

St. Monica Catholic Church

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A Pilgrimage Site of the Archdiocese of San Antonio



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Working Hours:

Mon., Tue., Thur., & Fri.

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.**

PRESENTATION of the LORD PRESENTACIÓN del SEÑOR



***Prayer:** Saint Agatha, you offered your life to Christ and your divine Spouse and were faithful to your last breath. Please pray for me, that I may learn from the witness of your life to be single-hearted in my fidelity to the will of God and devoted to Him above all earthly fears and evils, trusting in Him until the end. Saint Agatha, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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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

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*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, Olga B., 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, Manuel M., Lucy Barajas, Tim Knotts, Lisa Lee, Douglas, Tyler Acosta, Jo-Ann Case, Brenda, Diane Thatcher, 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, Vanessa P., Nicanora Rodriguez, Paul D., Angel Cantu, Barbara Garza, Evan Pesek, Laura Cynthia Peters, Bill Eastman, Rose, Felix Davila, Ernesto Sosa, Robert, Adam Thomas, Melissa, Michael Burgos, Christine, Pawlick family, Rhonda Hogan, Barbara Rials, Trini & Jackie Cantú, Tony Rippy, Edwardo Guevara, Adalene, Janet Hillson, Pablo Martinez, Aleda, Lucy Zamora, Ariel & Clara Casiano, Donelia Jimenez, Jeannie & Paul, Maria Ramos, Roland Guerra, Anna Cortez, Ignacio Urabazo, Becky Cortez, Francis, Judy Gutierrez Kahn, Alfredo Covarrubias & family, Sergio Martinez Ortiz, Rocio Martinez Ortiz, Derrick Hensley, Edith, Blanca, Juan Esquivel, Rocio Martinez, Hector Balderas, Rob Wick, Diana Palomo, Vicky Guevara, Mary Angel Garcia, Manuel Lozano, Sylvia Gonzales, Sophia Pusateri, Jose Reyes, John Baldwin, Manuel & Tenchia Trevino, Julie Martinez, Anna Roberta Kotso, Nicholas Kerwin, Nick Ramos, Maria Luisa Nieto, Daniela Basulto, Joann & Sebastian, Carlos Alberto Garcia, Donna Ann Salinas, Michael Thompson, Mary Lou Thompson, Camelia Pineda, Maya Kadinca Roa, Karen Margarita Gomez Roa, Leticia Carmelino, Francisco Valenzuela, Jose Soltero, Ernesto Maestas, Nicole Marie Mondani,

Please pray for the sick



Altar Flowers for this week are for:
Saint Monica's ACTS Ministry

Sanctuary Lamp is for a special intention for:
Saint Monica's ACTS Ministry



COLLECTIONS

January 19th \$ 12,873.00
Online collection \$ 2,929.00

2nd Collection for Church in Latin America \$ 2,402.00
Collection for St. Monica School \$ 1,010.00

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 124.00
Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 30.00

February 9TH Second Collection:
Saint Vincent de Paul Society

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

Having a Mass said for a specific prayer intention is a wonderful way to glorify God. You may request a Mass, to be said for a living or deceased person, or for a particular intention. Mass intentions provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of anniversaries and birthdays, and additional prayers for a deceased loved one.

You may also light the sanctuary lamp or provide flowers in memory of a loved one, for a birthday, or for a special \ intention. The sanctuary lamp and flowers for the altar are lit for a week (Saturday through Friday). We recommend flowers be ordered at least 3 weeks in advance for \$25 per arrangement. A donation of \$10 is requested per Mass and for the sanctuary lamp.

Ofrecer una Misa para una intención específica de oración es una manera maravillosa de glorificar a Dios. Usted puede solicitar una misa para una persona viva o fallecida, o para una intención particular. Las intenciones de Misa brindan oportunidades para el recuerdo en oración de aniversarios y cumpleaños, y oraciones adicionales por un ser querido fallecido. * También puede encender la Lampara del Santuario o regalar Flores en recuerdo de un ser querido, para un cumpleaños o para una intención especial. La Lampara del Santuario y las Flores para el Altar son iluminado durante una semana (de Sábado a Viernes). Recomendamos que pidan las flores con al menos 3 semanas de anticipación por \$25 cada arreglo. Se solicita una donación de \$10 por Misa y para la Lampara del Santuario.

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, February 3rd

*Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr / St. Ansgar, Bishop
Memorial de San Blas, Obispo y Mártir / San Oscar, Obispo*

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

Tuesday/Martes, February 4th

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

Wednesday/Miércoles, February 5th

*Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Memorial de Santa Agata, Virgen y Mártir*

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

Confessions / Confesiones 5:30 p.m.

Thursday/Jueves, February 6th

*Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Memorial de Santos Pablo Miki y Companeros, Mártires*

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

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

Holy Hour / Hora Santa 7:15 p.m.

Friday/Viernes, February 7th

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

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

Saturday/Sábado, February 8th

*Memorial of St. Jerome Emiliani & Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM
Memorial del San Jeronimo Emiliani y Santa Josefina Bakhita, Virgen; BVM*

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. Thumma
& Dcn. Sean

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**5^o Domingo Ordinario****Sunday/Domingo, February 9th**

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

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

11:00 a.m. Fr. Thumma
& Dcn. Luis

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

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

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

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



Mon	2/3	8:15 a.m. (SI) Those suffering from mental illness
Tue	2/4	8:15 a.m. † Louis S. Quintanilla † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed	2/5	8:15 a.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners (B) Maria Gutierrez † Vincent Balderas † Preston Trinkle
Thurs	2/6	8:15 a.m. † Charlie Scherbarth 6:30 p.m. (SI) For the Jubilee Pilgrims
Fri.	2/7	8:15 p.m. (SI) Guadalupano Ministry (B) Maria Gutierrez † Holy Souls in Purgatory 6:30 p.m. For the Jubilee Pilgrims
Sat.	2/8	9:30 a.m. (SI) For the Jubilee Pilgrims 5:30 p.m. † Leissa Sutton
Sun.	2/9	7:30 a.m. (SI) Ron Kirby & Family † Billy R. Payton † Mary Kirby 9:15 a.m. † Thomas A. Castillo † Leo & Victoria Salinas † Andrew Salinas 11:00 a.m. † Irma Kotanan † Mark T. Gonzalez † Lupe Chagoya † Gregoria Brooks † Raquel De La Garza 1:00 p.m. (B) Maria Gutierrez † Uvaldo Cantu 3:00 p.m. (SI) Feligreses de Santa Monica 5:00 p.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners (SI) Dunlavy Family † Jesus T. Alvarado † John Campbell † Claudia Montoya 7:00 p.m. (SI) St. Monica Parishioners

**The Blessing of the Throats in 2025
will take place on
Monday, February 3,
after the 8:15 am Mass.**



The Feast of Saint Blaise, the blessing is a traditional Catholic ceremony that involves candles and a prayer for protection from throat illnesses.

**La Bendición de las Gargantas en 2025
se llevara a cabo el Lunes, 3 de Febrero, después de la Misa de la 8:15 am.**

La Fiesta de San Blas, la bendición es un Ceremonia Católica tradicional que involucre velas y una oración de protección contra enfermedades de garganta.

“Pastor’s Voice”

**Feast of St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Feb. 5, 2025**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On February 5, we celebrate the feast of **St. Agatha**, a courageous young woman whose life of faith and martyrdom continues to inspire us today. St. Agatha is known for her unwavering commitment to Christ, even in the face of great suffering and persecution. Her story is a powerful reminder of the strength that faith in God can provide, even in the most difficult of circumstances.

St. Agatha was born in Sicily in the early 3rd century and dedicated her life to Christ as a virgin. She was known for her beauty and virtue, which attracted the attention of a Roman official who sought to have her marry him. When she refused and remained steadfast in her commitment to God, she was subjected to horrific torture and eventually martyred for her faith. Despite the brutality she endured, St. Agatha remained unshaken in her belief in Christ, offering her suffering as a witness to His love and truth.

St. Agatha’s courage in the face of persecution is an example for all of us. As we reflect on her life, we are reminded of the importance of remaining true to our faith, even when it is challenged or when we face difficult circumstances. St. Agatha’s purity of heart and her commitment to Christ are qualities that we should strive to cultivate in our own lives.

St. Agatha is also the patron saint of those suffering from illnesses of the breasts, particularly breast cancer. Her intercession is invoked by many who seek healing and strength in their own times of physical and emotional distress. As we celebrate her feast day, let us remember all those who are suffering and offer our prayers for their healing and comfort.

In today’s world, where we are often faced with choices that challenge our beliefs, St. Agatha’s example serves as a beacon of hope and strength. Her life reminds us that, even when we face adversity, we are called to stand firm in our faith and trust in the love and protection of God.

Let us turn to St. Agatha in prayer, asking for her intercession to help us remain faithful to Christ and to give us the courage to stand firm in our beliefs. May we also remember all those who are suffering, and offer our prayers for their strength and healing.

May St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, pray for us, and may her example inspire us to live lives of holiness, courage, and unwavering faith in God.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

February 1st & 2nd 2025

“Voz del Pastor”

**Fiesta de Santa Ágata, Virgen y Mártir
5 de Febrero de 2025**

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

El 5 de Febrero celebramos la fiesta de **Santa Ágata**, una joven valiente cuya vida de fe y martirio continúa inspirándonos hoy. Santa Ágata es conocida por su compromiso inquebrantable con Cristo, incluso frente a un gran sufrimiento y persecución. Su historia es un poderoso recordatorio de la fuerza que la fe en Dios puede brindar, incluso en las circunstancias más difíciles.

Santa Ágata nació en Sicilia a principios del siglo III y dedicó su vida a Cristo como virgen. Era conocida por su belleza y virtud, lo que atrajo la atención de un funcionario Romano que buscaba que se casara con él. Cuando ella se negó y se mantuvo firme en su compromiso con Dios, fue sometida a horribles torturas y finalmente martirizada por su fe. A pesar de la brutalidad que soportó, Santa Ágata permaneció inquebrantable en su creencia en Cristo, ofreciendo su sufrimiento como testimonio de Su amor y verdad.

La valentía de Santa Ágata frente a la persecución es un ejemplo para todos nosotros. Al reflexionar sobre su vida, recordamos la importancia de permanecer fieles a nuestra fe, incluso cuando se ve desafiada o cuando enfrentamos circunstancias difíciles. La pureza de corazón de Santa Ágata y su compromiso con Cristo son cualidades que debemos esforzarnos por cultivar en nuestras propias vidas. Santa Ágata es también la santa patrona de quienes padecen enfermedades de los senos, en particular cáncer del seno. Su intercesión es invocada por muchos que buscan sanación y fortaleza en sus propios momentos de angustia física y emocional. Mientras celebramos su fiesta, recordemos a todos aquellos que sufren y ofrezcamos nuestras oraciones por su curación y consuelo.

En el mundo actual, donde a menudo nos enfrentamos a decisiones que desafían nuestras creencias, el ejemplo de Santa Ágata sirve como un faro de esperanza y fortaleza. Su vida nos recuerda que, incluso cuando enfrentamos la adversidad, estamos llamados a mantenernos firmes en nuestra fe y confiar en el amor y la protección de Dios.

Acudamos a Santa Ágata en oración, pidiéndole su intercesión para ayudarnos a permanecer fieles a Cristo y darnos el valor para mantenernos firmes en nuestras creencias. Que también recordemos a todos aquellos que están sufriendo y ofrezcamos nuestras oraciones por su fortaleza y curación.

Que Santa Ágata, Virgen y Mártir, ruegue por nosotros y que su ejemplo nos inspire a vivir vidas de santidad, valentía y fe inquebrantable en Dios.

Suyo en Cristo,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

1 y 2 de Febrero de 2025

St. Monica, pray for us.



Santa Mónica. ruega por nosotros.

Thank you every one for sending in your pictures of birthday's, wedding anniversary and special accomplishments.

May Our Dear Lord watch over all of you and your families, may your lives always be filled with God's blessings.

Turn in your **March** birthdays, anniversary or accomplishment picture by **Sunday Feb. 23rd** to: parish@saintmonicaconverse.net or come by the parish office

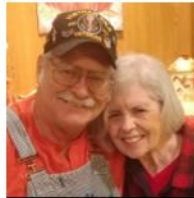
Gracias a todos los que mandaron sus fotos de cumpleaños, aniversario de bodas y ocasiones especiales.

Que nuestro amado Señor los cuide al igual que a sus familias, y que sus vidas estén siempre llenas de las bendiciones de Dios.

Manden sus fotos de los cumpleaños, aniversario, ocasiones especiales de **Marzo para el Lunes, 23 de Febrero** a: parish@saintmonicaconverse.net o passé por la oficina.



Happy Birthday Ivanna Zinkeng



Happy Birthday Patrick O'Leary Feb. 1st



Happy Birthday Peighton Strozesky February 22



Happy Birthday Úrsula Martínez Feb. 19th



Happy Birthday Eloisa Peralta Feb. 29th



Happy Birthday Janet Swanson Feb. 16th



Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary & Christina Garza



Happy Birthday Nancy Zepeda Feb. 22nd



Happy Birthday Giselle Zamago Feb. 16th



Happy Birthday Missy Martínez Feb. 11th



Happy Birthday Roberto Garcia Feb. 26th

What a great time to server in the Mass. (Jubilee Year) Below you will see the times and date of our upcoming trainings for Eucharist Ministers, Lector and Altar Servers. If you have any questions please call the office 210-658-3816

Mass Servers Needed



Tuesday Feb 11th - Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion Spanish
Tuesday Feb 18th - Altar Servers

Que buen momento para servir en la Misa. (Año Jubilar). A continuación podrá ver los horarios y las fechas de nuestras próximas capacitaciones para Ministros de Eucaristía, Lectores y Monaguillos. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame la oficina 210-658-3816.

Martes Feb 11 - Ministros Eucarísticos de Sagrada Comunión en Español
Martes Feb 18 - Monaguillos



St. Monica's Teen ACTS Retreat will be held March 13-16, at Slumber Falls Camp in New Braunfels.

It will be a fun activity-filled three day retreat where you can grow in your faith and have a better relationship with God! The cost is \$200, however, financial assistance is available. For more details, contact Lyle Pearce at 210-913-5585 or Mrs. Toni Espinoza at 956-493-3867



Retiro ACTS para Adolescentes de Santa Mónica Se llevara a cabo del 13-16 de Marzo, En Slumber Falls Camp en New Braunfels.

Sera un retiro de tres días lleno de actividades divertidos donde podrá crecer en su fe y tener una mejor relación con Dios! El costo es de \$200; hay asistencia financiera disponible. Para obtener mas detalles, comuníquese con Lyle Pearce en 210-913-5585 o Sra. Toni Espinoza en 956-493-3867

Calling all the men at St. Monica!

The Catholic Men's Conference is coming to San Antonio again on **Saturday, February 22 2025!** We invite all men from our parish to attend this awesome event. The rate is \$65 and it includes breakfast tacos, lunch, and a day full of reflection, prayer, and fun! The St. Monica Men's ministry would like to form a group from St. Monica to attend the Conference together. The Catholic Men's Conference will be at the Holy Trinity Banquet Hall this year and it promises to be better than ever!!



If you would like to be included in the St. Monica Men's Group, please indicate your interest below and we will coordinate carpooling. Please register ASAP and let us know that you would like to sit together with others from St. Monica. Contact Timo Zepeda, (210) 410-7647, Steve Steele (808) 721-3074 or Tony Canez (210) 857-0789 with any questions.

Llamando a los hombres de Sta. Mónica!!

La Conferencia para Hombres Católicos viene de nuevo a San Antonio el **Sábado 22 de Febrero, 2025!** Invitamos a todos los hombres de nuestra parroquia a atender este gran evento. El precio es \$65 e incluye tacos de desayuno, lonche, y un día lleno de reflexión, oración, y diversión! El Ministerio de Hombres de Sta. Mónica quiere formar un grupo de Sta. Mónica para atender juntos a la Conferencia. La a conferencia para Hombres

Católicos este año será en el Salón de Banquetes de la Santísima Trinidad y promete ser mejor que nunca!! Si le gustaría ser incluido en el Grupo de Hombres de Sta. Mónica, por favor indique su interés debajo y coordinaremos el compartir coches. Por favor regístrese los antes posible y díganos si quiere sentarse junto con otros de Sta. Mónica. Contacte a Timo Zepeda (210)410-7647, Steve Steele (808)721-3074, o Tony Cañez (210)857-0789 con cualquier pregunta.

We invite you to join us on a special spiritual retreat for women serving and women who have served in our Armed Forces. It is an extraordinary weekend focusing on your faith, its application to daily life, your presence at the liturgy and building purpose in your prayer life. Cultivate friendships with other military women of faith during the retreat that takes place April 10 – 13, 2025 at the St Anthony de Padua Retreat Center. The retreat will begin Thursday evening at our sponsoring parish, St Monica's, with check-in starting at 5 pm. The weekend will conclude following a small reception on Sunday after the 11 am mass at St. Monica's for you and your family. The cost of the retreat is \$220. To guarantee your spot, a deposit of \$50 is required. Feel free to use the QR code to register or go by the office and fill out an application.



La invitamos a unirse a nosotros en un retiro espiritual especial para mujeres en servicio y mujeres que han servido en nuestras Fuerzas Armadas. Es un fin de semana extraordinario que se centra en su fe, su aplicación a la vida diaria, su presencia en la liturgia y la construcción de un propósito en su vida de oración. Cultive amistades con otras mujeres militares de fe durante el retiro que se llevará a cabo del 10 al 13 de Abril de 2025 en el Centro de Retiros San Antonio de Padua. El retiro comenzará el Jueves por la noche en nuestra parroquia patrocinadora, Santa Mónica, y el registro comenzará a las 5 p. m. El fin de semana concluirá luego de una pequeña recepción el Domingo después de la misa de las 11 am en Santa Mónica para usted y su familia. El costo del retiro es de \$220. Para garantizar su lugar, se requiere un depósito de \$50. No dude en utilizar el código QR para registrarse o pasar por la oficina y llenar una solicitud.

PLEASE NOTE: Confidential scholarships are available because financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending- contact one of the leadership team for details. A few weeks before the retreat, you will receive an email describing what you need to bring. If you have any questions before then, please feel free to reach out to us, we are here!

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TENGA EN CUENTA: Hay becas confidenciales disponibles porque las dificultades financieras no deberían impedir que nadie asista; comuníquese con alguien del equipo de liderazgo para obtener más detalles. Unas semanas antes del retiro, recibirá un correo electrónico describiendo lo que debe traer. Si tiene alguna pregunta antes de esa fecha, no dude en comunicarse con nosotros.

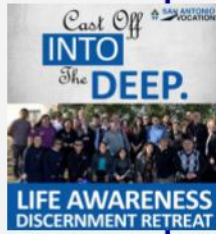
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Life Awareness Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend Retreat February 7-9, 2025

Starting Friday at 4 p.m. Ending Sunday 1 p.m.
Are you feeling called to a deeper relationship with God? Do you find yourself pondering a vocation to religious life or the priesthood?

Join us for a Discernment Vocation Weekend Retreat, "Life Awareness" designed for both men and women who are seeking to explore God's calling in their lives.

Why Attend? This retreat offers a unique opportunity to step away from the hustle and bustle of daily life, immerse yourself in prayer, and reflect on the path God may be leading you to. Throughout the weekend, you'll have the chance to: Engage in spiritual talks and guidance from experienced religious leaders. Spend time in quiet reflection and prayer. Participate in the sacraments, including Mass and Confession. Connect with others who are discerning their vocation. Receive personal guidance to help you in your discernment journey. This retreat is an excellent opportunity to seek clarity and peace in your discernment. Register by Fri., Jan. 31st Please contact Ms. Ana Bojorquez at 210-735- 0553 or abojoquez@archsa.org to confirm your participation or if you have any questions.



Retiro de Fin de Semana de Conciencia de Vida y Discernimiento de Vocaciones Religiosas 7-9 de Febrero, 2025

A partir del Viernes, 4:00 de la tarde, Terminando el Domingo 1:00 de la tarde. *Se siente llamado a una relación mas profunda con Dios? Se encuentra usted reflexionando sobre una vocación a la vida religiosa o al sacerdocio?*

Únase a nosotros para un Retiro de Fin de Semana de Discernimiento Vocacional, "Conciencia de Vida", diseñando tanto para hombres como para mujeres que buscan explorar el llamado de Dios en sus vidas. Este retiro es una excelente oportunidad para buscar claridad y paz en su discernimiento. **Por que Asistir?** Este retiro ofrece una oportunidad única para alejarse del ajetreo y el bullicio de la vida diaria, sumergirse en la oración y reflexionar sobre el camino al que Dios puede estar guiándolo. Durante el fin de semana, tendrá la oportunidad de: Participar en charlas espirituales y orientación de líderes religiosos con experiencia. Pasar tiempo en tranquila reflexión y oración. Conectar con otras personas que están discerniendo su vocación. Recibir orientación personal para ayudarle en su camino de discernimiento. Este retiro es una excelente oportunidad para buscar claridad y paz en su discernimiento. Regístrese antes del Viernes, 31 de Enero. Contacte a Srta. Ana Bojorquez al 210-735- 0553 o abojoquez@archsa.org para confirmar participación o si tiene preguntas.

You are invited to help foster a culture of stewardship here at St. Monica Catholic Church under the theme:

"St. Monica Serves – A Way of Stewardship."

As we embark on this new journey of stewardship, we are inviting eight dedicated parishioners to serve on our newly established Stewardship Committee. This committee will play a vital role in facilitating, identifying, and implementing ways for our entire parish community to share their Time, Talent, and Treasure in meaningful and impactful ways. The goal of this initiative is to build a welcoming community of faith, creating missionary disciples who make God's love visible through service to others. Stewardship is not merely about giving; it is about gratitude and using the gifts we have received from God to serve Him and our neighbors with joy and generosity. If you are interested to serve on the stewardship committee, please email your name, email and cell phone to stewardship@saintmonicaconverse.net



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

Están invitados a ayudar a fomentar una cultura de mayordomía aquí en nuestra Iglesia de Santa Mónica bajo el tema: "Santa Mónica Sirve: Una Forma de Mayordomía"

Mientras nos embarcamos en este nuevo camino de administración, estamos invitando a ocho dedicados feligreses para servir en nuestra nueva Comité de Administración. Este comité desempeñara un papel vital a la hora de facilitar, identificar e implementar formas para que toda nuestra comunidad parroquial pueda compartir su tiempo, talento y tesoro de manera significativa y maneras impactantes. El objetivo de esta iniciativa es construir una comunidad de fe acogedora, creando discípulos misioneros que hacen visible el amor de Dios a través del servicio a otros. Si esta interesado en formar parte del comité de administración, por favor envíenos un correo electrónico con su nombre, correo electrónico y teléfono celular a: stewardship@saintmonicaconverse.net

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 you took in December and send them 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

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please include to your email your name and phone number.

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 a: Directory@saintmonicaconverse.net.

Descargaremos su foto y luego le enviaremos un correo electrónico de confirmación con instrucciones sobre

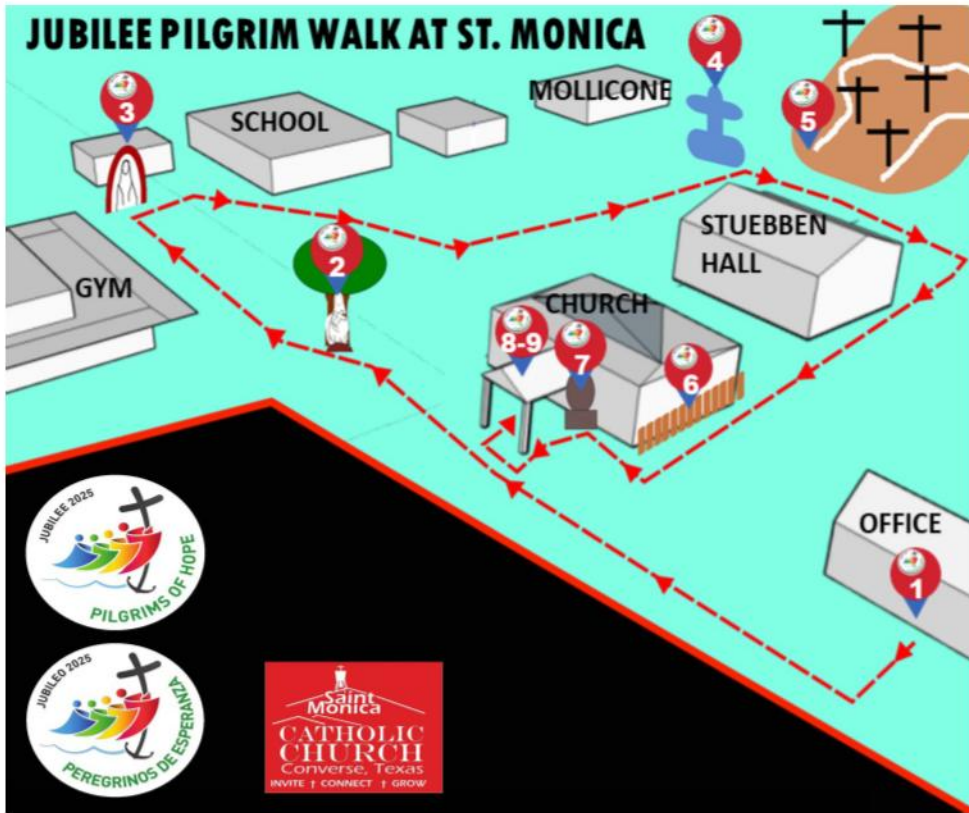
cómo crear su cuenta de miembro. Si tiene alguna pregunta o necesita ayuda, por favor envíenos un correo electrónico a:

Directory@saintmonicaconverse.net. Por favor incluya su nombre y número de teléfono.

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

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!

Maybe you can't go to all the 23 pilgrimage sites but you can visit all the parishes and many more through this wonderful book. We still have books available for \$ 25 signed by Fr. Thumma and Fr. Rafael. Come by the parish office to purchase your collector's book and begin your journey throughout the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

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Quizás no pueda visitar los 23 Sitios de Peregrinación, pero si puede visitar todas la Parroquias y muchas mas a través de este maravilloso libro. Aun tenemos libros disponibles por \$25 firmados por Padre Thumma y Padre Rafael. Visite la oficina parroquial para comprar su libro de colección y comience su recorrido por la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio.

Pilgrimage sites in the Archdiocese of San Antonio—Jubilee Year 2025 : Pilgrims of Hope

- Antonian College Preparatory High School
- El Camino de San Antonio Missions
- Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Panna Maria
- Mission Concepción
- Mission San José
- Our Lady of Grace – La Coste
- Sacred Heart – Uvalde
- St. Andrew – Pleasanton
- St. Helena
- St. James Catholic Church - Seguin
- St. Lawrence
- St. Mary's University
- St. Rose of Lima

- Basilica of the Little Flower
- San Fernando Cathedral
- Mission San Francisco de la Espada
- Mission San Juan Capistrano
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine
- San Fernando Cathedral
- St. Anthony Catholic Student Center – UTSA
- St. Lawrence
- St. James Elementary Catholic School – Seguin
- St. Mary – Fredericksburg
- St. Monica – Converse
- Vietnamese Martyrs



Join the Archdiocese of San Antonio
to celebrate **National Marriage Week**

Archbishop Gustavo invites all married couples to celebrate and recognize the sacrament of Marriage. This is an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

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LASTING LOVE

February 8 | 5:30 pm.
St. Luke Catholic Church
(4603 Manitou Dr, San Antonio TX 78228)

This is going to be a **bilingual Mass** and **Archbishop Gustavo** will give a **special blessing to married couples.**



For questions contact Esperanza Sanchez, Coordinator, at 210-734-1966 or email esperanza.sanchez@archsa.org.

Únase a la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio
a celebrar la **Semana Nacional del Matrimonio**

El Arzobispo Gustavo invita a todos los matrimonios a celebrar y reconocer el sacramento del Matrimonio. Esta es una oportunidad para centrarse en la construcción de una cultura de vida y amor que comienza con el apoyo y la promoción del matrimonio y la familia.

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8 de Febrero | 5:30 pm.
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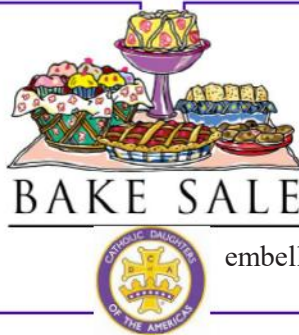
Será una **misa bilingüe** y el **Arzobispo Gustavo** dará una **bendición especial a los matrimonios.**



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**Catholic Daughter of Americas
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Will be hosting a bake sale next weekend February 8th and 9th before and after all Masses. It's a great way to celebrate Valentine's a little early with your loved one. Proceeds will benefit the beautification of the St. Monica statue in front of the church.



**Hijas Católicas de las Américas
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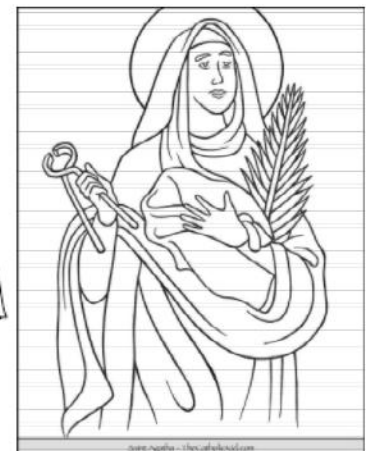
Organizaran una venta de pasteles el próximo fin de semana, 8 y 9 de Febrero antes y después de todas la misas. Es una gran manera de celebrar el Dia de San Valentín con su ser querido. Fondos recaudados se destinaran al embellecimiento del Estatua de Santa Mónica frente a la Iglesia.

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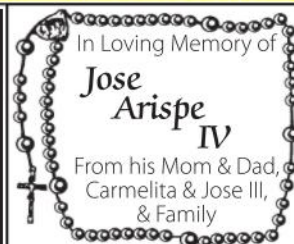


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