

St. Monica Catholic Church
Archdiocese of Galveston - Houston
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Dcn. John Lane, Permanent Deacon

Second Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2010

Scripture Readings

Monday

Daniel 9:4b-10

Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20

Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jeremiah 18:18-20

Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Luke 16:19-31

Friday

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a,
17b-28a

Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9

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Choir Rehearsals

Teen Choir - Wednesday 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., &

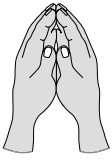
Fri. - 9:00 a.m.

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: 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, 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 (March 6th & March 7th)

Altar Servers

6:00 p.m. Check with Altar Server Coordinator
8:00 a.m. Check with Altar Server Coordinator
11:00 a.m. Check with Altar Server Coordinator

Lectors

6:00 p.m. Linda Jones & Craig Adams
8:00 a.m. Pauline Newman & Peggie Cain
11:00 a.m. Btianna Batiste & Gerald Daigle

Money Counters

6:00 p.m. Team 2 **8:00 a.m.** Team 2
11:00 a.m. Team 2

Extraordinary Ministers

6:00 p.m. Alvin & Georgia Broussard, Gary Daigle, Mae Smith
8:00 a.m. Joyce Montgomery, Clara Malone, Dorothy Parker, Lou Ann Richards, Mary Earline Williams
11:00 a.m. Gregory & Emma Alpough, Jennifer Cooper, Pat Hammonds, Melvin Nowlin, Marcus Washington

Hospitality Ministries

6:00 p.m. John & Beryl Potier
8:00 a.m. Edward Jones & Carolyn Joseph
11:00 a.m. Wilma Malonson & Linda Downing-Adkinson

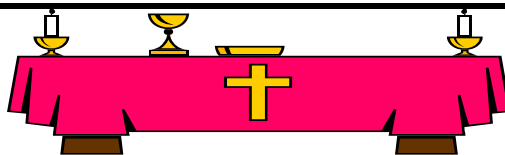
Mass Intentions (February 27th - March 5th)

Sat.	02/27/2010	6:00 p.m. — DJM Missionaries of Mercy
Sun.	02/28/2010	8:00 a.m. — The People of the Parish
		11:00 a.m. — † Marcus R. Washington, Mary A. Taylor, & Nelson Broussard—The Washington Family
Fri.	03/05/2010	9:00 a.m. — Active Members of St. Monica, Shut-Ins, & the
		Repose of All the Souls of Departed Members and Loved Ones—Dominic Ambe

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



Eucharistic Adoration

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

Hospitality Ministry

Greeters, the March schedule is on the bottom wall rack next to the secretary's office. Don't forget to get a replacement when you plan to be absent. Thank you and God Bless you for your dedicated service.

Church family: we will not provide candy during the Lenten season.

Southwest Liturgical Conference Attendees

If you attended the Southwest Liturgical Conference in January 2010, there will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 3rd at 7 pm in the CCE building. This meeting is to discuss and brainstorm information obtained at the conference.

Praying the Rosary During the Lenten Season

St. Monica's Vocation Ministry invites our parish family to join us in praying the Rosary (30 min) before every Mass during Lent.

Lectors and Ministers of Holy Communion

Lectors and Ministers of Holy Communion, if you did not attend the January 28th meeting there will be another meeting on Friday, March 5th after the Stations of the Cross. The purpose of this meeting is to prepare for re-commissioning. Please do not be absent, for it will make you ineligible to continue your ministry.

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.

"Hail Mary"

The Disciples of Jesus and Mary invite you to a Morning Recollection, March 6th entitled: "Hail Mary" presented by Fr. Santan Pinto, S.O.L.T. The event will take place at St. Matthews the Evangelist Catholic Church, 9915 Hollister Drive, Houston, Texas 77040. The phone is 713-466-4030. Please check the bulletin board for the schedule.

Stewardship Reflection

Peter, James, and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the kingdom.

Announcements

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



In the month of January, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 587 families providing \$1,566.08 in food, \$977.00 for utility and rent bills. Thank You!

ST. MONICA FOOD PANTRY 2ND ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



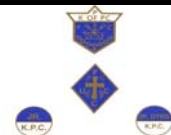
We are very excited about St. Monica Catholic Church's 2nd Annual Golf Tournament scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 2010 at Longwood Golf Club.

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 for more information regarding the tournament or contact Doris Barrow @ 281-804-4037 for additional information.

Knights of St. Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary

News Release:

Do something special for someone by donating blood Sunday, April 11, 2010 at the Spring Blood Drive sponsored by the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver Council and Court #151. Let's prepare to donate blood by eating a healthy diet daily. We owe it to ourselves to be a healthy parish. Please sign up and donate blood Sunday, April 11, 2010 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. in the CCE building. For more information contact Knight Clarence Deville at 281-255-2656 and Lady Mary Earline Williams at 281-376-0307.



Lenten Reflection

The Lenten Scripture Reflections and Sharing is still open for all to join. We have four weeks to go. We have two group sessions at St. Monica on Saturdays from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Those who cannot be at these sessions are encouraged to do so at home with their families or in organized neighborhood family groups. For more info, contact Dominic A. @ 281-743-3346 or Elizabeth G @ 713-299-4537.

African American Breast Cancer Walk

On April 10th, Sisters Network, Inc. is hosting the Stop the Silence 1st National African American Breast Cancer 5K Walk/Run at Emancipation Park. This event is aimed at increasing awareness of breast cancer and replacing fear with hope as participants from across the country walk together to find a cure. The Sister Network Inc. is a leading voice and only national African American breast cancer survivorship organization in the United States. St. Monica would like to form a local team of ten or more participants. If you or someone you know is interested in supporting this event, please contact the church office or visit www.sistersnetworkinc.org.



Announcements

CCE—Continuing Christian Education & Youth Ministry



Youth Coordinators

There will be a Youth Coordinators meeting Monday, March 1st after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Anyone involved in youth activities should attend this meeting.

RCIA

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



"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 past week, all registered parishioners have received 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. If you prefer, you may go online at 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**.

Attention Parish Family:

The Altar Servers will be selling chopped beef sandwiches and baked potatoes with chopped beef on Sunday, March 7th after the 8 am and 11 am Masses. Come get your Sunday dinner!

Lenten Revival

St. Anne de Beaupre at 2810 Link Rd is having a Lenten Revival. The revivalist is Rev. Chester Smith, SVD. It begins on Sunday, March 7th at 5 pm (Youth Night), Monday, March 8th at 7 pm, Tuesday, March 9th at 7 pm. (Confessions) and end Wednesday, March 10th at 7 pm (Mass). All are invited to attend!

Food for Thought!

What "mountain experiences" has God allowed me,
to strengthen me to carry my cross?

*Announcements*Lenten Season:

- ✦ 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, Wednesday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m.
- ✦ We will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:00 p.m.

F Y IFast (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) 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 Pastor's Desk:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Mother church, ever solicitous for the well being of her children, has decided to encourage us on our ascent to the mountain of Easter by letting us have a peek into the mountain experience of three of Jesus' disciples – Peter, James and John. The glorious experience of the Transfiguration of Jesus was, for the disciples, a necessary preparation for the gruesome nature of his passion and death, which was to follow in forty days.

In our everyday living, we may have occasions when we get disappointed, or even disillusioned, because people we placed on certain pedestals have failed to fulfill the lofty ideals that we projected for them to measure up to. Today Jesus wants us to understand that the path to true greatness most often requires humility and self-emptying. In spite of that mountain experience, the disciples could not handle well, the humiliating death that their Master faced, as we will read on Palm Sunday and Good Friday. When have you been disillusioned because someone did not meet your expectations? When have others been disappointed in you because you failed to meet their expectations?

Pray for the gift of fortitude, and the courage to trust in God's eventual vindication of those who hope in him. All representatives who attended the South West Liturgical Conference are invited to a Share-Your-Experience meeting on Wednesday, March 3rd, 2010, in the CCE building, at 7 p.m. Come with a plan of action on how you intend to implement what you learned, to benefit your ministry. Lectors and Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who did not make it to the last orientation meeting, are all invited to attend a second and final meeting on Friday, March 5, 2010, at 7 p.m. Those who do not make the orientation will not be commissioned and will not be eligible to serve.

The monthly prayer service for ministries in the parish is scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2010, beginning with the 8 a.m. Mass. The ministries assigned are: Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Liturgy Committee, and Altar Servers' Trainers. Bring a dish for fellowship after the service. Our Lenten Penance Service is scheduled is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 7 p.m. Check near-by parishes for other schedules. There will be the anointing of the sick at all the Masses on the weekend of March 13/ 14, 2010. "There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole." Come, one and all, to the healing mercy of our God.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the Adams, the French, and the White families, on the death of their loved ones, Chris, Carol, and Retell. May God grant them eternal rest in heaven, and give consolation and strength to their family members. May their souls rest in peace. Amen. God bless you all, today and everyday.

Fr. John Ayang, SOLT

Things to Remember:

Please link your Randall's Remarkable Card to 3614

Please use your Kroger Share Card

Please support our Recycling Program.

Please bring non-perishable food items for our Food Pantry

Collections

Last Week - \$8,882.61


Black & Indians Collection - \$852.32

Ash Wednesday - \$1,280.81


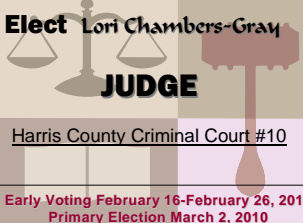
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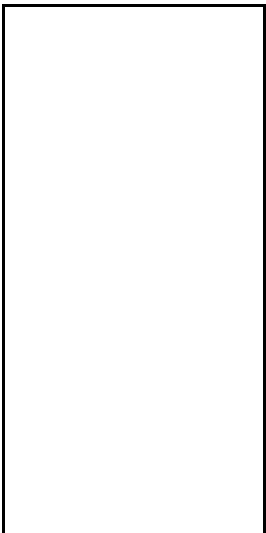
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