

St. Monica Catholic Church, Converse, Texas

**Señor, oramos por la
conversión de los corazones
y la sanación.**



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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.

Website: www.saintmonicaconverse.net

email: parish@saintmonicaconverse.net

ST. MONICA SCHOOL: Early Childhood-8th Grade. Principal, Mrs. Karmen Chavez 210-658-6701

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

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Deacon Jacques Abat

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MINISTRIES

ACTS: Nancy Zepeda

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

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: Dcn. Sean Dooley

Email DecanSean@saintmonicaconverse.net

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 Tues. 6pm & Wed. 9 to 11am in the Parish Hall also by Zoom contact **Lupita Ruiz**

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

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

FAMILY OF THE ROSARY 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

Contact the parish office for more information on any of the above ministries.

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:

*****Sunday at 8 pm to Saturday at 12 Noon*****

Please come by the office to get your entry code.

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

1st FRIDAY MASS: 8:15am English & 7pm Spanish

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
3rd Week of Easter

Monday, May 2 St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Alejandro O.

Tuesday, May 3 Ss. Philip and James, Apostles
 Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma

Wednesday, May 4
 Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Alejandro O.
 Confessions 6:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma

Thurs., May 5
 Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
 Holy Hour (Bilingual) 7:00 p.m. Deacon

Friday, May 6
 Mass 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
 Mass 7:00 p.m. Fr. Alejandro O.

Saturday, May 7
 Rosary 9:00 a.m.
 Mass (Bilingual) 9:30 a.m. Fr. Alejandro O.
 Confessions 4:00 p.m.
 Mass 5:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma

4th Sunday of Easter
Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 8
 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. Thumma
 5 p.m. (English) Fr. Thumma
 7 p.m. (Spanish) Fr. Thumma

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
3º Semana de Pascua

Lunes, 2 de mayo San Atanasio, obispo y doctor de la iglesia
 Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Alejandro O.

Martes, 3 de mayo Santos Felipe y Santiago, apóstoles
 Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma

Miércoles, 4 de mayo
 Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Alejandro O.
 Confesiones 6:00 p.m. Padre Thumma

Jueves, 5 de mayo
 Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma
 Hora Santa (bilingüe) 7:00 p.m. Diacono

Viernes, 6 de mayo
 Misa 8:15 a.m. Padre Thumma
 Misa 7:00 p.m. Padre Alejandro O.

Sábado, 7 de mayo
 Rosario 9:00 a.m.
 Misa (Blingue) 9:30 a.m. Padre Alejandro O.
 Confesiones 4:00 p.m.
 Misa 5:30 p.m. Padre Thumma

4º Domingue de Pascua
Feliz Dia de las Madres

Domingo, 8 de mayo
 Misas de la mañana 7:30 a.m. Padre Thumma
 9:15 a.m. Padre Thumma
 11:00 a.m. Padre Thumma
 Misas de la tarde 1 p.m. (Español) Padre Thumma
 5 p.m. (Inglés) Padre Thumma
 7 p.m. (Español) Padre Thumma

Mary Sylvia Contreras

It is with deep sorrow to inform you that Maria Sylvia Contreras, was called to her heavenly home on Sunday, April 24, 2022 with her loving family by her side.

A celebration of life for Maria Sylvia will be held on:
 Wednesday, May 4, 2022 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 pm
 Colonial Funeral Home 625 Kitty Hawk Rd. U.C. TX

Rosary: Wednesday May 4, 2022 5—7pm
 Colonial Funeral Home 625 Kitty Hawk Rd. U.C. TX

Mass: Thursday May 5, 2022 at 11:30 am
 St. Monica Catholic Church 501 North St. Converse, Texas 78109

Internment: Thursday May 5, 2022 at 12 Noon
 Holy Cross Cemetery 17501 Nacogdoches Rd., San Antonio, TX 78266

Our deepest heartfelt condolences to the family. May she rest in peace.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon 5/2 8:15 a.m. (B) Dora Camargo
(SI) Arturo Sandoval
- Tue 5/3 8:15 a.m. (SI) Holy Souls in Purgatory
† Juanita Luna
† Elisa Jimenez Orozco
- Wed 5/4 8:15 a.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners
(SI) Souls in Purgatory
† Melissa Thomas
† Howard Benavides
- Thurs 5/5 8:15 a.m. (B) Bella Elizondo
- Fri. 5/6 8:15 a.m. (B) Paul Finch
(SI) Souls In Purgatory
7:00 p.m. (SI)
- Sat. 5/7 9:30 a.m. † Jose Emilio Sanchez Dominguez
† Evelio Nino
5:30 p.m. (SI) Souls In Purgatory
† Scott Case
- Sun. 5/8 7:30 a.m. (SI) Masako Kirby & Lucia Asuncion
† Jean Greathouse
† Virginia & John Bennett
9:15 a.m. † Juan Sablan
† Minerva Bermea Cuellar
† Juanita Gonzalez
11:00 a.m. † Laysag Deceased Family Members
† Lupe Chagoya
† Margarita Lerma
1:00 p.m. (SI) Cecilia Ullo Jimenez
† Josephina Fabian(SI)
† Sara Sanchez
† Alicia Triana
† Thelma Rodriguez Landeros
5:00 p.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners
(SI) Moreno, Najera Family
† Karyna Gisselle Flores
† Margaret Rose
7:00 p.m. † Bienvenida Tejada Jimenez

COLLECTIONS

April 24th \$ 11,820.00

Online: \$ 1,861.00

Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 645.00

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 117.00

Collection for Catholic Home Mission \$ 1,973.00

May 8th Second Collection

Assumption Seminary



**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, Teri Pearce, Reynaldo Vela, Rivera family,
Richard Castillo, Andrea Trevino, Angel Cantu, Maria J. Ramos,
Larry, Linda Duncan, Maria J., 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, Jo-Ann Case, Luis M Vega,
Michael, Helen Arispe, Irma Juarez, Joanne & Sebastian,
Arcadio Blonski, Maria del Carmen Andrade, Brenda, Torres,
Silivia Vega, Dolores Vaquera & family, Sara Chase, Jose
Martinez Navarro, Ruddy Ballesteros DeLeon. Jennifer Sanchez,
Irma Mendez, Kenia Aguilar, Andrew, John Cortez, Armando
Aguero, Preston Trinkle, Lisa Veenstra, Angel Cantu,
Laura Bacerra, Barbara Garza

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

Charles (Chuck) Hall Jr.

Dolores T. Hernandez

Ana Arriola

Sylvia Contreras

Daniel Hernandez

Ebony Aleze Torres

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.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the birthday of:

Emma Kirby



Ft. Thummas' Vacation:

We wish Fr. Thumma safe travels to India where he will be on vacation and attend his yearly retreat, from May 11th through June 17th. Please keep him in your prayers as he travels.



Vacaciones de Padre Thumma:

Le deseamos al Padre Thumma que tenga un buen viaje a India, donde estará de vacaciones y ser su retiro del 11 mayo hasta al 17 de junio. Por favor recuérdalo en sus oraciones durante su viaje.

Save the Date Saturday May 21st

Catholic Daughters of Americas,
Our Lady of Peace Court #2489
Invites all ladies to attend the annual
Tea Party
In the parish hall noon—2pm

*Aparta la fecha sábado 21 de mayo*

Hijas Católicas de las Américas,
Corte de Nuestra Señora de la Paz
#2489
Invita a todas las mujeres a la Fiesta
de té anual
En el salón parroquial, mediodía—2pm

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NOW ENROLLING
PRE-K - 8TH GRADE

REGISTRATION OPEN

WHY CHOOSE ST. MONICA'S:

- Challenging Curriculum
- Faith Formation
- Athletics
- Clubs and Organizations
- Before and After School Care
- NEW! Pre-k Program: Frogstreet

WHERE GOD'S LOVE IS TAUGHT, PRACTICED, AND EVER PRESENT

ENROLL TODAY CALL NOW (210) 658-6701

FOR MORE INFO VISIT NOW WWW.SAINTMONICA.NET

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

TUITION AND FEES
ALL PAYMENTS ACCEPTED THROUGH FACTS

ST. MONICA'S REGISTRATION FEES
NON-REFUNDABLE

NEW! PRE-K 3 AND PRE-K 4 PROGRAM INFORMATION

frogstreet
PRE-K 3 AND PRE-K 4 UTILIZE A SPECIAL PROGRAM CALLED "FROG STREET" CURRICULUM WHICH COVERS MATH, SCIENCE, READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES, AND SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SKILLS.

ST. MONICA'S REGISTRATION FEES

CURRENT FAMILIES
EARLY REGISTRATION
DEADLINE MARCH 21ST
\$300
AFTER MARCH 21ST
\$450

NEW FAMILIES
\$500

PRE-K - 8TH GRADE TUITION BREAKDOWN

	10-MONTH PAYMENT PLAN	11-MONTH PAYMENT PLAN	12-MONTH PAYMENT PLAN
1 CHILD	\$535.00	\$486.36	\$445.83
2 CHILDREN	\$1,016.50	\$924.09	\$847.08
3 CHILDREN	\$1,498.00	\$1,361.82	\$1,248.33
4 CHILDREN	\$1,979.50	\$1,799.55	\$1,649.58

2022-2023 ANNUAL TUITION: \$5,350

OTHER FEES/EXPENSES/DISCOUNTS

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE BEFORE SCHOOL: FREE AFTER SCHOOL: \$200/MO. \$5 DISCOUNT IN RATE	PARTICIPATION IN AIAL SPORTS FEE (5TH-8TH GRADE) \$100/STUDENT (SPORTS RESEARCH ADDITIONAL) BILLED THE FIRST MONTH OF THE SPORT BEING PLAYED	8TH GRADE GRADUATION FEE \$75.00 PER STUDENT	CATHOLIC LIFE RAFFLE TICKETS FAMILIES MUST SELL AT MINIMUM \$500 WORTH OF TICKETS 100% OF PROCEEDS ARE PAID BACK TO SACS
	MILITARY DISCOUNT 5%		

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF OUR DRAGON FAMILY

La Escuela Católica de Santa Mónica

está aceptando inscripciones desde Pre-K hasta el Octavo año. Inscripciones abiertas.

Porque escoger Santa Mónica:

Plan de estudios desafiante
Formación de la fe
Programa Atlético
Clubes y Organizaciones
Cuidado para antes y después de la escuela

NUEVO!! Pre-K USA el Programa Frogstreet

Inscríbese hoy Hable al 210-658-6701.

Para más información vaya a www.saintmonica.net

Año Escolar 2022-2023**Colegiaturas y Tarifas**

(todos los pagos son aceptados a través de FACTS)

Tarifa de Registro en Santa Mónica (No reembolsable)

Pre-K 3 y Pre-K 4 están usando un programa especial llamado Frog Street, Que cubre Matemáticas, Ciencias, Lectura y Lenguaje, Arte, Estudios Sociales, y Habilidades Sociales y Emocionales.

Inscríbese hoy Hable al 210-658-6701.

Para más información vaya a www.saintmonica.net

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.*

3rd Sunday of Easter

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 June Birthdays, anniversary or accomplishment picture by May 27th 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 Junio para el 27 de mayo a: parish@saintmonicaconverse.net o passé por la oficina.

Happy 22nd
Wedding Anniversary
Steven & Felicia Cordova
May 20th



Happy 7th Birthday
Ben Perma
May 22nd



Happy 81st Birthday
Dennis Schorran

Happy Birthday
Ruben Puga
May 10th



Happy Birthday
Paul Finch
May 6th



Happy Birthday
Maria Enriquez
May 6th

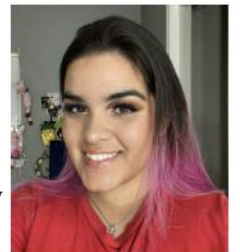


Happy Birthday
Michael Cuellar Garcia
May 1st



Happy Birthday
Hailee Frazier
May 17th

Happy Birthday
Gwen Atterberry
May 5th

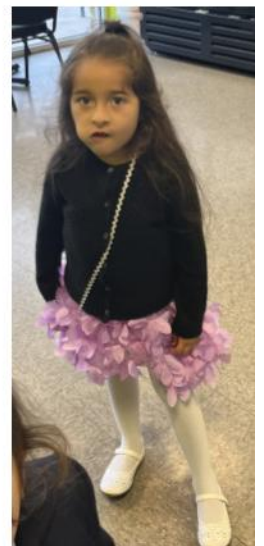


Happy 44th
Wedding Anniversary
Martin & Irma
Kotanan

Happy Birthday
Irma Kotanana



Happy Birthday
Rachel Trevino
May 20th



Happy 13th Birthday
Zoie
May 11th



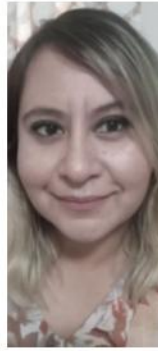
Happy 44th
Wedding Anniversary
Diane & Mike Capps
May 6th



Happy Birthday
Reynaldo Farias Jr.
May 17th



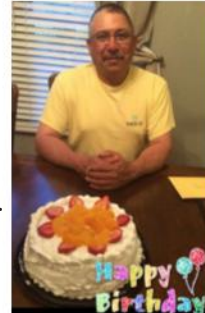
Happy Birthday
Norma Becerra
May 19th



Happy 20th
Wedding Anniversary
Giselle & Jason Rackley
May 27th



Happy Birthday
Luis Martinez Sr.
May 3rd



Happy Anniversary
Saul & Blanca Olivares
May 8th



Happy Birthday
Juan Beltran Luna
May 7th



Happy 18th Birthday
Christopher Vazquez
May 25th



Happy Birthday
Brenda Rodriguez
May 18th



Happy 27th
Wedding Anniversary
Mariam & Rick Ward
May 6th



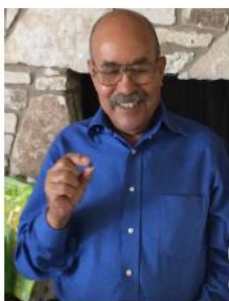
Happy 17th
Wedding Anniversary
Luis & Julie Martinez
May 21st



Happy Anniversary
Jose Luis & Dorothy
Gonzalez
May 12th



Happy Birthday
Santiago Mendoza Sr.
May 10th



Happy Birthday
Candy Gonzalez
May 1st



Happy Birthday
Rick Reyna
May 21st



Happy 50th Birthday
Michael Colwell
May 7th



Happy Birthday
Jose Pacheco
May 13th
Adriana Pacheco
May 14th



Happy Birthday
Elizabeth Trevino
May 30th



HALL RENTAL AVAILABLE

Getting ready to have a Baby Shower, a Birthday or Graduation party why not consider renting.

St. Monica's Parish Hall.

Do you have an upcoming wedding, Quince, Birthday or planning a shower, need a place to have your meeting or reception for up to 200 people? For more information, please call the office during business hours, Monday – Friday from 9 – 5:00 pm. and Wednesdays from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm.



SALÓN DISPONIBLE PARA RENTAR

Preparándose para tener un Baby Shower, Cumpleaños o fiesta de Graduación?? Porque no considera el rentar el salón de la Iglesia??

el salón parroquial de Santa Mónica?

¿Tiene una próxima boda, quinceañera, cumpleaños o está planeando una celebración y necesita un lugar para tener su reunión o recepción para hasta 200 personas? Para obtener más información, llame a la oficina durante el horario comercial, de lunes a viernes de 9 a 5:00 pm. y miércoles de 9:00 am a 7:00 pm.



Dear St. Monica Family,
Greetings from Fr. Thumma Prathap.

I am glad to see that many people are coming back to church in-person. We have noticed our community is growing each week, which is really good news. Thanks to each one of you for your support of our parish and for coming together at Masses. As we continue to move towards more normal activities, I will continue to seek opportunities to strengthen our community. For the last several months, the Pastoral Council and I have been discussing and developing a "Pastoral Plan" for our parish. As part of the Pastoral Planning, we are preparing to introduce several new programs and initiatives in our parish that we hope will be a great blessing to everyone. We will communicate these new ideas in the coming days.

For this week, I would like to talk about the New Rectory that we have been planning and expect to begin construction on soon. As you may remember, we bought the house of Ms. O'Connor's family next to the church in November 2020. Our initial intent was to renovate it and convert it into the rectory for the parish. As we got the estimates for renovation and repairs, we understood that it would be very expensive to repair and renovate the existing home. As a result, we demolished the house and are planning to build a new Rectory in its place. **I am glad to inform you that the Most Rt. Rev. Gustavo Garcia Siller, Archbishop of San Antonio has granted us permission to proceed with working with the Archdiocese to develop the Rectory as a new capital project.**

We have been working with a builder to come up with a preliminary floor plan and have started the process with the Archdiocese to be able to finish the design and start construction on the New Rectory in the coming months. Once the design of the house has progressed a bit more, we will be excited to present the drawings in the church on a future weekend. **The good news is that we feel that we can accomplish this project without the need to borrow any money. I am glad to announce to you all that we do not have any loans for the parish.** The parish has been very fortunate throughout the pandemic to have been able to maintain a significant amount of funds in savings.

More will be communicated about the timeline, drawings, budget, and other details in the coming weeks. Please pray for this intention. I appreciate your love for God and the priests and community. We did many projects in the last 4 years with your support. May God bless you always. God Bless St. Monica Family and God Bless America. Thanking you once again,

Yours Truly,

Fr. Thumma

Mi querida Familia de Santa Monica,
Saludos del Padre Thumma Prathap.

Me da gusto ver que mucha gente está regresando a la iglesia en persona. Hemos notado que nuestra comunidad crece semana a semana, y eso es algo muy bueno. Gracias a todos y cada uno por su apoyo a nuestra parroquia y por reunirse en las Misas. Mientras continuamos regresar a nuestras actividades más normales, yo seguiré buscando oportunidades para fortalecer nuestra comunidad.

Durante los últimos meses, el Consejo Pastoral y yo hemos estado discutiendo y desarrollando un "Plan Pastoral" para nuestra parroquia. Estamos preparando introducir varios programas nuevos e iniciativas en nuestra parroquia que esperamos sean una gran bendición para todos. Continuaremos comentándoles estas nuevas ideas en los días por venir.

Por esta semana, quiero hablar acerca de la Nueva Rectoría que hemos estado planeando y que esperamos empezar a construir pronto. Espero y recuerden, que compramos la casa de la familia de Ms. O'Connor que esta aquí cerca de la iglesia en Noviembre del 2020. El plan original era arreglarla y convertirla en la rectoría para la parroquia. Cuando nos dieron los precios para los arreglos, entendimos que sería demasiado caro el arreglar y convertir esa casa. **Y decidimos tumbar la casa y estamos planeando construir todo nuevo. Con mucho gusto les informo que el Rev. Gustavo García Siller, Arzobispo de San Antonio nos ha dado permiso para empezar a trabajar con la Arquidiócesis la Rectoría como un nuevo proyecto.**

Estamos trabajando con un constratista para que nos de un plan preliminar del piso, y hemos empezado el proceso con la Arquidiócesis para tener el diseño y empezar construcción la Rectoría nueva en los meses próximos. Cuando el diseño esté más avanzado, compartiremos los planes en la iglesia durante un fine de semana. **Lo mejor de todo es que pensamos que podemos terminar este proyecto sin tener que pedir dinero prestado. Con mucho gusto les comparto que no tenemos ningún préstamo en la parroquia.** La parroquia a sido muy afortunada durante la pandemia, pudiendo mantener una buena cantidad de fondos como ahorros.

Vendrán más detalles acerca de cuándo, planes, presupuesto, y otros aspectos de este proyecto en las siguientes semanas. Por favor oren por esta intención. Agradezco su amor por Dios y por los sacerdotes y comunidad. Tuvimos muchos proyectos en los últimos 4 años con su apoyo. Que Dios los bendiga siempre. Que Dios bendiga a la Familia de Santa Mónica y Dios bendiga America. Agradeciéndoles una vez más,

Fr. Thumma



Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen

The Fundamental Question: let's reflect on the following core principle and questions:

A Synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together."

- ◇ How is this "journeying together" happening today in our parish?
- ◇ How is the Holy Spirit inviting our parish community to grow in "journeying together"?

Sunday Synod Sessions:

Help Us Be a Listening Church

We are holding sessions every Sunday 8 May 1st & 8th at 1 pm in the Parish Hall in response to the Church's call for building a "listening Church." Called the Synod on Synodality by Pope Francis, our sessions are being held to encourage discussions among all of the people of God.

Please consider attending a Synod session one Sunday at 1 pm. The sessions last about an hour.

We are all journeying together in our faith. Help us respond in the Holy Spirit to the call of the Church!

You can find more information about the Archdiocese's Synodality process at:
<https://www.archsa.org/synodality>



Oración por el Sínodo

Estamos ante Ti, Espíritu Santo, Nos reunimos en Tu nombre. Esperamos ser guiados solo por Ti, haz Tu morada en nuestros corazones; Enséñanos el camino que hemos de seguir y como lo hemos de caminar. Somos débiles y pecadores; No dejes que seamos instrumentos de desorden.

No dejes que la ignorancia nos guíe en el camino equivocado Ni parcialidad influencie nuestras acciones. Que encontremos en Ti nuestra unidad Para poder caminar juntos en esta jornada hacia la vida eterna y que no nos desviemos del camino de la verdad y la justicia. Todo esto te pedimos Espíritu Santo, Tu que obras en todo tiempo y en todo lugar, en comunión con el Padre y el Hijo, ahora y siempre por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

La Pregunta Fundamental: vamos a reflexionar sobre el tema principal y las preguntas que nos sugiere el Vaticano: En una Iglesia Sinodal los fieles "caminan juntos" al anunciar el Evangelio.

- ◇ Como se está viviendo este "caminar juntos" en nuestra parroquia en este tiempo?
- ◇ Como vemos que el Espíritu Santo está invitando a la comunidad parroquial a crecer en esta unión para "caminar juntos"?

Sesiones Dominicales del Sínodo:

Ayúdenos a ser una Iglesia que escucha

Estamos teniendo sesiones el Domingo 1o y el 8 de Mayo a la 1:00 pm en el Salón

Parroquial, respondiendo al llamado a construir una "Iglesia que escucha" y en respuesta al llamado del Papa Francisco al Sínodo. Estas sesiones son para entablar pláticas entre el Pueblo De Dios.

Por favor trate de asistir a una sesión del Sínodo uno de estos domingos a la 1 pm. Las reuniones son de 1 hora, aproximadamente.

Estamos caminando juntos en nuestra fe. Ayúdenos a responder al Espíritu Santo a la llamada a la Iglesia!!

Puede encontrar más información acerca de el proceso del Sínodo en la Arquidiócesis en:
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This is not a scam. We encourage you to open the message and follow the link to create a profile. Go ahead and join eva.us/stmcc or **text to join STMC to 55321**

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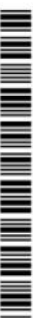


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Thank you for your continual support and prayers.

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- dele en "Give" en la parte alta del menú para el link de dar. Ahí se explicará cómo empezar la cuenta para el ParishSoft.

Gracias por su apoyo constante y sus oraciones.

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.

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.

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