

# St. Monica Catholic Church, Converse, Texas

## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name  
who can at the same time speak ill of me.  
For whoever is not against us is for us."

Mk 9:39-40



"No hay ninguno que haga milagros en mi nombre,  
que luego sea capaz de hablar mal de mí. Todo aquel que no  
está contra nosotros, está a nuestro favor".

Mc 9, 39-40

## 26° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

**60 Years Glorifying the Lord / 60 Años Glorificando al Señor**

*Thank you everyone for 60 years of fruitful ministries. / Gracias a todos por 60 años de fructíferos ministerios.*

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Website: [www.saintmonicaconverse.net](http://www.saintmonicaconverse.net) email: [parish@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:parish@saintmonicaconverse.net)

**Parish Office:** 210-658-3816 Hours: Mon., Tue., Thur., & Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm & Wed. 9 am—7pm

In case of an emergency call the office and follow the instructions.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** (210) 658-8791 By appointment Tues.—Thurs. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**ST. MONICA SCHOOL:** Early Childhood-8th Grade. Principal, Mrs. Sara Martinez 210-658-6701

**PARISH STAFF**

**Pastor:** Fr. Thumma Prathap, ext. 241

*Email: pastor@saintmonicaconverse.net*

**Parochial Vicar:** Fr. Alejandro Ortega ext. 238

*Email: aortega@saintmonicaconverse.net*

**Deacon** Sean Dooley

**Deacon** Jacques Abat

**Deacon** Rafael Lopez-Negrón

**Deacon** Jose Joel Castellanos

**Deacon** David Espinoza

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**Dir. of Religious Ed.** Jan Van Slambrouck, ext. 243

*Email: jan@saintmonicaconverse.net*

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**RCIA Coordinator:** Mr. John Miller ext.234

*Email: RCIA@saintmonicaconverse.net*

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*Email: liturgy@saintmonicaconverse.net*

**Housekeeper** Limbania Reyes

**Groundskeeper** Gilbert LaFuente

**Custodian** Gil Lugo

**MINISTRIES**

**ACTS:** Steve Medellin

**ALTAR SOCIETY: THRIFT STORE:** Open Wednesdays & Saturdays from 9 a.m. till Noon

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY:** Dcn. Sean Dooley

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS:** Meet 3rd Sat. of the month 9a.m. NO MEETINGS June or July.

Janet Swanson, email: swansonjanet101@gmail.com.

**ART & ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY:** Alma Castillo

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP:** (Spanish) Meet via Zoom contact Juan & Patricia Ortiz to join.

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP:** (English) Meet every other Sat. & Mon. contact Fran Flores at 210-658-2879 to join.

**EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER, LECTOR, USHER OR ALTAR SERVER:** Contact Anita Moreno to join any of these ministries.

**FAMILY OF THE ROSARY** (Spanish) Meets first Monday of the month in the parish hall at 6:30 p.m. **Graciela Morgan,**

**GUADALUPANAS:** Meets 2nd Mon. 10:00 a.m. parish hall, **Martha Corrales,**

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:** Barbara Ward

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Meets 2nd Tues.at 7:00 p.m. **Thomas Cantu,** Grand Knight,

**SPANISH PRAYER GROUP:** Meet every Fri. 7:00 p.m. at parish hall **Gustavo Muñoz,**

**WELCOME MINISTRY:** Eliza Reyna,

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:** Colbe Ohnheiser Meets every Thursday at 8pm in the Parish Hall

**POWER PONT MINISTRY:** Soon to be started Call the office to sign up

***CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.***

**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.** (English)

**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

**The use of masks and face coverings is not required for those who are fully vaccinated. We highly encourage EVERYONE even those who are vaccinated to wear masks or face coverings, as this viruses is spreading.**

**We will not require proof of vaccination.**

**We also highly encourage all to be vaccinated.**

**Weekdays: 8:15 a.m. (Mon—Fri)**

**Saturday: 9 am Holy Rosary**

**9:30 a.m. Bilingual/bilingüe**

**PERPETUAL ADORATION:** Hours for adoration: Monday at 9 am to Saturday at 9 am. Please come by the office to get your entry code.

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

**COMMITTEES**

**Building Board President:** Tony Canez

**Finance Council President:** Sandra Lyssy

**Pastoral Council President:** Timo Zepeda

**CHOIR DIRECTORS**

**Gil Lugo,** & Sat.; 5:30pm & Sun; 7:30am

**Bill Staggs,** 9:00 a.m.

**Michelle Hernandez,** 11 a.m.

**Glissie & Leonard Esquivel,** Spanish 1p.m.

**Britt Mitchell,** 5 p.m.

**Ernesto Diaz,** 7pm Sunday or

**Lupita Gonzalez** 7pm Sunday or

**Rafael Torres** 7pm Sunday

**To join the choir, speak to the director after mass or contact the office, 210-658-3816**

**SACRAMENTS**

**ANOINTING OF SICK:** Contact the church office to setup an appointment with a priest.

**INFANT BAPTISMS:** 3rd Saturday of the month in English & 4th Saturday of the month in Spanish. Please contact the parish office to register.

**MARRIAGE & QUINCEANERA:** At least 6 months notice is required. Contact **Deacon David** at the parish office.

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

**RECONCILIATION:** Wed. 6:00p.m.& Sat. 4:00 p.m. or by appt

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** To include preparation for

**First Communion and Confirmation** Director, Janice

**Van Slambrouck,** 210-658-3816 x 243 Grades K– High School.

**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](http://www.saintmonicaconverse.net) and click on "Follow us" and Facebook to view streaming.

All Masses Mon.—Sat. Live Streamed

**THE PRIEST'S SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**26th Week of Ordinary Time**

**Monday, September 27**

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Alejandro O.

**Tuesday, September 28**

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma

**Wednesday, September 29**

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Alejandro O.

Confessions 6:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma

**Thurs., September 30**

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma

Holy Hour (Bilingual) 7:00 p.m. Deacon

**Friday, October 1**

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma

Mass (Spanish) 7:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma

**Saturday, October 2**

Rosary 9:00 a.m.

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

Confessions 4:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma

Mass 5:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, October 3**

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

9:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma

11:00 a.m. Fr. Thumma

Masses in p.m. 1 p.m. (Spanish) Fr. Alejandro O.

5 p.m. (English) Fr. Alejandro O.

7 p.m. (Spanish) Fr. Alejandro O.

**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](http://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**

**XXVI semana del Tiempo Ordinario**

**Lunes, 27 de septiembre**

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Alejandro O.

**Martes, 28 de septiembre**

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma

**Miércoles, 29 de septiembre**

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Alejandro O.

Confesiones 6:00 p.m. Padre Thumma

**Jueves, 30 de septiembre**

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma

Hora Santa (bilingüe) 7:00 p.m. Deacon

**Viernes, 1 de octubre**

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma

Misa (Español) 7:00 p.m. Padre Thumma

**Sábado, 2 de octubre**

Rosario 9 a.m.

Misa (bilingüe) 9:30 a.m. Padre Thumma

Confesiones 4:00 p.m. Padre Thumma

Misa 5:30 p.m. Padre Thumma

**XXVII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

**Domingo, 3 de octubre**

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

9:15 a.m. Padre Thumma

11:00 a.m. Padre Thumma

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

5p.m. (Inglés) Padre Alejandro O.

7p.m. (Español) Padre Alejandro O.

**Welcome Back Fr. Thumma**

**Bienvenido Padre Thumma**



*Saturday October 9th @ 10:30 am*

*In the back field next to*

*Stations of the Cross*

*Bendición de  
los Animales*

*Sábado 6 de octubre a*

*las 10:30 am*

*En el campo de atrás,*

*Junto al Viacrucis*





Mon	9/27	8:15 a.m.	(SI) St. Monica Members of St. Vincent de Paul Members
Tue	9/28	8:15 a.m.	† Alan Pague † Cruz Cerda III
Wed	9/29	8:15 a.m.	(SI) Conversion of Sinners
Thurs	9/30	8:15 a.m.	† Ignacio M. Asuncion
Fri.	10/1	8:15 a.m.	(B) J.T. Silk † Petra Valdez
		7:00 p.m.	(SI) St. Monica Parishioners
Sat.	10/2	9:30 a.m	(SI) Souls in Purgatory (SI) Cecilia Ulloa de Elizondo (B) Leslee Gutierrez
		5:30 p.m.	† Scott Case † Onufry Cielencki
Sun.	10/3	7:30 a.m.	† Raymund Cruz
		9:15 a.m.	(A) Ed & Natalia Lopez † Bill Ohler
		11:00 a.m.	† Mrs. Rosemary O'Connor
		1:00 p.m.	† Maria Socorro Vidales † Isaac Hernandez † Francisco Camerena
		5:00 p.m.	(SI) Conversion of Sinners
		7:00 p.m.	(B) Ludy Kent † Magdalena Garcia



**We are here to Pray for you  
Estamos aquí para orar por ti**

***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, Teri Pearce, Reynaldo Vela, Rivera family, Richard Castillo, Andrea Trevino, Angel Cantu, Maria J. Ramos, Yari Carrillo, Larry, Linda Duncan, Arthur Thomas, Lisa Lee, Barbara Cantley, Suzie Littrell, Alena Quintero, Nildia Johnston, Lucy Barajas, Tim Knotts, Lisa Lee, Douglas, Raul Perez., Bob Andrews, Tyler Acosta, Mary Hernandez, Lily DeHaro, Jo-Ann Case, Guadalupe Chagoya, Michael, Helen Arispe, Irma Juarez, Monica Trott, Elva Lopez, Joanne & Sebastian, Manuel, Arcadio Blonski, Dorothy Hernandez, Maria del Carmen Andrade, Luis M Vega Torres, Silivia Vega, Dolores Vaquera & family, Sara Chase,

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

Juanita Olguin  
David Santos  
Mareeya Yuhico Lim  
David Santos  
Donna Wallace  
Jill Becquet

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.

**COLLECTION REPORT**



**September 19th** \$ 10,192.00  
Online: \$ 1,497.00

Collection for St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 330.00
Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 308.00
Collection for Religious Education	\$ 1,320.00
Collection for victims of Earthquakes and Tropical Storm Grace	\$ 2,269.00

**October 3rd Second Collection for:  
Hope for the Future/Catholic Schools**

We appreciate your faithfulness in tithing during these difficult times.  
Apreciamos sus ofertas semanales en estos momentos

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the birthdays of:

*Lauren Kirby  
Elijah Jordan*



This week altar flowers are in memory of:  
**Mary Jane Garza**



**REMINDER ABOUT COVID-19**

With the rise of people being infected with COVID-19 Delta Variant we would like to remind everyone if you are **feeling ill please do not come to mass.** We are not requiring you to wear a mask but let us all be considerate to others. If anyone in your household has been tested positive for COVID please keep all your family safe and home until everyone is negative of any COVID symptoms.

The virus is thought to spread mainly from person to person: Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet). Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing any symptoms.

Symptoms reported with COVID-19 include: **Fever, Cough, Shortness of Breath, Chills, Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Headache, New loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, Nausea or Vomiting, Diarrhea.**

Let us continue to pray for all those who are ill and for families who have been affected by COVID.

**RECORDATORIO de COVID-19**

Con el aumento de personas infectadas con el variante delta de COVID-19, deseamos recordarles a todos que, si se **sienten enfermos, por favor no vengán a misa.** No requerimos el uso de mascarilla, pero seamos considerados con los demás. Si alguien en su hogar ha dado positivo en la prueba de COVID, mantenga a toda su familia a salvo y en casa hasta que todos tengan un resultado negativo de cualquier síntoma de COVID. Se cree que el virus se transmite principalmente de persona a persona: entre personas que están en contacto cercano una a otra (dentro de unos 6 pies) a través de las gotitas respiratorias que se producen cuando una persona infectada tose o estornuda. Estas gotitas pueden caer en la boca o la nariz de las personas que están cerca o posiblemente ser inhaladas hacia los pulmones. El COVID-19 puede ser transmitido por personas que no presentan ningún síntoma.

Los síntomas que se presentan con COVID-19 incluyen: **Fiebre, Tos, Dificultad para respirar, Escalofríos, Fatiga, Dolores Musculares o Corporales, Dolor de Cabeza, Nueva pérdida del gusto u olfato, Dolor de Garganta, Congestión o Secreción Nasal, Náuseas o Vómitos, Diarrea.**

Sigamos orando por todos los que están enfermos y por las familias que han sido afectadas por COVID.

**IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

We have a NEW start date for IN-PERSON classes for Religious Education. IN-PERSON classes will **begin on October 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Your child's teacher will be notifying you via email or text with further details specifically for their class.

If you have any questions, please contact Jan Van Slambrouck at [jan@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:jan@saintmonicaconverse.net) or 210-658-3816.

**ACTUALIZACIÓN IMPORTANTE PARA LAS CLASES DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA**

Tenemos una NUEVA fecha de inicio para las clases EN PERSONA de Educación Religiosa. Las clases EN PERSONA no **comenzarán el 6 de octubre.**

El maestro de su hijo le notificará por correo electrónico o mensaje de texto con más detalles específicamente para su clase.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Jan Van Slambrouck en [jan@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:jan@saintmonicaconverse.net) o 210-658-3816.



The City of Converse  
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Saturday October 2, 2021

Parade Starts at 10am

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La ciudad de Converse patrocina el desfile  
Noche en Viejo Converse  
Sábado 2 de octubre de 2021

El desfile comienza a las 10 a. m.  
Para honrar el 60º aniversario de la ciudad:  
Tema del desfile es de los años 60  
Traiga a la familia para disfrutar de  
las carrozas temáticas y  
la diversión comunitaria.  
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[www.ConverseTX.net](http://www.ConverseTX.net)



Do you know how to push a button on a computer?

Would you like a reserved seat during Mass?

Then, you should join our Media Ministry!

Livestreaming takes place at the 9:15 AM and 1 PM Mass.

The Projector Power Point will take place at ALL Masses.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**

Contact the Parish Office for more details 210-658-3816 or email: parish@saintmonicaconverse.net



Sabe usted cómo apretar un botón en una computadora?

Le gustaría tener su lugar reservado durante Misa??

Entonces, debería unirse al Ministerio de Media!!

La Transmisión en Vivo es en las Misas de 9:15 am y 1:00 pm.

El proyector con el Power Point será en TODAS las Misas.

**NECESITAMOS VOLUNTARIOS!!**

Comuníquese a la Oficina Parroquial para más detalles 210-658-3816 o email: parish@saintmonicaconverse.net

**GALA IN THE GARDEN POSTPONED**

Due to the increased risk posed by the COVID-19 Delta variant, Seton Home has made the very difficult decision to postpone our upcoming *Gala in the Garden until May 21, 2022.*

Although we are disappointed we cannot be together now, we look forward to celebrating Seton Home's Ruby Anniversary at the beautiful Witte Museum next May with all of you, our treasured friends. With your continued prayers and support, we will have even more success stories to celebrate together at that time

For more information, contact Ashley Garcia at 210-222-1294 ext. 2331.

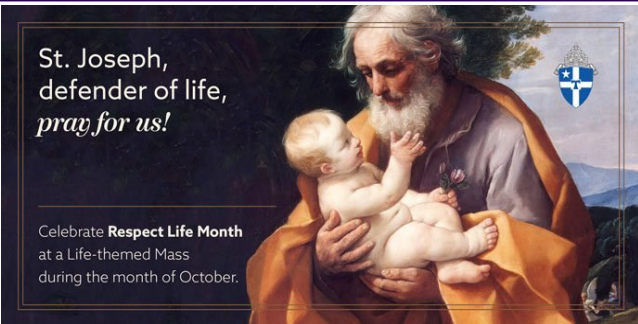


**Gala en el Jardín Pospuesta**

Debido a los riesgos en aumento creados por el COVID-19 variante Delta, Seton Home ha tomado la decisión muy difícil de posponer la *Gala en el Jardín para el 21 de Mayo, 2022.*

A pesar d estar desilusionados de no poder estar juntos, esperamos con gusto celebrar el Aniversario Rubí de la Seton Home en el hermoso Museo Witte el siguiente Mayo con todos ustedes, nuestros amigos tan valuados. Con sus continuas oraciones y su apoyo, tendremos más historias de éxitos que celebrar para entonces.

Para más información, comuníquese con Ashley García al 210-1294, extensión 2331.



Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller, M.Sp.S.  
San Fernando Cathedral  
Sun. Oct 3rd 8 a.m. Spanish Mass  
Bishop Michael J. Boulette, D.Min.  
St. Jerome Catholic Church  
Sat. Oct. 9th 5 p.m. English Mass  
Bishop Gary W. Janak, J.C.L.  
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church  
Sat. Oct 30th 5 p.m. English Mass

Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller, M.Sp.S.  
Catedral de San Fernando  
Domingo 3 de a las 8 a.m. Misa en español  
Bishop Michael J. Boulette, D.Min.  
Iglesia Católica de St. Jerome  
Sábado 9 de Octubre 5 p.m. misa en ingles  
Bishop Gary W. Janak, J.C.L.  
Iglesia Catolica de St. Rose of Lima  
Sábado 30 de Oct 30th 5 p.m. misa en ingles

**YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED!**

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. Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. Wed. hours 9 a.m. to 7 p.m..
- Mailing it to the church office: 501 North St., Converse; 78109
- Giving online, Visit <https://saintmonicaconverse.net> and slide "Give" in the upper menu for the online giving link.



It will explain how to set up your ParishSOFT Giving Account. Each year during the Summer, some of us make travel plans to go on vacation. It is our hope whenever possible, you'll take some time to arrange and decide to continue your tithes to St. Monica's Church. We pray that during your vacation, you stay safe and well, have fun, and create loving memories with your loved ones.

*Thank you for your continual support and prayers.*

**AGRADECEMOS SU APOYO!**

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. Dando su diezmo en línea, visite:

<https://saintmonicaconverse.net>, dele en "Give" en la parte alta del menú para el link de dar. Ahí se explicará cómo empezar la cuenta para el ParishSoft. Cada año, durante el verano, algunos de nosotros viajamos o salimos de vacaciones. Esperamos que, siempre que sea posible, se den el tiempo de continuar dando su diezmo a la iglesia de Santa Mónica. Oramos para que durante estén bien y a salva, se diviertan, y formen buenos recuerdos con sus seres queridos.

*Gracias por su apoyo constante y sus oraciones.*

**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.*

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