

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

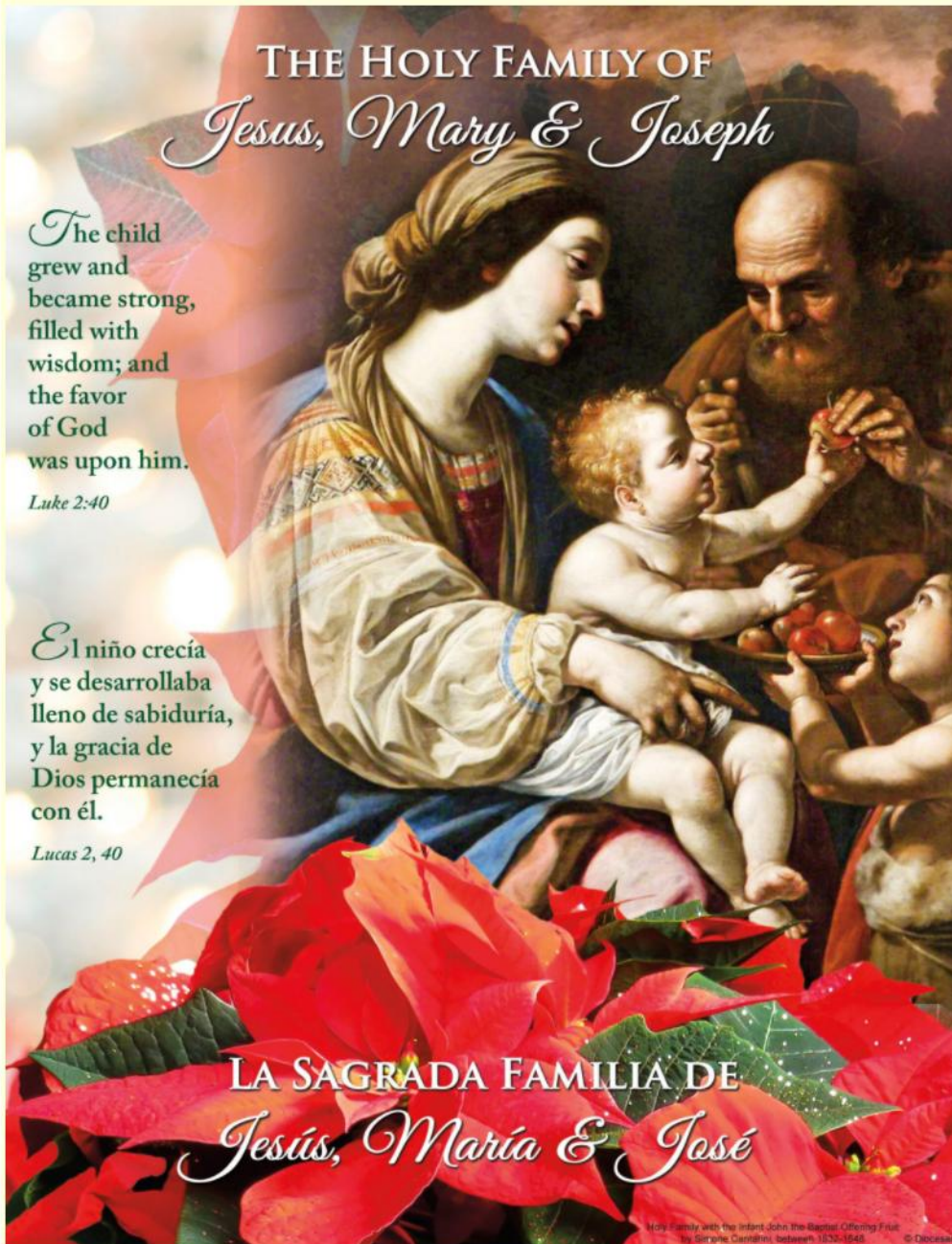
THE HOLY FAMILY OF
Jesus, Mary & Joseph

The child
grew and
became strong,
filled with
wisdom; and
the favor
of God
was upon him.

Luke 2:40

El niño crecía
y se desarrollaba
lleno de sabiduría,
y la gracia de
Dios permanecía
con él.

Lucas 2, 40



LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE
Jesús, María & José

Pastor:

Fr. Thumma Prathap

Email: pator@saintmonicaconverse.net

Parochial Vicar:

Fr. Rafael Antonio Lopez-Negroni

Email: rlopez@saintmonicaconverse.net

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 Mon.-Fri.
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

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, Francisco Valenzuela

*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 30th

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

Tuesday/Martes, December 31st

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

Vigil Mass/ 6:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma

Parish will close at 3pm /Oficina parroquial cerrar at las 3pm

Wednesday/Miércoles, January 1st

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

Solemnidad de María Santísima, Madre de Dios

Mass/Misa 9:00 a.m. Fr. Thumma

Mass/Misa 11:00 a.m. Fr. Thumma

Mass/Misa (Español) 1:00 p.m. Fr. Rafael

Mass/Misa (Español) 3:00 p.m. Fr. Rafael

Happy New Year / Feliz Año Nuevo

In observance of New Year's the parish office will be closed

NO Confessions / NO Confesiones

Thursday/Jueves, January 2nd

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

Mass/Misa (Bilingual/Bilingüe) 6:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma

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

Friday/Viernes, January 3rd

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

Mass/ Misa (Español) 7:00 p.m. Fr. Rafael

Saturday/Sábado, January 4th

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. David

Epiphany of the Lord

Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor

Sunday/Domingo, January 5th

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

Mass Intentions

Mon	12/30	8:15 a.m. (SI) Justin Payton (SI) Nick Luera † Jennifer Silk
Tue	12/31	8:15 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory † Guadalupe Delgado 6:30 p.m. † Rosario Pelayo
Wed	1/1	9:00 a.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners † Chuck Preda † Celia Barrera † Josefina Honesto 11:00 a.m. (SI) Aderah Family (SI) Boyode Family 1:00 p.m. † Rosario Pelayo 3:00 p.m. (SI) St. Monica Parishioners
Thurs	1/2	8:15 a.m. (B) Luke Armentia † Marcy C. 6:30 p.m. (SI) For the Jubilee Pilgrims † Rosario Pelayo
Fri.	1/3	8:15 p.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory 7:00 p.m. † Marina Ortiz † Rosario Pelayo
Sat.	1/4	9:30 a.m. † Rosario Pelayo 5:30 p.m. (SI) Nick, Karen & Jason Luera (SI) Todd, & Stacy Roberts & Family † Theodore & Margaret Rose † Warren & Shirly Downs
Sun.	1/5	7:30 a.m. (SI) Charlie, Edi & Mike Wheeler † Linda Knuepper 9:15 a.m. † Manuel Gonzalez † Hector Balderas 11:00 a.m. † Irma Kotanan † Dale Wilson † Reynold & Alicia Gonzalez 1:00 p.m. (A) Martin & Delia Sanchez (SI) Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Católico (SI) David & Kristy Sanchez † Josefina Fabian 3:00 p.m. † Rosario Pelayo 5:00 p.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners † Mary Spaeth † Ray Spaeth 7:00 p.m. (SI) St. Monica Parishioners

COLLECTIONS

December 22nd will be posted in the
January 5th bulletin

January 5th NO Second Collection:



The Sanctuary Lamp is for the repose soul of:

Jennifer Silk

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.

Are you thinking twice about attending this pilgrimage? Do you have questions? Come and get all your questions answered and sign up to attend: **Thursday January 9, 2025 @ 6:30 pm** in the **Mollicone building Room #102**

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.

¿Está pensando dos veces antes de asistir a este peregrinaje? ¿Tiene preguntas? Venga y obtenga respuestas a todas sus preguntas e inscribábase para asistir: **Jueves 9 de Enero de 2025 a las 6:30 pm** en el edificio **Mollicone Cuarto #102**

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

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Peregrinación Natividad

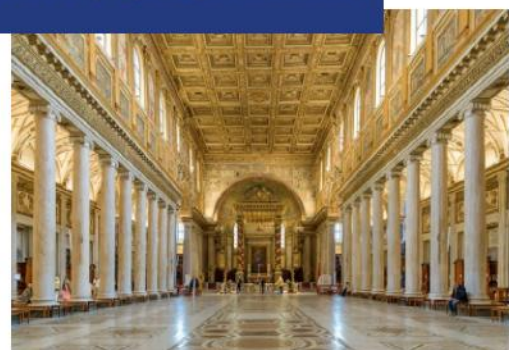
Donde la Fe se Encuentra con la Aventura

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,

As we step into the new year, let us pause to reflect on the blessings of the past year and look forward with hope and gratitude for all that God has in store for us. The start of a new year is not just a time for resolutions but a moment to renew our commitment to living as disciples of Jesus Christ, bearing witness to His love and mercy in our lives.

God's Blessings and Gratitude: First and foremost, I wish each of you a blessed and joyful New Year filled with God's abundant blessings. May His grace guide you, His peace sustain you, and His love surround you throughout the coming year. Let us give thanks for the countless blessings we have received as individuals and as a parish community.

Starting Anew in Christ: The beginning of a new year offers us an opportunity to recommit ourselves to our faith journey. St. Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" Let us embrace this new year as a chance to grow closer to Christ, leaving behind the old ways and embracing the new life He offers us.

Witnesses to Jesus Christ: As members of St. Monica Parish, we are called to be witnesses to Jesus Christ in our families, workplaces, and communities. Pope Francis encourages us, saying, "Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization." Let us resolve to share the Gospel with joy and authenticity, reflecting Christ's light to those around us.

Trusting in God's Providence: As we embark on this new year, let us entrust our hopes, dreams, and concerns to God's loving care. Proverbs 16:9 reminds us, "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." May we seek His will in all that we do, trusting that He will guide us along the path of righteousness and fulfill His plans for us.

Conclusion: In conclusion, let us approach this new year with hearts full of faith, hope, and love. May we strive to deepen our relationship with Christ, live as His disciples, and spread His message of salvation to all we encounter. Together, as a parish community, let us journey into this new year with confidence, knowing that God goes before us and walks beside us every step of the way. May God bless you abundantly in this new year, and may His peace reign in your hearts and homes. God Bless America.

Yours Truly,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

December 28th & 29th 2024

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

Querida familia de Santa Mónica,

Al comenzar el nuevo año, hagamos una pausa para reflexionar sobre las bendiciones del año pasado y miremos hacia adelante con esperanza y gratitud por todo lo que Dios tiene reservado para nosotros. El comienzo de un nuevo año no es solo un momento para tomar resoluciones, sino un momento para renovar nuestro compromiso de vivir como discípulos de Jesucristo, dando testimonio de su amor y misericordia en nuestras vidas.

Bendiciones y gratitud de Dios: En primer lugar, deseo a cada uno de ustedes un Año Nuevo bendecido y lleno de alegría, lleno de las abundantes bendiciones de Dios. Que Su gracia los guíe, Su paz los sostenga y Su amor los rodee durante el año que viene. Demos gracias por las innumerables bendiciones que hemos recibido como individuos y como comunidad parroquial.

Comenzar de nuevo en Cristo: El comienzo de un nuevo año nos ofrece la oportunidad de volver a comprometernos con nuestro camino de fe. San Pablo nos recuerda en 2 Corintios 5:17: "Por lo tanto, si alguno está en Cristo, es una nueva creación: ¡lo viejo pasó, es ya nuevo!" Abracemos este nuevo año como una oportunidad para acercarnos más a Cristo, dejando atrás las viejas costumbres y abrazando la nueva vida que Él nos ofrece.

Testigos de Jesucristo: Como miembros de la Parroquia Santa Mónica, estamos llamados a ser testigos de Jesucristo en nuestras familias, lugares de trabajo y comunidades. El Papa Francisco nos anima diciendo: "Todo cristiano tiene el reto, aquí y ahora, de participar activamente en la evangelización". Resolvamos compartir el Evangelio con alegría y autenticidad, reflejando la luz de Cristo a quienes nos rodean.

Confianza en la Providencia de Dios: Al embarcarnos en este nuevo año, confiemos nuestras esperanzas, sueños y preocupaciones al cuidado amoroso de Dios. Proverbios 16:9 nos recuerda: "El hombre traza su camino en su corazón, pero el Señor endereza sus pasos". Busquemos Su voluntad en todo lo que hagamos, confiando en que Él nos guiará por el camino de la rectitud y cumplirá sus planes para nosotros.

Conclusión: Para concluir, abordemos este nuevo año con corazones llenos de fe, esperanza y amor. Esforcémonos por profundizar nuestra relación con Cristo, vivir como sus discípulos y difundir su mensaje de salvación a todos los que nos encontremos. Juntos, como comunidad parroquial, avancemos hacia este nuevo año con confianza, sabiendo que Dios va delante de nosotros y camina a nuestro lado en cada paso del camino. Que Dios los bendiga abundantemente en este nuevo año y que su paz reine en sus corazones y hogares. Dios bendiga a Estados Unidos.

Atentamente,

Padre Thumma Prathap

28 y 29 de Diciembre 2024



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 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.

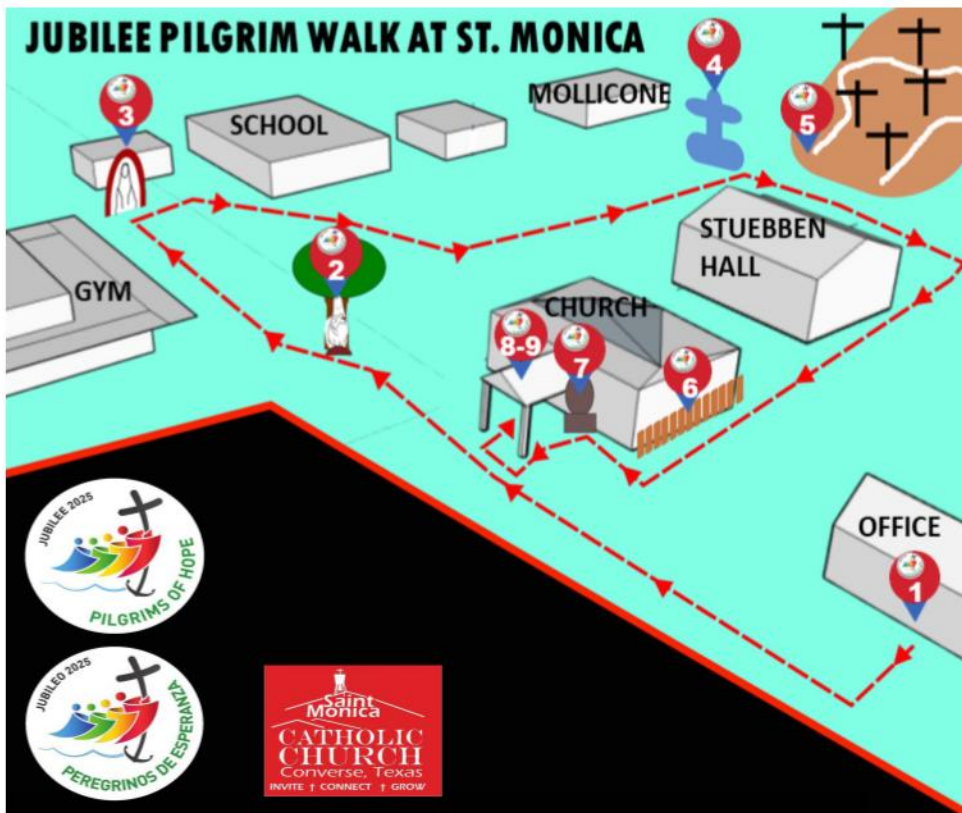
El Arzobispo Gustavo ha aprobado los sitios de peregrinación designados para celebrar el Jubileo dentro de la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio.

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. 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.

Welcome to the Jubilee Pilgrim Walk 2025 at St. Monica Catholic Church

Bienvenidos al Camino Jubilar del Peregrino 2025 en la Iglesia Católica de Santa Mónica



1. Hospitality Gift (Collect at the office)
Paquete de Regalo
2. Path of Grace:
St, Monica’s intercession
Camino de la Intercesión de Santa Mónica
3. Marian Way:
Our Lady of Fatima
Camino Mariano:
Nuestra Señora de Fátima
4. Remembrance Garden
Jardín de Memorias
5. Journey of the Cross
El Camino de la Cruz
6. Wall of Hope / Intentions
Muro de Esperanza
7. Memorial to the Unborn
Memorial a los No Nacidos
8. Sacred Sanctuary
Santuario Sagrado
9. Chapel of Divine Adoration
Capilla de la Adoración Divina

We pray that this short journey through our campus provides time for deep reflection and an experience of spiritual closeness to God!

Oremos para que este corto recorrido por nuestro campus brinde tiempo para una reflexión profunda y una experiencia de cercanía espiritual a Dios!

What Is a Jubilee Year?

A Jubilee Year is traditionally proclaimed by the Universal Church every 25 years. It is a year set aside to encourage the faithful to embark on pilgrimages, to repent of their sins, to forgive the sins of others, and to renew a focus on the spiritual life. In the Hebrew tradition, as recorded in Leviticus, a Jubilee was celebrated every 50 years with the freeing of slaves and the forgiveness of debts. In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII instituted the first Christian Jubilee, and since then the Catholic Church has designated each new Jubilee as a special year of grace and forgiveness. The 2025 Jubilee will be centered on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." As His Holiness Pope Francis stated: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

The Jubilee begins on December 24, 2024 and it continues through January 6, 2026, the Feast of Epiphany.

Que es un Año de Jubileo?

La Iglesia Universal proclama tradicionalmente un Año Jubilar cada 25 años. Es un año reservado para animar a los fieles a embarcarse en peregrinaciones, arrepentirse de sus pecados, perdonar los pecados de los demás y renovar su enfoque en la vida espiritual. En la tradición Hebrea, tal como consta en el Levítico, se celebraba un Jubileo cada 50 años con la liberación de los esclavos y el perdón de las deudas. En 1300, el Papa Bonifacio VIII instituyó el primer Jubileo Cristiano y desde entonces la Iglesia Católica ha designado cada nuevo Jubileo como un año especial de gracia y perdón. El Jubileo de 2025 se centrará en el tema "Peregrinos de la Esperanza". Como afirmó Su Santidad el Papa Francisco: "Debemos avivar la llama de la esperanza que se nos ha dado y ayudar a todos a adquirir nuevas fuerzas y certezas mirando hacia el futuro con un espíritu abierto, un corazón confiado y una visión con visión de futuro".

El Jubileo comienza el 24 de Diciembre de 2024 y continúa hasta el 6 de Enero de 2026, la Fiesta de la Epifanía.

**Jubilee / Jubileo 2024-25**

Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024 until Tuesday, Jan 6, 2026
Domingo, 29 de Diciembre 2024 al Martes, 6 de Enero 2026

Sunday / Domingo, February 16, 2025 at 11am for Vocations / Vocaciones
 Celebrant: Auxiliary Bishop Gary

Friday / Viernes, March 28, 2025

24 Hours for the Lord / 24 Horas para el Señor
 Eucharistic Adoration with Sacrament of Confession /
 Adoración Eucarística con Sacramento de la Confesión

Saturday / Sabado, October 25, 2025

A Day of Prayer and Reconciliation / Un Día de Oración y Reconciliación
 Every Thursday 6:30pm Bilingual Pilgrim Mass - Followed by Holy Hour
 Cada Jueves 6:30pm Misa de Peregrino Bilingüe - Seguido por Hora Santa

1st Friday Spanish Mass 7pm / Primer Viernes Misa en Español 7pm
 Every Other Friday 6:30pm Bilingual Pilgrim Mass
 Cada Otro Viernes 6:30pm Misa de Peregrino Bilingüe

Lenten evening mass: everyday at 6:30 pm / Misa Vespertina de Cuaresma: todos los días a las 6:30pm

Healing Mass with Confessions / Misa de Sanación con Confesiones

Confessions begin / Confesiones comienzan @ 5pm
 Mass begins / Misa comienza @ 7pm

January 17, 2025 Friday / Viernes

May 14, 2025 Wednesday / Miércoles

August 6, 2025 Wednesday / Miércoles

October 30, 2025 Thursday / Jueves

Every Saturday Morning / Todos los Sábados por la Mañana

Rosary 9am followed by 9:30 am Bilingual Pilgrim Mass / Misa de Peregrino Bilingüe

St. Monica, pray for us.



Santa Mónica. ruega por nosotros.

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

CLOSED Wed. January 1, 2025

NO Donations will be accepted 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 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, 1° de Enero de 2025

NO aceptaremos donaciones 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 un 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

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The Knights of Columbus

next diaper drive will be on **January 1th - 18th.**

The Guadalupe Home is a Catholic charity co-founded by our beloved parishioner, Rose Marie O'Conner. As a transitional living program, it provides homeless expectant mothers a safe place to live while nurturing their babies. The home also encourages mothers to become independent, creating a new life for their families.

Baby Needs Wish List:

- Diapers: Sizes #3, #5, & #6
- Pull-ups 4T/5T & 5T/6T
- Baby Wipes & Paper Towels
- Baby Food & Similac Milk
- Tylenol for infants & children
- First Aid & Hygiene Items
- Laundry Detergent (Small Size)
- Twin Blankets for Winter
- Kids Toothbrush & Toothpaste

Please place your donations in the baby crib located in the church foyer and thank you for your support.. May God Bless!

Local Babies Need Your Help



the great Diaper Drive

Caballeros de Colon

Próximo colecta de pañales será **Enero 11 - 18.**

La Casa de Guadalupe es una Caridad Católica fundado por una de nuestras amadas feligrases, Rose Marie O'Conner. Es un programa de vivienda de transición que proporciona futuras madres sin hogar un lugar seguro mientras cuidan sus

bebes. La casa alienta madres a ser independiente, creando una nueva vida para sus familias.

Lista de Deseos de Necesidades Esenciales para Bebe:

- Pañales: Medida #3, #5, y #6
- Pull-ups medida 4T/5T y 5T/6T
- Toallitas Húmeda y Toallas de Papel
- Ropa y Zapatos de Bebe
- Comida de bebe y Leche Similac
- Tylenol para infantes y niños, Cepillos y pasta de diente
- Detergentes para ropa Colchas medida "Twin"
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Favor de poner sus donaciones en la cuna de bebe localizado en el vestíbulo de la iglesia y gracias por su apoyo. Que Dios los Bendiga !



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**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

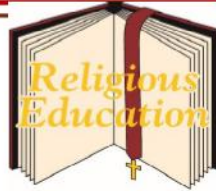
1:00 & 3:00 pm Misa en Español

A Holy Day of Obligation / Santo Día de Obligación

Parish Office will be closed/ La oficina de la parroquia estará cerrada

Religious Education Schedule

*Wishing all a Safe and
Happy New Year !*



Horario de Educación Religiosa

*Deseándoles a todos un
Seguro y Feliz Año Nuevo!*

See you all next year.

EDGE resumes on Tuesday Jan. 7th and Religious Education on Wednesday Jan. 8th.

Los vemos a todos el próximo año.

EDGE se vuelve reunir el Martes, 7 de Enero y Educación Religiosa el Miércoles, 8 de Enero.

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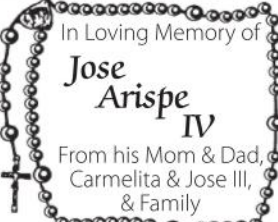
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Weekdays: 8:15 a.m. (Mon-Fri)

Saturday: 9 am Holy Rosary

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

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

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