

St. Monica Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

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.

HOLY HOUR: Thursday 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)
40 HOURS: Thursday 7:00 p.m., prior to First Friday of month

RECONCILIATION: Sat. 4:00 p.m. & Wed. 6:00 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every Fri. after Mass until 7:00 p.m.
EUCCHARIST FOR SICK & SHUT-INS: Contact church office.

BAPTISMS: 1st Sat. of month at 11:00 a.m. Spanish Baptisms on 2nd Sat. 11:00 a.m.

FIRST COMMUNION: 2 year program required; usually received in 2nd grade.

CONFIRMATION: Must complete a 2 year program which begins in high school.

MARRIAGE: 6 months notice required. Contact parish office.

PARISH HALL RENTAL: 210-566-3530

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Director, Janice Van Slambrouck, 416-2018. Grades K-5th, Wed. 6:25-7:35 p.m. Office hours - Tue., Wed. and Thurs. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

GLOW (4th-6th grade group) meets Thurs. in hall 6:30-8:00 p.m. Annette Winfield, 210-885-0861

RCIA: Adult converts or those needing sacraments are invited. Classes begin in Sept. on Sun. 10:30 a.m., parish hall. Josie Rodriguez 988-3954. Spanish RCIA: Sr. Esperanza Buitron, 210-438-2827, rcia@saintmonicaconverse.net

ST. MONICA SCHOOL: Early Childhood-8th Grade. Principal, Ms. Abby Salazar, 658-6701. School Annex 659-5939. Inquiries to school office.

QUINCEANERA: Must be registered parishioner at least one year; attend Religious Education classes and have priest's permission.

ALTAR SOCIETY & THRIFT SHOP: Altar Society meets 1st Tues. 12:00 noon, Sept.-May. Thrift Shop Wed. & Sat. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Edna Diaz, 598-9885.

REGISTRATION FORMS: In parish office or next to the bulletin board inside the church.

CHOIR: 9:00 a.m., Bill Staggs, Music Minister, 274-8847. Adult Choir Rehearsal - Thurs. 6:30 p.m.; Children's Choir & Guitar Rehearsal - Tues., 6:30 p.m.; Michelle Hernandez, Music Minister, after 5 p.m. 215-0811. Spanish Choir - Mon. 7:00 p.m. Glissie Esquivel, Director, 251-2902.

SPANISH PRAYER GROUP: Fri. 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall. Martin Sanchez, 387-3469.

ACTS: Ralph Diaz, 887-9721.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Meets 2nd Tues. 7:30 p.m. Tony Canez, Grand Knight, 857-0789.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Ruben Rosas, President, 210-658-8791. Meets 2nd Tues. at 12:00 noon.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: Meets 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m. Sylvia Benavides, 656-2609.

GUADALUPANAS: Meets 2nd Mon. 10:00 a.m. parish hall, Edna Gonzalez, 287-5761.

LIFE TEEN (High School Youth Group): Sun. 3:00-4:30 p.m., parish hall. Lyle Pearce, 210-913-5585.

EDGE (Middle School Youth Group): Wed. 6:25-7:35 p.m. Jan Van Slambrouck, 913-5585.

YOUNG AT HEART GROUP: Meets 2nd Thurs., Sally Tokarski at 367-1118.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: (Spanish) Meets Tues. 7:00 p.m., chapel.

FAMILY OF THE ROSARY (bilingual) Meets first Sat. 9:00 a.m. in church. Graciela Morgan, 445-5933.

The Mission of St. Monica is to build a welcoming community of faith, making God's love visible through service to others.



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| Mon | 8/19 | 8:15 a.m. | † Donna Willingham |
| Tue | 8/20 | 8:15 a.m. | † Rob Howard, Jr. |
| Wed | 8/21 | 8:15 a.m. | † Carmen Rosas |
| Thurs | 8/22 | 8:15 a.m. | † Fr. Pat Flanagan |
| Fri | 8/23 | 8:15 a.m. | St. Monica Parishioners = SI |
| Sat | 8/24 | 5:30 p.m. | † Doris Ann Bacak † Amelia Champion |
| Sun | 8/25 | 7:30 a.m. | † Ben Gabel † Violeta Busby † Lolita Tan |
| | | 9:00 a.m. | † Ambrocio & Santos Lopez |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | Foster children = SI |
| | | 1:00 p.m. | Alan Pague = B † Eugenio Salazar † Jose Carmen Covarrubias Josue y Adriana Castillo = A |
| | | 5:00 p.m. | † Alex Baca |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | † Carmelo Covarrubias |

+ = Deceased Birthday = B Special Intention = SI

Sunday, August 11th: \$14,783.00
Mission: \$5,490.00



Next weekend the second collection will be for the St. Monica School

DON'T MISS THE ASSEMBLY 2019

Join Archbishop Gustavo on Saturday, November 9th, at St. Mary's University, for a day of celebration and inspiration. Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM, will be one of the presenters. (see bio in adjacent column). We have limited seating so register today at AssemblySA.org or call 210-734-1911.

Acompaña al Arzobispo Gustavo el sábado, 9 de noviembre, en *St. Mary's University*, durante un día de celebración e inspiración. Tenemos cupo limitado, así que regístrate hoy en AssemblySA.org o llama al 210-734-1911.



LOOK WHO WILL BE AT ASSEMBLY 2019

Biography

Father Daniel P. Horan, OFM, is a Franciscan friar of Holy Name Province (NY), assistant professor of systematic theology and spirituality at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, and the author of several books including the award-winning *The Franciscan Heart of Thomas Merton: A New Look at the Spiritual Influence on his Life, Thought, and Writing* (2014). His latest books are titled, *God Is Not Fair and other Reasons for Gratitude* (2016) and *All God's Creatures: A Theology of Creation* (2018). Father Dan currently serves on the Board of Trustees of St. Bonaventure University and the Board of Regents of the Franciscan School of Theology. He is also co-editor of the *New Theology Review* and co-host of *The Francis Effect Podcast*. Father Dan received his Ph.D. in theology from Boston College, M.Div. and M.A. from the Washington Theological Union (DC), and a BA from St. Bonaventure University.

Biografía

El Padre Daniel P. Horan, OFM, es un fraile franciscano de la Provincia *Holy Name*, profesor asistente de teología sistemática y espiritualidad en la *Catholic Theological Union* y autor de varios libros, incluido el galardonado *El Corazón Franciscano de Tomás Merton: Una Nueva Mirada a la Influencia Espiritual en su Vida, Pensamiento y Escritura* (2014). Sus últimos libros están titulados, *Dios No Es Justo y Otras Razones para estar Agradecidos* (2016) y *Todas las Criaturas de Dios: Una Teología de la Creación* (2018). Actualmente el Padre Dan forma parte de la Junta de Gobierno de la Universidad de San Buenaventura y de la Junta de Regentes de la Escuela Franciscana de Teología. También es co-editor de la *New Theology Review* y coanfitrión del *Podcast The Francis Effect*. Recibió su doctorado en teología de Boston College, Maestría en Divinidad y Maestría en Artes de la Washington Theological Union (DC), y una licenciatura de St. Bonaventure University.



RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation is now enrolling for classes

Are you an adult (18+ yrs) who would like to join the Catholic Church then RCIA might be for you?

RCIA is for:

Unbaptized adults seeking to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist (*Holy Communion*).

Baptized adults from another Christian tradition (Baptists, Evangelical, Methodist etc.) who wish to become members of the Catholic Church.

Adults baptized in the Catholic Church as infants and who now wish to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

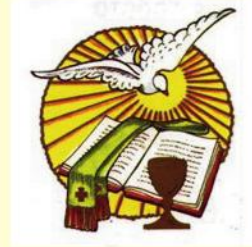
Please call Josie Rodriguez at (210) 988-3954 or email her at rcia@saintmonicaconverse.net please leave your name, phone number and email address. First day of class, **Sunday, September 8, 2019** You may also read more about RCIA and print off the registration at:

<https://saintmonicaconverse.net/rite-christian-initiation-adults-rcia>

ESTATE PLANNING 101

Making a plan in advance and naming whom you want to receive the things you own after you die that is estate planning but you need to have the tools to help you navigate through the process. Come find out how at an information session on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at St. Helena Catholic Church, 14714 Edgemont Street, San Antonio; 78247 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Presentation is in the Church Sanctuary.

R.C.I.A.



Si te falta recibir el bautismo, la confirmacion o la primera comunion, tienes mas de 18 anos y deseas prepararte en Espanol, llena la ficha de inscripcion, comunicate con la hermana Esperanza Buitron,

210-659-4242, y ven a prepararte. Iniciamos el 8 de Septiembre después de misa de 1 p.m. (de 2:15 p.m. a 4:15 p.m.) en el salón parroquial atrás del templo. INCRIPCIONES a partir de hoy. Se cierran el 8 de Septiembre. Toma LA FICHA DE INSCIPCION de la mesita que esta a la izquierda al entrar al templo o pídelas en la oficina de la parroquia. Entregala a la Hna. Esperanza o en la oficina.



G.L.O.W. (God lights our world)

The tween youth group is back in session. They meet on Thursday evenings in the parish hall from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Come join the excitement if you are in grades 4th thru 6th. Contact Annette Winfield (210) 885-0861 for more information.

G.L.O.W. (Dios ilumina nuestro mundo)

El grupo juvenil intermedio volverá a estar en sesión los jueves por las tardes en el salón parroquial. Los jóvenes se reúnen los jueves a las 6:30 p.m. a 8 p.m. Ven y únete a la emoción si estás en grados 4to a 6to. Los Póngase en contacto con Annette Winfield (210) 885-0861 para obtener más información.

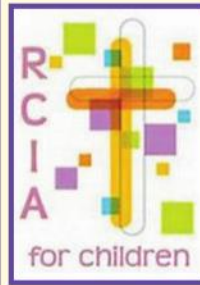


CITY RESIDENTIAL BULK COLLECTION

City of Converse bulk collection scheduled for Saturday, August 24 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. You may bring the following items to the St. Monica's School parking lot. Doors, carpet, furniture, nail-free lumber, rolled fencing, appliances (*remove doors please*), passenger car tires (remove rims, limit 8 tires per household). **CANNOT COLLECT:** Electronics, batteries, paint, brush, hazardous waste/liquids, concrete/rocks/brick, construction/remodeling debris or motor vehicles. **CONVERSE RESIDENTS ONLY.**

COLECCIÓN RESIDENCIAL A GRANEL DE LA CIUDAD

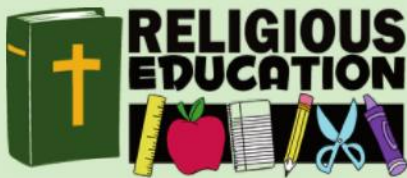
La colección a granel de la Ciudad de Converse está programada para el sábado 24 de Agosto de 8 a.m. a 12 p.m. Puede traer los siguientes artículos al estacionamiento de la escuela de Santa St. Mónica: Puertas, alfombras, muebles, madera sin clavos, vallas enrolladas, aparatos domésticos (**quite las puertas, por favor**), llantas de automóviles de pasajeros (quite las llantas, limite 8 llantas por hogar). **NO SE PUEDE RECOGER:** Aparatos Electrónicos, baterías, pintura, maleza, residuos/líquidos peligrosos, cemento/rocas/ladrillos, escombros de construcción remodelación o vehículos de motor. **SOLAMENTE PARA RESIDENTES DE CONVERSE.**



Do you have a child that is 7 years old or older and has never been baptized? Would you like for them to be baptized in the Catholic church? Do they want to be part of the Catholic Church? If so, then contact Josie Rodriguez, the RCIA Coordinator for St. Monica's parish. Josie will explain the process and determine if your child can be a catechumen for the RCIA for children (Children's Catechumenate) process. Please note: the classes are in English and parents must attend the classes with their child(ren). For more information contact Josie Rodriguez at RCIA@saintmonica.net, or (210) 988-3954. If classes are needed in Spanish, please contact Sr. Esperanza Buitron at 210-659-4242.

RICA PARA NIÑOS

¿Tiene un niño que tenga 7 años o más y nunca ha sido bautizado? ¿Le gustaría que se bautizara en la iglesia católica? ¿Quiere ser parte de la iglesia católica? Si es así, comuníquese con Josie Rodriguez, Coordinadora de RICA para la parroquia de Santa Monica. Josie le explicará el proceso y determinará si su hijo/hija puede ser un catecúmeno para el proceso RICA para niños (catecumenado de niños). Tenga en cuenta que las clases son en inglés y los padres deben asistir a las clases con sus hijos. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Josie Rodriguez en RCIA@saintmonica.net, o al (210) 988-3954.



REGISTRATION GOING ON NOW!

Classes are held on Wednesday evening for Kindergarten through 8th Grade and will begin September 18th. Students in High School are scheduled to start Confirmation preparation – their first session is Sunday, September 15th and they MUST attend a Meeting held on Sunday, September 22nd at 2 PM. Registration information can be found in the back of the church or you can come by the Parish Office during regular hours. For additional information, please contact the office at 210-658-3816 or



Las clases se llevan a cabo los miércoles por la noche para Kindergarten hasta el 8^o grado y comenzarán el 18 de septiembre. Los estudiantes de preparatoria están programados para comenzar la preparación para la Confirmación: su primera sesión es el domingo 15 de septiembre y DEBEN asistir a una reunión que se llevará a cabo el domingo 22 de septiembre a las 2 PM.

La información de registro se puede encontrar en la parte posterior de la iglesia o puede venir a la Oficina Parroquial durante horas regulares. Para obtener información adicional, comuníquese con la oficina al 210-658-3816 o

jan@saintmonicaconverse.net



HELP US TO CELEBRATE OUR PATRON SAINT!

On Saturday, August 24th we invite you to join us in celebrating St. Monica's Feast Day. We will start with the Mass at 5:30 pm, with main celebrant, Fr. Larry Christian, Vicar General of the Archdiocese. Mass will be followed by dinner and dance provided FREE of cost for all by our parish. During the event Fr. Thumma will also provide a report on the parish renovation and on his first year as our Pastor. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

VAMOS A CELEBRAR A NUESTRA SANTA PATRONA!

El sábado 24 de Agosto los invitamos a unirse a nuestra celebración de la Fiesta del Día de Sta. Mónica. Iniciaremos con la Misa a las 5:30 pm celebrada por Padre Larry Christian, vicario general del Arquidiocesis. Después de la misa, va haber una cena y baile proporcionada por nuestra parroquia GRATIS para todos. Durante el evento el Padre Thumma también dará un reporte sobre la renovación de la parroquia y su primer año como nuestro Pastor. ¡Esperamos verlos allí!

COULD YOU NOT KEEP WATCH WITH ME FOR ONE HOUR?

Jesus is inviting you to be at the next **Holy Hour Thursday**, August 22 at 7 p.m. Pray, meditate and reflect on the blessings in your life, the trials, the worries and the big dreams you have.

¿NO PUEDEN VELAR CONMIGO POR UNA HORA? Jesús te invita a estar en la próxima Hora Santa el jueves 22 de Agosto a las 7 p.m. Ora, medita y reflexiona sobre las bendiciones en tu vida, las pruebas, las preocupaciones y los grandes sueños que tienes. .

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Back-to-School supply drive for Sky Cross the weekends of August 24 & 25 thru August 31 & September 1. These donated items will be delivered to the very poor families on the Texas - Mexico border. Your generosity will help children who are facing challenges that very few in our area have ever encountered.

Los Caballeros de Colón están patrocinando una campaña de suministros de regreso a la escuela para Sky Cross los fines de semana del 24 y 25 de agosto al 31 de agosto y el 1 de septiembre. Estos artículos donados serán entregados a las familias muy pobres en la frontera entre Texas y México. Su generosidad ayudará a los niños que enfrentan desafíos que muy pocos en nuestra área han enfrentado.

MARRIAGE PREP RETREAT

There are two tracks available in English or Spanish. The retreat will be held on Saturday and Sunday August 24th/25th, 2019 at Church of the Holy Spirit, 8134 Blanco Road, San Antonio; 78216. You may contact the coordinator, Yessica Marval at yessica.marval@archsa.org and/or by phone 210-734-1653 for more information and to register.



RETIRO MATRIMONIAL

Hay dos pistas disponibles en inglés o español. El retiro se llevará a cabo el sábado y el domingo 24/25 de agosto de 2019 en la Iglesia del Espíritu Santo, 8134 Blanco Road, San Antonio; 78216. Puede comunicarse con la coordinadora, Yessica Marval en yessi-ca.marval@archsa.org y/o por teléfono 210-734-1653 para obtener más información y registrarse.

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