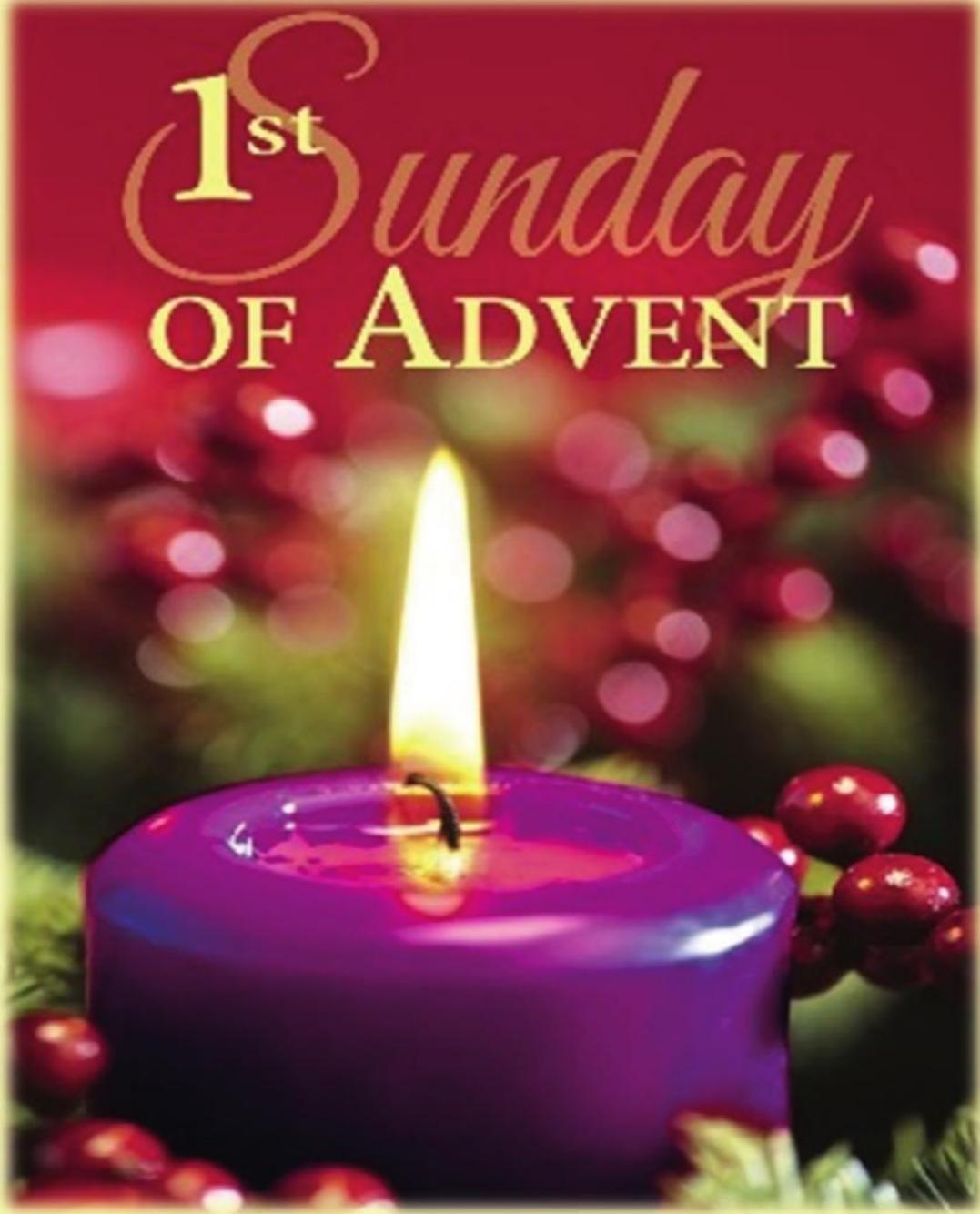


St. Monica Catholic Church, Converse, Texas



1^o Domingo de Adviento

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)

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. (Bilingual)

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

CONFESIONS: **NOTICE OF THE TIME CHANGE FOR DEC. 6TH & 13TH
WEDNESDAY 5:45—6:45PM

SATURDAY'S WILL REMAIN AT 4 PM

Dear St. Monica Family,

As we are entering into the joyous anticipation of the Advent season, we are reminded that Advent is not merely a countdown to Christmas but a transformative journey—a journey that creates people, new people. In the midst of our familiar traditions and cherished rituals, Advent beckons us to become something more, to embrace the transformative power of hope, peace, joy, and love.

The notion that Advent creates new people is a profound one. It speaks to the idea that this season is not just about waiting; it's about becoming. Becoming more attuned to the message of Christ, becoming vessels of His love, and becoming beacons of hope in a world that often yearns for the light of His presence.

In reflecting on this theme, allow me to share a story that encapsulates the essence of Advent as a season of renewal and new beginnings. There once was a withered tree in the heart of winter, seemingly lifeless. Yet, as the season of Advent unfolded, a tender shoot emerged, symbolizing the possibility of new life. In much the same way, Advent has the power to rejuvenate our spirits, bringing forth newness in our lives.

As we journey through these weeks leading to Christmas, let us open our hearts to the transformative grace that Advent offers. The Advent wreath, with its evergreen branches and lit candles, becomes a visual metaphor for the renewal of our faith. Each candle, representing hope, peace, joy, and love, guides us on a path of becoming more Christ-like in our daily lives.

The Word of God encourages us to be renewed in the spirit of our minds (Ephesians 4:23). This renewal is not a one-time event but a continuous process—a journey of growth and transformation. As we eagerly await the celebration of Christ's birth, let us also celebrate the birth of newness within ourselves.

In practical terms, this might mean fostering a spirit of forgiveness, extending kindness to those in need, and seeking reconciliation in our relationships. It could involve taking a step outside our comfort zones to reach out to someone who may be lonely or in despair. Advent is an opportune time to examine our lives, discard what hinders our spiritual growth, and embrace the newness that Christ offers.

May this Advent season be a time of profound transformation for each of us—a season where we not only anticipate the birth of the Christ Child but also welcome the birth of newness in our hearts. Together, as a parish family, let us support and encourage one another on this journey of becoming new people in Christ.

Wishing you a blessed and transformative Advent season filled with the joy of new beginnings.

Yours truly,

Fr. Thumma Prathap



Querida Familia de Santa Mónica,

Estamos entrando en la gozosa anticipación de la temporada de Adviento, y recordamos que Adviento no es nada más el contar hasta la Navidad sino una jornada transformadora - una jornada que crea gente, gente nueva. En medio de nuestras tradiciones familiares y rituales, Adviento nos llama a ser algo más, a aceptar el poder transformativo de paz, gozo y amor.

La idea de que Adviento crea gente nueva es profunda. Habla de que esta temporada no es nada más acerca de esperar; es acerca de conversión. Estando más en tono con el mensaje de Cristo, transformándonos en recipientes de Su amor, y siendo rayos de esperanza en un mundo que anhela la luz de Su presencia.

Reflexionando en este tema, permítanme compartirles una historia que envuelve la esencia de Adviento como la temporada de renovación y de nuevos comienzos. Había un árbol marchito en medio del invierno, aparentemente muerto. Pero, conforme la temporada de Adviento avanzó, una rama salió, simbolizando la posibilidad de vida nueva.

De la misma manera, Adviento tiene el poder de rejuvenecer nuestros espíritus, trayendo cosas nuevas a nuestras vidas. Mientras caminamos en estas semanas que nos llevan a Navidad, abramos nuestros corazones a la gracia transformadora que el Adviento ofrece. La corona de Adviento, con sus ramas verdes y sus velas encendidas, se transforma en una metáfora visual para la renovación de nuestra fe. Cada vela, representando esperanza, paz, gozo y amor, nos guía en el camino de ser más como Cristo en nuestras vidas diarias.

La Palabra de Dios nos anima a ser renovados en el espíritu de nuestras mentes (Efesios 4:23) . Esta renovación no es un evento único sino un proceso continuo -una jornada de crecimiento y transformación. Mientras esperamos ansiosos la celebración del nacimiento de Cristo, celebremos el nacimiento de vida nueva dentro de nosotros.

En términos prácticos, esto puede significar el tener un espíritu de perdón, extendiendo nuestra amabilidad a los necesitados, y buscar reconciliación en nuestras relaciones personales. Puede involver el salirse un poco de nuestra zona de comodidad para alcanzar a alguien que puede estar solo o desesperado. Adviento es el tiempo oportuno de examinar nuestras vidas, descartar lo que detiene nuestro crecimiento espiritual, y aceptar la vida nueva que Cristo ofrece.

Que esta temporada de Adviento sea un tiempo de transformación profunda para cada uno de nosotros - una temporada donde no solo anticipamos el nacimiento de el Cristo Niño sino también un bienvenido renacer de nuestro corazón. Juntos, como familia parroquial, apoyemos y animemos unos a los otros en esta jornada de ser gente nueva en Cristo.

Deseándoles un bendecido tiempo de Adviento, lleno de gozo y comienzos nuevos.

Sinceramente,

Fr. Thumma Prathap

COMMITTEES

Pastoral Council President: Timo Zepeda
 Finance Council President: Sandra Lyssy
 Building Board President: Tony Canez

CHOIR DIRECTORS

Music Coordinator: Jorge Castellanos

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

Bill Staggs, 9:15 a.m.,

Michelle Hernandez, 11 a.m.,

Jorge Castellanos, Spanish 1p.m.

Lilli Soto, 5 pm. or Bill Staggs 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 aptt.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: To include preparation for First Communion and Confirmation Grades K– High School.
 Email: RE@saintmonicaconverse.net 210-658-3816

EDGE: JD Flores & Karina Gonzales

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.



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, Reynaldo Vela, Angel Cantu, Linda Duncan, Maria J., Arthur Thomas, Lisa Lee, Luis M Vega, Barbara Cantley, Suzie Littrell, Helen Arispe, Alena Quintero, Irma Mendez, Nildia Johnston, Olga, Lucy Barajas, Tim Knotts, Lisa Lee, Douglas, Bob Andrews, Tyler Acosta, Jo-Ann Case, Diane Thatcher, Joanne & Sebastian, Brenda, Jennifer Sanchez, Jose Martinez, John Cortez, Andrew, Velma Duran, Manuel M., Jan Beland, Dolores Vaquera & family, Sara Chase, Navarro, Kenia Aguilar, Ruddy Ballesteros DeLeon, Debbie Garcia, Armando Aguero, Preston Trinkle, Evan Pesek, Nicanora Rodriguez, Paul D., Angel Cantu, Barbara Garza, Laura Cynthia Peters, Bill Eastman, Catarina Garza, Olga, Felix Davila, Ernesto Sosa, Christine, Connie Martinez, Robert, Adam Thomas, Melissa, Michael Burgos, Ruben Pacheco, Rose, Christine, Pawlick family, Rhonda Hogan, Ignacio Urabazo, Barbara Rials, Trini & Jackie Cantú, Jason Silk, Adalene, Emilio Fernandez, Tony Rippy, Edwardo Guevara, Mary Kirby, Martha Gonzalez, Janet Hillson, Pablo Martinez, Lucy Zamora, Ariel & Clara Casiano, Donny Krueger, Donelia Jimenez, Jeannie & Paul, Maria Ramos, Mildred Myles, Sandra Bell, Will Clouse, Roland Guerra, Becky Cortez



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

REQUEST A MASS INTENTION	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.
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**POINSETTIA ORDER FORM**

Order your Poinsettias now for **\$12.00 each** in remembrance of your loved one or to honor someone special. These Poinsettias will be used to decorate the church for Christmas.

Please fill out an order form, place it in an envelope, and put it in the collection basket.

Deadline is Tuesday, December 19th.

LIMITED NUMBER OF POINSETTIAS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Given in Memory/Honor of: _____

Purchased by: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Amount \$ _____

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 son transmitido en vivo en Facebook.

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

Monday/Lunes, December 4th

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

Tuesday/Martes, December 5th

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

Mass/Misa 6:00 p.m. Fr. Praveen

Followed by Advent Retreat with Fr. Praveen

Wednesday/Miércoles, December 6th

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

Confessions / Confesiones 5:45—6:45 p.m.

Beware of the this time change.

Thurs./Jueves, December 7th

Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Memoria de San Ambrosio, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

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

Vigil Mass/Misa (Bilingual) 7:00 p.m.

NO Holy Hour / Hora Santa Cancelado

Friday/Viernes, December 8th

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la
Santísima Virgen María**

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

Mass/Misa 12 Noon

Mass/Misa 6:00 p.m.

Mass/Misa (Español) 7:30 p.m. Fr.

Saturday/Sábado, December 9th

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Opcional de San Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Rosary/Rosario 9:00 a.m.

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

Confessions/Confesiones 4:00 p.m.

Mass/Misa 5:30 p.m. Fr. Artemio

Second Sunday of Advent**Segundo Domingo de Adviento****Sunday/Domingo, December 10th**

Masses in a.m. 7:30 a.m. Fr. Artemio

Misas de la mañana 9:15 a.m. Fr. Artemio

11:00 a.m. Fr. Artemio

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

The Advent Wreath

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. The second candle, also purple, represents faith. The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. The fourth candle is purple symbolizes peace. The fifth candle is white (optional) represents light and purity.

**THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon 12/4 8:15 a.m. † Gail Artinian

† Souls in Purgatory

Tue 12/5 8:15 a.m. † Victoria Amador

† Joanne Neal

† Marcy D.

† Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wed 12/6 8:15 a.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners

† Therese Lindquist

Thurs 12/7 8:15 a.m. † Phil & Jeri Rauschaber

Fri. 12/8 8:15 a.m. (B) Duane Finch

(SI) Dorothy San Augustine

† Holy Souls in Purgatory

12 Noon (SI) Kaylin Corn

6:00 p.m. (SI) Parishioners of St. Monica

7:30 p.m. (SI) Balet Folklorico

Sat. 12/9 9:30 a.m. † Teofila Graciani

Sat. 12/9 5:30 p.m. † Hector Ramirez

Sun. 12/10 7:30 a.m. (SI) Ron & Mary Kirby

9:15 a.m. † Vergel Cruz

† Delia Lopez

† Minerva B. Cuellar

† Ella Tillman

† Richard Hite

11:00 a.m. † Lupe Chagoya

† Irma Kotanan

† Francisca Yanez

1:00 p.m. (A) Jose Antonio & Yolanda Ruiz

† Silvano Tamez

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

(SI) Nick, Karen & Jason Luera

(SI) Stacy Roberts & Family

† Ted & Margaret Rose

(SI) Romeo (Necio) Romo Alvarez

COLLECTIONS

November 19th \$ 11,183.25

Online \$ 1,726.00

Second Collection for Human Development \$ 1,968.00

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 129.00

Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 125.00



Thanksgiving Day Nov. 23rd \$ 1,305.00

November 26th \$ 14,237.00

Online \$ 2,486.00

Second Collection St. Monica School \$ 2,551.00

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 234.00

**December 10th Second Collection
Retired Men and Women Religious**



This week altar flowers for
Special Intersession of St. Jude Thaddeus

Donated by:

Anonymous



St. Monica Catholic School

Dragon Tales



We're excited to launch the "Epic Give" campaign, an extraordinary opportunity for you to make a significant impact and play a crucial role in our school's future. Our goal is to raise enough to accomplish the following school repairs:

1. Re-sealing gym windows - \$5,000
2. New AC needed for gym classrooms - \$25,000
3. New cafeteria tables - \$48,000
4. New cafeteria chairs - \$12,000

Totaling \$90,000

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Lets come together and **BE EPIC!**



Dear Families of St. Monica Parish

We are asking you and your inner circle to support Saint Monica. Please help us get the word out to friends, family and/or businesses.

Please screenshot the above and post on your Facebook...spread the word and engage your circle of influence.



Teaching Bell to Bell at St. Monica Academy for Children

As we navigate the path ahead, I am pleased to share some positive news with you. Responding to the growing needs of our community, the School Council has decided to open another class or section at St. Monica Academy (2-year-old program). This expansion will not only enhance our educational offerings but also contribute to our school's financial stability. I am confident that the support from the St. Monica Parishioners and the St. Monica School community will help us fill these new seats, ensuring the success of this endeavor.

Yours Truly, *Fr. Thumma Prathap*



You can still purchase your ticket, available in the parish office and school office

The tickets are \$5.00 per ticket and you will have the opportunity to win \$20,000.

Cash or check only.

Thank you for your support.



Saint Monica...Pray for us!
Karmen Chavez, Principal
Saint Monica Catholic School
2023-2024

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School must turn in tickets by Friday, January 26, 2024. Drawing to be held Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact:

St. Monica Catholic School
210-658-6701

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Thrift Store Holiday Hours

NO Donations will be accepted
December 17, 2023 until January 7, 2023
Closed Saturday December 23, 2023
Closed Saturday December 30, 2023



Horario de la Tienda de Segunda

NO se aceptarán donaciones del 17 de Diciembre, 2023 hasta el 7 de Enero del 2024
Cerrada el Sábado 23 de Diciembre, 2023
Cerrada el Sábado 30 de Diciembre, 2023

December Special Masses Schedule / Horario especial de misas de diciembre



Dec. 8th Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María **A Holy Day of Obligation / Santo Día de Obligación**

Dec. 7th Thursday 7:00pm Bilingual Vigil Mass / Bilingüe Misa Vigilia
No Holy Hour / Hora Santa Cancelado
Dec. 8th Friday 8:15am 12 Noon & 6:00pm English Masses
7:30 pm Mass Spanish / Misa Español

Friday Dec. 8th Parish Office will be Closed / Oficina Parroquia Estará Cerrada

Dec. 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe / Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Monday Dec. 11th Procession/Procesión 9pm
Tuesday Dec. 12th 6:00 am Las Manaitas
6:30am Mass Spanish/Misa Spanish/ Español
8:15am English Mass / Misa English
6:40pm Los Matachines
7:00pm Bilingual Mass / Misa Bilingüe



Advent Penance Service / servicio de penitencia de adviento

Wednesday December 20th at 6:30pm
Miércoles 20 de Diciembre 6:30pm

4th Sunday of Advent / IV Domingo de Adviento

Saturday December 23rd Vigil Mass 5:30pm—English
Sunday December 24th 7:30, 9:15, & 11 am, Mass—English
1:00pm Misa Español

Christmas Schedule / Horario de Navidad

Sunday Dec. 24th Christmas Eve / Víspera de Navidad
5 pm Children Mass with Pageant—English
7 pm Mass—Español
12 Midnight Mass—Bilingual/Bilingüe

Monday Dec 25th Christmas Day / Navidad Domingo 25 de diciembre
9:00 & 11 am English Mass
1 & 7 pm Misa Español



*Parish Office will be closing at noon on Friday December 22nd and will be
Closed Monday December 25th and Tuesday December 26th*

*La oficina de la parroquia se cerrará a las mediodía viernes el 22 de diciembre y
estará cerrada lunes 25 de Diciembre y martes 26 de Diciembre.*

Sunday December 31, 2023 Mass Schedule as normal if any changes will be posted in advance.

Monday January 1, 2024 Mary Mother of God
9 & 11 am Mass in English
1 & 7 pm Misa en Español

Beginning Saturday January 6, 2024 Spanish Vigil Mass at 7:15pm
A partir del sábado 6 de enero de 2024 Misa de Vigilia en español a las 7:15 p.m



Happy Birthday
Virginia Tennison
December 1st

Happy Birthday
Joe Luera
December 20th



Happy Birthday
Edna Diaz
December 14th



Happy Birthday
Ed & Natalia Lopez
Dec. 10th & Dec. 9th



Happy Birthday
Alfonso Aceves
December 10th

Happy 25th
Wedding Anniversary
Julio & Giselle Zamago



Happy Birthday
Maxine Lerma
December 25th



Happy Birthday
Emma-Riley Sheehan
Dec 18th



Happy Birthday
Donna Lugo
December 14th



Happy Birthday
Edna Juarez—Dec. 10th
Happy Birthday
Bianca Juarez—Dec. 8th



Happy Birthday
Robert & Robert Jr.
Rodriguez
Dec. 31st & December 30th



Happy Birthday
Celia Tokarski
December 27th



Happy Heavenly Birthday
Art Lugo
December 24th



Happy Birthday
Chrysta Colwell
December 7th



Happy Birthday
Cameron Colwell
December 11th

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 **January** Birthdays, anniversary or accomplishment picture by **December 26th** 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 **Enero para el 26 de diciembre** a:

parish@saintmonicaconverciembrse.net
 o passé por la oficina.

Walk with Our Lady of Guadalupe
The Spanish Prayer Group invite you to the walk with our Lady of Guadalupe, Monday 11 of December.
We'll start with dinner from 7:30pm to 9:00pm.

After that we will begin the walk with our Blessed Mother praying the rosary all over Converse City.



Caminata con la Virgen de Guadalupe
El Grupo de Oración les invita a la caminata de la Virgen de Guadalupe el Lunes 11 de Diciembre.
Comenzaremos con una cena a las 7:30pm hasta las 9:00. Luego después nos iremos a caminar con nuestra Santa Madre por la ciudad de Converse rezando el rosario.

Consider joining the St. Monica Welcome Ministry!

We are in search of many smiling, friendly faces to help greet newcomers to our parish. We want to help them to feel welcome and comfortable in our place of worship.



What does the Welcome Ministry do?

Our members will greet new parishioners and welcome guests to our church before each Sunday Mass. Provide general information at our welcome desk.

We are also planning Welcome Socials to introduce them to members of our parish, let them know about opportunities to serve, and activities for spiritual growth and social interaction in our community.

We will contact newly registered parishioners to update them on what is happening in our parish and to ensure that they feel included in our community.

How can you serve the Welcome Ministry?

Can you offer a few minutes before and/or after each Mass to greet newcomers to our church?

Can you help organize a regular meeting to provide information about St. Monica to new members?

Can you be a smiling face and a friendly voice to bring new parishioners into our community?

Please contact Tony Canez with any questions. (210) 857-0789

Por favor, considere unirse al Ministerio de Bienvenida!

Estamos en busca de muchas caras sonrientes y amigables para ayudar a saludar a los recién llegados a nuestra parroquia. Queremos ayudarlos ellos a sentirse bienvenidos y cómodos en nuestro iglesia.

¿Qué hace el Ministerio de Bienvenida?

Nuestros miembros saludarán a los nuevos feligreses y darán la bienvenida a los invitados a nuestra iglesia antes de cada misa dominical. Proporcionar información general en nuestro mostrador de bienvenida. También estamos planeando eventos sociales para presentar a los miembros de nuestra parroquia, informarles sobre oportunidades de servicio y actividades para el crecimiento espiritual y la interacción social en nuestra comunidad. Nos comunicaremos con los feligreses recién registrados para actualizarlos sobre lo que está sucediendo en nuestra parroquia y asegurarnos de que se sientan incluidos en nuestra comunidad.

¿Cómo puedes servir al Ministerio de Bienvenida?

¿Puede ofrecer unos minutos antes y después de cada Misa para saludar a los recién llegados a nuestra iglesia?

¿Puede ayudar a organizar una reunión periódica para brindar información sobre Santa Mónica a los nuevos miembros?

¿Puedes ser una cara soniente y una voz amigable para atraer nuevos feligreses a nuestra comunidad? Comuníquese con Tony



"2023 Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries," in receiving the Eucharist, we are called to serve," is now halfway from the goal. Thank you! With your effort and generosity, we are making possible vital ministries for the present and future of our overarching mission: to spread God's Word and Love.

The Mission & Purpose

With support from all faithful, the Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries provides the material, faith formation, and spiritual needs of God's people across the 19 counties that make up the Archdiocese of San Antonio. The Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries enables all faithful to support essential resources that help the Church learn and share the Good News while also loving and serving those trusted to our care. Thank you to those who have sent in their donation and for your generosity to the Archbishop Ministry Appeal. It is not too late to still participate.

Feel free to use the URL code to send in your donation.

No amount is too small or too large.

As we pointed out before, if each of our parishioners would provide 20 cents a day, that's \$5 a month or \$60 a year. We as a parish would send \$90,000 to the appeal, which will help to ensure those services are provided to those who need financial, spiritual and physical help they need. Again, we're asking for each family to provide \$60 for the year...if that is too much for your family, provide what you can, for those for whom \$60 for the year is not hard...we also ask you to provide what you can. It is important to note that any amount we provide over our goal of \$50,000 comes back to us and could be used to help with the building our rectory.



"Campaña de Petición para Ministerios del Arzobispo 2023"

al recibir la Eucaristía, somos llamados a servir," va a la mitad de su objetivo. Gracias! Con su esfuerzo y generosidad, hacemos posible ministerios vitales para el presente y futuro de nuestra misión global: difundir la Palabra y el Amor de Dios.

La Misión y el Propósito

Con el apoyo de los feligreses, la Campaña de Petición del Arzobispo para los Ministerios provee el material, formación de la fe y necesidades espirituales de el pueblo de Dios en todos los 19 condados que forman la arquidiócesis de San Antonio. Esta Campaña permite al feligrés apoyar recursos esenciales que ayudan a la Iglesia a aprender y compartir las Buenas Nuevas y al mismo tiempo amando y sirviendo a esos que han sido confiados a nuestro cuidado. Gracias a los que han mandado su donación a esta Campaña de Petición del Arzobispo. No es muy tarde para participar.

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St. Monica Church is blessed to have ***Perpetual Adoration*** which begins on Sunday evening at 8pm and continues till Saturday afternoon at 5:15pm. We invite you to come and spend time with Our Dear Lord in adoration, prayer, contemplation, reflection start you new way of life with **HIM!** You pick your hour and day of the week you want to come to the chapel, located next to the confessionals. If you would like to come afterhours you can get your code in the office. This is a very intimate time that you can spend with Jesus who truly is present in the Blessed Sacrament.

With the Advent season upon us, why not have your own journey with Our Dear Lord during this season?



For more information please contact Christian Zunino at 210-725-4908

Jesus told the Apostles, “**Could you not spend one hour with me?**” in the garden of Gethsemane during His passion.

La Iglesia de Santa Mónica es bendecida en tener **Adoración Perpetua**, la cual empieza la noche de los Domingos a las 8pm y continúa hasta la tarde del Sábado a las 5:15pm. Invitamos a todos a que vengan y pasen tiempo con Nuestro Amado Señor en adoración, oración, contemplación, reflexión. Empieza una nueva manera de vida con **EL!!** Tu escoges la hora y el día de la semana que quieras venir a la capilla, localizada a un lado de los confesionales. Si quieres venir después de las horas normales puedes obtener el código en la oficina. Este es un tiempo muy íntimo que puedes pasar con Jesús, que está verdaderamente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento.

Con la temporada de Adviento a la vuelta de la esquina, ¿por qué no tener tu propio viaje con Nuestro Querido Señor durante esta temporada?

Para más información, comuníquese con Christian Zunino al 210-725-4908 Jesús dijo a los Apóstoles, “**No pueden pasar una hora conmigo?**” En el jardín de Getsemani durante Su pasión.

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Join the Guadalupanos in reciting the novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe this Sunday, December 3rd at 10:30 am. and during the weekdays Monday through Saturday after daily Mass and on Sunday, December 10th at 12:15 pm

Únase a los guadalupanos para recitar la novena de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe este domingo 3 de diciembre a las 10:30 am. y durante los días laborables de lunes a sábado después de la Misa diaria y el domingo 10 de diciembre a las 12:15 p.m.

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St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Angel Tree

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