abstinence (no meat)

\* What days are we to abstain?

We are to fast from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during the Lenten Season. Abstinence from fresh meat on all Fridays of the year (excluding solemnities like Christmas which may fall on a Friday) is especially recommended.

**Bulletin/Announcements**

Deadline - Wed. by 2 p.m.

In writing, email

([stmonica\\_dre@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stmonica_dre@sbcglobal.net)) or by fax  
(281-447-8410).

No announcements will be taken over the phone. There will be no exceptions.

**Office Hours**

Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Please do not eat candy or  
chew gum during Mass.  
Please do not stick gum  
under the pews.**

**DON'T TRASH GOD'S  
HOUSE**

**From the Desk of Fr. David:**

In our first reading the prophet Isaiah received a vision of God in heaven, but instead of Isaiah being overjoyed at having seen God in heaven as we would expect he was filled with fear because he was in sin.

*“Woe is me, I am doomed!  
For I am a man of unclean lips,  
living among a people of unclean lips;  
Yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” (Isaiah 6:5)*

In the second reading Paul remembers all the trouble he caused the Church in the past,

*“I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle,  
Because I persecuted the church of God.” (1 Corinthians 15:9)*

In our Gospel, when Peter saw the catch of fish, what came to his mind was his sinfulness.

*“he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, ‘Depart from me, Lord,  
For I am a sinful man.’” (Luke 5:8)*

Clearly Isaiah, Paul, and Peter were held back by the weight of sin before they were forgiven. We also cannot be happy if we are in sin. But once we turn from sin and our sin is forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we then become new people.

After the angel in Isaiah’s vision touched his lips with the coal and his sins were cleansed he had the freedom to respond to God, *“Here I am, Send me.”* God’s grace overcame Paul’s past as he wrote;

*“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective.”  
(1 Corinthians 15:10)*

Peter’s sin also was overcome by Jesus who told him,

*“Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”  
When they (James, John and the sons of Zebedee) brought their boats to the shore,  
they left everything and followed him.  
(Luke 5:10-11)*

Isaiah, Paul, and Peter acknowledged their sins. The first stage in overcoming any problem is to admit that the problem exist. If we do not know we are in sin we cannot be cleansed and we continue to carry the weight of sin around with us. Let us rid ourselves of sin so that we may be truly happy and follow the Lord in peace.

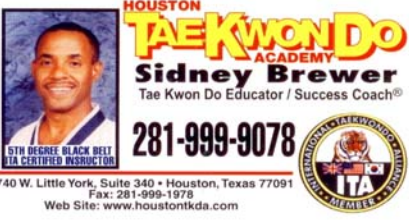



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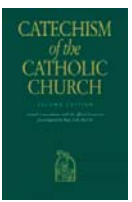


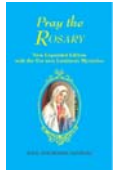



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