

St. Monica Catholic Church, Converse, Texas



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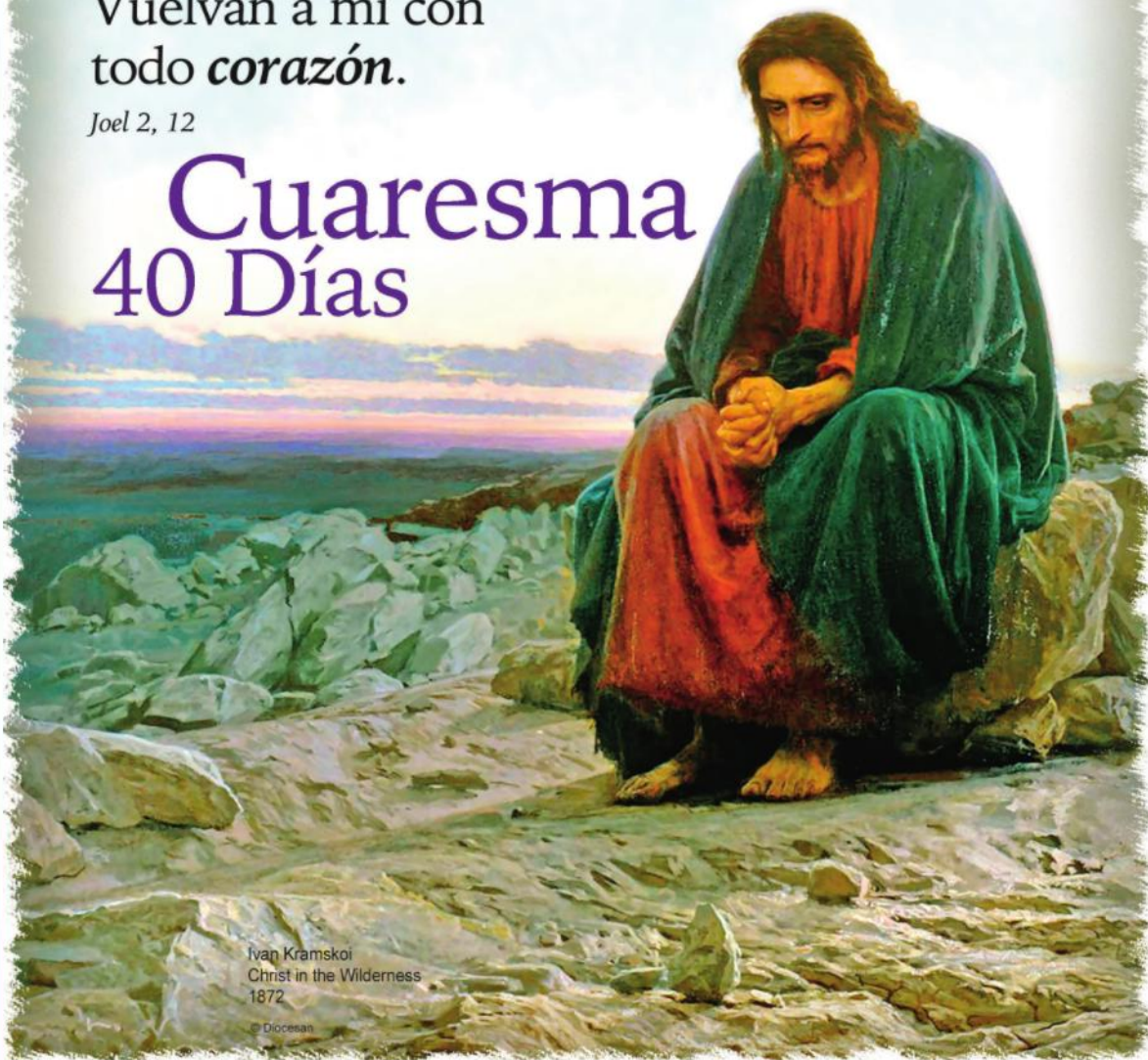
Joel 2:12

Lent
40 Days

Vuelvan a mí con
todo *corazón*.

Joel 2, 12

Cuaresma
40 Días



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Christ in the Wilderness
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Cuaresma
Almsgiving Praying Fasting

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MINISTRIES

ACTS: Brandon Pesqueda

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

YOUNG MINISTRY: Bernardo Castellano & Lyle Pearce
Beginning Sept.7th will meet 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month
at 7:45pm 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.

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 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:



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.

Glyssie Esquivel, 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, 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, Ruben Pacheco,
Angel Cantu, Barbara Garza, Evan Pesek, Laura Cynthia Peters,
Bill Eastman, Velma Duran, Mary Kirby, 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, Emilio Fernandez.

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

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 Lent**10 Semana de Cuaresma****Monday/Lunes, February 27**

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

Tuesday/Martes, February 28

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

Wednesday/Miércoles, March 1

Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Alejandro O.
Confessions/ Confesiones 6:00 p.m.

Thurs./Jueves March 2

Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
Holy Hour 7:00 p.m.

Friday/Viernes, March 3

Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Alejandro O.
Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m.
Mass/Misa 6:30 p.m. Fr. Alejandro O.

Saturday/Sábado, March 4

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

2nd Sunday of Lent**2º Domingo de Cuaresma****Domingo, March 5**

Masses in a.m. 7:30 a.m. Fr. Alejandro O.
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. Thumma
Misas de la tarde 5 p.m. (English) Fr. Thumma
7 p.m. (Español) Fr. Thumma

COLLECTIONS

February 19th \$ 13,120.00
Online \$ 2,003.00

Collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society \$ 491.00
Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society \$ 222.00
Collection for St Monica School \$ 24.00

March 5th NO Second Collection

Join us every Friday during lent for
Stations of the cross at 6 p.m.
followed by Mass



Stations of the Cross

Acompáñenos cada viernes durante la cuaresma
a el Viacrucis a las 6 pm seguido de Misa.



- Mon** 2/27 8:15a.m. (B) Paula Anderson
(SI) Doris Guerrero
- Tue** 2/28 8:15 a.m. (SI) Souls in Purgatory
(SI) Divine Mercy Cenacle Ministry
(SI) Family of Rivera Bermus
(SI) Family of Ortiz
†Cruz Cerda III
- Wed** 3/1 8:15 a.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners
(B) Tonya Rose
† Dora Strum
- Thurs** 3/2 8:15a.m. (SI) Those Affected by Natural Disasters
- Fri.** 3/1 8:15 a.m. (SI) Holy Souls In Purgatory
(SI) Love Strong Ministry
6:30 p.m. † Alfredo Vargas
- Sat.** 3/4 9:30 a.m. † Lisa Veenstra
5:30 p.m. (SI) Deceased Members of Catholic Life
(SI) Souls in Purgatory
- Sun.** 3/5 7:30 a.m. (SI) Ron Kirby
† Eugene Roller
9:15 a.m. (L&D) Eufemia, Velma Duran & Family
11:00 a.m. † Reynold & Alicia Gonzalez
1:00 p.m. (B) MaryIn Tamez
(SI) Benjamin Rocha
† Yari Carrillo
† Pablo Moreno
† Uvaldo Cantu
5:00 p.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners
† Mary Cashner
7:00 p.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners
(SI) Souls in Purgatory
† Yari Carrillo
† Bienvenida Tejeda Jimenez

Let the Knights do the cooking for you every Friday during Lent! Starting on February 24, come to the school cafeteria for a fabulous fish plate that includes fries, cole slaw, corn, green beans, hushpuppies and tea. Dinner is **served from 5 to 8 pm**. Dine in or take out. **\$11 per plate, \$7 for kids**. And don't forget about all the delicious desserts by the Catholic Daughters!



St. Monica Council 9681
Converse, Texas

Deje que los Caballeros de Colón cocinen por usted cad Viernes durante la Cuaresma! Empezando el 24 de febrero, venga a la cafetería de la escuela, por un delicioso plato de pescado que incluye papas fritas, cole slaw, elotes, ejotes, hushpuppies y te. La comida se sirve de 5-8 pm. Comer ahí o para llevar. \$11 por plato, \$7 por niños. Y no olviden los deliciosos postre de las Hojas Católicas!!

Lent is a time of discipline. And the discipline of stewardship—of planned and consistent giving—is appropriate for this time. As you spend time in contemplation this season, consider planning your giving for this season as well as seasons to come. You can use ParishSOFT Giving—our secure giving option accessible through our church website—to plan and give this season. You can use Online Giving for your regular tithes or to contribute to special funds. You can find the online giving link at <https://saintmonicaconverse.net/giving>



Cuaresma es un tiempo de disciplina. Y la disciplina de administración — de dar constantemente y planeado— es apropiada para este tiempo. Mientras pases tiempo en contemplación esta temporada, considera donar durante este tiempo, y temporadas futuras. Puedes usar ParishSoft Giving- una opción segura y accesible a través de el website de la iglesia- para planear y donar esta temporada. También puedes usar Online Giving para limosna regulares o para contribuir a fondos especiales. Se puede encontrar la liga en línea en: <https://saintmonicaconverse.net/giving>

4.0 Cans

FOR LENT

FOOD DRIVE

FEB. 22 THROUGH APR. 2, 2023

Your Donations of canned and dried food items will go to help the needy in our community

Most Requested Food Items:

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Tomato Products
- Canned Soup & Broth
- Peanut Butter
- Grape or Strawberry Jelly
- Canned Stew & Beans
- Pasta & Canned Sauces
- Pancake Mixes
- Syrup
- Bags of Rice
- Instant Potatoes
- Tuna

All donations will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry at St. Monica Church!



4.0 Latas

POR CUARESMA

COLECTA DE ALIMENTOS

FEBRERO 22 HASTA ABRIL 2, 2023

Sus donaciones de alimentos enlatados y secos se destinarán a ayudar a los necesitados de nuestra comunidad.

Alimentos más necesarios:

- Mezcla de panqueques de frutas enlatadas
- Jarabe de productos de tomate enlatados
- Pastas y Salsas enlatadas
- Sopas y caldos enlatados
- Mantequilla de maní y mermelada
- Aceite, Sal, Azúcar
- Arroz/Frijoles
- Papas Instantáneas
- Atún

¡Todas las donaciones irán al St. Vincent Despensa de alimentos de la Sociedad de Paul!



Is your marriage full of **LIFE**?
Do you have a **STRONG** marriage full of **LOVE**?

The **LOVESTRONG Marriage Ministry** team is offering a weekend retreat that can provide a powerful infusion of Christ-centered focus to any marriage. This wonderful 3-day event (*Friday evening through Sunday afternoon*) celebrates the purpose of your marriage and the love you share while allowing you to spend the evenings together at home. The mission of the LOVESTRONG Marriage ministry is to support and strengthen married couples in our community by providing time together celebrating their commitment to each other and deepening their Christ-centered bond. You are cordially invited to join us for the first ever LOVESTRONG Marriage Retreat at Saint Monica scheduled on March 3-5! More information and registration forms can be obtained at the LOVESTRONGMarriage.com website, or you can email us at info@LOVESTRONGMarriage.com. Give each other the gift of **TIME TOGETHER** and enjoy a weekend celebrating **YOUR MARRIAGE**!



Está tu matrimonio lleno de **VIDA**?
Tienes un matrimonio **Fuerte** lleno de **amor**?

El equipo del **Ministerio de Matrimonio LOVESTRONG** está ofreciendo un retiro de fin de semana que puede dar un enfoque centrado en Cristo a cualquier matrimonio. Este evento de 3 días (*Viernes en la noche hasta el Domingo en la tarde*) celebra el propósito de tu matrimonio y el amor que compartes permitiéndote pasar la noche juntos en tu hogar. La misión de este ministerio de LOVESTRONG es apoyar a parejas casadas en nuestra comunidad ofreciéndoles un tiempo juntos celebrando su compromiso con cada uno y profundizar su unión centrada en Cristo. Están cordialmente invitados al primer retiro del Ministerio del Matrimonio LoveStrong en Santa Mónica planeado del 3-5 de Marzo. Para más información: info@LOVESTRONGMarriage.com. Dense uno al otro el regalo de pasar **TIEMPO JUNTOS** y disfrutar un fin de semana celebrando **SU MATRIMONIO**! El espacio es limitado y a los primeros en llegar, se les atenderá primero.

Youth Spectacular 2023: Behold!

Saturday, March 25, 2023
9 AM–9 PM

St. Mary's University | Fee: \$25

Attention Confirmation &
High School Students

There is still time to register for this amazing time to enrich your faith.

This will count for your required confirmation retreat, for those who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this May.

To register please see Ms. Toni Espinoza or Lyle Pearce, you can also email RE@saintmonicaconverse.net

**Juventud Espectacular 2023:**

Sabado 25 de marzo 2023
9 AM–9 PM

St. Mary's University | Fee: \$25

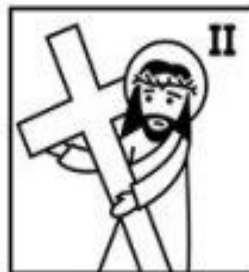
Atención Estudiantes de
Preparatoria y de Confirmación

Todavía hay tiempo de inscribirse para un tiempo increíble que enriquecerá su fe.

Este contará como el retiro necesario para confirmación, para los que recibirán el Sacramento de Confirmación este Mayo.

Para inscribirse vea a Toni Espinoza o Lyle Pearce, también puede email

RE@saintmonicaconverse.net

The Stations of the Cross Word Search

1. Jesus is condemned to _____.
2. Jesus accepts the _____.
3. Jesus _____ the first time.
4. Jesus meets His _____.
5. _____ of Cyrene helps Jesus carry His cross.
6. _____ wipes the Face of Jesus.
7. _____ falls the second time.

8. Jesus meets the _____ of Jerusalem.
9. Jesus falls a _____ time.
10. Jesus is stripped of His _____.
11. Jesus is _____.
12. Jesus _____ on the cross
13. The _____ of Jesus is taken down from the cross.
14. Jesus is laid in the _____.

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For complete information visit: www.JohnMichaelTalbot.com

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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.

Thank you for your continual support and prayers.



Online Giving

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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follow the instructions.

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By appointment Tues.—Thurs. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

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.

Live-Streamed (Bilingual)

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

PERPETUAL ADORATION

In the Chapel Hours for adoration:

Sunday at 8 pm to Saturday at 5:15pm

Please come by the office to get your entry code.

**CONFESSIONS: WEDNESDAY 6PM
& SATURDAY 4 PM**



Need Baptism 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.

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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