

St. Monica Catholic Church, Converse, Texas



Advent **Adviento**
~ a time for preparation ~ *~ un tiempo para preparación ~*

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First Week of Advent

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. Interim Principal, Mrs. Sandi Killo 210-658-6701

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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)

MINISTRIES

ACTS: Steve Medellin

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

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: Dcn. Sean Dooley
Email DecanSean@saintmonicaconverse.net or 210-274-7085

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 **Lupitia Ruiz** 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** Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall

POWER POINT MINISTRY: Jerry & Casilda Compasino, Lisa Esquivel & Gabby Olivares

HEALING HEART: Elsa Lopez email: zepole525@gmail.com

COMMITTEES

Pastoral Council President: Timo Zepeda

Finance Council President: Sandra Lyssy

Building Board President: Tony Canez

CHOIR DIRECTORS

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

Bill Staggs, 9:15 a.m.,

Michelle Hernandez, 11 a.m.,

Glissie & Leonard Esquivel, Spanish 1p.m.

Britt Mitchell, 5 pm.,

Ernesto Diaz, 7pm Sunday or

Lupita Gonzalez 7pm Sunday or

Rafael Torres 7pm Sunday

To join the choir, call the director of the Mass you attend.

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

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

First Week of Advent**Monday, November 29**

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

Tuesday, November 30

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma

Wednesday, December 1

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
Confessions 6:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma

Thurs., December 2

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
Holy Hour (Bilingual) 7:00 p.m. Deacon

Friday, December 3

Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Alejandro O.
Mass 7:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma

Saturday, December 4

Rosary 9:00 a.m.
Mass 9:30 a.m. (Bilingual) Fr. Alejandro O.
Confessions 4:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma
Mass 5:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma

Second Week of Advent**Sunday, December 5**

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 y haga clic en "Síguenos" y Facebook para ver la transmisión.

Misas lunes—sábado transmisión en vivo

EL HORARIO SACERDOTE SUJETO A CAMBIO

I Domingo de Adviento**Lunes, 29 de noviembre**

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

Martes, 30 de noviembre

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma

Miércoles, 1 de diciembre

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma
Confesiones 6:00 p.m. Padre Thumma

Jueves, 2 de diciembre

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma
Hora Santa (bilingüe) 7:00 p.m. Deacon

Viernes, 3 de diciembre

Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Alejandro O.
Misa 7:00 p.m. Padre Thumma

Sábado, 4 de diciembre

Rosario 9 a.m.
Misa (bilingüe) 9:30 a.m. Padre Alejandro O.
Confesiones 4:00 p.m. Padre Thumma
Misa 5:30 p.m. Padre Thumma

II Domingo de Adviento**Domingo, 5 de diciembre**

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.

Advent Calendar

Wed. December 8th **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Masses at 8:15 a.m., 12 Noon (English) & 7 p.m. (Spanish)

Office is Closed & No Confessions

Penance Service Wed. Dec. 15th @ 6:30pm

Christmas Masses

December 24th 3pm, 5pm (Children Mass) English
7pm Spanish Mass
12 Midnight—Bilingual
December 25th 9am English & 11am Spanish

Regular schedule for Sunday obligation

Calendario de Adviento

Miércoles. 8 de diciembre: **Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María**
Misas a las 8:15 a.m., 12 mediodía (inglés) y 7 p.m. (español)

La oficina está cerrada y no hay confesiones

Servicio de Penitencia Miércoles, 15 de diciembre a las 6:30 pm

Misas de navidad

24 de diciembre: 3pm, 5pm (Misa de niños) inglés
7pm Misa en español
12 de medianoche: bilingüe
25 de diciembre: 9am inglés y 11am español

Horario regular para la obligación dominical

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon 11/29 8:15 a.m. (B) Margie Kresta
(B) Karina Silk
† Socorro Cardinas
- Tue 11/30 8:15 a.m. † Socorro Cardinas
- Wed 12/1 8:15 a.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners
- Thurs 12/2 8:15 a.m. (SI) Jose Luiz Enriquez
- Fri. 12/3 8:15 a.m. (SI) Deceased member of the
Schaefer family
† Juan Sablan
7:00 p.m. † Juanita Luna
- Sat. 12/4 9:30 a.m. (SI) Souls in Purgatory
† Howard Benavides
5:30 p.m. (SI) Souls In Purgatory
† Scott Case
† Onufry Cielencki
† Eugene Roller
- Sun. 12/5 7:30 a.m. (SI) Mike Wheeler
† Juan Sablan
9:15 a.m. (SI) Richard Hiete
(SI) Ray Farias
† Robert Gonazles
11:00 a.m. † Channey Berry
† Bob Hovis
† Clara Muncal
1:00 p.m. (SI) Marta Rosales
† Francisco Camerena
† Maria Acosta
† Guillermo Torres Molina
5:00 p.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners
7:00 p.m. (SI) St. Monica Parishioners

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for
the memory of:

Bob Hovis



COLLECTION REPORT

November 21st \$



Due to the Holiday Schedule we will post the
collection next week.

December 5th Second Collection will be for:
Saint Vincent de Paul

St. Monica, pray for us.



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, Luis M Vega Guadalupe Chagoya, Michael, Helen Arispe, Irma Juarez, Monica Trott, Joanne & Sebastian, Manuel, Veronica, Arcadio Blonski, Maria del Carmen Andrade, Brenda, Torres, Silvia Vega, Dolores Vaquera & family, Sara Chase, Veronica M., Jose Martinez Navarro, Ruddy Ballesteros DeLeon

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

Sonia Cruz
Burley (Joe) Sanford
Robert Hovis
Josephine Erdock

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



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.

This week altar flowers are for the
memory of :

Teofila Grauaie



Altar Flowers

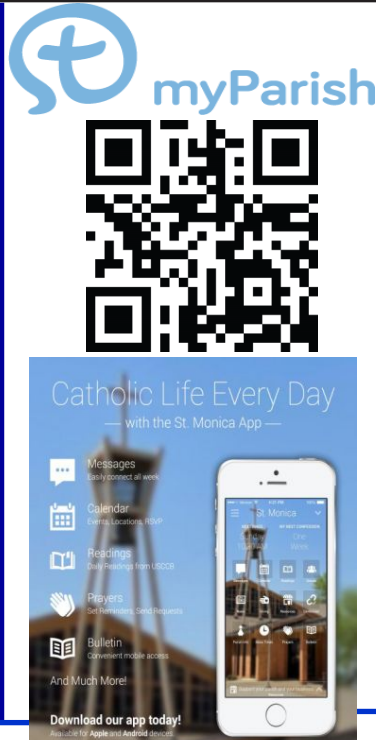
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Our new St. Monica app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.

Help foster a stronger parish life at St. Monica and better engage the New Evangelization.

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Nuestra nueva aplicación Santa Mónica ya está disponible para descargar para teléfonos inteligentes iPhone y Android. Manténgase conectado con nuestra parroquia durante toda la semana con notificaciones instantáneas, un calendario de eventos de fácil acceso y la capacidad de responder o compartir mensajes rápidamente a través de Facebook o Twitter. También disfrute de un gran número de funciones adicionales como oraciones, lecturas diarias, recordatorios útiles para silenciar su teléfono antes de la misa o la confesión, y mucho más.

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THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our bulletin sponsors and advertisers. It is through their support that we receive our weekly Parish bulletin at no cost to our parish and now our Parrish App. Please remember to utilize our business sponsors when looking for a product or service and thank them for their participation.

It is also time for annual bulletin sponsor/advertiser drive & Mr. Alex Dominguez will be in our parish for two weeks from Mon Nov. 29th until Fri. Dec. 10th, to renew our current bulletin sponsors and we will be looking for new sponsors as well. As our community continues to grow we would like to expand our bulleting to 12 pages. This would require us to have 3 pages of advertising. Please pray about being a sponsor if you own a business. You can also place an add to memorialize your loved ones. Please contact the parish during the this time at 210-658-3816 to find out how you can support our bulletin and offer your services to parishioners.

¡GRACIAS! ¡GRACIAS!

Queremos aprovechar esta oportunidad para agradecer a todos los patrocinadores y anunciantes de nuestro boletín. Es a través de su apoyo que recibimos nuestro boletín parroquial semanal sin costo para nuestra parroquia y ahora nuestra aplicación electrónica "Parrish App". Recuerde utilizar nuestros patrocinadores comerciales cuando busque un producto o servicio y agradezcales su participación.

También es hora de la campaña anual de patrocinadores/ anunciantes del boletín y el Sr. Alex Dominguez estará en nuestra parroquia durante dos semanas desde el lunes 29 de noviembre hasta el viernes 10 de diciembre para renovar nuestros patrocinadores actuales del boletín y también estaremos buscando nuevos patrocinadores. A medida que nuestra comunidad sigue creciendo, nos gustaría ampliar nuestro boletín a 12 páginas. Esto requeriría que tuviéramos 3 páginas de publicidad. Ore acerca de ser un patrocinador si es dueño de un negocio. También puede colocar un aviso para conmemorar a sus seres queridos. Por favor comuníquese con la parroquia durante este tiempo al 210-658-3816 para averiguar cómo puede apoyar nuestro boletín y ofrecer sus servicios a los feligreses.

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 effective 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.

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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 segundó sábado del mes. *Por favor llame a la oficina para inscribirse.*

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