

St. Monica Catholic Church

501 North St.
Converse, Texas 78109

Thursday August 15th we celebrate
The Assumption of our Blessed Mother Mary

A Holy Day of Obligation

Parish Office will be CLOSED

The Following is our Mass Times:

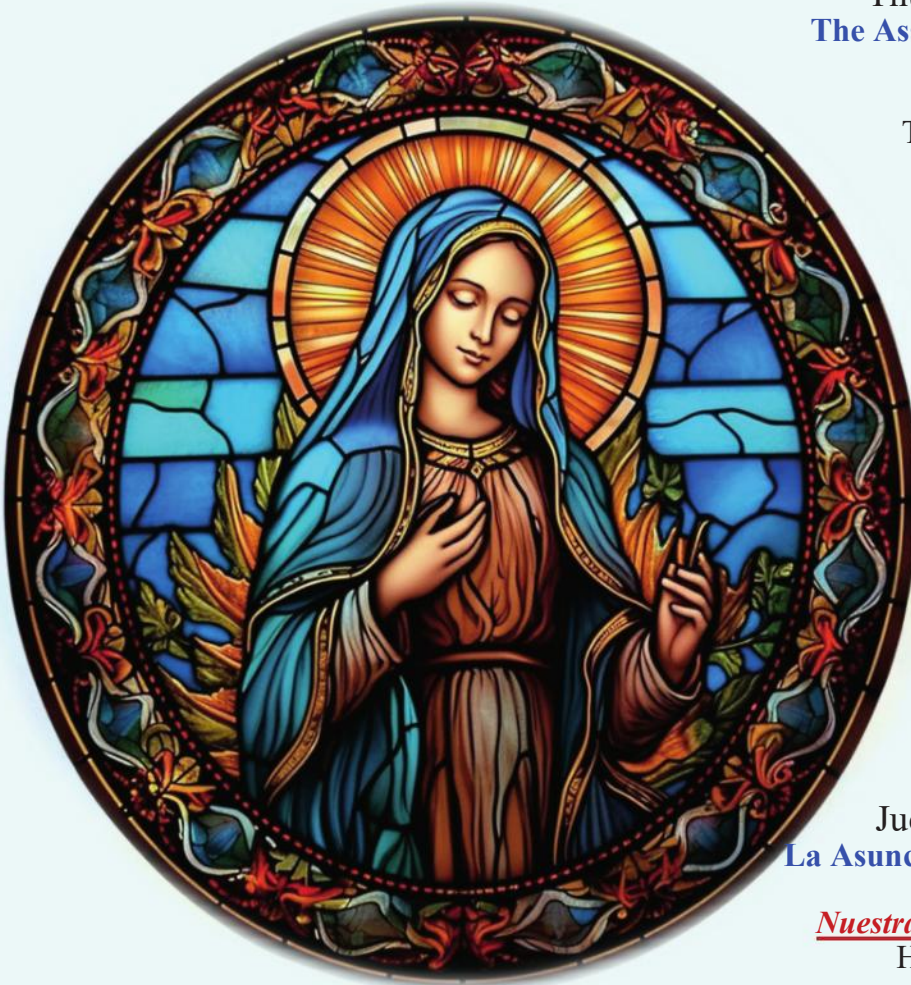
Wednesday: Bilingual 7pm

Thursday: 8:15 am English

12 Noon English,

6 pm English

7:30 pm Spanish



Jueves, 15 de Agosto, celebramos
La Asunción de Nuestra Santísima Madre María
Día Santo de Obligación

Nuestra Oficina Parroquial estará CERRADA

Horario de las Misas:

Miércoles: Bilingüe 7pm

Jueves: 8:15 am Ingles

12 Medio día Ingles,

6 pm Ingles

7:30 pm Español

Pastor:

Fr. Thumma Prathap

Email: pastor@saintmonicaconverse.net

Parochial Vicar:

Fr. Rafael Antonio Lopez-Negroni

Email: rlopez@saintmonicaconverse.net

Office Working Hours: Mon., Tue., Thur., & Friday 9:00 am-5:30 pm Wed. 9 am-7pm
Closed for lunch 12:30-1pm Mon.- Fri.
Sat: 10am-2pm & Sun: 10am-3pm

For an emergency: Call the office and follow the instructions.

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs. Karmen Chavez

Early Childhood-8th Grade

Academy Day Care 18 months-3 year olds

210-658-6701

E-mail: office@saintmonica.net



Registration now open for the 2024/2025 School Year / Ya está abierta la inscripción para el Año 2024/2025

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: **Melinda Vanderdrink**

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 **Natalia Lopez**

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: Lyle Pearce Meetings on Wednesdays in August at 7pm in the Parish Hall

HOMEBOUND: Barbara Ward

WELCOME MINISTRY: Tony Canez

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

PERPETUAL ADORATION: Christian Zunino

POWER POINT MINISTRY: Claudio Corrales & Courtney Sheehan

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**

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: Barbara Stewart

Building Board President: Tony Canez

CHOIR DIRECTORS

Music Coordinator: Jorge Castellanos

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

David Rodriguez Sat: 7:15pm

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

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. 5:30p.m.& Sat. 3:30 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



Glyssie Esquivel, Reynaldo Vela, Angel Cantu, Linda Duncan, Maria J., Arthur Thomas, Lisa Lee, Luis M Vega, Barbara Cantley, Suzie Littrell, Helen Arispe, Olga B.,

Alena Quintero, Irma Mendez, Nildia Johnston, Lucy Barajas, Tim Knotts, Lisa Lee, Douglas, Bob Andrews, Tyler Acosta, Jo-Ann Case, Diane Thatcher, Joanne & Sebastian Rodriguez,, Brenda, Mary Kirby, Manuel M., Jennifer Sanchez, Jose Martinez, John Cortez, Andrew, Sara Chase, Velma Duran, Jan Beland, Dolores Vaquera & family, Navarro, Kenia Aguilar, Ruddy Ballesteros DeLeon, Debbie Garcia, Armando Aguero, Nicanora Rodriguez, Paul D., Angel Cantu, Barbara Garza, Evan Pesek, Laura Cynthia Peters, Bill Eastman, Catarina Garza, Felix Davila, Ernesto Sosa, Connie Martinez, Robert, Adam Thomas, Melissa, Michael Burgos, Ruben Pacheco, Rose, Christine, Pawlick family, Rhonda Hogan, Barbara Rials, Trini & Jackie Cantú, Jason Silk, Tony Rippy, Edwardo Guevara, Adalene, Janet Hillson, Pablo Martinez, Lucy Zamora, Ariel & Clara Casiano, Donny Krueger, Will Clouse, Donelia Jimenez, Jeannie & Paul, Maria Ramos, Roland Guerra, Ignacio Urabazo, Becky Cortez, Francis, Corina Silk, Jason Silk, Judy Gutierrez Kahn, Alfredo Covarrubias & family, Sergio Martinez Ortiz, Rocio Martinez Ortiz, Derrick Hensley, Edith, Blanca, Juan Esquivel, Rocio Martinez, Hector Balderas, Diana Palomo, Vicky Guevara, Mary Angel Garcia, Manuel Lozano, Sylvia Gonzales, Gabriel Sr., Anna Sophia Pusateri, Charlie Cain & Family, Emilio Sanchez

Please pray for the sick

As we approach the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of the Archdiocese, We are delighted to announce the arrival of the Commemorative books titled

"Treasures of the Archdiocese of San Antonio".

This beautifully illustrated collection is available in both Spanish and English. *We have a limited number of books so don't miss out on having this once in a lifetime book.* Come by the parish office to purchase your copy for \$40.



A medida que nos acercamos al 150 Aniversario del establecimiento de la Arquidiócesis, nos complace anunciar la llegada de los libros conmemorativos titulados

"Tesoros de la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio".

Esta colección bellamente ilustrada está disponible tanto en español como en inglés.

Usted puede comprar los libros en el vestíbulo de la iglesia hoy o en la oficina parroquial por \$40.

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, August 12th

*St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious /
Santa Juana Francisca de Chantal, Religiosa*

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

Tuesday/Martes, August 13th

*SS. Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs /
Santos Ponciano, Papa, e Hipólito, Presbítero, Mártires*

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

Wednesday/Miércoles, August 14th

*St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr /
San Maximiliano María Kolbe, Presbítero y Mártir*

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

Confessions /Confesiones 5:00 p.m.

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

Thursday/Jueves, August 15th

**Parish Office Closed / Oficina Parroquial Cerrada
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Solemnidad de Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María**

Mass/Misa (English) 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma

Mass/Misa (English) 12:00 noon Fr. Thumma

Mass/Misa (English) 6:00 p.m. Fr. Rafael

Mass/Misa (Spanish) 7:30 p.m. Fr. Rafael

Holy Hour Cancelled / Hora Santa Cancelado

Friday/Viernes, August 16th

St. Stephen of Hungary / San Esteban de Hungría

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

Saturday/Sábado, August 17th

Blessed Virgen Mary / Bendita Virgen María

Rosary/Rosario 9:00 a.m.

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

Confessions/Confesiones 3:30 p.m.

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

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

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

Sunday/Domingo, August 18th

Masses in a.m. 7:30 a.m. Fr. Thumma
& Dcn. Sean

Misas de la mañana 9:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
& Dcn. Sean

11:00 a.m. Fr. Rafael
& Dcn. Sean

Masses in p.m. 1 p.m. (Español) Fr. Rafael
& Dcn. Joel

Misas de la tarde 5 p.m. (English) Fr. Rafael
& Dcn. Joel

7 p.m. (Español) Fr. Rafael
& Dcn. Joel



Mon	8/12	8:15 a.m. (SI) For the safety of the children returning to school
Tue	8/13	8:15 a.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed	8/14	8:15 a.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners (SI) Sylvia Benavides (B) Harvey Eason 7:00 p.m. (SI) For those affected by tropical storm Debby
Thurs	8/15	8:15 a.m. (B) Lourdes Ruiz † Jesus Ulloa 12 Noon (SI) Dcn. David & Toni Espinoza † Manuel Gonzales 6:00 p.m. St. Monica Parishioners 7:30 p.m. (SI) Dcn. Joel & Bertha Castellanos
Fri.	8/16	8:15 p.m. (SI) Rob Wick (SI) Manuel Gonzales † Holy Souls in Purgatory † Helen Cordaway
Sat.	8/17	9:30 a.m. (SI) Dcn. Jacques Abat 5:30 p.m. (SI) Reparation of Sins 7:15 p.m. (SI) Dcn. Sean Dooley
Sun.	8/18	7:30 a.m. † Rafael & Maria Zuluaga 9:15 a.m. † Ella Tillman † Cerildo Zambrano Jr † Rolando Zambrano † Richard Hite Jr. † Robert Mendez Sr. 11:00 a.m. (A) Mike & Lorraine Say (SI) Chijioke & Uzoamaka Nnajofofor (SI) Anaelle Aderah (SI) Uriel Aderah † Irma Kotanan 1:00 p.m. (B) Liz Marie Goldilla † Jesús Nuno 5:00 p.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners † Claudia Montoya 7:00 p.m. † Ignacio Campos Godoy † Eduardo Irizarry † Ramiro Zamora Alvarez † Reyes Soto Sandoval

COLLECTIONS

August 4th \$ 15,444.00
Online collection \$ 4,184.90

Collection for St. Monica School \$ 1,240.00
Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 265.00
Collection for R.C.I.A. \$ 1,973.00
Online Collection for R.C.I.A. \$ 145.00

**Aug 18th Second Collection:
St. Monica School**



Come and Celebrate St. Monica Feast Day & Blessing of the New Rectory on August 27th

Venga y celebre la Fiesta de Santa Mónica y la Bendición de la Nueva Rectoría el 27 de Agosto



"We are delighted to announce that the blessing of our new rectory will take place at **6:30 PM on August 27th**. The blessing will be officiated by **Bishop Mike Boulette**. Unfortunately, **Archbishop Gustavo** is unable to attend due to prior commitments. Following the **St. Monica Feast Day Mass**, there will be a gathering. More details about the gathering will be provided soon. Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to **St. Monica Parish**."

"Estamos encantados de anunciar que la bendición de nuestra nueva rectoría tendrá lugar a las **6:30 PM el 27 de Agosto**. La bendición será oficiada por el **Obispo Mike Boulette**. Desafortunadamente, el **Arzobispo Gustavo** no puede asistir debido a compromisos previos. Después de la Misa de la **Fiesta de Santa Mónica**, Habrá una reunión. Pronto se proporcionaran mas detalles sobre la reunión. Gracias por su continuo apoyo y dedicación a la **Parroquia de Santa Mónica**."

St. Monica, pray for us.



Santa Mónica, ruega por nosotros.

Parish Ministry Formation

CALLING ALL PARISH MINISTERS AND THE LAY FAITHFUL

Come to be transformed in your faith and in your ministry.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Catechists, liturgical ministers (lectors, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, etc.), teams working in the Christian initiation for adults, hospital ministers, jail ministers, any ministry leaders and all the faithful that desire to be renewed in their faith.

SIX COURSES OFFERED IN THE PARISH MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM

- **Called and Sent**
Church as the Pilgrim People of God, Vocation and Mission of the Laity, and our Call to Service
- **Sacred Scripture**
Divine Revelation, the Old and New Testament, and the Early Christians' Experience of God
- **Profession of Faith: Creed**
History and Development of the Creeds, God the Father: Creator and Giver of Life, and God the Son: Redeemer, God the Spirit: Sanctifier
- **Liturgy and Sacraments**
Liturgy as the Prayer and Action of the Church, Sacraments of Christian Initiation, of healing, and at the Service of Communion
- **Life in Christ**
Jesus Christ: Primary Point of Reference for Moral Living
- **Specialized Ministry**
One-day seminar to learn practical practices for a specific ministry such as catechist, lector, etc.

*Multiple locations available throughout the Archdiocese of San Antonio, including a Zoom option.

COST IS \$25 PER COURSE.



Formation is offered by the Archdiocesan Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry and Service and the Mexican American Catholic College (MACC)

For more information:

210-731-3125 / 210-731-3121
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Formación para el Ministerio Parroquial

LLAMANDO A TODOS LOS MINISTROS PARROQUIALES Y A LOS FIELES LAICOS

Vengan a aprender sobre su fe y a renovarse para servir en su parroquia.

¿QUIÉN PUEDE PARTICIPAR?

Catequistas, ministros litúrgicos (lectores, ministros extraordinarios de la sagrada comunión, etc.), equipos que trabajan en la iniciación cristiana para adultos, ministros de hospitales, ministros de prisiones, cualquier líder de ministerio y todos los fieles que desean ser renovados en su fe.

SEIS CURSOS OFRECIDOS EN LA FORMACIÓN PARA EL MINISTERIO PARROQUIAL

- **Llamados y Enviados**
La Iglesia como Pueblo de Dios, la vocación y la misión de los laicos, nuestro llamado al servicio
- **Sagrada Escritura**
Revelación divina: escritura y tradición, el antiguo y nuevo testamento, la experiencia de Dios de los primeros cristianos
- **Profesión de Fe - Credo**
Historia y desarrollo de los Credos, Dios Padre: creador y dador de vida, Dios Hijo: redentor, Dios Espíritu Santo: santificador
- **Liturgia y Sacramentos**
Liturgia como la oración y la acción de la Iglesia, sacramentos de iniciación cristiana, de sanación y de servicio a la comunidad
- **Vida en Cristo**
Jesús Cristo: punto de referencia para la vida moral
- **Ministerio Especializado**
Aprenda las mejores prácticas para ministerios específicos como catequistas, ministros litúrgicos, etc.

*Múltiples ubicaciones disponibles en toda la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio, incluida una opción en Zoom.

EL COSTO POR CURSO ES DE \$25.



La formación es ofrecida por el Instituto Arquidiocesano para el Ministerio y Servicio Eclesial Laico y el Colegio Católico México Americano. (MACC)

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Visite nuestro sitio web: maccca.org/es/inicio/instituto/formacion-ministerio-parroquial/

“Pastor’s Voice”**Reflection based on: Eph 4: 30-5:2;
Living in Love and Kindness**

Dear St. Monica Parishioners,

In this Sunday's reading from the letter to the Ephesians (Eph 4:30—5:2), St. Paul provides us with a powerful and practical guide for living out our faith in our daily lives. He begins with a gentle yet firm reminder: "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption." This exhortation sets the tone for how we should conduct ourselves as Christians, emphasizing the importance of living in a way that honors the Holy Spirit within us.

Paul calls us to remove all forms of negative behavior from our lives, including bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling, along with all malice. These destructive emotions and actions can harm our relationships and hinder our spiritual growth. Instead, we are encouraged to cultivate positive qualities such as kindness, compassion, and forgiveness. These virtues reflect the love and grace that God has shown us through Christ.

Overcoming Negativity: In our daily interactions, it's easy to become frustrated or upset, leading to negative behaviors. Whether it's at work, at home, or in our communities, we might find ourselves struggling with anger or bitterness. Paul's words remind us to actively work on removing these harmful emotions. This can involve taking a moment to breathe and pray when we feel overwhelmed, seeking constructive solutions to conflicts, and striving to see situations from others' perspectives.

Practicing Kindness and Compassion: Kindness and compassion are essential for building strong, loving relationships. Simple acts of kindness—such as offering a smile, a helping hand, or a listening ear—can make a significant difference in someone's day. Being compassionate involves being sensitive to the needs and feelings of others and responding with genuine care and concern. This could mean visiting a sick friend, helping a neighbor with their groceries, or simply being present for someone who needs support.

Embracing Forgiveness: Forgiveness is a cornerstone of our faith, as God has forgiven us in Christ. Holding onto grudges or resentment can weigh heavily on our hearts and disrupt our peace. By choosing to forgive, we not only follow Christ's example but also free ourselves from the burden of anger. This doesn't mean forgetting the hurt but rather choosing to let go and move forward with love.

Imitating God and Living in Love: Paul urges us to be imitators of God, living in love just as Christ loved us and sacrificed Himself for us. This call to live in love means prioritizing love in all our actions and decisions. It means loving our families, friends, and even those who might be difficult to love, with the same selfless love that Jesus demonstrated. Living in love transforms our lives and makes us true witnesses of Christ's presence in the world.

As we reflect on this passage, let us commit to removing negative behaviors from our lives and replacing them with kindness, compassion, and forgiveness. Let us strive to imitate God and live in love, making every effort to honor the Holy Spirit within us. Together, as a parish community, we can support one another in this journey, creating an environment of love and grace. May God bless you all as you seek to live out these values in your daily lives. God bless America.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

August 10th & 11th, 2024

“Voz del Pastor”**Reflexión basada en: Ef 4:30-5:2;
Viviendo en Amor y Bondad**

Querida familia de Santa Mónica,

En la lectura de este Domingo de la carta a los Efesios (Efesios 4:30—5:2), San Pablo nos proporciona una guía poderosa y práctica para vivir nuestra fe en nuestra vida diaria. Comienza con un recordatorio suave pero firme: "No contristéis al Espíritu Santo de Dios, con el cual fuisteis sellados para el día de la redención". Esta exhortación marca el tono de cómo debemos comportarnos como Cristianos, enfatizando la importancia de vivir de una manera que honre al Espíritu Santo dentro de nosotros.

Pablo nos llama a eliminar de nuestras vidas toda forma de comportamiento negativo, incluida la amargura, la ira, los gritos y las injurias, junto con toda malicia. Estas emociones y acciones destructivas pueden dañar nuestras relaciones y obstaculizar nuestro crecimiento espiritual. En cambio, se nos anima a cultivar cualidades positivas como la bondad, la compasión y el perdón. Estas virtudes reflejan el amor y la gracia que Dios nos ha mostrado a través de Cristo.

Superar la Negatividad: En nuestras interacciones diarias, es fácil frustrarse o enojarse, lo que lleva a comportamientos negativos. Ya sea en el trabajo, en casa o en nuestras comunidades, es posible que nos encontremos luchando contra la ira o la amargura. Las palabras de Pablo nos recuerdan que debemos trabajar activamente para eliminar estas emociones dañinas. Esto puede implicar tomarnos un momento para respirar y orar cuando nos sentimos abrumados, buscar soluciones constructivas a los conflictos y esforzarnos por ver las situaciones desde la perspectiva de los demás.

Practicar la bondad y la compasión: La bondad y la compasión son esenciales para construir relaciones sólidas y amorosas. Actos simples de bondad, como ofrecer una sonrisa, una mano amigable o un oído atento, pueden marcar una diferencia significativa en el día de alguien. Ser compasivo implica ser sensible a las necesidades y sentimientos de los demás y responder con cuidado e interés genuinos. Esto podría significar visitar a un amigo enfermo, ayudar a un vecino con sus compras o simplemente estar presente para alguien que necesita apoyo.

Abrazar el Perdón: El perdón es la piedra angular de nuestra fe, así como Dios nos perdonó en Cristo. Guardar rencores o resentimientos puede pesar mucho en nuestros corazones y perturbar nuestra paz. Al elegir perdonar, no sólo seguimos el ejemplo de Cristo sino que también nos liberamos del peso de la ira. Esto no significa olvidar el dolor, sino elegir dejarlo ir y seguir adelante con amor.

Imitar a Dios y Vivir en Amor: Pablo nos insta a ser imitadores de Dios, viviendo en amor así como Cristo nos amó y se sacrificó por nosotros. Este llamado a vivir en el amor significa priorizar el amor en todas nuestras acciones y decisiones. Significa amar a nuestras familias, amigos e incluso a aquellos que podrían ser difíciles de amar, con el mismo amor desinteresado que demostró Jesús. Vivir en el amor transforma nuestra vida y nos convierte en verdaderos testigos de la presencia de Cristo en el mundo.

Al reflexionar sobre este pasaje, comprometámonos a eliminar los comportamientos negativos de nuestras vidas y reemplazarlos con bondad, compasión y perdón. Esforcémonos por imitar a Dios y vivir en el amor, haciendo todo lo posible para honrar al Espíritu Santo que está dentro de nosotros. Juntos, como comunidad parroquial, podemos apoyarnos unos a otros en este camino, creando un ambiente de amor y gracia. Que Dios los bendiga a todos mientras buscan vivir estos valores en su vida diaria. Dios bendiga America.

Suyo en Cristo,

Padre Thumma Prathap

10 y 11 de Agosto de 2024

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE!

**Registration is now open for the
2024-2025 school year.**

Classes will begin September 11, 2024

You can register in the office. We are open till 7pm on Wednesday on Saturday 10am-2pm and Sunday 10am-3pm.

**Acceptable forms of payment:
Cash, check, debit or credit cards.**

Classes are filling up fast so register soon.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to Contact Mrs. Toni Espinoza, our Religious Education Director at 210-658-3816 x 242 or you can email at re@saintmonicaconverse.net



**Las Inscripciones ya están abiertas
para el Año Escolar 2024-2025.
Clases comienzan el 11 de Septiembre, 2024**

Se puede registrar en la oficina; estamos abiertos hasta las 7 p.m. los Miércoles, los Sábados de 10 a.m. a 2 p.m. y los Domingos de 10 a.m. a 3 p.m.

**Formas de pago aceptables: Efectivo,
cheque, tarjetas de débito o crédito.**

**Las clases se llenan rápido, así que regístrese lo mas
antes posible.**

Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, no dude en comunicarse con la Sra. Toni Espinoza, Directora de Educación Religiosa 210-658-3816 x 242 o puede mandar un correo a re@saintmonicaconverse.net

**IS MOVING FROM
THURSDAY TO TUESDAY
EVENINGS**



**MOVIENDO DE JUEVES A
MARTES POR LA NOCHE**

What is EDGE?

EDGE is a Catholic Middle School youth ministry, catechetical program. It provides a safe, fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way.

EDGE resources speak to the physical, psychological, cognitive, relational, and spiritual maturation of middle school youth.

EDGE resources make it easier for Catechist to plan out their semesters of EDGE night and retreats for the youth. The resources present Catholic teaching in a way that young people can understand.

EDGE answers the needs of this age group in a catechetical, fun, and relevant way and provides a foundation for youth to continue onto high school youth ministry. EDGE is a great asset to any youth ministry program, as it answers the unique needs of this age group while providing deeply impactful resources.

EDGE is for students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade, it will be held on Tuesday evenings starting at 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the parish hall.



¡Que es EDGE!

EDGE es un programa de catequesis del ministerio juvenil de la escuela intermedia católica. Brinda un lugar seguro y divertido para que los jóvenes encuentren una comunidad católica sólida, obtengan respuestas a sus preguntas sobre la fe, y lo que es mas importante, experimenten a Jesús de una manera profunda y personal.

Los recursos de **EDGE** hablan de la maduración física, psicológica, cognitiva, relacional y espiritual de los jóvenes de escuela intermedia.

Los recursos de **EDGE** facilitan a los Catequistas planificar sus semestres de noche EDGE y retiros para los jóvenes. Los recursos presentan la enseñanza católica de una manera que los jóvenes puedan entender.

EDGE responde a las necesidades de este grupo de edad de una manera catequética, divertida y relevante y proporciona una base para que los jóvenes continúen en el ministerio juvenil de la escuela intermedia. EDGE es una gran ventaja para cualquier programa de ministerio juvenil, ya que responde a las necesidades únicas de este grupo de edad al mismo tiempo que brinda recursos profundamente impactantes.

EDGE es para estudiantes de 6^o, 7^o y 8^o grado. Se llevará a cabo los Martes por la noche a partir de las 6:30 pm a 7:30 pm en el salón parroquial.

"Your time is now. The feeling you are experiencing is the Holy Spirit guiding you to get involved in the Mass! Attend any of the upcoming trainings to have your questions answered and you will be serving in no time."



"Su tiempo es ahora. ¡El sentimiento que está sintiendo es el del Espíritu Santo guiándolo a involucrarse en la Misa! Asista a cualquiera de las próximas capacitaciones para obtener respuestas a sus preguntas y estará en servicio en poco tiempo".

Monday Aug 12 for Eucharistic Ministers in English
 Tuesday Aug 13 for Eucharistic Ministers in Spanish
 All training from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the church.

Lunes 12 de Agosto para Ministros Eucarísticos en inglés. Martes 13 de Agosto para Ministros Eucarísticos en español. Todos los entrenamientos serán de 6:30pm a 8:30pm en la Iglesia.

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Inscripción al Grupo de Jóvenes para Adolescentes de Santa Mónica
6.º a 12.º grados
Los MIÉRCOLES a las 7:30 PM
Comenzando el 11 de Septiembre 2024
 La escuela secundaria es una época en la que muchos jóvenes comienzan a cuestionar su fe y a buscar respuestas a las preguntas más importantes de la vida.
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Nos complace invitarlos a asistir a **Liberando el Misterio de la Biblia**, un estudio de ocho partes (durante dos Sábados) le ayudará a entender el "panorama general" de la Biblia. Liberando el Misterio de la Biblia es uno de los estudios Bíblicos Católicos más populares en el país porque explica el sistema de línea de tiempo® de la Biblia, una forma de leer la Biblia que reúne todo y simplifica la complejidad de la Biblia.
2024 Ofertas Solamente dos sesiones en Sábado de 8am a 12 pm. **Lugar:** Edificio Mollicone, Salón 105
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We are also delighted to share that Fr. Rafael and Fr. Thumma will be teaching Religion classes for students from 1st to 8th grades, enriching their understanding of our faith. Your support and assistance are invaluable to us. Please keep St. Monica's School in your prayers as we continue to nurture the minds and souls of our young students.

También estamos encantados de compartir que el P. Rafael y el P. Thumma impartirán clases de Religión para estudiantes de 1^o a 8^o grado, enriqueciendo su comprensión de nuestra fe. Su apoyo y asistencia son invaluable para nosotros. Por favor, mantengan a la escuela de Santa Mónica en sus oraciones mientras continuamos nutriendo las mentes y almas de nuestros jóvenes.



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Christian Initiation Corner

August

In celebrating this month of Our Lady's final journey to God in her glorious Assumption, let us ask her motherly intercession to draw souls to the Sacred Heart of her Son. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey too — of conversion to God and what he intends for us. RCIA is the process by which persons who were never baptized, or were baptized in another Christian tradition, become members of the Church, a people on pilgrimage to our Heavenly Father.

For more information, please contact Timo Zepeda rcia@saintmonicaconverse.net

Please pray for all our Catechumen and Candidates...

On Sunday August 11th there will be a meeting for those interested in volunteering on the Christian Initiation Team (English or Spanish), 2:30 pm in Bauman Room of Parish Hall. Come by to learn more.



Rincón de la Iniciación Cristiana

Agosto

Al celebrar este mes del último viaje de Nuestra Señora a Dios en su gloriosa Asunción, pidamos a su intercesión maternal que atraiga almas al Sagrado Corazón de su Hijo. El Rito de la Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RCIA) también es un viaje, de conversión a Dios y a lo que él pretende para nosotros. RCIA es el proceso por el cual las personas que nunca fueron bautizadas, o fueron bautizadas en otra tradición cristiana, se convierten en miembros de la Iglesia, un pueblo en peregrinación a nuestro Padre Celestial. Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con Bertha Castellanos rica@saintmonicaconverse.net

Por favor, ore por todos nuestros catecúmenos y candidatos...

El 11 de Agosto habrá una reunión para aquellos interesados en ser voluntarios en el Equipo de Iniciación Cristiana (inglés o español), a las 2:30 p. m. en la Sala Bauman del Salón de la Parroquia. Venga y aprenda más.

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When: September 16, 2024 – May 13, 2025
Monday 6:30-8:15 pm or Tuesday 9:30-11:30 am

Where: St Monica Parish Hall

Contact: Mrs. Annette Winfield, O.P. 210-885-0861

Please register with Annette for info on materials required for class

To get insight on the class watch this video:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=6lujJekWHxc

Está Invitado a unirse a nosotros mientras...

Exploramos y Abrazamos la belleza de la Liturgia

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Fecha: 16 de Septiembre, 2024 - 13 de Mayo, 2025
los Lunes 6:30 a 8:15 pm o Martes 9:30 a 11:30 am

Lugar: Salón Parroquial de Santa Mónica

Contacto: Sra. Annette Winfield, O.P. 210-885-0861

Favor de registrarse con Annette para información de los materiales requeridos para la clase

Vea este video para mas conocimiento de la clase:

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Sunday August 18th the

Spanish Prayer Group will be selling aguas frescas and popsicles after the 11am, 1pm, 5pm and 7pm Masses.



El Domingo 18 de Agosto el Grupo de Oración Hispano tendrá una venta de Aguas y paletas en las misas de 11am, 1pm, 5pm y 7pm.



Thank you to the wonderful people who joined us last Saturday, August 3rd, to clean the church and school sidewalks.



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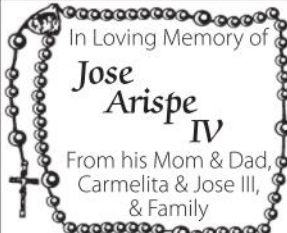


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