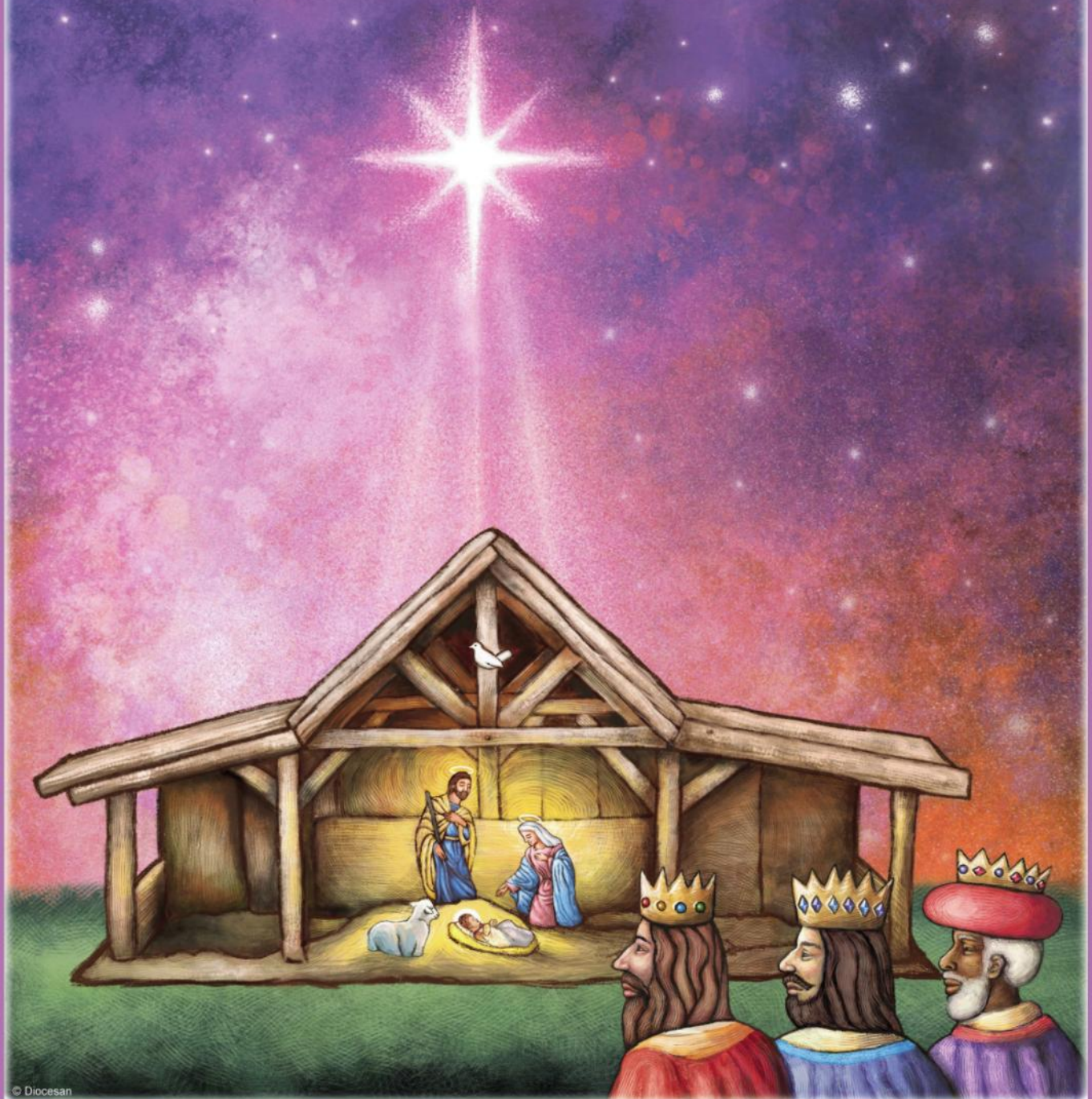


St. Monica Catholic Church, Converse, Texas

Epiphany of the Lord La Epifanía del Señor



Phone Number (210)658-3816 Fax:(210) 566-3821
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The Epiphany of the Lord

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

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Thumma Prathap, ext. 241

Email: pastor@saintmonicaconverse.net

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Alejandro Ortega ext. 238

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Deacon Sean Dooley

Deacon Jacques Abat

Deacon Rafael Lopez-Negroni

Deacon Jose Joel Castellanos

Deacon David Espinoza

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Housekeeper Limbania Reyes

Groundskeeper Gilbert LaFuente

Custodian Gil Lugo

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

ANOIDING 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



Happy New Year Feliz año nuevo 2022



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, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Alejandro O.

Tuesday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma

Wednesday, January 5 St. John Neuman, Bishop
Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
Confessions 6:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma

Thurs., January 6 St. Andre Bessette, Religious
Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
Holy Hour (Bilingual) 7:00 p.m. Diacono

Friday, January 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
Mass (Spanish) 7:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma

Saturday, January 8
Rosary 9:00 a.m.
Mass (Bilingual) 9:30 a.m. Fr. Thumma
Confessions 4:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma
Mass 5:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma

The Baptism of the lord

Sunday, January 9

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

Lunes, 3 de enero Santísimo Nombre de Jesús
Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Alejandro O.

Martes, 4 de enero Santa Isabel Ana Seton, religiosa
Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma

Miércoles, 5 de enero San Juan Neumann, obispo
Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma
Confesiones 6:00 p.m. Padre Thumma

Jueves, 6 de enero San Andrés Bessette, religioso
Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma
Hora Santa (bilingüe) 7:00 p.m. Diacono

Viernes, 7 de enero San Raimundo de Peñafort, presbítero
Misa 3:00 p.m. Padre Thumma
Misa (Español) 7:00 p.m. Padre Thumma

Sábado, 8 de enero
Rosario 9:00 a.m.
Misa (Bilingüe) 9:30 a.m. Padre Thumma
Confesiones 4:00 p.m. Padre Thumma
Misa 5:30 p.m. Padre Thumma

Bautismo del Señor

Domingo, 9 de enero

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.



Send Forth Mass

Join us on Saturday January 8th at our 5:30 pm Mass as we congratulate Deacon Rafael on his new journey of life as he joins the seminary to become a priest. He will continue to serve as a Deacon with us during his formation years.

Bishop Gary Janak will be presiding the Mass, with a reception to follow.



Misa de Despedida y Bendición

Acompáñenos el sábado 8 de Enero a la Misa de las 5:30 pm, a celebrar al Diacono Rafael en su nueva jornada en su vida, pues entrará al Seminario para convertirse en sacerdote. El continuará sirviendo como Diacono con nosotros durante sus años de formación.

El Obispo Gary Janak oficiara la Misa, y habrá una recepción después de Misa.



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 1/3 8:15 a.m. (SI) Juanita Luna
 Tue 1/4 8:15 a.m. † Howard Benavides
 Wed 1/5 8:15 a.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners
 Thurs 1/6 8:15 a.m. (SI) Parishioners of St. Monica
 Fri. 1/7 8:15 a.m.
 7:00 p.m. † Evelio Nino
 Sat. 1/8 9:30 a.m (SI) Divine Mercy Members
 (SI) Souls in Purgatory
 † Esperanza Trevino
 5:30 p.m. (SI) Souls In Purgatory
 † Scott Cass
 Sun. 1/9 7:30 a.m. (SI) Lugo & Keegan Family
 † Juan Sablan
 † Rafael & Maria Zuluaga
 9:15 a.m.
 11:00 a.m. (SI) Parishioners of St. Monica
 1:00 p.m. (B) Maria de Jesus Rosales
 (B) Romansito Rosales
 † Maria Acosta
 † Thelma Torres
 † Uvaldo Cantu
 † Pablo Moreno
 5:00 p.m. (B) Jan VanSlambrouck
 (SI) Conversion of Sinners
 7:00 p.m. † Irene Arriaga
 † George Campbell

COLLECTIONS

December 19th \$ 17,763.80
 Online: \$ 2,465.00

Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 175.00
 Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 220.00
 Collection for Retired Men & Women Religious \$ 110.00
 Online Collection: Church Environment \$ 50.00

December 25th \$ 11,017.00

Collection for Assumption Seminary \$ 2,766.00
 Online Collection: Assumption Seminary \$ 105.00

December 26th \$ 9,575.50
 Online: \$ 1,813.00

Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 1,712.00
 Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 1,741.00
 Collection for St Monica School \$ 2,029.00
 Online Collection: St. Monica School \$ 195.00
 Collection for School Angel Tree \$ 2,630.00

***January 9th Second Collection will be for:
 St. Vincent de Paul Society***



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

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

Genevieve Reyes
 William David Hildebrand
 Rufina Trejo
 Guadalupe Chagoya

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.

Upcoming Funerals:

Guadalupe Chagoya

Rosary: Tuesday Jan. 4th at 6:30 pm
 Schertz Funeral Home
 2217 FM 3009
 San Antonio, TX 78154

Mass: Wed. Jan. 5th at 11am
 St. Monica Catholic Church

Heartfelt condolences to the family.
 May she rest in peace.



St, Monica family,

Christmas night divided History. A new Light shone upon the world to illuminate the human heart. Man was created for the light, although many times he has preferred darkness and his inner eye has become accustomed to live in it, even to the point that light can become annoying.

Children remind us of our natural predisposition to live in the light. They do not usually tolerate darkness; they flee from it as if by an innate tendency of their heart. In light they find security, confidence, and joy. In fact, adults' heart does not finish adapting to darkness either. We prefer it only when we don't do good, when we need the shelter of darkness to do evil, as Saint John writes: "Light came into the world, and men loved darkness more than light, because their works were evil." (Jn 3, 19). However, deep down, men always have a longing for Light. Because, as the Catechism affirms, "The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for". (n. 27)

Christmas places us in front of the One who is the Light. "I am the light of the world," said Jesus; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but he will have the light of life" (Jn 8:12). Christian faith consists in allowing us to be enlightened by Jesus. That is why we speak of *the light of faith*. A light that is more needed the more our life becomes darker. "It is urgent—writes Pope Francis—to recover the luminous character proper to faith, because when its flame goes out, all the other lights end up languishing" (*Lumen fidei*, n. 4).

Faith not only helps us understand who God is, but also who we are. Faith sheds on our life the necessary light to grasp its deep meaning, its value and goodness, even though the challenges and difficulties we are facing every day. May this New Year 2022 be luminous because of our faith amid the great challenges that, already in its beginnings, is posing us. Hand in hand with the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us walk after the light of Christ and strive to illuminate the path of others with our goodness and joy.

Father Alejandro Ortega
Parochial vicar

Querida familia de Santa Mónica,

La noche de Navidad dividió la historia. Una nueva Luz brilló sobre el mundo para iluminar el corazón de los hombres. El ser humano fue creado para la luz, aunque muchas veces ha preferido las tinieblas y su ojo interior se ha acostumbrado a vivir en ellas, a tal punto que la luz puede resultarle molesta. Los niños nos recuerdan nuestra predisposición natural, congénita, a vivir en la luz. Ellos no suelen tolerar la oscuridad; huyen de ella como por un reflejo innato de su corazón. En la luz encuentran seguridad, confianza, alegría.

En realidad, el corazón adulto tampoco termina de adaptarse a la oscuridad. Obviamente la prefiere cuando no obra el bien, cuando necesita el cobijo de la oscuridad para hacer el mal, como escribe san Juan: "Vino la luz al mundo, y los hombres amaron más las tinieblas que la luz, porque sus obras eran malas" (Jn 3, 19). Sin embargo, en lo más profundo, el hombre conserva siempre una nostalgia de la Luz. Porque, como afirma el Catecismo, "el deseo de Dios —y, por tanto, de la Luz— está inscrito en el corazón del hombre, porque el hombre ha sido creado por Dios y para Dios; y Dios no cesa de atraer al hombre hacia sí, y sólo en Dios encontrará el hombre la verdad y la dicha que no cesa de buscar" (n. 27).

La Navidad nos coloca frente a Aquel que es *la Luz*. "Yo soy la luz del mundo —dijo Jesús—; el que me siga no caminará en la oscuridad, sino que tendrá la luz de la vida" (Jn 8, 12). La fe cristiana consiste en dejarse iluminar por Jesús. Por eso se habla de *la luz de la fe*. Una luz tanto más indispensable cuanto más se oscurece nuestra vida. "Es urgente —escribe el Papa Francisco— recuperar el carácter luminoso propio de la fe, pues cuando su llama se apaga, todas las otras luces acaban languideciendo» (Carta *Lumen fidei*, n. 4). Porque la fe no sólo nos ayuda a comprender *quién es Dios* sino también *quiénes somos nosotros*. La fe arroja sobre nuestra vida la luz necesaria para captar su sentido profundo, su valor y bondad aun en medio de los desafíos y las dificultades de cada día.

Quiera Dios que este nuevo año, 2022, que estamos iniciando, sea un año de fe luminosa en medio de los grandes retos que, ya en sus comienzos, nos plantea. De la mano de la Virgen María, caminemos tras la luz de Cristo y esforcémonos por iluminar con nuestra bondad y alegría el camino de los demás.

P. Alejandro Ortega
Vicario Parroquial

Attention Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, Sacristans and Mass Coordinators.

We are working on your schedule for Jan 29 through March 27th. Please sign on to Ministry Scheduler Pro and enter the days you are not able to serve. We need this information no later than January 14th. If you have any questions, please see your Mass Coordinator.

Atención Monaguillos, Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión, Lectores, Ujieres, Saludadores, Sacristanes y Coordinadores de Misa.

Estamos trabajando en el horario del 29 de enero al 27 de marzo. Inicie sesión en Ministry Scheduler Pro e ingrese los días en los que no puede servir. Necesitamos esta información a más tardar el 14 de enero. Si tiene alguna pregunta, consulte a su coordinador de misas.

The Epiphany of the Lord

Thank you every one for sending in your pictures of birthday's, wedding anniversary, special accomplishment.

May Our Dear Lord watch over all of you and your families, may your lives always be filled with God's blessings.

Turn in your February Birthdays, anniversary or accomplishment picture by January 28th to: parish@saintmonicaconverse.net or come by the parish office

Gracias a todos los mandaron sus fotos de cumpleaños, aniversario de bodas, ocasiones especiales.

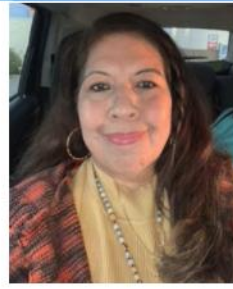
Que nuestro amado Señor los cuide al igual que a sus familias, y que sus vidas estén siempre llenas de las bendiciones de Dios.

Manden sus fotos de los cumpleaños, aniversario, ocasiones especiales de febrero para el 28 de enero a: parish@saintmonicaconverse.net o passé por la oficina.

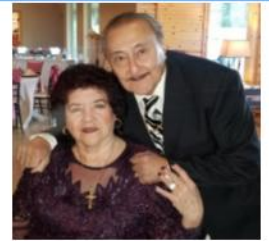


Oddie Barron
Happy Birthday
January 18th

Carlos Beltran
19 de Enero
Feliz Cumpleaños



Happy Birthday
Maria Hernandez
January 11



Ray & Josie Farias
Happy 62
Wedding Anniversary
January 19th



Rosalba Rodriguez
January 18
Happy Birthday



Pablo & Herlinda Garcia
Happy 47th
Wedding Anniversary
January 18th



Happy Birthday
Lisa Haecker Parnes
January 9th

Happy 13th Birthday
Julianne Zamago
January 18th



Happy Birthday
Yadira I. Gomez
January 17th



Happy Heavenly Birthday
January 18th
Jose Luis Enriquez

Happy Birthday
Letty De La Garza
January 9th



Happy Birthday
Patricia Smith
January 24th

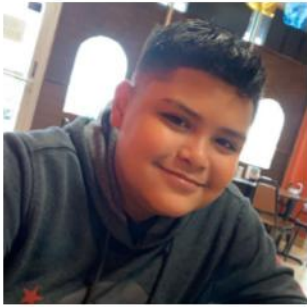
Happy Birthday
Alexa Rose Rodriguez.
January 5th



Happy Birthday
Lorraine Rose
January 20th



Armani Diego Jaramillo 10/31/2007
January 22, 2021
First Year in heaven
Forever



Happy Birthday
Joshua Boyd

Happy Birthday
Lauren Bottiglieri
January 12th



Pablo B. Garcia
Happy Birthday
January 25th



Maria Juanitia & Joe Luera.
Happy 12 year
Wedding Anniversary
January 16th



Happy Birthday
Sandra Bell
January 14th



Happy 1st Birthday
Isabella Campos
January 22nd



St. Monica School Children
bringing Christmas Cheer to
Fr. Thumma & Fr. Alejandro



Happy Birthday
Jo Ann Tufino
January 18th



Happy Birthday
Jan Van Slambrouck
January 9th



Happy Birthday
Colbe Ohnheiser
January 14th



Feliz cumpleaños
Marychuy Rosales
1 de enero



Happy Birthday
Eliza Reyna
January 1st



Happy 21st Wedding Anniversary
Ricardo & Georgina Garcia
Jan 19th



Happy Birthday
Julie Martinez
Jan 6th

SAVE THE DATE

our next parish festival on
Sunday May 1, 2022

Enjoy a day of fellowship with Food, Games & Music

Don't forget St. Monica Raffle

Prizes:

- 1st 2005 Honda VTS motorcycle \$3500 value
- 2nd Luis Vuitton Purse \$1500 value
- 3rd Pit Master Pellet Grill \$350 value
- 4th Liquor Basket \$300 value
- 5th prize Recumbent Bicycle \$200 value
- 6th prize \$100 target gift card
- 7th prize Hand Made Shawl from India
- 8th prize Painting of Christ

Tickets: \$10 each, 4 for \$30

All proceeds go to Capital Projects

Tickets can be purchased in the parish office or by
contacting Steve Steel: sakobvp@gmail.com

Tickets available now until parish festival.

Drawing during the Parish Festival

May 1, 2022 @ 3pm



GUARDA LA FECHA

Nuestro próximo festival parroquial
Domingo 1º de Mayo, 2022

Bastante comida, juegos y música

No te olvides de la rifa de Santa Mónica

Premios:

- 1er premio -Motocicleta Honda VTS 2005 con valor de \$3500
- 2º premio -Cartera Luis Vuitton valorada en \$1500
- 3º premio -Parrilla de bolitas Pit Master con un valor de \$350
- 4º premio -Canasta de licor con valor de \$300
- 5º premio -Bicicleta reclinada valorada en \$200
- 6º premio -Tarjeta de regalo de Target de \$100
- 7º premio -Mantón hecho a mano en la India
- 8º premio -Pintura de Cristo

Boletos: \$10 cada uno, 4 por \$30

Todos los ingresos van a Proyectos de Capital

Los boletos se pueden comprar en la oficina parroquial o comunicándose con Steve Steel: sakobvp@gmail.com

Boletos disponibles ahora hasta el festival parroquial.

Surtido durante la Fiesta Parroquial

1º de mayo de 2022 a las 3 p.m.

LIFE AWARENESS

Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend



"Do Whatever
He Tells You"
(Jn 2,5)



January 14-16

2022



A Time and Place to Clarify Your Calling in Life
Don't spend your life wondering if you are called to the
Priesthood or Religious Life.

Come join us at Cordi-Marian Retreat Center located at
11624 Culebra Rd. San Antonio, TX 78253
Ages 18-40

Registration Required: www.archsa.org/vocations
For more information: vocations@archsa.org - 210-735-0553
Mass Celebrated by Most Reverend Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSPS



2022 Offerings

Sessions will be offered every other month over two weekends,
spaced two weeks apart.

When: Saturday's from 8 am to 12 noon

Starting February 5th and 19th



Scan QR code above or

Go to "Parish News"
MyParishAPP



Descubriendo el misterio de la Biblia

Ofertas 2022

Las sesiones se ofrecerán
cada dos meses durante dos
fin de semana, con un
intervalo de dos semanas.

Cuándo: Sábados de
8 a.m. a 12 del mediodía
A partir: 5 y 19 de febrero

Escanear código QR

*Ir a "Noticias de la
parroquia"
MyParishAPP*



Download Our New Parish App!

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. Enjoy a bunch of additional features.

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

Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish.

**¡Descargue nuestra nueva aplicación parroquial (Parish App)!**

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. También disfrute de un gran número de funciones adicionales. Ayude a fomentar una vida parroquial más fuerte en Santa Mónica y participe mejor en la Nueva Evangelización. Descargue nuestra aplicación hoy en myparishapp.com o busque myparish en la tienda de aplicaciones de su teléfono. phone's app store for myparish.

In True Reformers, learn about the lives of saints who spearheaded the Church's rebirth after the turbulence and confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation.

This *study begins on January 10th for Monday evening classes or if you prefer 11th for Tuesday morning classes and will continue through April 11th/12th.* To register or for info please contact Annette Winfield at 210-885-0861.

TRUE REFORMERS

En Verdaderos Reformadores, aprenda sobre las vidas de los santos que encabezaron el renacimiento de la Iglesia después de la turbulencia y confusión causadas por la Reforma Protestante.

Este estudio comienza el **10 de enero para las clases de los lunes por la noche o si lo prefiere el 11 para las clases de los martes por la mañana y continuará hasta el 11 y 12 de abril.** Para registrarse o para obtener información, comuníquese con Annette Winfield al 210-885-0861.

St. Monica's Parish currently has 3 job openings for qualified applicants. Job positions are:

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- ♦ **Director de la Escuela de Santa Monica**
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- ♦ **Contador de la iglesia de la parroquia**

Por favor ponga su aplicación a través de la website de la Arquidiócesis:

<https://www.archsa.org/employment>.

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.

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There is a mandatory meeting on **Jan. 7, 2022 at 5:30 pm in the parish hall**, for anyone interested in attending
DO BRING your passport and be prepared to make payment.

Hay una reunión obligatoria el **7 de enero de 2022, a las 5:30 pm** en el salón parroquial, para cualquier persona
interesada en asistir, LLEVE su pasaporte y esté preparado para hacer el pago.

Divorced Healing Ministry



Have you been struggling with your divorce and need healing. No matter if you are recently divorced or it's been a years. We will start a 12 week program on Thursday Jan. 13th from 7—9 pm in the parish hall. Contact Leroy Kruse at 210-560-5375 to register, there is a small fee for the workbook of \$ 21.00.

This program will help you: Work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce. Find personal healing and hope. Discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you. Gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences. Navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings, and finances.

Ministerio de Sanación para Divorciados

Ha estado batallando con su divorcio y necesita sanación? No importa si está divorciado recientemente o si si han pasado varios años. Vamos a empezar un programa de 12 semanas el Jueves 13 de Enero de 7-9 pm en salón de la parroquia. Comuníquese con Leroy Kruse Al 210-560-5375 para registrarse, hay un pago de \$21.00 por el libro de trabajo.

Este programa le ayudará a sobrellevar los problemas emocionales de las separación y del divorcio, así como a encontrar sanación personal y esperanza. Y les ayudará a descubrir un entendimiento más profundo del amor de Dios para ustedes, y a ganar sabiduría y tener consuelo de los expertos y otros que han tenido experiencias similares; y a lidiar con nuevas preocupaciones como custodia, audiencias en la corte, y finanzas.

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.

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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.*

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