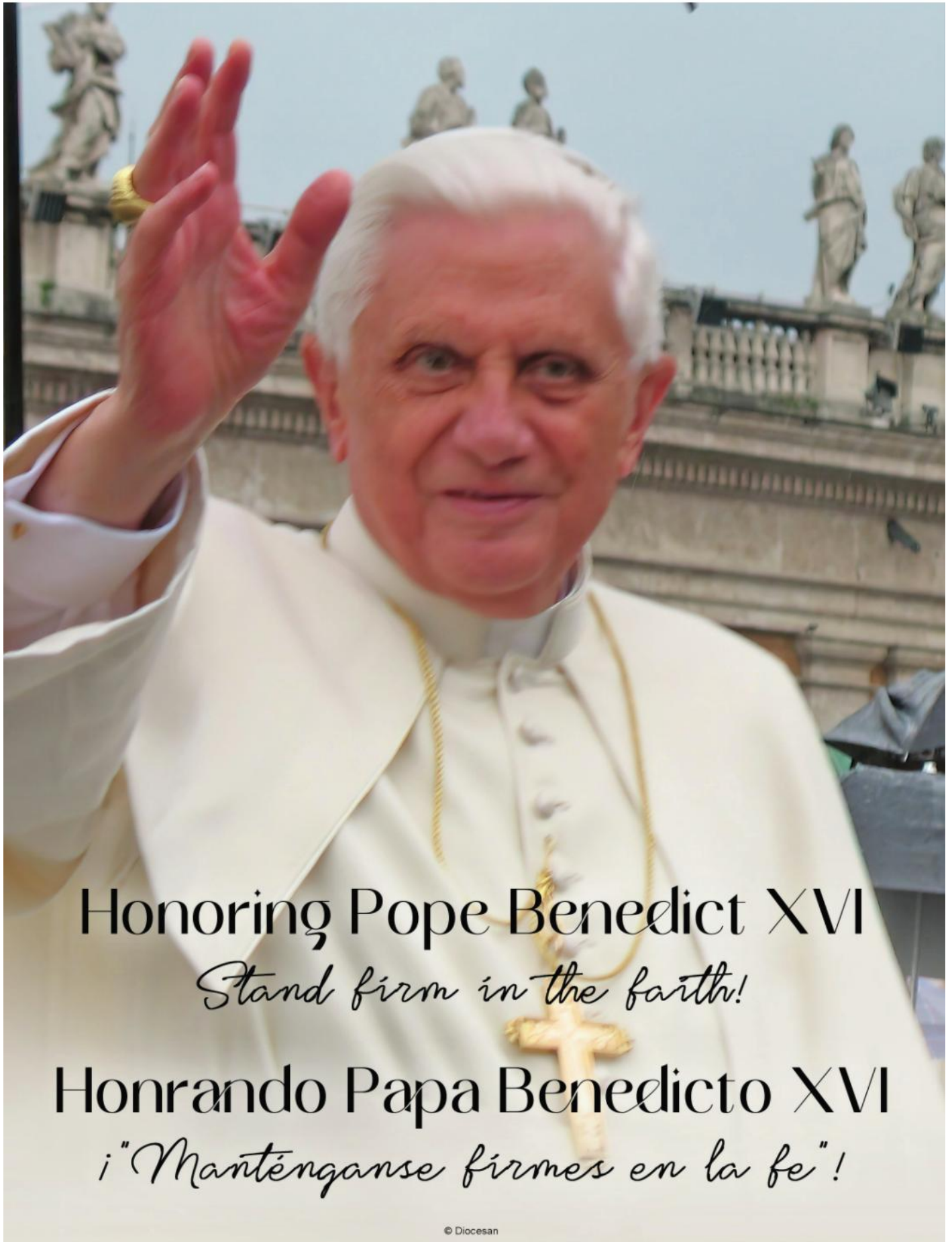


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## MINISTRIES

**ACTS:** Nancy Zepeda

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

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY:** Dcn. Sean Dooley

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

Contact: **Janet Swanson**

**ART & ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY:** Alma Castillo,

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: (Spanish)** Meet Tues. 6–7:30pm & Wed. 9 to 11am in the Parish Hall contact **Lupita Ruiz**

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: (English)** Meet every 2nd & 4th Sat. at 10am & the following Mon. at 6pm contact **Christine Warren**

**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**

**HEALING HEART:** Elsa Lopez

**HOMEBOUD:** Barbara Ward

**WELCOME MINISTRY:** Eliza Reyna

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

**SPANISH BIBLE STUDY:** Meet every Mon. at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall: **Omar Garnica**

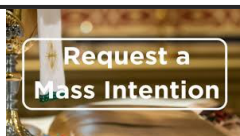
**SPANISH PRAYER GROUP:** Meet every Fri. 7:00 p.m. at parish hall: **Gustavo Munoz**

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Bernardo Castellano & Lyle Pearce Meet Sunday afternoon at in the Parish Hall

**POWER POINT MINISTRY:** Claudio Corrales & Gabby Olivares

**VOCATIONS:** Elvia Armenta

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



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.

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

## 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

**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 **Timo Zepeda** 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. Email: [RE@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:RE@saintmonicaconverse.net) 210-658-3816



**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, Andrea Trevino, Angel Cantu, Maria J. Ramos, Linda Duncan, Maria J., Arthur Thomas, Lisa Lee, Barbara Cantley, Suzie Littrell, Alena Quintero, Nildia Johnston, Lucy Barajas, Tim Knotts, Lisa Lee, Douglas, Bob Andrews, Tyler Acosta, Mary Hernandez, Lily DeHaro, Jo-Ann Case, Luis M Vega, Michael, Helen Arispe, Irma Juarez, Joanne & Sebastian, Brenda, Dolores Vaquera & family, Sara Chase, Jose Martinez Navarro, Ruddy Ballesteros DeLeon, John Cortez, Andrew, Jennifer Sanchez, Irma Mendez, Kenia Aguilar, Debbie Garcia, Armando Aguero, Preston Trinkle, Lisa Veenstra, Angel Cantu, Barbara Garza, Evan Pesek, Laura Cynthia Peters, Bill Eastman, Velma Duran, Mary Kirby, Manuel Medrano, Catarina Garza, Lola Mata, Ernesto Sosa, Connie Martinez, Adam Thomas, Felix Davila, Jan Beland, Michael Burgos, Ruben Pacheco, Paul & Marie Armhein, Trini & Jackie Cantu, Tom Siguenza, Jason Silk, Melissa, Steven Lyssy, Eduardo Guevara, Rose

**MASS SCHEDULE:** The 9:15 a.m. & 1 p.m. Sunday Masses & Mon—Sat daily Masses are live-streamed on Facebook.

**HORARIO DE MISA:** Las misas de 9:15 a.m. y 1 p.m. el domingo en directo en Facebook.

**THE PRIEST SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
EL HORARIO SACERDOTE SUJETO A CAMBIO**

**1st Week of Ordinary Time  
I semana del tiempo ordinario**

**Monday/Lunes, January 9**

Baptism of the Lord/Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor

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

**Tuesday/Martes, January 10**

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

**Wednesday/Miércoles, January 11**

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

Confessions/ Confesiones 6:00 p.m.

**Thurs./Jueves January 12**

Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Mike

Holy Hour

**Friday/Viernes, January 13**

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

**Saturday/Sábado, January 14**

Rosary/Rosario 9:00 a.m.

Mass/Misa (Bilingual) 9:30 a.m. Fr. Alejandro O.

Confessions/Confesiones 4:00 p.m.

Mass/Misa 5:30 p.m. Fr. Alejandro O.

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
II Domingo Ordinario**

**Domingo, January 15**

Masses in a.m. 7:30 a.m. Fr. Fr. Charles Ugo

Misas de la mañana 9:15 a.m. Fr. Alejandro O.

11:00 a.m. Fr. Alejandro O.

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

Misas de la tarde 5 p.m. (English) Fr. Alejandro O.

7 p.m. (Español) Fr. Alejandro O.



**Mon** 1/9 8:15a.m. † Aurelia Contreras

**Tue** 1/10 8:15 a.m. † Pope Benedict XVI

**Wed** 1/11 8:15 a.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners  
(A) Nick & Karen Luera  
† Donny Lujan  
† Vicente Cruz

**Thurs** 1/12 8:15a.m. (SI) Souls in Purgatory  
(SI) Passmore Family  
† Tom Silk

**Fri** 1/13 8:15 a.m. (SI) Holy Souls In Purgatory

**Sat.** 1/14 9:30 a.m (SI) Edmundo & Karla Gutierrez

**5:30 p.m.** (SI) Mary Rivas Castillo  
† Leissa Sutton

**Sun. 1/15 7:30 a.m.** (B) Rosita Payton  
(SI) Barbara Stewart  
(SI) Lugo Family  
(SI) Hernandez Rodriguez Family

**9:15 a.m.** (A) Pablo & Herlinda Garcia  
(SI) Knights of Columbus #9601  
† Rodney Birt

**11:00 a.m.** (B) CayAna Louis  
† Dale Wilson  
† Members of Catholic Life

**1:00 p.m.** (SI) Familia Ramos—Huerta  
† Julio Cesar Barrera Aruvalo  
† Salvador Casillas

**5:00 p.m.** (SI) Conversion of Sinners

**7:00 p.m.** (SI) St. Monica Parishioners

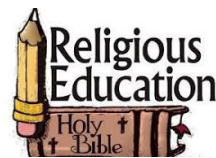
*In observance of Martin Luther King Parish will be Closed Monday January 16th*

*En observancia de Martín Luther King the parroquia estar cerrada el lunes 16 de Enero.*

We wish Fr. Thumma, safe travels as he leads over 21 pilgrims from OLPH and St. Monica on a pilgrimage/tourism to India on Jan. 4th through the 17th. And afterwards he'll be on vacation for two weeks with his family. Please keep Fr. Thumma and all the pilgrims in your prayers as they travel.

Le deseamos al Padre Thumma un viaje seguro mientras lleva a 21 peregrinos de OLPH y Santa Mónica en un peregrinaje/turismo a India del 4-17 de Enero. Después el Padre se irá de vacaciones dos semanas con su familia. por favor ténganlos en sus oraciones durante sus viajes.

We pray that all had a blessed time with family and friends during the past Christmas season. We are looking forward to resuming class this



**Wed. Jan. 11th at 6:30pm  
SEE YOU THEN!**

Pedimos que todos hayan tenido un tiempo bendecido con sus familias durante esta Navidad. Los esperamos este

**Miércoles 11 de Enero a las 6:30 pm  
que reanudarán las clases.**



**COLLECTIONS**

**January 1st** \$ 20,370.00 Online \$ 3,198.00

Collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society \$ 734.00 Online \$ 387.00

**January 15th Second Collection**

On behalf of Fr. Thumma and Fr. Alejandro, we would like to extend a special and heartfelt “thank you” to all those who gave monetary donations for the new Rectory. May God bless you all always for your generous hearts. If anyone would like to make a donation in the form of a check, please write it out to St. Monica Catholic Church and indicated on the memo: Capital Campaign for new Rectory.

*Thank you again for your support and generosity.*

A nombre del Padre Thumma y Padre Alejandro, queremos extender de todo corazón nuestras “gracias” a todos los que nos han dado donaciones de dinero para la Rectoría nueva. Que Dios los bendiga siempre por sus corazones bondadosos. Si alguien quiere hacer una donación con un cheque, por favor hágalo a nombre de St. Mónica Catholic Church y escriba en el memo “Campaña Capital para la Rectoría nueva”.

*De nuevo muchas gracias por su apoyo y generosidad.*

### 2023 TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE AUSTIN TX

Event Date: January 28, 2023

Event Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location: The Capitol in Austin

Our Knights of Columbus council would like to offer rides to this event so that our parishioners can make statement along with other Catholics from our Archdiocese as well as the entire state. MEET 0830 am in front parking lot to leave before 9:00 am. Probably a snack stop before arriving Austin and Que up @ Capitol. Comfortable shoes encouraged and suitable clothing as weather dictates on that date.

### 2023 TEXAS RALLY POR LA VIDA AUSTIN, TX

Fecha del evento: 28 de Enero, 2023

Hora del evento: 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Lugar: Capitolio en Austin

El Consejo de Nuestros Caballeros de Colón ofrecerá transporte a este evento para que nuestros parroquianos puedan hacer una demostración junto a otros católicos de Nuestra arquidiócesis y de todo el estado. REUNIRSE a las 8:30 am en el estacionamiento para irse antes de las 9:00 am. Probablemente una parada para una snack antes de llegar a Austin y reunirse en el Capitolio. Se recomiendan zapatos cómodos y ropa adecuada al clima de ese día.

### BRING YOUR VALENTINE TO A FUN CASINO NIGHT AT ST. MONICA!!

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Tickets will be on sale soon! Check our website and the bulletin for sale dates and contact info to get your tickets.  
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### LLEVA A TU AMOR A UNA DIVERTIDA NOCHE DE CASINO EN ST. MÓNICA!!

*¡Ahorre la fecha! 18 de febrero de 2023* para una emocionante noche de juegos de casino, comida, bebidas y un tema occidental. Venga al Salón Parroquial de St. Monica Church para probar suerte y ganar fantásticos premios, todo mientras brinda apoyo a las misiones de St. Monica ACTS y Knights of Columbus, Council 9681. ¡Las entradas estarán a la venta pronto! Consulte nuestro sitio web y el boletín para conocer las fechas de venta y la información de contacto para obtener sus boletos.  
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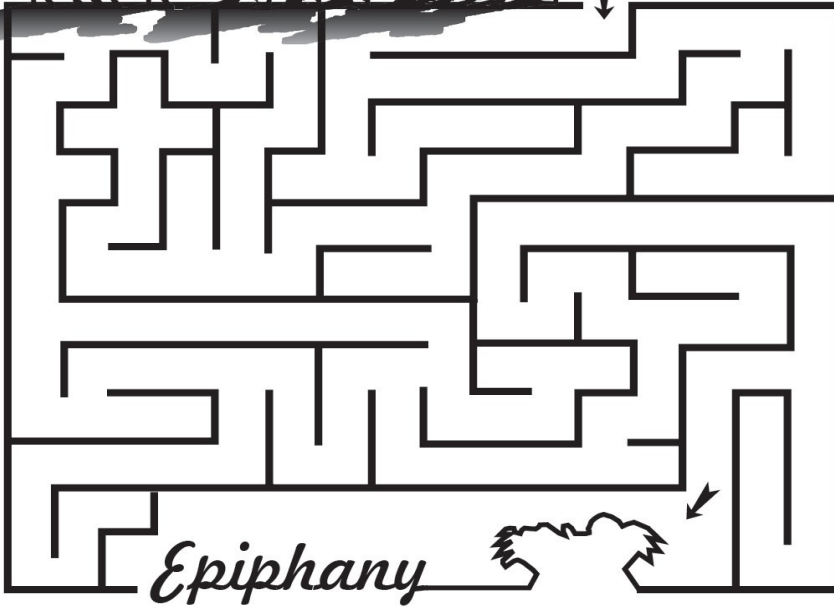
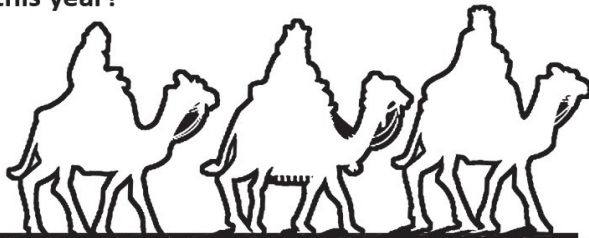


**Católicos Jóvenes Ejecutivos Profesionales Series**  
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**Epiphany, Mt 2:1-12**

Three wise men were searching for Jesus. They traveled from very far away to meet him. They followed a star and finally found him in Bethlehem. They adored him and gave him special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **What gift would you like to give to Jesus this year?**



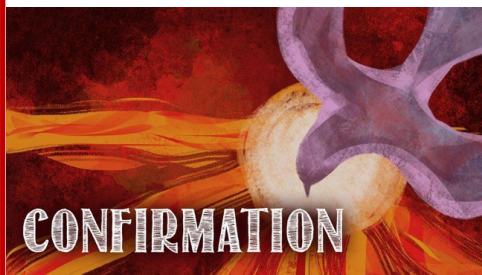
A—January 6  
 C—“3 King’s Day” or “12th Night”  
 D—Star  
 E—Balthasar, Melchior, & Caspar  
 F—Gold, Frankincense, & Myrrh  
 B—3 Magi or the 3 Wise Men

How well do you know about the Epiphany?

When Is The Epiphany? \_\_\_\_\_ (A)  
 (see more under “when is the Epiphany”)  
 The 3 Kings can also be referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_ (B)  
 Day the 3 kings arrive to see baby Jesus This day is also called \_\_\_\_\_ (C)  
 Celebrated by Christians all over the world. Kings followed a \_\_\_\_\_ (D) to find Jesus, so a star is a common symbol of the Epiphany. Crowns are worn by kings so crowns are also a common symbol of this day  
 Story of the 3 kings is found in the Bible  
 The names of the 3 kings are: \_\_\_\_\_ (E)  
 They brought gifts to Baby Jesus- \_\_\_\_\_ (F)

**When Is The Epiphany?**  
 The 12 days of Christmas end with the Epiphany, which is traditionally celebrated on January 6. In the United States, the Epiphany is celebrated on the closest Sunday to the 6th, so sometimes this causes confusion among Catholics. You can definitely feel free to celebrate this beautiful feast day with your kids on either of these days. We generally like to celebrate on actual January 6 so that we get the full 12 days of Christmas

You can read this story straight from the bible. Here is where you can find it in the book of Matthew: Matthew 2: 1-12



We are holding our next cycle of Adult Confirmation Classes in English. See schedule below: Contact Timo Zepeda rcia@saintmonicaconverse.net or go to website "Parish News" & "Sacraments: link to learn more. Location: Mollicone Bldg, Room 105

Tendremos el siguiente ciclo de Clases para Confirmación de Adultos en Inglés. Vean el horario abajo. Comuníquese con Timo Zepeda rcia@saintmonicaconverse.net o vaya a la website “Parish News” y el link “Sacramentos” para más información. Lugar: Edificio Mollicone, Salón 105

Session/Topic		Monday's 6:30 to 8:30 pm		Sunday's 2:30 to 4:30 pm	
Session #	Topic	Date	Cycle	Date	Cycle
1	Encountering Christ	2/20/2023	C	2/05/2023	B
2	Creed & Trinity	2/27/2023	C	2/19/2023	B
3	Sacraments	3/06/2023	C	3/05/2023	B
4	Liturgical Year & The Mass	3/20/2023	C	3/19/2023	B
5	Morality, Commandment & Beatitudes	3/27/2023	C	4/02/2023	B
6	Reconciliation	4/03/2023	C	4/16/2023	B

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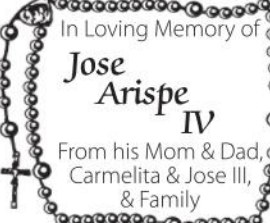
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**Mass Schedule**

**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  
9:15 am & 1 pm  
St. Monica's Facebook or Website  
**Weekdays:** 8:15 a.m. (Mon—Fri)  
**Saturday:** 9 am Holy Rosary &  
Mass at 9:30 a.m. Bilingual/bilingüe

**HOLY HOUR:** Thursday 7:00 p.m.  
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**1st FRIDAY MASS:** 8:15am English &  
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**PERPETUAL ADORATION**  
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