

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

JOY

*He will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit...*
Lk 3:16

*El los bautizará con
el Espíritu Santo...*
Lc 3, 16

GOZO

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: pator@saintmonicaconverse.net

Parochial Vicar:

**Fr. Rafael Antonio
Lopez-Negrón**

Email: rlopez@saintmonicaconverse.net



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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

GUADALUPANOS: 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 De nuestras hermanas y nuestros hermanos enfermos:

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, 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 16th

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

Tuesday/Martes, December 17th

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

Penance Service for the Elderly 12- 2pm

Penance Service 6:30 pm

Wednesday/Miércoles, December 18th

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

Confessions /Confesiones 5:30 p.m.

Thursday/Jueves, December 19th

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

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

Friday/Viernes, December 20th

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

Saturday/Sábado, December 21th

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. Rafael
& Dcn. David

**4th Sunday of Advent
IV Domingo de Adviento**

Sunday/Domingo, December 22nd

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

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

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

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. Sean

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

*In observance of Christmas the parish office will be closing
Monday December 23rd at 1pm and will reopen on
Thursday December 26th at 9am.*

*En conmemoración de Navidad, la Oficina Parroquial
cerrará el lunes 23 de Diciembre a la 1:00 p. m. y volverá a
abrir el Jueves 26 de Diciembre a las 9 a. m.*



The Sanctuary Lamp is for a special intention

Mary Kirby

Mass Intentions

Mon	12/16	8:15 a.m. (SI) Mary Kirby
Tue	12/17	8:15 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory
Wed	12/18	8:15 a.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners † Oscar Resendiz † Maria Guadalupe Didan
Thurs	12/19	8:15 a.m. † Jose C. Cruz † Ramona Delgado † Rosalinda Diaz
Fri.	12/20	8:15 p.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	12/21	9:30 a.m. (B) Dylan Galvez 5:30 p.m. † Claudia Montoya
Sun.	12/22	7:30 a.m. (SI) Charles & Edi Wheeler (SI) Nneka & Johnny Rogers † Mercedes Quinn
		9:15 a.m. † Max & Minerva Cuellar † Daniel Serna Jr.
		11:00 a.m. (B) Uriel & Anaell Aderah † Mark T. Gonzalez
		1:00 p.m. † Hortencia Rojas Flores † Vidal Alvarez Aguilar † Rocio Alvarez Rojas
		3:00 p.m. (SI) St. Monica Parishioners
		5:00 p.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners (SI) Dunlavy Family (SI) Fran Garcia & Family (SI) Cortez & Cantu Families (SI) Gallardo & Ruiz Families † Rodney Birt † Sue Stark † Delia Ramirez † Alvaro Ramirez † Souls in Purgatory
		7:00 p.m. † Hortencia Rojas Flores † Vidal Alvarez Aguilar † Rocio Alvarez Rojas

COLLECTIONS

<u>December 8th</u>	\$ 14,044.00
Online collection	\$ 3,810.00
Second Collection for Retire clergy	\$ 3,302.00
Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 277.00
Online Collection for St. Monica School	\$ 460.00



**December 22nd Second Collection:
St. Monica Catholic School**

This weeks flowers are donated by
Candy Gonzalez for the repose of the soul
of:

Teofila Gonzalez



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

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Peregrinación Natividad

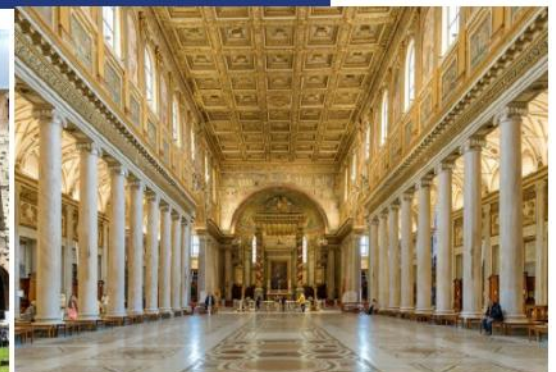
Donde la Fe se Encuentra con la Aventura

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”**Rejoicing in the Lord's Peace**

Dearest St. Monica Family,

In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul exhorts us with words of encouragement and guidance that are as relevant today as they were in ancient times. Let us reflect on these profound words and draw inspiration for our daily lives:

Rejoice in the Lord Always: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!" These words from St. Paul remind us of the importance of joy in our Christian life. Despite the challenges and trials we may face, we are called to rejoice in the Lord's goodness and faithfulness. Our joy in the Lord should be evident to all, radiating His love and grace to those around us.

Let Your Kindness Shine: "Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near." St. Paul emphasizes the importance of kindness and compassion in our interactions with others. As members of the St. Monica Parish community, let us strive to embody Christ's love through acts of kindness, generosity, and care for one another. In doing so, we bear witness to the presence of the Lord among us.

Trusting in God's Providence: "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." These words offer us a profound antidote to anxiety and worry. St. Paul encourages us to entrust our concerns and needs to God through prayer. By cultivating a spirit of gratitude and trust in God's providence, we invite His peace to reign in our hearts.

Experiencing God's Peace: "Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." The peace of God is a gift beyond measure, surpassing human understanding. It is a peace that transcends circumstances and fills us with serenity and assurance in Christ Jesus. Let us seek this peace through prayer, knowing that God faithfully guards our hearts and minds.

Conclusion: As we meditate on these words from St. Paul, let us strive to live with hearts full of rejoicing, kindness, and trust in God's providence. May our parish community be a beacon of joy and peace, reflecting the love of Christ to all those we encounter. Let us continue to pray for one another, entrusting our hopes and concerns to the Lord who hears our prayers and grants us His peace. God Bless America.

Yours Truly,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

December 14 & 15 2024

St. Monica, pray for us.

**“Voz del Pastor”****Regocijamos en la Paz del Señor**

Querida familia de Santa Mónica,

En su carta a los Filipenses, San Pablo nos exhorta con palabras de aliento y guía que son tan relevantes hoy como lo fueron en la antigüedad. Reflexionemos sobre estas profundas palabras e inspirémonos para nuestra vida diaria:

Regocíjense en el Señor siempre: "Regocíjense en el Señor siempre." Lo diré nuevamente: ¡regocíjense!" Estas palabras de San Pablo nos recuerdan la importancia de la alegría en nuestra vida cristiana. A pesar de los desafíos y pruebas que podamos enfrentar, estamos llamados a regocijarnos en la bondad y la fidelidad del Señor. Nuestro gozo en el Señor debe ser evidente para todos, irradiando Su amor y gracia a quienes nos rodean.

Deje Que Su Bondad Brille: "Tu bondad debe ser conocida por todos. El Señor está cerca". San Pablo enfatiza la importancia de la bondad y la compasión en nuestras interacciones con los demás. Como miembros de la comunidad de la Parroquia de Santa Mónica, esforcémonos por encarnar el amor de Cristo a través de actos de bondad, generosidad y cuidado mutuo. Al hacerlo, damos testimonio de la presencia del Señor entre nosotros.

Confianza en a Providencia de Dios: "No tengáis ninguna inquietud, sino que en todo, con oración y petición, con acción de gracias, haced conocidas vuestras peticiones a Dios". Estas palabras nos ofrecen un profundo antidoto contra la ansiedad y la preocupación. San Pablo nos anima a confiar nuestras preocupaciones y necesidades a Dios a través de la oración. Al cultivar un espíritu de gratitud y confianza en la providencia de Dios, invitamos a Su paz a reinar en nuestros corazones.

Sintiendo la Paz de Dios: "Entonces la paz de Dios, que sobrepasa todo entendimiento, guardará vuestros corazones y vuestros pensamientos en Cristo Jesús". La paz de Dios es un don sin medida, que sobrepasa el entendimiento humano. Es una paz que trasciende las circunstancias y nos llena de serenidad y seguridad en Cristo Jesús. Busquemos esta paz a través de la oración, sabiendo que Dios guarda fielmente nuestros corazones y nuestras mentes.

Conclusión: Mientras meditamos en estas palabras de San Pablo, esforcémonos por vivir con el corazón lleno de regocijo, bondad y confianza en la providencia de Dios. Que nuestra comunidad parroquial sea un faro de alegría y paz, reflejando el amor de Cristo a todos aquellos con quienes nos encontramos. Sigamos orando unos por otros, confiando nuestras esperanzas y preocupaciones al Señor que escucha nuestras oraciones y nos concede su paz. Dios bendiga a América.

Atentamente,

Padre Thumma Prathap

14 y 15 de Diciembre 2024

Santa Mónica. ruega por nosotros.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Angel Tree

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be distributing the gifts that anyone picked up from the Angel Tree later this week. Please bring your gift no later than **Tues, Dec. 17th. Don't forget to attach the Angel Ornament to your gift.**

Your generosity will be brightening 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 estará distribuyendo los regalos que fueron escogidos del Árbol de Ángeles a finales de esta semana. Traiga su regalo a mas tardar el **Martes, 17 de Diciembre. No olvide adjuntar el adorno de Ángel a su regalo.**

Su generosidad alegrara la Navidad de un niño. Le agradecemos su consideración.

In observance of Christmas, the Thrift Store has adjusted its hours of operation and drop-off of donations. They are as follows:

CLOSED Wed. December 25th, Sat. 28th & Wed. January 1, 2025

NO Donations will be accepted Sat. Dec 21st until Mon. Jan 6, 2025

Thank you to everyone for all your donations throughout the year, because of your generosity we had a successful year.

Wishing all a blessed Christmas and Prosperous New Year



En conmemoración de Navidad, nuestra Tienda de Segunda Mano ha ajustado su horario de negocio y entrega de donaciones. Son los siguiente:

CERRADO Miércoles, 25 de Diciembre Sábado, 28 de Diciembre y Miércoles, 1º de Enero de 2025

NO van aceptar donaciones Sábado 21º de Diciembre hasta El Lunes 6 de Enero

Gracias a todos por todas su donaciones durante todo el año. Por su generosidad, tuvimos un año exitoso.

Deseándoles a todos una bendita Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo

St. Monica Pictorial Directory

Hi all, Our pictorial directory is growing. We have close to 300 families! Don't worry, you still have time to participate. Take those holiday family photos and send them in. Email your photo to:

Directory@saintmonicaconverse.net.

We will upload your photo, then send you a confirmation email with instructions on how to create your member account.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please email us at Directory@saintmonicaconverse.net. please email us with your name and phone number: 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

Hola a todos. Nuestro Directorio Pictórico está creciendo. ¡Tenemos cerca de 300 familias! No se preocupe, todavía está a tiempo de participar. Tome esas fotos familiares de vacaciones y envíelas. Envíe su foto por correo electrónico a: Directory@saintmonicaconverse.net.

Descargaremos su foto y luego le enviaremos un correo electrónico de confirmación con instrucciones sobre cómo crear su cuenta de miembro. Si tiene alguna pregunta o necesita ayuda, por favor envíenos un correo electrónico a: Directory@saintmonicaconverse.net. Por favor envíenos un correo electrónico con su nombre y número de teléfono. Después de recibirá un correo electrónico con información y un enlace sobre cómo participar. Para aquellos que enviaron sus correos electrónicos directamente con nosotros el Domingo, deberías poder crear un inicio de sesión con miembros.InstantChurchDirectory.com

Si tiene preguntas sobre el Directorio ilustrado, o tiene problemas para iniciar sesión en el sitio, envíe un correo electrónico a nosotros. ¡Estaremos encantados de ayudarle!

St. Monica's Young Adults

Presents

THE POLAR EXPRESS

Sunday December 22nd

At 12:30 pm

In The Parish Hall

*****Free Admission*****

Snacks & Drinks will be sold

Parents we ask that you stay with your children during the movie



Ministerio de Jóvenes Adultos

Presenta

EL EXPRESS POLAR

Domingo 22 de Diciembre

A las 12:30 pm

En el Salón Parroquial

***** Entrada Gratis *****

Venderán Bocado y Bebidas
Padres les pedimos que se queden con sus hijos durante la película

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

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.

We are excited to kick off the Jubilee year with two (2) additional bilingual Masses at 6:30pm on Thursday and Friday. We also will have our own pilgrim walk. More information to come next week.



Sitios de Peregrinación

El Dicasteryo 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.

Estamos emocionados de iniciar el año jubilar con dos (2) misas bilingües adicionales a las 6:30pm los Jueves y Viernes. También tendremos nuestra propia caminata de peregrinos. Mas información la próxima semana.

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!



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.

Allí nos vemos!

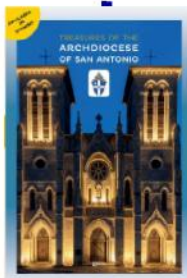
“Treasures of the Archdiocese of San Antonio”

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 1 more Sunday 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 queda 1 Domingo hasta la Navidad

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

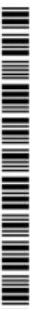
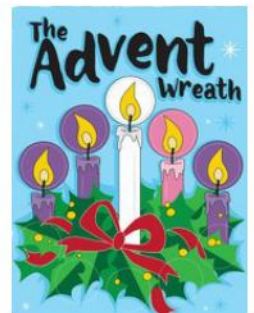
es una campaña anual que apoya a más de 30 ministerios compartidos que promueven la misión de la Iglesia Católica en nuestra área. La Apelación del Arzobispo ocurre todos los años porque la necesidad permanece cada año, no es una sola vez. Cuando quedan poco menos de 3 meses para la apelación de 2024, 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!
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December Special Masses Schedule / Horario especial de Misas de Diciembre



Advent Penance Service

Advent Penance Service ***Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento***

Tuesday December 17th 12 Noon—2pm
For the Young at Heart (The Elderly)
The sick and those who can't drive at night

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
6:00 pm Children Mass - English
8:00 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 1pm on Monday December 23rd
And will remain 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 la 1 de la tarde el Lunes, 23 de Diciembre
Y seguirá 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

1:00 & 3:00 pm Misa en Español

A Holy Day of Obligation / Santo Día de Obligación



*Solemnity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Mother of
God*

Religious Education Schedule

One (1) more class to end the year.

Last classes of the year:

Tuesday December 17th for EDGE

Wednesday December 18th for Religious Education

***Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a
Safe New Year !***

See you all next year. EDGE resumes on Tuesday Jan. 7th and Religious Education on Wednesday Jan. 8th.



Horario de Educacion Religiosa

Una (1) clase mas para finalizar el ano:

Ultimas clases del ano:

Martes 17 de Diciembre para EDGE

Miércoles, 18 de Diciembre para Educación Religiosa

***Deseándoles a todos una muy Feliz Navidad
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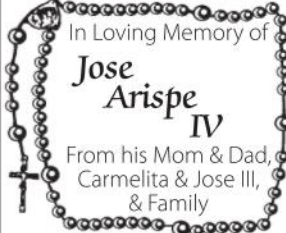
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Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm (English)

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

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

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1st FRIDAY MASS:

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