

St. Monica Catholic Church, Converse, Texas

“Behold, the Lamb of God”



“Éste es el Cordero de Dios”

MINISTRIES

ACTS: Giselle Zamago

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.



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, Felix Davila, Ernesto Sosa, Christine, Connie Martinez, Robert, Adam Thomas, Melissa, Michael Burgos, Ruben Pacheco, Rose, Christine, Pawlick family, Rhonda 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, Will Clouse, Roland Guerra, Ignacio Urabazo, Mary Kirby, Becky Cortez



**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:*

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

COMMITTEES

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



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.**

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, January 15th

**The Parish Office will be CLOSED in observance of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

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

Tuesday/Martes, January 16th

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

Wednesday/Miércoles, January 17th

St. Anthony, Abbot / San Antonio, Abad

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

Confessions / Confesiones 6:00 p.m.

Thurs./Jueves, January 18th

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

Holy Hour / Hora Santa 7:00 p.m.

Friday/Viernes, January 19th

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

Saturday/Sábado, January 20th

St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr; BVM

San Fabian, Papa y Mártir; San Sebastián, Mártir; BVM

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

Mass/Misa 7:15 p.m. Fr. Artemio

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tercera Domingo Ordinario**

Sunday/Domingo, January 21st

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

Misas de la mañana 9:15 a.m. Fr. Charles Ugo

11:00 a.m. Fr. Artemio

Masses in p.m. 1 p.m. (Español) Fr. Artemio

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

7 p.m. (Español) Fr. Artemio

COLLECTIONS

January 7th \$ 14,366.50

Online collection \$ 2,979.00

Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 215.00

Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 782.49

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 139.00

January 21st Second Collection

St. Monica School



The Sanctuary Lamp is for the repose of the soul of:

Rafael Luna Jr



- Mon 1/15 8:15 a.m.** (A) Lupita Ruiz
- Tue 1/16 8:15 a.m.** (SI) Lupita Ruiz
† Blanche Roy
† Holy Souls in Purgatory
- Wed 1/17 8:15 a.m.** (B) Lupita Ruiz
(SI) Conversion of Sinners
† Karyna Giselle Flores
† Jacob Julaton
- Thurs 1/18 8:15 a.m.** (SI) Parishioners of St. Monica
- Fri. 1/19 8:15 a.m.** † Holy Souls in Purgatory
- Sat. 1/20 9:30 a.m.** † Howard Benavides
- Sat. 1/20 5:30 p.m.** (SI) Neal Family
† Scott Case
† Carmen Parras
† Irma Kotanan
- 7:15 p.m.** (SI) Ballet Forklorico
- Sun. 1/21 7:30 a.m.** † Jose L Saucedo III
† Tonie Schwab
- 9:15 a.m.** (B) Pablo B. Garcia
† Carmen Rosas
- 11:00 a.m.** † Christopher Tufino
† Armando Hernandez Sr.
† Carmen Parras
† Irma Kotanan
- 1:00 p.m.** (B) Maria Gutierrez Ariza
- 5:00 p.m.** (SI) Conversion of Sinners
† Angie Hernandez
- 7:00 p.m** (SI) St. Monica Parishioners



Welcome Back Fr. Artemio

Fr. Thumma, will be traveling to India tomorrow Jan. 15th for a well deserved time with family and friends. Please keep him in your prayers as he travels and spends time with family & friends.

Padre Thumma viajará a la India mañana 15 de Enero para pasar un merecido tiempo con familiares y amigos. Manténgalo en sus oraciones mientras viaja y pasa tiempo con familiares y amigos.

This week altar flowers for 53rd wedding anniversary of:

Jose & Carmelita Arispe

Donated by:
Jose Arispe III



“Pastor’s Voice”

A Note on the 3rd Spanish Mass on the Weekend

Dear Beloved St. Monica Family,

I trust this message finds each of you in good health and high spirits. As we step into the new year, I am delighted to share with you that we started the 3rd Spanish weekend Mass on January 6th, Saturday at 7:15pm.

This addition comes as a response to the vibrant growth within our community. The popularity of our 1 pm and 7 pm Masses on Sundays has been remarkable, to the extent that our church is reaching full capacity. To address this, the introduction of the 3rd Spanish Mass is not only a practical step but also crucial to comply with safety regulations, including concerns that may come from the Fire Department.

In light of our expanding parish family and with a deep consideration for the comfort and safety of each member, I am reaching out to request your cooperation in adjusting to our Mass schedules. For those of you accustomed to attending the 1 pm or 7 pm Masses on Sundays, I humbly request at least some of you to consider shifting to the 7:15 pm Mass on Saturdays.

This adjustment is not merely a logistical solution but a collective effort to ensure the well-being of our community.

By spreading attendance across the weekend, we aim to alleviate congestion during Sunday Masses, providing a more comfortable worship experience for everyone.

Your understanding and cooperation in making this adjustment are greatly appreciated. It is disheartening for me to witness individuals (even some elders and some parents with children) standing during Mass, and your support in this matter will significantly contribute to the overall safety and comfort of our community.

I am confident that this change will not only meet the needs of our growing community but also enhance the worship experience for all parishioners. Your commitment to the safety, feasibility, and comfort of the community is invaluable, and I express my deepest gratitude for your cooperation and unwavering support.

May God’s abundant blessings be upon you and our cherished St. Monica community as we embark on this journey together.

Yours Truly,

Fr. Thumma Prathap

Date: January 13th & 14th, 2024

“Voz del Pastor”

Nota sobre la 3ra Misa en Español del Fin de Semana

Querida y amada familia de Santa Mónica,

Confío en que este mensaje los encuentre a todos en buena salud y con buen ánimo. Al entrar en el nuevo año, me complace compartirles que comenzamos la tercera Misa en español los fines de semana el 6 de enero, sábado, a las 7:15 pm.

Esta adición surge como respuesta al vibrante crecimiento dentro de nuestra comunidad. La popularidad de nuestras Misas de la 1 pm y las 7 pm los domingos ha sido notable, al punto de que nuestra iglesia alcanza su capacidad máxima. Para abordar esto, la introducción de la tercera Misa en español no solo es un paso práctico, sino también crucial para cumplir con las regulaciones de seguridad, incluyendo las preocupaciones que puedan surgir del Departamento de Bomberos.

Dada la expansión de nuestra familia parroquial y con una profunda consideración por la comodidad y seguridad de cada miembro, me estoy comunicando para solicitar su cooperación en ajustarse a nuestros horarios de Misa. Para aquellos de ustedes acostumbrados a asistir a las Misas de la 1 pm o las 7 pm los domingos, les pido humildemente que al menos algunos consideren cambiar a la Misa de las 7:15 pm los sábados.

Este ajuste no es simplemente una solución logística, sino un esfuerzo colectivo para garantizar el bienestar de nuestra comunidad. Al distribuir la asistencia a lo largo del fin de semana, buscamos aliviar la congestión durante las Misas del domingo, proporcionando una experiencia de adoración más cómoda para todos.

Se agradece enormemente su comprensión y cooperación al hacer este ajuste. Me duele ver a personas (incluso a algunos ancianos y padres con niños) de pie durante la Misa, y su apoyo en este asunto contribuirá significativamente a la seguridad y comodidad general de nuestra comunidad.

Estoy seguro de que este cambio no solo satisfará las necesidades de nuestra creciente comunidad, sino que también mejorará la experiencia de adoración para todos los feligreses. Su compromiso con la seguridad, viabilidad y comodidad de la comunidad es inestimable, y expreso mi más profundo agradecimiento por su cooperación y apoyo inquebrantable.

Que las abundantes bendiciones de Dios estén sobre ustedes y nuestra querida comunidad de Santa Mónica mientras emprendemos juntos este viaje.

Atentamente,

P. Thumma Prathap

Fecha: 13 y 14 de enero de 2024



St. Monica Catholic School

Dragon Tales



*New Year,
fresh start.*
St. Monica
Catholic School
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things ahead
this school
year.
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St. Monica Academy for Children

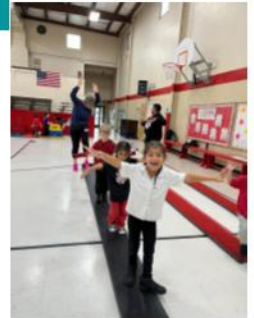
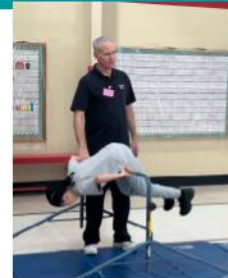
- 2 year old Learning Program
- State Licensed Child Care Center
- Frog Street Curriculum
- Small Class Sizes

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Children
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can grow
both
academically
and
spiritually.

Where Gods love is
taught, practiced, and
ever present.

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The students had a great time in PE enjoying a gymnastic introduction held at the school by River City Gymnastics. All grades were able to participate. They were all excited and some surprised at what they were able to do.



January 9, 2024

Dear St. Monica Family and Catholics from other parishes,

It has come to my attention that someone has distributed a questionable item (see photos) claiming it was consecrated at St. Monica and represents the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. This item is a small container labeled "The Miracle Meal" on top, featuring a double embossed M-logo in a circular shape.

Upon inquiry, I learned that there is an online company selling these all-in-one containers containing a wafer and 100% grape juice. This information was shared with me by a fellow pastor from another church, whose parishioner received this so-called miracle meal from an individual claiming to be from St. Monica Parish. We cannot confirm whether this person is genuinely from our parish or is misusing our parish name.

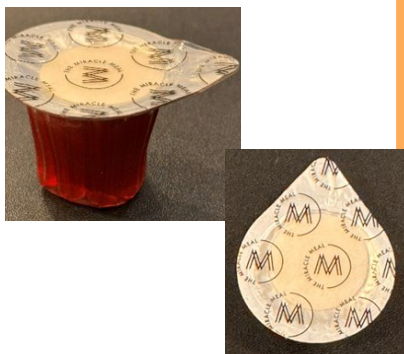
It is crucial to emphasize that the Catholic Church does not engage in the commercialization of sacraments or the sale of consecrated communion to others. Such practices are strictly discouraged and condemned. If the individual responsible for this is indeed from our parish, consider this a serious warning. I urge you not to involve the sacraments in any form of business and to refrain from deceiving others. If the responsible person is identified within our parish or any other parish, the Archdiocese will take serious measures against them. I implore the people of God not to believe in such satanic activities and to be vigilant against those who may misuse any parish name.

If you come across this individual, kindly report to St. Monica parish office (with a picture of the person if possible) immediately or email us at pastor@saintmonicaconverse.net or parish@saintmonicaconverse.net or by calling St. Monica parish office on 210-658-3816 or Archdiocese Chancery on 210-734-2620. We need to safeguard our faith, as Satan may use individuals like these to undermine our beliefs. It is crucial to understand that this is not Holy Communion but a misuse of sacred elements for personal gain. Appropriate actions will be taken against the individual responsible.

I sincerely appreciate your ongoing support in maintaining the sanctity of our faith. Please find the attachments.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Thumma Prathap
Pastor, St. Monica Parish



9 de Enero de 2024

Queridas Familias de Santa Mónica y de otras parroquias,

Me he enterado de que alguien ha estado distribuyendo un artículo dudoso (ver fotos) diciendo que ha sido consagrado en Santa Mónica y que representa el Cuerpo y la Sangre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Este artículo es un envase pequeño etiquetado "Alimento Milagroso", con un logo en relieve de una doble M en forma circular.

Al preguntar, supe que hay una compañía en línea vendiendo esos envases que contienen una hostia y 100% jugo de uva. Esta información fue compartida conmigo por un pastor conocido de otra parroquia, que uno de sus parroquianos recibió este llamado alimento milagroso de un individuo que dijo ser de la parroquia de Santa Mónica. No podemos confirmar si esta persona es en realidad de nuestra parroquia o si está mal usando el nombre de nuestra parroquia.

Es muy importante enfatizar que la Iglesia Católica no se involucra en la comercialización de sacramentos o en la venta de comunión consagrada a personas. Estas prácticas son estrictamente prohibidas y condenadas. Si la persona responsable de esto es en realidad de nuestra parroquia, considere este un muy serio aviso. Lo urjo a no involucrar los sacramentos en ninguna manera de negocio y a dejar de engañar a otros. Si la persona responsable es identificada en nuestra parroquia o en cualquier otra parroquia, la Arquidiócesis tomará medidas serias contra ella. Le ruego al pueblo de Dios que no crean en estas actividades satánicas y que estén vigilantes contra aquellos que hacen mal uso de cualquier nombre de parroquia.

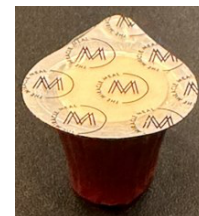
Si se encuentran a esta persona, por favor repórtelo a la oficina de la parroquia (con una fotografía) inmediatamente o mándeme correo electrónico a pastor@saintmonicaconverse.net o parish@saintmonicaconverse.net o llamar a lo oficina de la parroquia 210-658-3816 o al Cancillería de la Arquidiócesis. Necesitamos proteger nuestra fe, pues Satanás puede usar individuos como este para atacar nuestras creencias. Es vital que entendamos que esto no es la Santa Comunión sino un mal uso de elementos sagrados con fin de ganar algo.

Apropiadas medidas serán tomadas contra la persona responsable.

Sinceramente agradezco su apoyo en mantener la santidad de nuestra fe. Por favor vean los documentos adjuntos.

Suyo en Cristo,

Padre Thumma Prathap
Pastor de la Parroquia de Santa Mónica



Weekly Contributions/Updates



Current tax laws mandate that taxpayers who itemize deductions must maintain a bank record or have a written contribution statement from the parish. This applies to any and all types of contributions. The parish cannot track cash donations unless you personally bring them into the office and the other way we can track your contribution is, when you use parish envelopes.

You may request envelopes by simply contacting the church office, 210-658-3816

Please do not forget to label your envelope with your name, address and telephone number. If you are updating your address or telephone number place (**update**) on the envelope. The church office will, **UPON REQUEST**, before January 31st, provide an end of year contribution summary containing the necessary information to satisfy our tax laws.

Contribuciones Semanales/Actualizaciones

Las leyes tributarias actuales exigen que los contribuyentes que incluyen deducciones deben mantener un registro bancario o tener una declaración de contribución por escrito de la parroquia. Esto se aplica a todos y cada uno de los tipos de contribuciones. La parroquia no puede dar seguimiento a las donaciones en efectivo a menos que lo traigan personalmente a la oficina y la otra forma en que podemos tomar en cuenta su contribución es cuando usa los sobres parroquiales.

Puede solicitar sobres simplemente comunicándose con la oficina de la iglesia, 210-658-3816

Por favor, no olvide señalar su sobre con su nombre, dirección y número de teléfono. Si está actualizando su dirección o número de teléfono, coloque la actualización en el sobre. Con SOLICITUD PREVIA antes del 31 de Enero, la oficina de la iglesia puede proporcionar una suma de contribuciones de fin de año que satisface leyes de impuestos de fin de año .

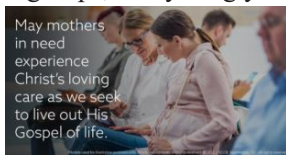


Walking with Moms in Need is a nationwide, parish-based initiative to increase support for pregnant and parenting mothers in need. It works to ensure that any woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant, or parenting in difficult circumstances, can turn to her local Catholic Church and be connected with the resources she needs. Volunteers walk with moms throughout the motherhood journey, offering them authentic Christian friendship and ongoing support.

What is it? Walking with Moms in Need offers a simple process for Catholics and their parishes to:

- ◆ Find out what help is available to local women who are pregnant parenting in difficult circumstances;
- ◆ Identify what types of support are missing;
- ◆ Determine how their church can be part of strengthening the local support network for moms in need.

FREE, Rady-to-go Materials at your fingertips, everything you need to implement *Walking with Moms in Need* is available for immediate download in both English & Spanish. Contact the parish office for you to get started.



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If so, we ask that you prayerfully consider placing an ad in our weekly bulletin. You can also promote parish organizations and schools.

Or, Consider placing a personal announcement such as:

- In memory of a loved one...
- Pray for peace or the rosary...
- Special intentions of...

If your interested in supporting our bulletin call Julian Cook @ 512-351-6481 or email: JCook@diocesan.com



Estamos agradecidos de tener maravillosos anunciadores que hacen posible este boletín. Nuestro boletín es una herramienta de comunicación muy importante y es gratis para nosotros, gracias al apoyo de los anunciadores! **Gracias!**

Por favor acuérdesese de utilizar los negocios de nuestros patrocinadores cuando necesite un producto o servicio y agrádezcales su participación.

Tiene Usted un negocio o sabe de alguien que lo tiene?

Si es que si, le pedimos que considere poner un anuncio en nuestro boletín semanal. También puede promover organizaciones de parroquia y escuelas. O considere poner un anuncio personal como:

- En memoria de un ser amado.....
- Oren por paz o El Rosario.....
- Intenciones especiales de...

Si está interesado en apoyar nuestro boletín llame a Julian Cook @ 512-351-6481 o correo electrónico: JCook@diocesan.com

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES (SCCs)

Small Christian Communities

So, what exactly is SCC, and how can you join? It's quite simple. SCC is a small group that gathers monthly to discuss faith and strengthen our connection with God. You can start your own group with 6, 10, or more individuals – parishioners, family, or friends. Meetings can take place in someone's home, and you have the option of organizing a potluck or providing a meal. You can even invite our priest to join one of your gatherings.

The heart of SCC lies in sharing and discussing the 1st and 2nd readings, the Psalm, and the Gospel. It's a chance for us to reflect on how the Word of God impacts our lives.

Visit our website: www.saintmonicaconverse.net/scc and complete the online form to express your interest in joining a Small Christian Community. Alternatively, you can reach out to the parish office during business hours at (210) 658-3816 to share your contact information. We are here to assist you in finding a group that suits your schedule and provide resources for your meetings.

If you have already established a group, feel free and encouraged to commence meetings at any time. If your SCC has available space, please email scc@saintmonicaconverse.net to allow us to assist in placing individuals seeking a group.



PEQUEÑA COMUNIDAD CRISTIANA (SCCs)

Entonces, ¿qué es exactamente SCC y cómo puede unirse? Es muy simple. SCC es un grupo pequeño que se reúne mensualmente para discutir la fe y fortalecer nuestra conexión con Dios. Puede iniciar su propio grupo con 6, 10 o más personas: feligreses, familiares o amigos.

Las reuniones pueden tener lugar en la casa de alguien y usted tiene la opción de organizar una comida compartida o ofrecer una comida. Incluso pueden invitar a nuestro sacerdote a unirse a una de sus reuniones.

El corazón de SCC radica en compartir y discutir la primera y segunda lecturas, el Salmo y el Evangelio. Es una oportunidad para que reflexionemos sobre cómo la Palabra de Dios impacta nuestras vidas.

Visite nuestro sitio web: www.saintmonicaconverse.net/scc y complete el formulario en línea para expresar su interés en unirse a una Pequeña Comunidad Cristiana. Alternativamente, puede comunicarse con la oficina parroquial durante el horario usual al (210) 658-3816 para compartir su información de contacto. Estamos aquí para ayudarlo a encontrar un grupo que se adapte a su horario y brindarle recursos para sus reuniones.

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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.

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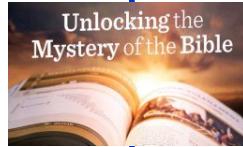
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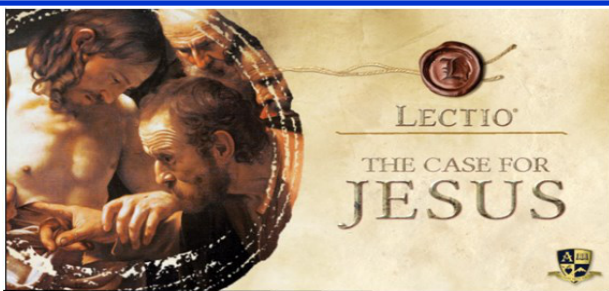
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