



St. Monica Catholic Church

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Dear St Monica Family,

In accordance with Archbishop Gustavo Garcia Siller's decree, St Monica has suspended weekend Masses effective this past March 14th and 15th. As of today, the decree now affects gatherings of 10 or more people. This is in effect until such time the Archdiocese reviews the COVID-19 status. St Monica will issue updates regarding any changes as we receive them from the Archdiocese.

In compliance to the state regulations and direction of our archdiocese, a limit of 10 people gathering is strongly advised. All nonessential parish gatherings are cancelled for the rest of March - April.

Daily and Evening Masses are CANCELLED in the church. **All Masses** will be live-streamed on Facebook and on Saint Monica's website: saintmonicaconverse.net and click on "Follow us", and Facebook to view streaming of Mass.

Daily Masses: Mon. – Sat. Mass in English at 8:15 am and Spanish at 9:00 am.
Sunday Liturgy: 9:00 am in Spanish, 11:00 am in English.

The church will be open during the day from 8 am – 7 pm for personal prayer and Eucharistic adoration time.

Our first concern is your health! Please, we are asking that you stay home if you're not feeling well. We encourage and ask that you watch the Mass on Facebook, other Websites or on your television. We will continue to meet your spiritual and pastoral needs as we all walk together through these challenging times.

Confessions are still ongoing Wed. 6 – 7 pm and Sat. 4-5 pm with no more than 10 people at a time in the church. **Social distance should be maintained in the church for confessions.**

Lenten Penance Service on March 31st is CANCELLED

Baptisms may take place depending on the number of participants allowed.

Information regarding Holy Week and Easter Liturgies will be communicated by next week.

Once again, please be reassured that we will do everything humanly possible to meet your spiritual and pastoral needs. We are seeking as many ways as possible to minister to the community of St Monica during this difficult. Even though we are unable to celebrate Mass together on the weekends in our church. We, with humble hearts ask you to consider, if possible, to continue your weekly offering for the parish. We still depend on parishioner's contributions to cover operating expenses for our parish. If you are able to contribute, we ask that you send your offering by either mailing your contributions to Saint Monica Catholic Church, 501 North Street, Converse, TX 78109 or dropping your envelope the church office. If you are interested in giving your donation online, St Monica has that capability available via ParishSoft Giving. Please go to our website, www.saintmonicaconverse.net to express your interest in this option and we will follow up with you.

We ask that you be patient and continue to join us in prayer. Our God is a merciful and loving Father who will not abandon us.

Heavenly Father, we beg you to watch over St Monica's Family during this time of trial. May the peace that goes beyond all understanding maintain us as we seek the hope that lies in your Son, Jesus Christ. "Jesus, we place our trust in You"

St Monica Pray for us.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Thumma Prathap". The script is cursive and fluid.

Rev Thumma