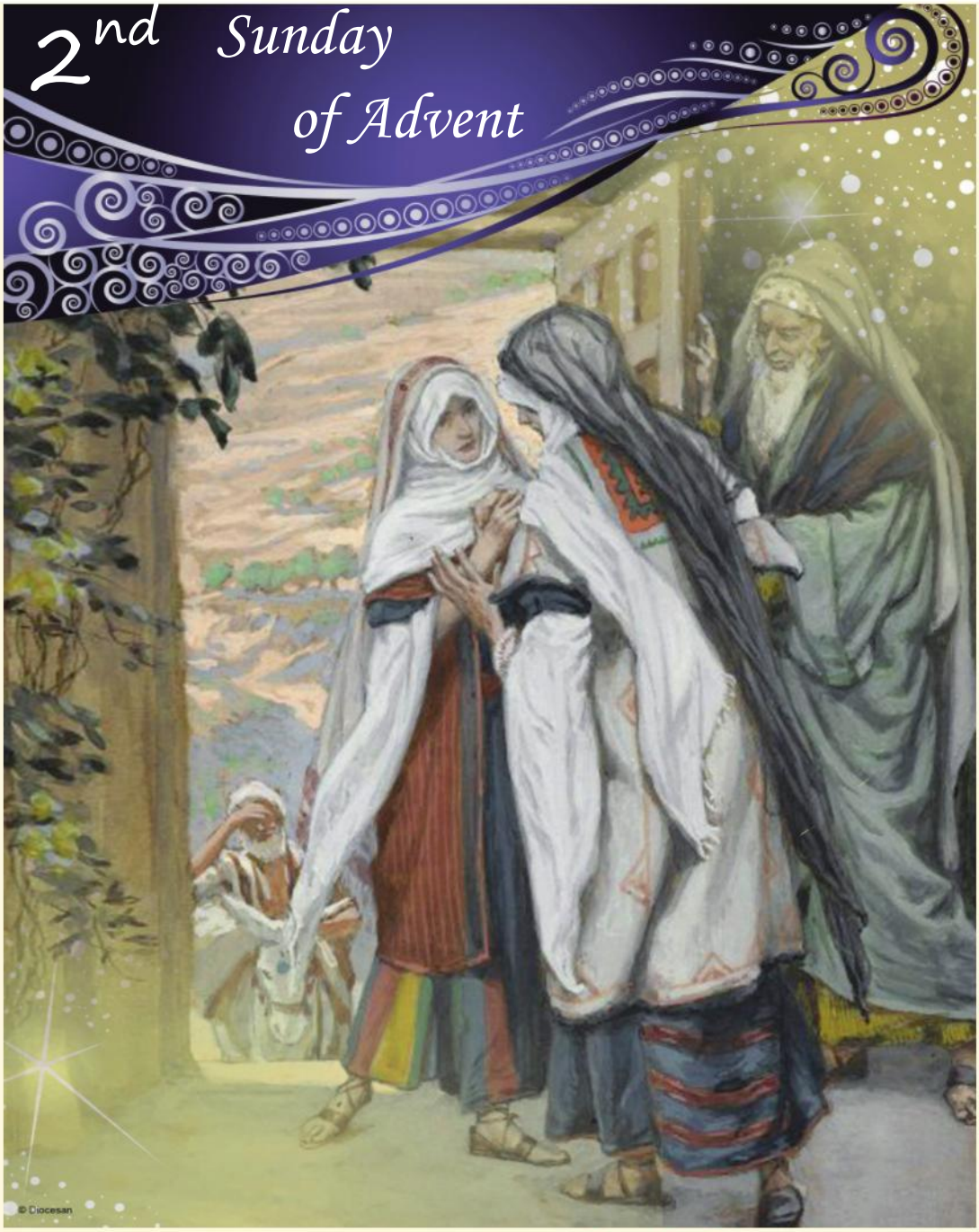
St. Monica Catholic Church, Converse, Texas



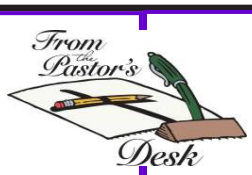
2º Domingo de Adviento

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.

CONFESSIONS: ** NOTICE OF THE TIME CHANGE FOR WEDNESDAY DEC. 13TH 5:45—6:45PM
SATURDAY'S WILL REMAIN AT 4 PM

Advent Message:



Dear St. Monica Family,

As we entered the sacred season of Advent, the word itself holds a profound meaning—expectation. It is a time when we, as a community of faith, eagerly await the celebration of the birth of our Saviour. Beyond the joyous anticipation of Christmas, Advent has the power to instill within us a profound sense of hope.

Let us imagine the Advent season as a candlelit path, each week symbolizing a step closer to the arrival of our Lord. This imagery reflects the active waiting that Advent encourages—a time of preparation and spiritual reflection. The candles of hope, peace, joy, and love guide us through this journey, helping us navigate the complexities of life with hearts filled with hope.

Allow me to share a heart-warming anecdote that captures the essence of hope in this season. A young child, curious about the Advent candles, asked their grandmother why they were lit each week. The wise grandmother replied, "Each candle represents a week closer to Christmas, reminding us that light will always overcome darkness."

This sentiment resonates deeply with the message of Advent. The light of hope that Christ brings is a beacon in our lives, illuminating even the darkest corners of our existence. As we anticipate the celebration of His birth, let us also prepare our hearts for His second coming, living out our faith in a way that radiates hope to those around us.

In connecting the Word of God to our present circumstances, we find parallels between the expectant waiting of the Israelites for the Messiah and our anticipation of Christ's return. The challenges of today find their answers in the timeless truths of the Bible. As a community, let us come together during this season of Advent to strengthen our bonds, uplift one another, and share the hope that Christ has instilled in our hearts.

May this Advent season be a time of deep reflection, joyful anticipation, and a renewed sense of hope for each of us. As we light the candles on our Advent wreath, may the flame of hope burn brightly in our parish, guiding us to a richer understanding of the true meaning of Christmas.

Blessings to you and your families during this sacred season of Advent.

Yours Truly,

Fr. Thumma Prathap

Mensaje de Adviento

Querida Familia de Santa Mónica,

Entramos a la temporada de Adviento, y la misma palabra contiene un significado profundo-expectación. Es un tiempo donde nosotros, como una comunidad de fe, esperamos ansiosamente la celebración de el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador. Más allá de la gozosa anticipación de Navidad, Adviento tiene el poder de llenarnos de un profundo sentido de esperanza.

En medio de nuestras vidas tan ocupados, donde el mundo seguido presenta desafíos e incertidumbres, Adviento se vuelve un oasis espiritual. Nos llama a detenernos, reflexionar, y cultivar la esperanza que vive en nuestros corazones. La belleza de esta temporada está no solo en la histórica anticipación del nacimiento de Cristo sino también es su relevancia al presente y a nuestra futura jornada.

Imaginemos la temporada de Adviento como un camino iluminado, cada semana simbolizando un paso más cerca a la llegada de nuestro Señor. Esta imagen reflecta la espera activa que el Adviento nos alienta a tener-un tiempo de preparación y reflexión espiritual. Las velas de esperanza, paz, gozo, y amor nos guían durante esta jornada, ayudándonos a navegar la complejidades de la vida con corazones llenos de esperanza.

Permítanme compartirles una tierna anécdota que captura la esencia de esperanza en esta temporada. Un niño, curioso acerca de la velas de Adviento, le preguntó a su abuela porque eran encendidas cada semana. La sabia abuela le contestó:" cada vela representa una semana más cerca a Navidad, recordándonos que la luz siempre supera a la obscuridad."

Este sentimiento resuena profundamente con el mensaje de Adviento. La luz de esperanza que Cristo trae es un faro en nuestras vidas, iluminando inclusive los rincones más obscuros de nuestra existencia. Mientras esperamos la celebración de Su nacimiento, preparemos también nuestros corazones para Su segunda venida, viviendo nuestra fe en una manera que irradie esperanza para todos los que nos rodean.

Conectando la Palabra de Dios a nuestras circunstancias actuales, encontramos paralelos entre la espera expectante de los Israelitas por el Mesías y nuestra anticipación al regreso de Cristo. Los desafíos de hoy encuentran sus respuestas en las verdades sin tiempo de la Biblia. Como comunidad, vengamos juntos durante este tiempo de Adviento a reforzar nuestros lazos, apoyarnos unos a los otros, y a compartir la esperanza que Cristo ha dejado en nuestros corazones.

Que este Adviento sea un tiempo de reflexión profunda, anticipación gozosa, y un sentimiento renovado de esperanza para cada uno de nosotros. Al encender las velas de nuestra corona de Adviento, ruego que la llama de esperanza brille en nuestra parroquia, guiándonos a un entendimiento más enriquecido de el verdadero significado de la Navidad. Bendiciones para ustedes y sus familias durante este tiempo sagrado de Adviento.

Yours Truly,

Fr. Thumma Prathap

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, **Joe Luera**

HEALING HEART: Elsa Lopez

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: **Bernardo Castellano & Lyle Pearce** Beginning Wednesday October 4th at 7:45pm in the Parish Hall

HOMEBOUD: Barbara Ward

WELCOME MINISTRY: **Eliza Reyna**

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

LOVESTRONG: Tony & Isabel Canez

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

SPANISH PRAYER GROUP: Meet every Fri. 7:00 p.m. at parish hall: **Rafael & Betzy Torres**

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

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 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:

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, 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, Nicanora Rodriguez, Paul D., Angel Cantu, Barbara Garza, Evan Pesek, Laura Cynthia Peters, Bill Eastman, Catarina Garza, Olga, Felix Davila, Ernesto Sosa, Christine, Connie Martinez, Robert, Etor Castillo, Adam Thomas, Melissa, Michael Burgos, Ruben Pacheco, Rose, Christine, Pawlick family, Rhoda Hogan, Barbara Rials, Trini & Jackie Cantú, Jason Silk, Emilio Fernandez, Tony Rippy, Edwardo Guevara, Adalene, 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, Ignacio Urabazo, Mary Kirby

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 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 son transmitido en vivo en Facebook.

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

Monday/Lunes, December 11th
St. Damasus I, Pope / San Damaso I, Papa
Mass/ Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Artemio

Tuesday/Martes, December 12th
Our Lady of Guadalupe / Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Mass/Misa (Español) 6:30 a.m. Fr. Artemio
Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
Mass/Misa (Bilingual) 7:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma & Fr. Artemio

Wednesday/Miércoles, December 13th
Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr / Santa Lucía, Virgen y Mártir
Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Artemio
Confessions / Confesiones 6:00 p.m.

Thurs./Jueves, December 14th
Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
San Juan de la Cruz, Presbítero y Doctor de la Iglesia
Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
Holy Hour /Hora Santa(Bilingual) 7:00 p.m.

Friday/Viernes, December 15th
Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma

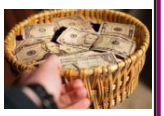
Saturday/,Sábado, December 16th
Rosary/Rosario 9:00 a.m.
Mass/Misa (Bilingual) 9:30 a.m. Fr. Artemio
Confessions/Confesiones 4:00 p.m.
Mass/Misa 5:30 p.m. Fr. Artemio

Third Sunday of Advent
Tercer Domingo de Adviento

Sunday/Domingo, December 17th
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

COLLECTIONS

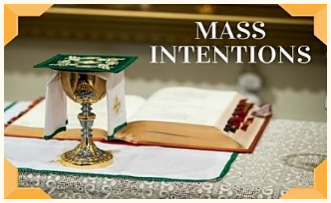


December 3rd $ 15,311.50
Collection Online $ 4,076.00

Collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society $ 4,414.00
Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society $ 344.00
Online Collection St. Monica School $ 2,585.00

December 17th Second Collection

We appreciate your faithfulness in tithing during these difficult times.
Apreciamos sus ofertas semanales en estos momentos difíciles.



Mon 12/11 8:15 a.m. (†) Deceased Members of Joe Rauschuber family

Tue 12/12 6:30 a.m. (SI) Spanish Prayer Group
8:15 a.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00 p.m. (B) Maria Guadalupe Ramirez
(SI) Aldo & Celina Ramos
† Patricio Garcia
† Ubaldo Cantú
† Michelle Osuna Gonzales
† Salvador Casillas

Wed 12/13 8:15 a.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners
† Barbara Palousek

Thurs 12/14 8:15 a.m. (B) Glen Hovis
(SI) Rafael Pineda
† Delcio Rivera
† Teresa Aragon
† Gerardo Camarena

Fri. 12/15 8:15 a.m. (B) David Amador
(SI) Lupita Ruiz
† Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sat. 12/16 9:30 a.m. † Michael Ward

Sat. 12/16 5:30 p.m. † Rosalinda Diaz
† Leissa Sutton

Sun. 12/17 7:30 a.m. (B) Donna Lugo

9:15 a.m. (B) Craig Boiglieri
(SI) Alma Castillo
(SI) Margie Moncada
† Richard Hite

11:00 a.m. † Amy Dyer de Branch
† Irma Kotanan
† Yolanda Lopez

1:00 p.m. (B) Thelma Maria Torrez
(SI) Familia Gutierrez Torrez
(SI) Familia Camarena
† Silvano Tamez
† Leonardo Nuno
† Pedro Segovia & Son

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

7:00 p.m. (SI) Familia Trujillo Santoss
† Dionisia Jimenez Tejada
† Fidelina Villa
† Mario Villa

St. Monica, pray for us.
Santa Mónica. ruega por nosotros.

St. Monica Catholic School

Dragon Tales

Dear Families of St. Monica Parish,

Advent is a blessed season full of warmth, hope and joy. Here is one of my favorite quotes: "At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern". **Mother Teresa**

The Catholic Daughters Ministry presented the school with a very generous donation on Friday at the children's mass. The ladies are amazing and incredible women in their own right. They work very hard for the church, turning in countless volunteer hours and the school feels blessed that this ministry has taken us under their wing.

The Catholic Daughters respond to us with kindness, warmth, and generosity. Upon receiving our check, I immediately paid off our math books that we had been making payments on. Gifts to the school are not just monetary from this volunteer group. Several of our Catholic Daughters with the guidance of Eloisa Peralta, came and read to our students. The children loved the time they spent with our remarkable women. Thank you ladies from the bottom of our hearts. Gratitude comes easy for our Catholic Daughters. It stems from the recognition that they helped make something good happen at our school.

Left to right : Linda Mendes, Eloisa Peralta, Natalia Lopez, Sylvia Benavides, Kim Bourgeois, Karmen Chavez, and Father Thumma

Catholic Daughters preparing the loaves of love . Madelyn & Michael Boyd and Leah Ramirez (St. Monica Catholic School Students) supported the efforts of distributing Blessed Bread to our church community for Thanksgiving Mass. It's very important to model and teach our children to be generous and be giving of their time. The children will grow up to be movers and shakers in our church community much like our Catholic Daughters and our Knights (or any other ministry that our church depends on). Thank you for being great models and showing our children how to work for the Lord.
Lots of Love

Our students here at St. Monica go beyond the scope of the school. They serve and they serve with eagerness with ease. They want to be part of the bigger picture. Thank you to our parents that not only belong to the school but belong to the great church community of St. Monica Catholic Church. St. Monica prepares them and teaches them to lead the way. Our teachers and priests show them the beauty they internally possess and help them blossom. Our children feel a sense of pride when they profess God's word outside the school Featured are the following students: Gissele Alvarez, Dayanara Huerta, Luke Preiss, Syrus A Castanon

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

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it". Proverbs 22:6

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

Monday Dec. 11th Procession/Procesión 9pm
Tuesday Dec. 12th 6:00 am Las Mañanitas
6:30am Mass Spanish/Misa en Español
8:15am English Mass / Misa en Ingles
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 en Español

Christmas Schedule / Horario de Navidad

Sunday Dec. 24th Christmas Eve / Víspera de Navidad
5 pm Children Mass with Pageant - English
7 pm Mass - Misa en 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 en 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 cerrará a mediodía el Viernes, 22 de Diciembre y estará cerrada el 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

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

Afternoon At The Movies

All are welcome to join in the ***FUN***

Showing How The

Grinch Stole Christmas

Sunday Dec. 17 at 3pm

We will have popcorn, snacks and drinks

NO CHARGE FOR ANYTHING

Una tarde de cine

Todos son bienvenidos a compartir en la ***DIVERSION***

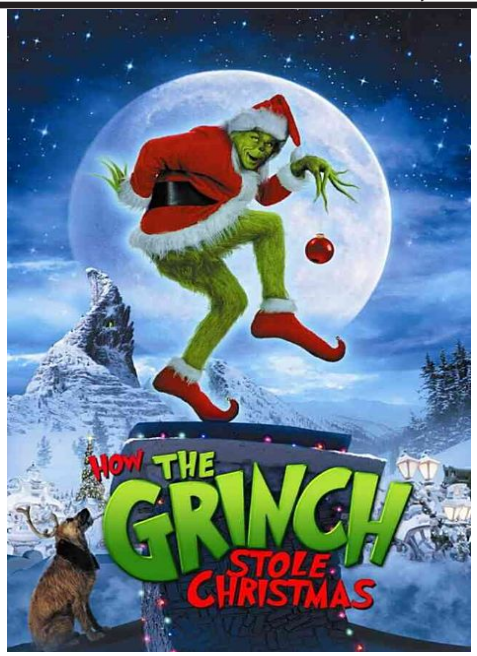
Ensenando Como el

Grinch Se robo navidad

Domingo 17 de Dic. a las 3pm

Tendremos palomitas, aperitivos y bebidas

TODO ES GRATUITO



Advent Word Search

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Play this puzzle online at : https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1766755/

Make a Connection with JESUS

Attention High School students in 9th to 12th grade: You are invited to our

St. Monica's High School Youth Group

Even if you have already received all your sacraments, there is still more connection to make with ***Jesus.***

We meet on Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Atención Estudiantes en Escuela Secundaria en el 9-12 grados: están invitados a nuestro **Grupo de Jóvenes de escuela secundaria en santa Mónica**

Aunque ya recibió todos sus sacramentos, todavía hay más conexiones que hacer con ***Jesús.***

Nos reunimos los Miércoles a las 7:30 pm en el Salón de la Parroquia.

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 sonriente 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

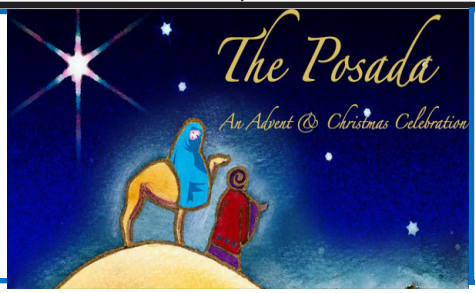
Con el apoyo de los feligreses, la Campaña de Petición del Arzobispo para los Ministerios provee el material, formación de la fe y necesidades espirituales de el pueblo de Dios en todos los 19 condados que forman la arquidiócesis de San Antonio. Esta Campaña permite al feligrés apoyar recursos esenciales 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. Use con confianza el código URL para mandar su donación.

No hay cantidad muy pequeña o muy grande.

Como señalamos anteriormente, si cada feligrés dona 20 centavos al día, eso es $5 al mes o $60 al ano. Como parroquia, mandaremos $90,000 a la campana, que ayudara asegurar proporcionar los servicios financieros, espiritual y físico a ellos que lo necesitan. Recuerde, pedimos que cada familia done $60 al ano….si es mucho para su familia, done lo que pueda, para los que no es difícil donar $60...pedimos que donen lo que pueden. Es importante anotar que cualquier cantidad que proporcionamos de mas de nuestra meta de $50,000, se regresara a nosotros y se puede utilizar para ayudar con la construcción de la rectoría.

Come and join us on Sunday Dec 17th at 8:15pm for a posada procession. We will offer hot chocolate & bread and have 3-4 pinatas. Procession will be in the parking lot, weather permitting if not we will be in the school gym.



Vengan y únanse a nosotros el Domingo, 17 de Diciembre a las 8:15 pm para una procesión de posada. Ofreceremos bebidas de chocolate caliente con pan y tener 3-4 piñatas. La procesión será en el estacionamiento, si el clima lo permite, de lo contrario estaremos en el gimnasio de la escuela.

POINSETTIA ODER FORM

Order your Poinsettias now for **$12.00** 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 a envelope, and put it in the collection basket.

Deadline is Friday, *December 15th*.

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As we all know, St. Monica is not only a welcoming parish community but also a very generous one. As Christmas draws near, many of you would like to show your appreciation and love to our Priests. To keep in compliance with the policies of the Archdiocese, we humbly ask those who plan to give monetary Christmas gift in the form of a check to our priests, to please write ***"pay to the order of" the name of the priest NOT St. Monica.*** If you are giving cash, place it in an envelope with the name of the priest. Please hand the gift to the priest.

DO NOT place in the offertory basket.

Please do not feel it is necessary to give a monetary gift or any gift to Father. A thank you for his serving St. Monica goes a long way. As always thank you St. Monica family for your generosity.

Como sabemos, nuestra comunidad de Santa Mónica no sólo es muy acogedora, sino también muy generosa. Al acercarse la Navidad, es posible que muchos de ustedes deseen manifestar su gratitud y afecto a nuestros sacerdotes. Para cumplir con las disposiciones de la Arquidiócesis, si desean ofrecerles algún regalo navideño en cheque o dinero en efectivo, les pedimos que por favor lo coloquen en un sobre cerrado ***con el nombre del sacerdote NO a St. Mónica*** y lo entreguen personalmente al sacerdote o a través de la oficina parroquial. Nos permitimos recordarles que, si se trata de un cheque, deberá llevar el nombre del sacerdote, no de la parroquia.

NO LO coloque en la canasta de ofertorio.

Por favor, no sienta que es necesario dar un regalo monetario o cualquier regalo al Padre. Un agradecimiento por su servicio a Santa Mónica es de gran ayuda. Como siempre, gracias familia de Santa Mónica por su generosidad.

WINTER CLOTHES AND BLANKET DRIVE

To support the efforts of Catholic Charities Archdiocese of San Antonio who help those in need, we invite you to donate new socks, and new or gently used coats, jackets. sweaters, scarves, knit caps, blankets and other winter clothes. We will be collecting the items by the school gym on Saturday, December 16 and Sunday December 17, before and after all Masses. For questions, please contact Bertha Castellanos at 210-862-5549.

Your support is much appreciated.

COLECTA DE ROPA Y COBIJAS INVERNAL

Para apoyar los esfuerzos de Caridades Católicas de la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio, que sirve a quienes lo necesitan, los invitamos a donar calcetines nuevos, y abrigos, chamarras, suéteres, bufandas, gorras tejidas, cobijas o cualquier otra ropa de invierno, nueva o en buenas condiciones. Recibiremos los artículos junto al gimnasio de la escuela el Sábado 16 y el Domingo 17 de Diciembre, antes y después de todas las Misas. Para preguntas, comuníquese con Bertha Castellanos al 210-862-5549.

Agradecemos mucho su apoyo.

Report Misconduct

The Archdiocese of San Antonio is committed to Safe Environments for everyone. If you know of or suspect misconduct, whether sexual or nonsexual, we encourage you to report it to us. The Archdiocese of San Antonio wants you to feel comfortable when reporting misconduct and has contracted with NavexGlobal to provide a third party reporting system called EthicsPoint. Your report to EthicsPoint will be completely confidential and the report will only be distributed via secure portal to those within the Archdiocese responsible for investigating such matters. You can make a report by calling (844) 709-1169 or online at http://archsa.ethicspoint.com.

Reporten Mala Conducta

La Arquidiócesis de San Antonio esta comprometida a proveer un Ambiente Salvo para todos. Si alguien sabe o sospecha conducta inapropiada, sexual o no sexual, les pedimos que nos lo reporten. La Arquidiócesis de San Antonio quiere que se sientan cómodos reportando conductas inapropiadas y ha hecho un contrato con NavexGlobal para proveer un sistema de una tercera persona reportando llamado EthicsPoint. El reporte a EthicsPoint será completamente confidencial y solo será distribuido a través de un portal seguro a las personas de la Arquidiócesis responsables de investigar esos asuntos. Puedes hacer un reporte hablando al (844)709-1169 o hacerlo en línea en: http://archisabido.ethicspoint.com.

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