

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

Parish Office
210-658-3816
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.

Pastor:

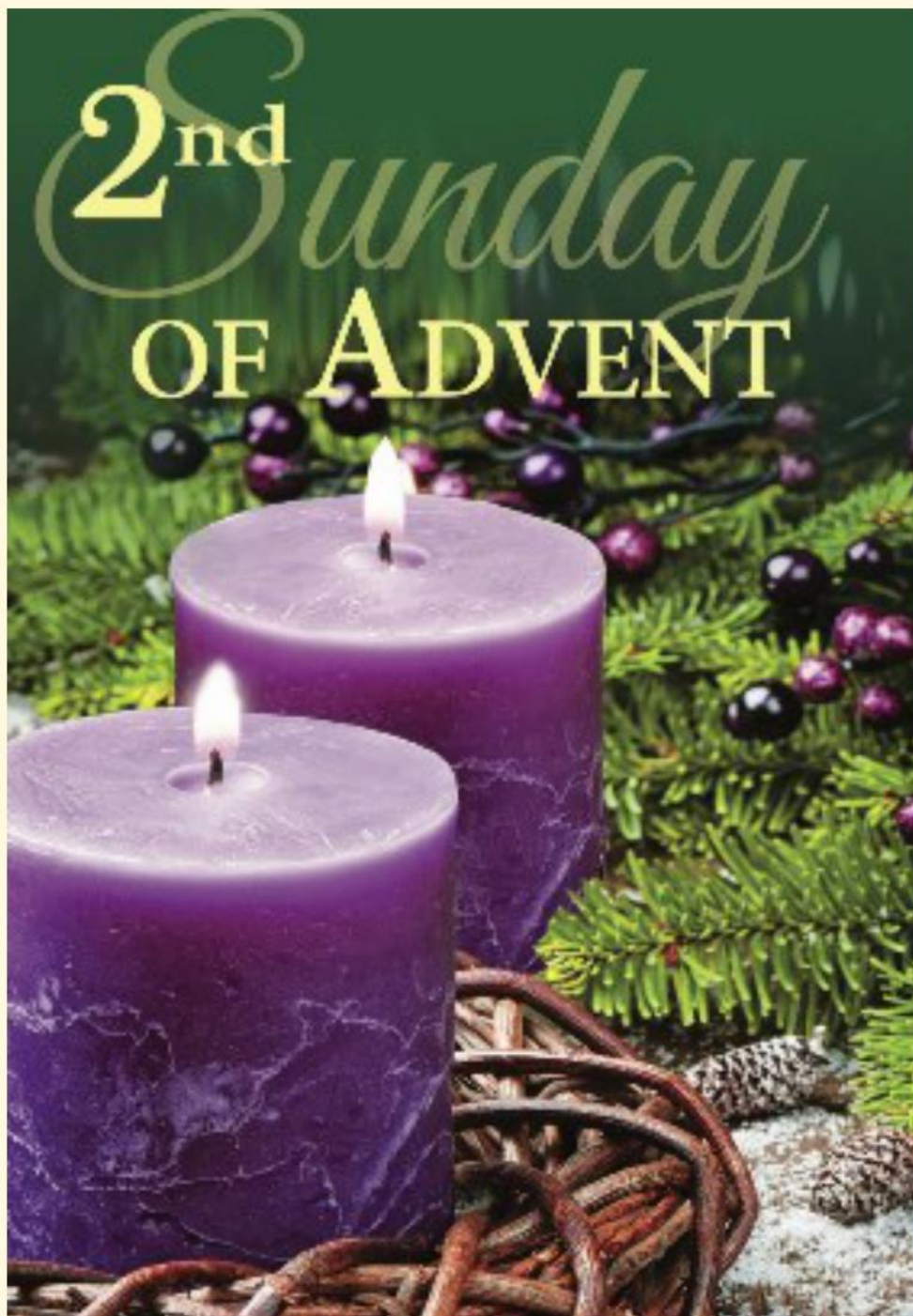
Fr. Thumma Prathap

Email: pastor@saintmonicaconverse.net

Parochial Vicar:

Fr. Rafael Antonio Lopez-Negroni

Email: rlopez@saintmonicaconverse.net



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 on going 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

ART & ENVIRONMENT (DECORATIONS) MINISTRY: Alma Castillo

BALLET FOLKLÓRICO : Bertha Castellanos

BIBLE STUDY (English): Timo Zepeda & Annette Winfield

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 MASS: At least 6 months notice is required. Contact **Deacon David** at the parish office.

OCIA: 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 210-658-3816



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

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 Aguero, 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, Eduardo Guevara, Adalene, Janet Hillson, Pablo Martinez, Lucy Zamora, Ariel & Clara Casiano, Donny Krueger, Vanessa P., 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, Anna Cortez, Manuel & Tenchia Trevino Anna Roberta Kotso, Nicholas Kerwin, Nick Ramos, John Baldwin, Joann & Sebastian, Julie Martinez, Carlos Alberto Garcia, Daniela Basulto, Donna Ann Salinas, Maria Luisa Nieto, Michael Thompson, Mary Lou Thompson, Aleda Camelia Pineda, Maya Kadinca Roa, Karen Margarita Gomez Roa

*please
pray for
the sick*

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 9th

Mass/ Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Rafael
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Tuesday/Martes, December 10th

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

Wednesday/Miércoles, December 11th

Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Rafael
Confessions /Confesiones 5:30 p.m.

Thursday/Jueves, December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe / Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Mass/Misa 6:30 a.m. Fr. Rafael
Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Rafael
Mass/Misa 7:00 p.m. Fr. Rafael
Holy Hour Cancelled / Hora Santa Cancelado

Friday/Viernes, December 13th

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

Saturday/Sábado, December 14th

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

**3rd Sunday of Advent
III Domingo de Adviento**

Sunday/Domingo, December 15th

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



The Sanctuary Lamp is for a special intention

Gad Naaman Garcia-Roa

December 15th Second Collection:
St. Vincent de Paul Society

*Mass Intentions*

Mon	12/9	8:15 a.m. † Preston Trinkle 12:00 p.m. † Preston Trinkle
Tue	12/10	8:15 a.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed	12/11	8:15 a.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners † Rafael & Maria Zuluaga † Teresa Cornejo
Thurs	12/12	6:30 a.m. (SI) Mary Kirby 8:15 a.m. (SI) Parishioners of St. Monica 7:00 p.m. † Uvaldo Cantu † Jesus & Esperanza Tobar
Fri.	12/13	8:15 p.m. (B) Emma Riley Sheehan † Maria del Carmen Munoz † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	12/14	9:30 a.m. (SI) Mary Kirby 5:30 p.m. † Scott Case
Sun.	12/15	7:30 a.m. (SI) Nneka & Johnny Rogers (B) Donna Lugo (B) Mike Wheeler † Bobby Grant † Rosaura "Nenita" Nazario 9:15 a.m. † Minerva Bermea Cuellar † Josephina Becerra Cervantes 11:00 a.m. (B) Glenn Hovis † Mark T. Gonzalez 1:00 p.m. (B) Maria De Jesus Guevarra (A) Jose & Sofia Pacheco † Dimitre Delgado † Andy Hernandez † Nicolasa Rocha † Rosalio Castillo 3:00 p.m. (SI) Raul Ramirez (SI) Juan Eduardo Ramirez (A) Daniel & Patty Esqueda 5:00 p.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners 7:00 p.m. (SI) Familia Alvarado Cano

COLLECTIONS

November 24th \$ 13,105.00

Online collection \$ 2,416.00

Second Collection for St. Monica School \$ 2,304.00

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 100.00

Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 80.00

Thanksgiving Nov. 28th \$ 1,472.00

December 1st \$ 16,167.50

Online collection \$ 3,727.00

Second Collection Archbishop Appeal \$ 3,428.00

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 485.00

Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 180.00

Pilgrimage to Italy during the Jubilee year 2025. We will be visiting Milan, Padova, Venice, Florence, Assisi and Rome. Round trip airfare and two meals a day along with entry and admissions is all included in the cost to this pilgrimage. A non-refundable fee of \$ 300 and registration is what is required to hold your spot. For more information please contact the office.

Peregrinación a Italia durante el Año Jubilar 2025. Visitaremos Milán, Padua, Venecia, Florencia, Asís y Roma. El precio de esta peregrinación incluye el boleto de avión de ida y vuelta y dos comidas al día, además de la entrada y las admisiones. Una cuota no reembolsable de \$300 y registro es lo que se requiere para reservar su lugar. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la oficina.

Los Santuarios de **ITALIA**
Celebre el Jubileo 2025 de Milán a Roma !



Nativity Pilgrimage

Where Faith Meets Adventure

August 18 - 28, 2025

11-Day Pilgrimage

Fr. Thumma Prathap

Spiritual Director

St. Monica's Catholic Church
San Antonio, TX



FOR INFO

Delia Medrano-Finch

(210) 658-3816

delia@saintmonicaconverse.net

travel.nativitypilgrimage.com/thumma

Peregrinación Natividad

Donde la Fe se Encuentra con la Aventura

18 a 28 de Agosto 2025
Peregrinación de 11 Días

Padre Thumma Prathap - Director Espiritual

Vuelos saliendo de San Antonio, Tx \$5899. por persona

Para Información: Delia Medrano-Finch 210-658-3816



“Pastor’s Voice”**Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Dearest St. Monica Family,

As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we are called to reflect on the profound significance of Mary’s apparition to St. Juan Diego in 1531. This beloved feast holds a special place in the hearts of families and couples, offering us a powerful example of Mary’s maternal love and intercession in our lives.

Mary, Mother of All: Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared as a loving mother to St. Juan Diego, conveying a message of hope, peace, and reconciliation. Her image on the Tilma, miraculously imprinted with roses and bearing her likeness, continues to inspire devotion and faith among people of all ages. Families and couples can turn to Mary as a model of compassion and strength in times of joy and difficulty.

Significance of the Tilma: The miraculous Tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe serves as a reminder of God’s presence and love for humanity. Mary’s image on the Tilma, which remains intact and vibrant after centuries, symbolizes her closeness to us as a mother who cares for her children. Families can find comfort and reassurance in Mary’s constant intercession and protection.

Patroness of the Americas: Mary appeared as Our Lady of Guadalupe with a message of unity and peace for the peoples of the Americas. She proclaimed herself as the “Mother of the Americas,” embracing all cultures and inviting us to build communities of faith and solidarity. Families and couples can seek Mary’s guidance in fostering harmony and respect within their own homes and communities.

Call to Faith and Conversion: Through her apparition, Mary called for conversion and a deeper faith in God. She invited St. Juan Diego and all of us to trust in God’s providence and to be instruments of love and reconciliation. Families and couples can heed Mary’s call by nurturing their faith through prayer, Scripture, and acts of charity, thereby building strong foundations for their relationships.

Conclusion: On this Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, let us unite in prayer and celebration, honoring Mary as our Mother and Queen. May her example of faith and humility inspire us to deepen our devotion to her and to imitate her virtues in our daily lives. Let us entrust our families, couples, and all our intentions to her loving care, confident that she will always intercede for us before her Son, Jesus Christ. God bless America.

Yours Truly,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

December 7 & 8 2024

“Voz del Pastor”**Celebrando la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**

Querida familia de Santa Mónica,

Mientras nos preparamos para celebrar la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, estamos llamados a reflexionar sobre el profundo significado de la aparición de María a San Juan Diego en 1531. Esta querida fiesta ocupa un lugar especial en el corazón de las familias y las parejas, ofreciéndonos un poderoso ejemplo del amor maternal y la intercesión de María en nuestras vidas.

María, Madre de Todos: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe se apareció como una madre amorosa a San Juan Diego, transmitiendo un mensaje de esperanza, paz y reconciliación. Su imagen en la Tilma, milagrosamente impresa con rosas y con su imagen, sigue inspirando devoción y fe entre personas de todas las edades. Las familias y las parejas pueden recurrir a María como modelo de compasión y fortaleza en tiempos de alegría y dificultad.

Significado de la Tilma: La milagrosa Tilma de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe sirve como un recordatorio de la presencia y el amor de Dios por la humanidad. La imagen de María en la Tilma, que permanece intacta y vibrante después de los siglos, simboliza su cercanía a nosotros como madre que cuida de sus hijos. Las familias pueden encontrar consuelo y tranquilidad en la constante intercesión y protección de María.

Patrona de las Américas: María se apareció como Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe con un mensaje de unidad y paz para los pueblos de las Américas. Se proclamó a sí misma como la "Madre de las Américas", abrazando todas las culturas e invitándonos a construir comunidades de fe y solidaridad. Las familias y las parejas pueden buscar la guía de María para fomentar la armonía y el respeto dentro de sus propios hogares y comunidades.

Llamado a la Fe y a la Conversión: A través de su aparición, María llamó a la conversión y a una fe más profunda en Dios. Invitó a San Juan Diego y a todos nosotros a confiar en la providencia de Dios y a ser instrumentos de amor y reconciliación. Las familias y las parejas pueden escuchar el llamado de María alimentando su fe a través de la oración, las Escrituras y los actos de caridad, construyendo así cimientos sólidos para sus relaciones.

Conclusión: En esta Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, unámonos en oración y celebración, honrando a María como nuestra Madre y Reina. Que su ejemplo de fe y humildad nos inspire a profundizar nuestra devoción a ella y a imitar sus virtudes en nuestra vida cotidiana. Confiemos a nuestras familias, nuestras parejas y todas nuestras intenciones a su cuidado amoroso, seguros de que siempre intercederá por nosotros ante su Hijo, Jesucristo. Dios bendiga a los Estados Unidos.

Religious Education Remind

In observance of OLG and all the celebrations we would like to gently remind you that there will be no Edge or Religious Education Classes on Tuesday and Wednesday December 11th & 12th.

Recordatorio de Educación Religiosa

En observancia de OLG y todas las celebraciones, nos gustaría recordarles amablemente que no habrá clases de Educación Religiosa ni Edge el Martes y Miércoles 11 y 12 de Diciembre.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Angel Tree

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has displayed it's Angel Tree in the foyer. Angels are hung up as ornaments and have a code for the child's age and size of clothing. Please feel free to take an angel after Mass. These angels will go to help bring Christmas joy to the needy children in our community. Please bring your gift no later than **Sunday December 15th. Don't forget to attach the angle ornament to your gift.** Your generosity will be brighting a child's Christmas and we thank you for your thoughtfulness.



San Vicente de Paul Árbol de Ángeles de Navidad

La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl ha exhibido su Árbol del Ángeles en el vestíbulo. Los Ángeles se cuelgan como adornos y tienen un código para la edad y la talla de ropa del niño. Siéntase libre de llevarse un ángel después de la Misa. Estos ángeles ayudarán a llevar alegría Navideña a los niños necesitados de nuestra comunidad. Por favor traiga su regalo a más tardar el Domingo, 15 de Diciembre. Su generosidad alegrará la Navidad de un niño y agradecemos su consideración.

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 Pictórico de Santa Mónica se ha extendido!! Aún hay tiempo para que participe!!! Si no pudo hablar con alguien después de misa este Domingo que pasó, por favor mándenos un correo con su nombre y número de teléfono a:

Directory@saintmonicaconverse.net

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

Los que nos dieron su correo electrónico directamente a nosotros el Domingo, deben de poder crear acceso con:

Members.InstantChurchDirectory.com

Cualquier pregunta acerca del Directorio Pictórico, o si tiene problemas de acceso al sitio, por favor mándenos un correo. Con gusto le ayudaremos!

Pilgrimage Sites

The Dicastery of Evangelization released a note on configuration and opening of Holy Doors in Cathedral Churches, in International and National Shrines, as well as in other particularly significant places of worship as the Ordinary Jubilee "Pilgrims of Hope" 2025 approaches. Only the papal Basilicas of Saint Peter, Saint John Lateran, Saint Mary Major, and Saint Paul Outside the Walls and exceptionally [at Holy Father's personal desire] 'a Prison' (to be announced), will host Holy Doors.

Archbishop Gustavo has approved designated pilgrimage sites to celebrate the Jubilee within the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

St. Monica is honored to be one of the sites. We are diligently working on making this a memorable site for our parishioners and all who visit. In the coming weeks we will be providing more detailed information.



Sitios de Peregrinación

El Dicastery para la Evangelización publicó una nota sobre la configuración y apertura de las Puertas Santas en las Iglesias Catedrales, en los Santuarios Internacionales y Nacionales, así como en otros lugares de culto particularmente significativos, a medida que se acerca el Jubileo Ordinario "Peregrinos de la Esperanza" de 2025. Sólo las Basílicas papales de San Pedro, San Juan de Letrán, Santa María la Mayor y San Pablo Extramuros y excepcionalmente [por deseo personal del Santo Padre] 'una prisión' (que se anunciará), albergarán Puertas Santas.

El Arzobispo Gustavo ha aprobado los sitios de peregrinación designados para celebrar el Jubileo dentro de la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio.

Santa Mónica tiene el honor de ser uno de los sitios. Estamos trabajando diligentemente para hacer de este un sitio memorable para nuestros feligreses y todos los que lo visitan. En las próximas semanas estaremos proporcionando mas información detallada.

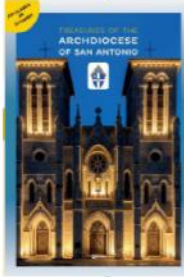
"Treasures of the Archdiocese of San Antonio"

Don't miss the opportunity to have one of these beautifully illustrated books of your own showcasing all the parishes in our Archdiocese!

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.

This would make a wonderful gift.
Only 2 Sunday's till Christmas



"Tesoros de la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio"

¡No pierda la oportunidad de tener uno de estos libros propios bellamente ilustrados que muestran todas las parroquias de nuestra Arquidiócesis!

¡¡Tenemos una cantidad limitada de libros en inglés y español, y ahora puede obtener uno autografiado personalmente por nuestro sacerdotes!!

Puede comprar su copia autografiada por \$25 después de la misa o pasar por la oficina parroquial.

Esto sería un regalo maravilloso.
Solo quedan 2 Domingos hasta la Navidad

Join us for:

**St. Monica
Market Days!
Saturday, December 21
10 AM – 3 PM
515 North Street,
Converse, TX 78109**

Holiday fun for everyone! Come shop amazing local vendors, support young entrepreneurs, and let the kids get creative with some festive crafts!

Don't miss out on the holiday cheer – it's the perfect way to finish your shopping and make memories with the whole family. See you there!



Unase a nosotros para:

**Día de Mercado en
Santa Mónica!
Sábado, 21 de Diciembre
10 AM – 3 PM
515 North Street,
Converse, TX 78109**

¡Diversión Navideña para todos! Vengan a comprar de increíbles proveedores locales, apoye a los jóvenes emprendedores y deje que los niños sean creativos con algunas manualidades festivas!

No se pierda la alegría navideña: es la manera perfecta de terminar sus compras y crear recuerdos con toda la familia. Nos vemos allí!

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM



Order your Poinsettias now for **\$12.00each** 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 Tuesday, December 17th.

LIMITED NUMBER OF POINSETTIAS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Given in Memory/Honor of: _____

Purchased by: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Amount \$ _____



The Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries

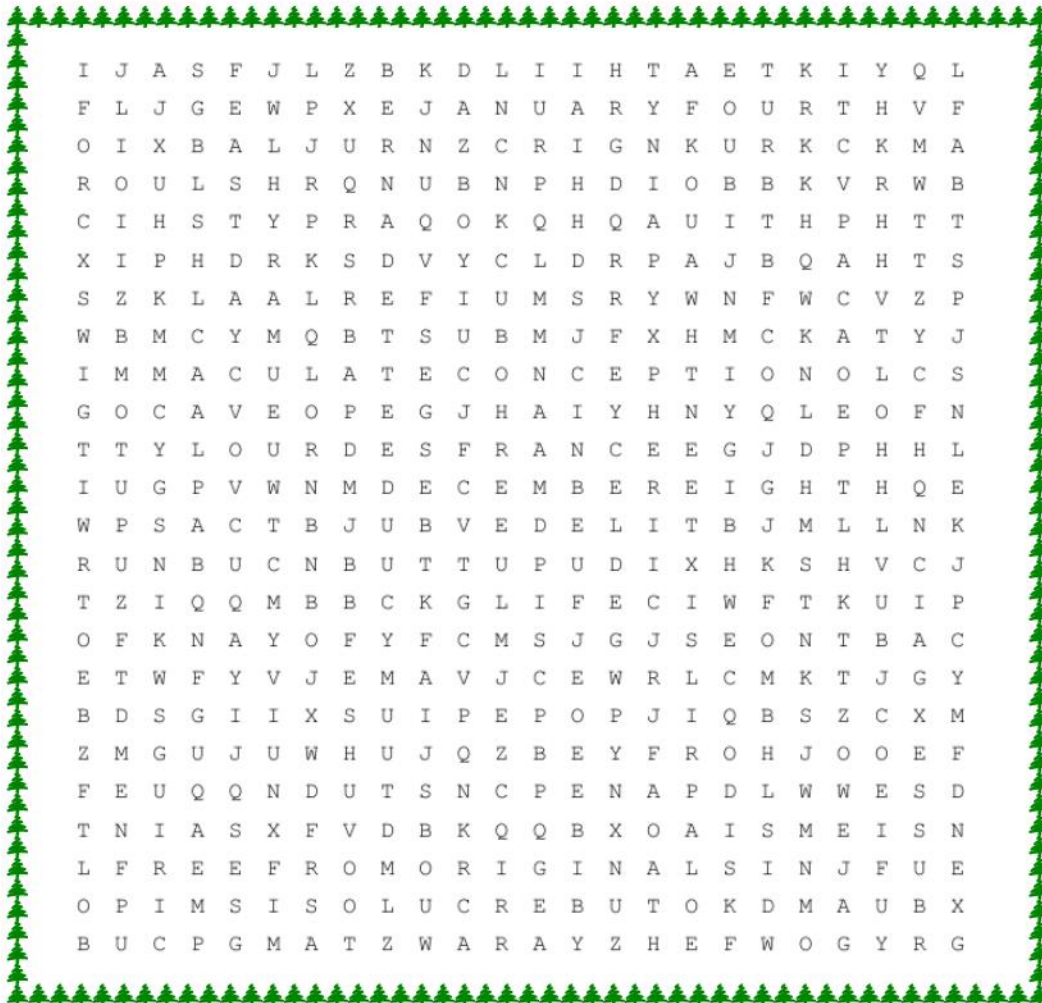
is an annual campaign supporting more than 30 shared ministries that advance the mission of the Catholic Church in our area. The Archbishop Appeal happens every year because the need remains each year, it's not a one and done . With just under 3 months left for the 2024 appeal, St Monica has not yet 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 to give today! Have questions? Please call (210) 734-1910



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 para donar hoy! ¿Tiene preguntas? Por favor llame al (210) 734-1910.



Free from Original Sin
 December eighth
 Pope Pius XI
 Feast Day
 Mary
 Immaculate Conception
 January Fourth
 Tuberculosis
 Saint
 April sixteenth
 Lourdes France
 Bernadette
 Cave



December Special Masses Schedule / Horario especial de Misas de Diciembre



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary observed on Monday December 9th

Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María A Holy Day of Obligation / Santo Día de Obligación

Dec. 9th Monday 8:15am, 12 Noon English, 5:45 pm Bilingual/Bilingüe
7:30 pm Spanish Mass / Misas en Español

Parish Office will be Closed / Oficina Parroquial estará Cerrada

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

Wed. Dec. 11th Procession/Procesión 9pm

Thurs. Dec. 12th 6:15 am Las Mañanitas

6:30am Spanish Mass/Misa en Español

8:15am English Mass / Misa en Ingles

6:45pm Los Matachines

7:00pm Bilingual Mass / Misa Bilingüe



Advent Penance Service



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Tuesday December 17th at 6:30pm

Martes 17 de Diciembre a las 6:30pm

Christmas Schedule / Horario de Navidad

Tues. Dec. 24th Christmas Eve / Víspera de Navidad

4:00 pm Mass - English

5:30 pm Children Mass - English

7:30 pm Mass - Español

12 Midnight Mass—Bilingual/Bilingüe

Wed. Dec 25th Christmas Day / Miércoles 25 de Diciembre Navidad

9:00 & 11:00 am English Mass

1:00 & 3:00 pm Misa en Español



Parish Office will be closing at noon on Friday December 20th

Regular hours on Monday, December 23rd 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Closed on Tuesday December 24th & Wednesday December 25th

We will reopen at 9:00 am on Thursday December 26th

La oficina de la parroquia cerrara a mediodía el Viernes, 20 de Diciembre

Horario regular el Lunes, 23 de Diciembre 9:00am - 5:30 pm

Cerrada el Martes, 24 de Diciembre y Miércoles, 25 de Diciembre

Se vuelve abrir a las 9:00 am el Jueves, 26 de Diciembre



Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Solemnidad de María Santísima, Madre de Dios

Bilingual Vigil Mass / Misa de Vigilia Bilingüe

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 at 6:30 pm / Martes, 31 de Diciembre 6:30 pm

Wednesday January 1, 2025 / Miércoles, 1 de Enero 2025

9:00 & 11:00 am English Mass

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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

1st FRIDAY MASS:

8:15 am English & 7:00 pm Spanish

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