

**St. Monica Catholic Church**  
**501 North St.**  
**Converse, Texas 78109**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** / **33<sup>o</sup> Domingo Ordinario**



**Pastor: Fr. Thumma Prathap**  
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**Parochial Vicar: Fr. Rafael Antonio Lopez-Negrón**  
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**Office Working Hours: Mon., Tue., Thur., & Friday 9:00 am-5:30 pm**  
**Wed. 9 am-7pm Sat: 10am-2pm & Sun: 10am-3pm**  
**Closed for lunch 12:30-1pm Mon.- Fri.**

**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](mailto:office@saintmonica.net)**

**Registration on going for the 2024/2025 School Year**

**Ya está abierta la inscripción para el Año 2024/2025**



**MINISTRIES**

**ACTS:** Giselle Zamago

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**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**

**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 AND 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

**HOMEBOUND:** Barbara Ward

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

**LIVE STREAMING:** Delia M. Finch & Pablo Garcia

**LOVESTRONG:** Tony & Isabel Canez

**PERPETUAL ADORATION:** Christian Zunino

**POWER POINT MINISTRY:** Claudio Corrales & Courtney Sheehan

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

**ST. KIZITO'S HOPE MINISTRY** Meet 2nd Sunday of month after the 11am Mass in the Mollicone Building #101

**VOCATIONS:** Elvia Armenta

**WELCOME MINISTRY:** Tony Canez

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:** Gabe & Diana Canez

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** Lyle Pearce Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall

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** Sun 3:00pm

**Bill Staggs**, 9:15 a.m.

**Michelle Hernandez**, 11 a.m..

**Jorge Castellanos**, Spanish 1p.m.

**Lilli Soto**, 5 p.m. or **Bill Staggs** 5 p.m.

**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.** 5:30 p.m.& **Sat.** 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & EDGE:** Includes preparation for **First Communion and Confirmation** Grades K– High School. Email: [RE@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:RE@saintmonicaconverse.net) 210-658-3816



Glyssie Esquivel, Reynaldo Vela, Angel Cantu, Linda Duncan, Maria J., Olga B., 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, Manuel M., Diane Thatcher, Brenda, Jennifer Sanchez, Jose Martinez, John Cortez, Andrew, Velma Duran, Jan Beland, Kenia Aguilar, Dolores Vaquera & family, Sara Chase, Navarro, Catarina Garza, Ruddy Ballesteros DeLeon, Debbie Garcia, Armando Agüero, Nicanora Rodriguez, Paul D., Angel Cantu, Barbara Garza, Evan Pesek, Laura Cynthia Peters, Bill Eastman, 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, Mary Kirby, 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, Sophia Pusateri, Jose Reyes, Manuel & Tenchia Trevino Anna Roberta Kotso, Nicholas Kerwin, Nick Ramos, Joann & Sebastian, Julie Martinez, Anna Cortez, Carlos Alberto Garcia, Daniela Basulto, Donna Ann Salinas, Maria Luisa Nieto, Michael Thompson, Mary Lou Thompson, Aleda Camelia Pineda, John Baldwin

*please pray for the sick*

*In observance of Thanksgiving there will be NO HOLY HOUR on Thursday November 28th. The parish office will be closed Thursday Nov.28th and will reopen on Monday December 2nd.*



*En Conmemoración del Dia de Acción de Gracia, NO HABRA HORA SANTA el Jueves, 28 de Noviembre.*

*La oficina parroquial estará cerrado el Jueves 28 de Noviembre y reabrirá el Lunes 2 de Diciembre*

**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, November 18th**

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

**Tuesday/Martes, November 19th**

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

Mass/Misa 7:00 p.m. Fr. Rafael

**Wednesday/Miércoles, November 20th**

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

Confessions /Confesiones 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday/Jueves, November 21st**

*Presentation of the Virgin Mary*

*Presentación de la Santísima Virgen María*

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

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

**Friday/Viernes, November 22nd**

Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr / Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

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

**Saturday/Sábado, November 23rd**

Rosary/Rosario 9:00 a.m.

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

Confessions/Confesiones 3:30 p.m.

Mass/Misa 5:30 p.m. Fr. Rafael  
& Dcn. Luis

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

**Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo,  
Rey del Universo**

**Sunday/Domingo, November 24th**

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

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

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

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

3 p.m. (Español) Fr. Thumma  
& Dcn. Joel

Misas de la tarde 5 p.m. (English) Fr. Thumma  
& Dcn. David

7 p.m. (Español) Fr. Thumma  
& Dcn. Luis

**Change of Mass time on Thanksgiving Day Thursday  
November 28th from 8:15 am to 9 am**

**You are welcome to bring your wine and bread to be  
consumed at your dinner to be blessed at Mass**

**Cambio de horario de Misa el Día de Acción de Gracias el  
Jueves 28 de Noviembre de 8:15 am a 9 am**

**Es bienvenido a traer su vino y pan para consumir en su  
cena y ser bendecidos en la Misa.**



Mon	11/18	8:15 a.m. (SI) Parishioners of St. Monica
Tue	11/19	8:15 a.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory † Jesus Aurelio Vasquez
Wed	11/20	8:15 a.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners
Thurs	11/21	8:15 a.m. (SI) Mary Kirby
Fri	11/22	8:15 p.m. (B) Cecilia Ulloa Elizondo † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat	11/23	9:30 a.m. (A) Julian & Maria Apolinar 5:30 p.m. † Leissa Sutton
Sun	11/24	7:30 a.m. (B) Charles J Wheeler (SI) Nneka & Johnny Rogers (SI) Mary Kirby † Wendy Rivera 9:15 a.m. † Manuela Sandoval † Max & Minerva Cuellar 11:00 a.m. † Irma Kotanan † Mark T. Gonzalez 1:00 p.m. (SI) Almas del Purgatorio † Virginia Cornejo † Silvano Tamez † Alicia Triana † Donato Arredondo 3:00 p.m. (SI) Feligreses de Santa Monica 5:00 p.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners (B) Raul Hernandez † Angie Hernandez 7:00 p.m. † Maria Reyna Alvarado Martinez

**COLLECTIONS**



**November 10th** \$ 14,100.00

Online collection \$ 2,868.00

Collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society \$ 7,306.00

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 424.00

Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 75.00

**November 24th Second Collection:  
St. Monica School**



The Sanctuary Lamp is for the repose soul of:  
*John Mechtel*

This weeks flowers are for a special intention for:

*Jose & Carmilita Arispe*

Donated by Mary Kirby



# St. Monica Catholic School

## Dragon Tales



### 2024-2025 School Year

# St. Monica Catholic School

2024-2025 School Year

Registration Fee

**New Students**

\$500 per Student

(Registration Fee is Non-Refundable)

**Monthly Rate**

1 Child **\$595.00**

2 Children **\$1,130.50**

3 Children **\$1,666.00**

10% sibling discount reflected in rates above  
5% Military Discount offered

2024-2025 ANNUAL TUITION \$5,950

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St. Monica Catholic School Mariachi group had the privilege in performing at the MAS Youth Conference at UTSA last week. We are so proud of all the children at St. Monica school with the availability of keeping up with their studies and flourishing in the arts.



**“Pastor’s Voice”****Embracing the World Day of the Poor**

Dearest St. Monica Family,

As we observe the World Day of the Poor, initiated by Pope Francis, we are called to reflect deeply on our Christian duty to care for and support those in need. This day serves as a poignant reminder of our shared responsibility to alleviate poverty and uplift the marginalized in our communities and beyond.

**Biblical Foundation of Charity:** Throughout the Bible, we are reminded of God’s special concern for the poor and vulnerable. Psalm 82:3-4 urges us to "Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." Similarly, Proverbs 19:17 teaches us that "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done."

**Teachings of the Church:** The Catholic Church has consistently emphasized the importance of caring for the poor as a fundamental aspect of our faith. Pope Francis has called poverty "a scandal" and has urged all Christians to act with mercy and compassion towards those in need. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that "Love for the poor is incompatible with immoderate love of riches or their selfish use" (CCC 2445).

**Saints as Role Models:** Saints throughout history have exemplified lives of charity and service to the poor. St. Vincent de Paul, known for his dedication to serving the impoverished, famously said, "The poor have much to teach you. You have much to learn from them." St. Teresa of Calcutta, whose life was dedicated to serving the poorest of the poor, reminds us, "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."

**Importance of Sharing and Solidarity:** On this World Day of the Poor, let us renew our commitment to sharing our blessings with those less fortunate. Sharing is not merely a charitable act but a demonstration of our Christian discipleship and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need. As Pope Francis has emphasized, "Solidarity means much more than a few sporadic acts of generosity."

**Conclusion:** Let us embrace the World Day of the Poor with open hearts and generous spirits. May we heed the call to love and serve our neighbors, especially those experiencing poverty and hardship. Through acts of charity, advocacy for justice, and prayers for the marginalized, may we contribute to building a more just and compassionate society, where the dignity of every person is upheld and celebrated. God Bless America.

Rev. Thumma Prathap

November 16th & 17th, 2024

**“Voz del Pastor”****Abrazando la Jornada Mundial de los Pobres**

Querida familia de Santa Mónica,

Al observar la Jornada Mundial de los Pobres, iniciada por el Papa Francisco, estamos llamados a reflexionar profundamente sobre nuestro deber cristiano de cuidar y apoyar a los necesitados. Este día sirve como un conmovedor recordatorio de nuestra responsabilidad compartida de aliviar la pobreza y ayudar a los marginados en nuestras comunidades y más allá.

**Fundamento Bíblico de la Caridad:** A lo largo de la Biblia, se nos recuerda la preocupación especial de Dios por los pobres y vulnerables. Salmo 82:3-4 nos insta a "Defender a los débiles y a los huérfanos; defender la causa de los pobres y oprimidos. Rescatar a los débiles y necesitados; librarlos de la mano de los impíos". De manera similar, Proverbios 19:17 nos enseña que "El que es bondadoso con los pobres, al Señor presta, y él les recompensará por lo que han hecho".

**Enseñanzas de la Iglesia:** La Iglesia Católica ha enfatizado consistentemente la importancia de cuidar a los pobres como un aspecto fundamental de nuestra fe. El Papa Francisco ha calificado la pobreza como "un escándalo" y ha instado a todos los cristianos a actuar con misericordia y compasión hacia los necesitados. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos enseña que "el amor a los pobres es incompatible con el amor desmedido a las riquezas o con su uso egoísta" (CIC 2445).

**Los Santos como Modelos a Seguir:** A lo largo de la historia, los santos han ejemplificado vidas de caridad y servicio a los pobres. San Vicente de Paúl, conocido por su dedicación al servicio de los empobrecidos, dijo la famosa frase: "Los pobres tienen mucho que enseñarte. Tú tienes mucho que aprender de ellos". Santa Teresa de Calcuta, cuya vida estuvo dedicada a servir a los más pobres entre los pobres, nos recuerda: "No se trata de cuánto damos, sino de cuánto amor ponemos en dar".

**Importancia de Compartir y Solidaridad:** En esta Jornada Mundial de los Pobres, renovemos nuestro compromiso de compartir nuestras bendiciones con los menos afortunados. Compartir no es simplemente un acto caritativo sino una demostración de nuestro discipulado cristiano y solidaridad con nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados. Como ha subrayado el Papa Francisco, "la solidaridad significa mucho más que unos pocos actos esporádicos de generosidad".

**Conclusión:** Abracemos la Jornada Mundial de los Pobres con el corazón abierto y el espíritu generoso. Que prestemos atención al llamado a amar y servir a nuestros vecinos, especialmente a aquellos que experimentan pobreza y dificultades. A través de actos de caridad, defensa de la justicia y oraciones por los marginados, podamos contribuir a construir una sociedad más justa y compasiva, donde se defienda y celebre la dignidad de cada persona. Dios bendiga a América.

Atentamente,

Padre Thumma Prathap

Fecha: 16 y 17 de Noviembre de 2024

*St. Monica, pray for us.*



*Santa Mónica. ruega por nosotros.*

We invite everyone to join us for a special Mass in honor of Our Lady of Divine Providence, the beloved Patroness of the Island of Puerto Rico, on **Tuesday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m.**

This will be a bilingual celebration, welcoming all members of our community as we come together to honor Our Lady and to pray for her continued guidance and protection over us. Please come and join in this beautiful expression of faith and unity.

All are welcome!

Our Lady of Divine Providence was declared the official Patroness of Puerto Rico on November 19, 1969, by Saint Pope Paul VI. In this celebration, we entrust ourselves to our Mother Mary with the trust with which "the child God gives himself on the lap of his Mother."

Mary, Mother of all, pray for us!



Invitamos a todos a unirse a nosotros para una Misa especial en honor de Nuestra Señora de la Divina Providencia, la amada Patrona de la Isla de Puerto Rico, el:

**Martes, 19 de Noviembre, a las 7:00 pm.**

Esta será una celebración bilingüe, que dará la bienvenida a todos los miembros de nuestra comunidad mientras nos reunimos para honrar a Nuestra Señora y orar por su continua guía y protección sobre nosotros. Por favor vengan y únanse a esta hermosa expresión de fe y unidad.

Todos son Bienvenidos!

Nuestra Señora de La Divina Providencia fue declarada Patrona oficial de Puerto Rico el 19 de Noviembre de 1969 por el Santo Papa Pablo VI. En esta celebración nos encomendamos a nuestra Madre María con la confianza con la que "el niño Dios se entrega en el regazo de su Madre".

María, Madre de todos, ruega por nosotros!

We are **thankful to have some awesome advertisers** who make this bulletin possible. Our bulletin is an important communication tool and is at **no charge** to us, because of the support of our advertisers! **Thank you!**

Our Diocesan bulletin representative, Julian Cook is working on filling in open spaces for the ad sponsor pages of our weekly bulletin. He will be in the parish office this coming week, Monday to Thursday November 18—21, 2024. If anyone would like to participate or have question on how you can advertise your business or to simply sponsor a space, please call or email Julian Cook at 512-351-6481 or email: [jcook@diocesan.com](mailto:jcook@diocesan.com).

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Thank you to all who participate in the ad section of the weekly bulletin, it is through the advertisers/sponsors that the bulletin is made possible every week of the year.



Estamos **agradecidos de tener unos anunciantes increíbles** quien hacen posible este boletín. Nuestro boletín es un Importante herramienta de comunicación y **no tiene costo alguno** para nosotros, gracias al apoyo de nuestros anunciantes! **Gracias!**

Nuestro representante del boletín Diocesano, Julian Cook esta trabajando para llenar los espacios abiertos para las paginas de anuncios/ patrocinadores de nuestro boletín semanal. Estará en la oficina parroquial esta semana, de Lunes a Jueves del 18 al 21 de Noviembre de 2024. Si alguien desea participar o tiene preguntas sobre como puede anunciar su negocio o simplemente patrocinar un espacio, llame o envíe un correo electrónico a Julian Cook al 512-351-6481 o su Correo electrónico:

- [jcook@diocesan.com](mailto:jcook@diocesan.com).
  - anuncios comerciales
  - anuncios personales (En Memoria Amorosa de J. Miller)
  - patrocinador (Felicitaciones de la Familia Miller)
- Gracias a todos los que participan en la sección de anuncios del boletín semanal, es a través de los anunciantes/ patrocinadores que el boletín es posible todas las semanas del año.

*St. Monica*  
*Market Days*  
**NOV 23, 2024**  
**10:00 AM-3:00 PM**  
**515 NORTH STREET**  
**CONVERSE, TX 78109**

## *Día de Mercado en Santa Mónica*

**23 de Noviembre, 2024**  
**10:00 am—3:00 pm**



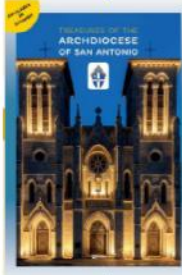
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***We have a limited number of books in English and Spanish, and now you can get one personally autographed by our priest!!***

You can purchase your autographed copy for \$ 25 at the parish office, open till 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and open on the weekends.

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Esto sería sólo un regalo maravilloso. 5 Domingos hasta Navidad

**Jesus Gave Us the Greatest Bible Study of All Time**

Starting in Advent, the next liturgical cycle (Cycle C) of readings will focus on the Gospel of Luke.

**When:** Friday's; Dec 6th & 13th; All Fridays in January and Feb 7th.

**Location:** Mollicone Room 105

**Cost:** \$27.95 purchase with Ascension Press

VISIT PARISH WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION, SIGN UP AND HOW TO ORDER STUDY WORKBOOK.

**Jesús Nos Dio el Estudio Bíblico mas Grande de Todos Los Tiempos**

A partir del Adviento, el próximo ciclo litúrgico (Ciclo C) de lecturas se centrara en el Evangelio de Lucas. **Fecha:** Viernes; 6 y 13 de Diciembre; Todos los Viernes en Enero y 7 de Febrero.

**Lugar:** Mollicone, Cuarto 105

**Costo:** \$27.95 Compre con "Ascension Press"

VISITE EL SITIO WEB DE LA PARROQUIA PARA OBTENER MAS INFORMACION, REGISTRACION Y COMO PEDIR EL LIBRO DE ESTUDIO.

**Christian Initiation Corner  
November**

As we celebrate All Saints Day, and recall those "living witnesses" of the joy and peace that living the Catholic life can bring, let us ask for the saints' intercession for those who are thinking about finding out more about the Church. If someone you know wants to know more about the Church, contact...

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

***Please pray for all our Catechumen and Candidates...***

**Rincón de la Iniciación Cristiana  
Noviembre**

Mientras celebramos el Día de Todos los Santos, y recordamos a aquellos "testigos vivos" de la alegría y la paz que viven la vida católica Puede traer, pidamos la intercesión de los santos para aquellos que están pensando en averiguar más sobre el Iglesia. Si alguien que conoces quiere saber más sobre la Iglesia, ponte en contacto...

Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con Bertha Castellanos rica@saintmonicaconverse.net

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

**St. Monica Pictorial Directory**

The deadline for the St Monica Pictorial Directory has been extended! You still have time to participate! If you were not able to stop by after Mass this past Sunday, please email us with your name and phone number:

Directory@saintmonicaconverse.net

After we receive your email, we will send you information and a link on how to participate.

For those who submitted their emails with us directly on Sunday, you should be able to create a login with members.InstantChurchDirectory.com

If you have questions about the Pictorial Directory, or are having problems logging in to the site, please email us.

We will be happy to help you!

**Directorio Pictórico de Santa Mónica**

La fecha límite para el Directorio Fotográfico de Santa Mónica se ha extendido!! Aún hay tiempo de que participe!!! Si no pudo hablar con alguien después de misa este domingo que pasó, por favor mándenos un email con su nombre y número telefónico a: Directory@saintmonicaconverse.net

Después de recibir su email, le mandaremos información y un enlace en cómo participar.

Los que nos dieron su email directamente el domingo, deben de poder crear acceso con:

members.InstantChurchDirectory.com

Cualquier pregunta acerca de el Directorio Fotográfico, o si tiene problemas de acceso al sitio, por favor mándenos un email. Con gusto le ayudaremos.

Directorio@saintmonicaconverse.net

**2024 Angel Tree Registration is Now Open**

Sponsored by **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

The Angel Tree program is here to help families that may be financially struggling and can not provide a joyful Christmas for their children.

Eligibility Requirements: Be a Registered Parishioner or Reside in parish boundaries

Children up to 18 of age will receive Christmas gifts and a meal for the entire family will be provided.

**Registration is now open and will continue till November 21st**

Must have a picture ID and proof of residence ie: water bill, electric bill, lease...

To register: call (210) 658-8791 and leave a message a volunteer member from St. Vincent de Paul will call you back

Applications are also available at the parish office.



**Registro para el Árbol de Ángeles 2024 Está Abierta**

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El programa Árbol de Ángeles esta aquí para

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If you would like to have the names of your loved ones remembered throughout the month of November.

Please complete an envelope located at the back of the Church and place them in the collection basket. These names will be placed before the Altar at all Masses throughout the month of November.



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Si desea que se recuerden los nombres de sus seres queridos durante todo el mes de Noviembre.

Complete un sobre ubicado en la parte trasera de la Iglesia y colóquelos en la canasta de colecta. Estos nombres se colocarán ante el Altar en todas las Misas durante el mes de Noviembre.

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is an annual campaign supporting more than 30 shared ministries that advance the mission of the Catholic Church in our area. The Archbishop Appeal happens every year because the need remains each year, it's not a one and done . With just under 3 months left for the 2024 appeal, St Monica has not yet passed the 100% goal.

**We are at 89 %** with 433 families donating. Since we have over 1800 families in our parish, this is a bit disheartening, but I know the Lord will provide. I invite each of you who is still considering donating to join the Archbishop in providing for those in need. This includes ministries like Catholic Television that brings the mass to those who are home bound, a criminal justice ministry to help those who are incarcerated, the Guadalupe community center which provides after school care and a summer youth program for those who couldn't afford it otherwise, the youth and young adult ministries...and so many more. Along with the Archbishop and Fr Thumma, I urge you to consider donating just \$60 to help ensure these ministries and so many more continue to be available to all in our Archdiocese. May God Bless you, your family, our parish and our Archdiocese. Please visit:

[archsa.org/archbishops-appeal](http://archsa.org/archbishops-appeal) to give today!  
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**La Campaña del Arzobispo para los Ministerios**

es una campaña anual que apoya a más de 30 ministerios compartidos que promueven la misión de la Iglesia Católica en nuestra área. La Apelación del Arzobispo ocurre todos los años porque la necesidad permanece cada año, no es una sola vez. Cuando quedan poco menos de 3 meses para la apelación de 2024, Santa Mónica aún no ha superado la meta del 100%. **Estamos al 89%** con 433 familias donando. Dado que tenemos más de 1800 familias en nuestra parroquia, esto es un poco desalentador, pero sé que el Señor proveerá. Invito a cada uno de ustedes que todavía está considerando donar a unirse al Arzobispo para ayudar a los necesitados. Esto incluye ministerios como Televisión Católica que lleva la misa a quienes están confinados en sus hogares, un ministerio de justicia penal para ayudar a quienes están encarcelados, el centro comunitario de Guadalupe que brinda cuidado después de la escuela y un programa juvenil de verano para quienes no pueden pagarlo. de lo contrario, los ministerios de jóvenes y adultos jóvenes... y muchos más. Junto con el Arzobispo y el Padre Thumma, les insto a que consideren donar sólo \$60 para ayudar a garantizar que estos ministerios y muchos más sigan estando disponibles para todos en nuestra Arquidiócesis. Que Dios lo bendiga a usted, a su familia, a nuestra parroquia y a nuestra Arquidiócesis.. ¡Visite [archsa.org/archbishops-appeal](http://archsa.org/archbishops-appeal) para donar hoy!  
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## Mass Schedule

**Weekdays: 8:15 a.m. (Mon-Fri)**

**Saturday: 9 am Holy Rosary**

Mass at 9:30 am (Bilingual/Bilingüe)

**Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm (English)**

**Sunday: 7:30 & 9:15, 11 am & 5 pm (English)**

1:00, 3:00 & 7:00 pm (Spanish)

**HOLY HOUR: Thursday 7 pm**

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8:15 am English & 7:00 pm Spanish

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