

St. Monica Catholic Church

Oct. 1, 1960 - Oct. 1, 2020

**Thank you God for the many blessings!
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First Sunday of Lent

School Office: (210) 658-6701 • St. Vincent De Paul: (210) 658-8791
Parish Office: 210-658-3816 Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm
In case of an emergency call the office and follow the instructions.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Thumma Prathap, ext. 241
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Would you like to serve as an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher or Altar Server?
Please contact Anita Moreno (210) 326-3218 or Maria Garcia (210) 264-4040



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m. (English) & 7:15 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday: 7:30 & 9:15, 11 am & 5 pm (English)
1:00 & 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday Masses Live Streamed Masses 9:15 am & 1 pm
St. Monica's Facebook or Website

Face Mask must be worn at all times
Once we reach our capacity we will lock the doors.

Weekdays: 8:15 a.m. (Mon—Fri)

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. Bilingual/bilingüe

HOLY HOUR : Thursday 7:00 p.m. Live-Streamed (Bilingual)

40 HOURS ADORATION & FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: SUSPENDED for now

RECONCILIATION: Wed. 6:00p.m.& Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

EUCARIST FOR HOMEBOUND / ANOINTING OF SICK:
Contact church office.

BAPTISMS: Saturdays & Sundays. Please contact parish office.

FIRST COMMUNION: 2 year program required; usually received in 2nd grade. Contact Religious Education office.

CONFIRMATION: Must complete a 2 year program which begins in high school. Contact Religious Education office.

GLOW (4th-6th grade group) meets Thurs. in hall 6:30-8:00 p.m.

EDGE (Middle School Youth Group): Wed. 6:25-7:35 p.m.
Jan Van Slambrouck, 210-658-3816 x 243.

MARRIAGE: 6 months notice required. Contact parish office.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Director, Janice Van Slambrouck, 210-658-3816 Grades K– High School. Office hours: Mon, Tue, Wed & Thurs. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

RCIA: Adult converts or those needing sacraments are invited. Please contact the office for more information.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Paulette Richards, 210-658-8791.
By appointment only Tues-Wed & Thurs; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ST. MONICA SCHOOL: Early Childhood-8th Grade.
Administrator, Mrs. Sara Martinez. 210-658-6701. School Annex 210-659-5939.

Need Baptismal Preparation Class?

Parents & Godparents must attend a baptism preparation class in order to baptize a child. English class will be held the first Saturday of the month and Spanish class on the second Saturday of the month. *Please call the office to sign up.*



Necesita la clase de preparación bautismal ?

Padres y padrinos deben asistir a una clase de preparación para el bautizo de su niño. La clase de inglés se llevará a cabo el primer sábado del mes y la clase de español el segundo sábado del mes.
Por favor llame a la oficina para inscribirse.

First Sunday of Lent

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

The 9:15 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday Masses are live – streamed on Facebook and on the parish website: www.saintmonicaconverse.net and click on

“Follow us” and Facebook to view streaming. Masses Mon.—Sat. Live Streamed

THE PRIEST SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Monday, Feb. 22

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Ian

Tuesday, Feb. 23 St.

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma

Wednesday, Feb. 24

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Ian

Confessions 6:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma

Thurs., Feb. 25

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma

Holy Hour 7:00 p.m. Deacon Joel

Friday, Feb. 26

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma

Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. Fr. Ian

Mass 6:30 p.m. Fr. Ian

Saturday, Feb. 27

Rosary 9:00 a.m.

Mass 9:30 a.m. (Bilingual) Fr. Ian

Confessions 3:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma

Mass 5:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma

7:15 p.m. (Spanish) Fr. Thumma

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, Feb. 28

Masses in a.m. 7:30 a.m. Fr. Thumma

9:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma

11:00 a.m. Fr. Ian

Masses in p.m. 1 p.m. (Spanish) Fr. Ian

5 p.m. (English) Fr. Ian

7 p.m. (Spanish) Fr. Ian

I Domingo de Cuaresma

ESTA SEMANA EN LA PARROQUIA

Las misas de 9:15 a.m. y 1 p.m. el domingo en directo en Facebook y en el sitio web de la parroquia: www.saintmonicaconverse.net y haga clic en "Síguenos" y Facebook para ver la transmisión.

Misas lunes—sábado transmisión en vivo

EL HORARIO SACERDOTE SUJETO A CAMBIO

Lunes, 22 de febrero

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Ian

Martes, 23 de febrero

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma

Miércoles, 24 de febrero

Misa 8:15 Padre Ian

Confesiones 6:00 p.m. Padre Thumma

Jueves, 25 de febrero

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma

Hora Santa (bilingüe) 7:00 p.m. Diaconó Joel

Viernes, 26 de febrero

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma

Vía Crucis 6:00 p.m. Padre Ian

Misa 6:30 p.m. Padre Ian

Sábado, 27 de febrero

Rosario 9 a.m.

Misa 9:30 a.m. Padre Ian

Confesiones 3:30 p.m. Padre Thumma

Misa 5:30 p.m. Padre Thumma

7:15 p.m. (Español) Padre Thumma

II Domingo de Cuaresma

Domingo, 28 de febrero

Misas de mañana 7:30 a.m. Padre Thumma

9:15 a.m. Padre Thumma

11:00 a.m. Padre Ian

Misas de la tarde 1 p.m. (Español) Padre Ian

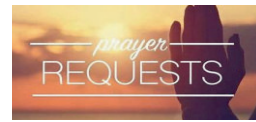
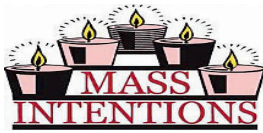
5 p.m. (Inglés) Padre Ian

7 p.m. (Español) Padre Ian

Fr. Ian will begin his vacation on March 1st and returns on March 17th. Keep him in your prayers as he travels.



Padre Ian comenzará sus vacaciones el 1 de marzo y regresará el 17 de marzo. Manténganlo en sus oraciones mientras que viaja.



**We are here to Pray for you
Parishioners who are ill
Los Feligreses enfermos**

Mon 2/22 8:15 a.m. (SI) Alfonso & Teresa Vielna
Tue 2/23 8:15 a.m. † Gloria Mayer Jehl
Wed 2/24 8:15 a.m. (SI) Cindy Hernandez
Thurs 2/25 8:15 a.m. (SI) Teri Pierce
Fri. 2/26 8:15 a.m. (SI) Auxiliary Bishop Gary Janak
6:30 p.m. (SI) GS Sisters
Sat. 2/27 9:30 a.m. (SI) Fr. Thumma & Fr. Ian
5:30 p.m. (SI) Musicians of St. Monica
7:15 p.m. †
Sun. 2/28 7:30 a.m. † Jim Venuto
9:15 a.m. † Deceased Members of Catholic
Life Insurance
† Rose Marie O'Connor
† Angela Brown
11:00 a.m. † Deacon Gilbert Rivera
1:00 p.m. (B) Julian Camps
† Alan Paque
5:00 p.m. † Elgin G. Schaefer
7:00 p.m. (SI) Lectors of St. Monica

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live-streamed on Facebook and on church website:
www.saintmonicaconverse.net and click on
"Síguenos".**

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transmitidas en vivo en Facebook y en el sitio web de
la iglesia: www.saintmonicaconverse.net y haga clic en
"Síguenos".**

COLLECTION REPORT

Feb. 14th \$

Online: \$



Due to inclement weather we were unable
provide a report, we will report next week

*Feb. 28th Second Collection will be for:
Saint Monica School*

We appreciate your faithfulness in tithing during
these difficult times.

Apreciamos sus ofertas semanales en estos momentos
difíciles

***In our prayers let us ask the Lord for health
for our sisters and brothers who are ill:***

***En nuestras oraciones pidamos al Señor por la salud
para nuestras hermanas y nuestros hermanos enfermos:***

Glyssie Esquivel, Barbara Abat, Cindy Hernandez,
Paula & Ken Anderson, Lee, Jackie Cantu, Cecilia Elizondo,
Teri Pierce, Pilar Ramirez,
Cristina Goonan, Christopher Ramirez, Reynaldo Vela,
Joseph Bufanio, Dennis Van Slambrouck

For the repose soul of /Por el eterno descanso de:

*Kelly Kelley
Jim Venuto
Dcn. Gilbert Rivera
Jorge Arriaga
Mary Jane Garza*

Please call the office to add the name in the bulletin.
Por favor hablen a la oficina para agregar nombres al boletín.



Having a Mass said for a specific prayer intention is a
wonderful way to glorify God. You may request a Mass to
be said for a living or deceased person, or for a particular
intention. Mass intentions provide opportunities for
prayerful remembrance of anniversaries and birthdays, and
additional prayers for a deceased loved one. A donation of
\$10 is requested.

Ofrecer una Misa para una intención específica de oración
es una manera maravillosa de glorificar a Dios.
Usted puede solicitar una misa para una persona viva o
fallecida, o para una intención particular. Las intenciones
de Misa brindan oportunidades para el recuerdo en oración
de aniversarios y cumpleaños, y oraciones adicionales por
un ser querido fallecido. Se solicita una donación de \$10
cuando se pide una intención.

Having trouble listening to Mass!

Thanks to a generous parishioner, we now have two new
"In Ear Monitors." If you are having trouble hearing the
Mass please see a Mass Coordinator. The monitors will need
to be returned after the Mass to the Sacristy. If you prefer to
purchase your own device, contact the church office.
Thank you.

Tiene problemas para escuchar en Misa?!

Gracias a un generoso feligrés ahora contamos con dos "En
el oído monitores" nuevos. Si está teniendo problemas
escuchando la Misa, por favor vea a el Coordinador de la
Misa. Si prefiere comprar su aparato contacte la oficina de
la iglesia. Gracias.



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Catholic Charities is once again hosting 40 Cans for Lent, a Lenten food drive to stock the St. Stephen's CARE Center Food Pantry and Mobile Food Pantry. Parishes, schools, universities, and organizations can request a food collection bin for members of their community to drop food donations.

SHOP AND DROP

Shop and donate canned food and dry goods Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5pm St. Stephen's CARE Center, 2127 S. Zarzamora St.



Your donation feeds our neighbors in need throughout the year.

Caridades Católicas está organizando de nuevo 40 Latas de Cuaresma, un evento de Cuaresma para juntar comida para el Centro de San Esteban CARE, centro de comida y despensa móvil. Parroquias, escuelas, universidades y organizaciones pueden pedir un bote donde los miembros de la comunidad pueden poner las donaciones de despensa.

COMPRE & DONE

Compre y done latas de comida y despensa de Lunes-viernes, 8:30-5:00 pm a San Esteban CARE Centro, 2127 Zarzamora St.

THINGS TO DO:

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

- feed the hungry
- give drink to the thirsty
- give alms to the poor
- shelter the homeless
- visit the sick
- visit the imprisoned
- bury the dead

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

- instruct the ignorant
- counsel the doubtful
- admonish the sinner
- forgive injuries
- comfort the sorrowful
- bear wrongs patiently
- pray for the living and the dead

St. Monica Truth Seekers want to know: What are you doing for Lent?

On Ash Wednesday we entered a special time in the Liturgical Calendar of the Catholic Church: **Lent**. These are 40 days in which we reflect on our own lives and spiritual journeys, so we can “repent and believe in the Gospel”.

As we prepare to celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we invite you to consider taking on a **Spiritual or Corporal Work of Mercy** this season.

¿Qué vas a hacer esta Cuaresma?

El Miércoles de Ceniza entramos en un tiempo especial en el Calendario Litúrgico de la Iglesia Católica: **Cuaresma**. Estos 40 días reflexionamos en nuestras propias vidas y jornadas espirituales, para “arrepentirnos y creer en el Evangelio”. Mientras nos preparamos para celebrar la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, te invitamos a considerar hacer **Obras de Misericordia Espirituales o Corporales** esta temporada.

Obras Corporales de Misericordia: dar de comer al hambriento, dar de beber al sediento, ayudar al que lo necesita, dar albergue al desamparado, visitar al enfermo, visitar los presos, enterrar a los muertos.

Obras Espirituales de Misericordia: instruir al que no sabe, aconsejar al que duda, amonestar al pecador, perdonar las injurias, consolar al que sufre, sufrir los defectos del otro con paciencia, orar por los vivos y los difuntos.

Follow us and send us your questions/Síguenos y envíanos tus preguntas:

St. Monica Facebook or YouTube Channel www.saintmonicaconverse.net

<https://tinyurl.com/y57hjbx7>

Truth seekers ages 19- 35 are welcome on Mondays at 7 pm in the Church Chapel!



SCAN ME

*****UPDATE CDA Cook Book*****

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas has expanded their cookbook to now include recipes in Spanish. Adding a new section to give everyone an opportunity to share passed down recipes, to include those Spanish written recipes, that have unique ingredients. You can still turn in 2-3 of your recipes for the cookbook celebrating St. Monica's 60th Anniversary.

The submission form is available on the church website; in church bulletin; or pickup at church office. Please submit your typed/printed recipes on the submission form by February 28, 2021.

You may drop off forms in church lobby; at the church office; by mail to St. Monica Catholic Church, Attn: CDA, 501 North St., Converse, TX 78109; through the parish website (www.saintmonicaconverse.net); or email them to stmonicaacda2489@gmail.com. Please note that if similar recipes are received, not all may be printed.

****Noticias del libro de cocina de CDA****

Las Hijas Católicas de las Americas han extendido su libro de cocina para incluir recetas en Español. Agregando esta nueva sección les a todos la oportunidad de compartir esas recetas que han sido pasadas de nuestras familias. Las formas para entregar las recetas están disponibles en línea en el sitio de la iglesia; en el boletín de la iglesia, o se pueden recoger en la oficina de la iglesia. Por favor entregue su receta escrita a máquina/escritas claramente en la fecha límite que es el 28 de Febrero, 2021.

Pueden dejar los papeles en el vestíbulo de la iglesia, en la oficina, mandarlas por correo a St. Monica Catholic Church, Attn. CDA, 501 North St. Converse, TX 78109; o a través de la website de la parroquia (www.saintmonicaconverse.net) o por email a stmonicaacda2489@gmail.com. Favor de tener en cuenta que si se reciben recetas parecodasm no todas podrán ser publicadas.

YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRICIATED!

We are grateful to those who have continued to give. Since we depend on you for weekly contributions. We kindly ask that you continue to contribute either by:

- Dropping off your donation at the church office during office hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Mailing it to the church office:
501 North Street, Converse; 78109.
- Giving online, you can do so by going to <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stmcc>.



It will explain how to set up your ParishSOFT Giving Account.

AGRADECEMOS SU APOYO!

SE PUEDE DONAR EN LINEA!

Agradecemos a aquellos que han continuado dando ya que dependemos de las contribuciones semanales de nuestros feligreses. Le pedimos amablemente que continúe contribuyendo:

- Dejando su donación en la oficina de la iglesia durante el horario de oficina de 9 a.m. a 5 p.m.
- Enviándolo por correo a la oficina de la iglesia:
501 North Street, Converse; 78109.
- Donando en línea, puede hacerlo yendo a <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stmcc>. Se le explicará cómo configurar su Cuenta de Donación ParishSOFT.



"Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, and saw a poor widow putting in two mites. So He said, "...this poor

widow has put in more than all" Luke 21:1-4

On behalf of Archbishop Gustavo and Father Thumma, we invite you and your family to participate in this year's Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries by offering a sacrificial gift your circumstances permit. Your gift will help form priests and deacons to serve you, your family, and individuals locally. It will prepare lay leaders to serve as catechists in our parish religious programs. It will offer a Catholic education to families in need. It will broadcast televised Masses and help expand our reach through other digital media, and will share Christ's love as it feeds, clothes, shelters, and cares for the most vulnerable.

As St. Luke recalls the widow giving her two mites, the Lord promises that our generosity is the foundational building block of our eternal life. Giving selflessly as faithful stewards of God's blessings helps us to grow in trust with our Lord. We are not owners of His gifts, but caretakers. Sharing them freely makes Christ's love present through ministries serving our community. I invite you to pray and find it in your heart to make a sacrificial gift to this year's Appeal. Gifts can be given:

Text-To-Give: (210) 750-6712; keyword APPEAL

Online at www.archsa.org/appeal By calling 210-734-1604



"Jesus miro hacia arriba y vio a los ricos poniendo sus reglos dentro de su tesoreros, y vio a una viuda pore poner dos monedas. El dio, "...esta pobre viuda a puesto mas que todos laos demás", Lucas 21:1-4

A nombre del Arzobispo Gustavo y de el Padre Thumma, los invitamos a usted y a su familia a participar en la Campana del Arzobispo para los Ministerios de este ano ofreciendo su gralo sacrificado segun sus circunstancias le permiten. Su regalo va a aydar a formar Sacerdotes y Diáconos para servirle a usted, a su familia, y a individuos localmente. Preparara también a lideres laicos para server como catequistas en los programas religiosos de nuestra parroquia. Le ofrecerá también educación religiosa a familia en necesidad. Transmitirá también Misas televisadas y ayudara a expandir nuestro alcance por medio de otros medios digitales, y compartirá el amor de Cristo dando de comer, vestir, refugio, y cuidando a los mas vulnerables.

Según Lucas nos acuerda de la viuda dando sus dos monedas, el Señor nos promete que nuestra generosidad es la fundación del bloque de construcción para nuestra vida eterna. Dando desinteresadamente como fieles mayordomos de las bendiciones de Dios nos ayuda a crecer en confianza con nuestro Señor. No somos dueños de sus regalos, pero cuidadores de ellos. Compartiéndolos libremente hace el amor de Cristo presente dentro de los ministerios que sirven a nuestra comunidad. Les invito a orar y a encontrar e su corazón el poder hacer su regalo de sacrificio para la campana de este año.

Text para regalar: (210) 750-6712; clave APPEAL

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O si es necesario, use el sobre de la Campana de su Parroquia

Que Dios bendiga su disponibilidad para hacer el bien para ganarse la vida verdadera!

COVID-19 affects different people in different ways. Infected people have had a wide range of symptoms reported – from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19: Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

If you have any of these symptoms or think you may have been in contact with someone who has COVID **Stay home**. Most people with COVID-19 have mild illness and can recover at home without medical care. Do not leave your home, except to get medical care.

Do not visit public areas.

COVID-19 afecta a diferentes personas de diferentes maneras. Se ha informado de una amplia gama de síntomas en personas infectadas, desde síntomas leves hasta enfermedades graves. Los síntomas pueden aparecer de 2 a 14 días después de la exposición al virus. Las personas con estos síntomas pueden tener COVID-19: fiebre o escalofríos, tos, falta de aire o dificultad para respirar, fatiga, dolores musculares o corporales, dolor de cabeza, pérdida del gusto o del olfato, dolor de garganta, congestión o secreción nasal, náusea o vómito, Diarrea.

Si usted tiene alguno de estos síntomas o cree que pudo haber estado en contacto con alguien que tiene COVID-19, quédese en casa. La mayoría de las personas con COVID-19 tienen una enfermedad leve y pueden recuperarse en casa sin atención médica. No salga de su casa, excepto para recibir atención médica.

No visite áreas públicas.

Do you own a business or know of someone who does? If so, we ask that you prayerfully consider placing an ad in our weekly bulletin. You can also promote parish organizations and schools. Or, consider placing a personal announcement such as: In memory of a loved one, pray for peace or the rosary maybe you have special intentions you would like to share with others.

Our bulletin is an important communication tool and is no cost to us because of the support of our advertisers! Please remember to utilize our business sponsors when looking for a product or service and thank them for their participation. If your interested in supporting our bulletin, call Alex Dominguez @ 512-913-1920 or email: adominguez@diocesan.com

¿Tiene un negocio o conoce a alguien que lo tenga? Si es así, le pedimos que considere en oración colocar un anuncio en nuestro boletín semanal. También puede promover organizaciones parroquiales y escuelas. O considere colocar un anuncio personal como: En memoria de un ser querido, ore por la paz o el rosario, tal vez tenga intenciones especiales que le gustaría compartir con los demás.

¡Nuestro boletín es una herramienta de comunicación importante y no tiene ningún costo para nosotros gracias al apoyo de nuestros anunciantes! Recuerde utilizar a nuestros patrocinadores comerciales cuando busque un producto o servicio y agradézcales su participación. Si está interesado en apoyar nuestro boletín, llame a Alex Domínguez @ 512-913-1920 o envíe un correo electrónico a: adominguez@diocesan.com

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