

A Jubilee Pilgrimage Site of the Archdiocese of San Antonio

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



His son said to him,
'Father, I have
sinned against
heaven and against
you; I no longer
deserve to be
called your
son.'
Luke 15:21



El muchacho
le dijo: 'Padre,
he pecado contra
el cielo y contra ti;
ya no merezco
llamarme hijo tuyo'.
Lucas 15:21

Parish Office #210-658-3816
parish@saintmonicaconverse.net

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.

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 now open for the 2025/2026 School Year / Ya está abierta la inscripción para el Año 2025/2026



*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, Pawlick family, Rhonda Hogan, Barbara Rials, Trini & Jackie Cantú, Tony Rippy, Eduardo Guevara, Adalene, Janet Hillson, Pablo Martinez, Aleda, Rob Wick, 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, 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, Gil Chagoya Donna Ann Salinas, Michael Thompson, Ginobili Villa, Melquiades Cardenas, Mary Lou Thompson, Emma Phillips, Camelia Pineda, Maya Kadinca Roa, Karen Margarita Gomez Roa, Leticia Carmelino, Jose Soltero, Irene Cantu, Francisco Valenzuela, Ernesto Maestas, Nicole Marie Mondani, Emma Phillips, Reynaldo Ricky Yanong, Olivia Rodriguez, George San Augustin, Rafael Torres, Maxine Lerma, Richard Valentino, Maria F. Gonzales, Matthew Chavez, Farzad Farzan

please pray for the sick

COMMITTEES

Pastoral Council President: Julio Zamago
Finance Council President: Barbara Stewart
Building Board President: Tony Canez

CHOIR DIRECTORS

Music Coordinator: Jorge Castellanos
Gil Lugo, Sat.; 5:30pm & Sun; 7:30am
Bill Staggs, 9:15 a.m.
Michelle Hernandez, 11 a.m..
Jorge Castellanos, Spanish 1p.m.
Cedric Elevancini. , Spanish 3 p.m.
Lilli Soto, 5 p.m. or **Bill Staggs** 5 p.m.
Lupita Gonzalez 7p.m. 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

Need Baptismal Preparation Class?

Parents & Godparents must attend a baptism preparation class in order to baptize a child. English class will be held the first Saturday of the month and Spanish class on the second Saturday of the month.
Please call the office to sign up.



¿Necesita la clase de preparación bautismal?

Padres y padrinos deben asistir a una clase de preparación para el bautizo de su niño. La clase de inglés se llevará a cabo el primer sábado del mes y la clase de español el segundo sábado del mes.
Por favor llame a la oficina para inscribirse.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM *(Purchase an Easter Lily to be placed on the altar in honor of a loved one.)*

Your Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone #: _____

*Please write **ONE (1) name per line** for each lily purchase. Lilies are \$12*

Purchased in Honor/Memory of: _____

Purchased in Honor/Memory of: _____

Purchased in Honor/Memory of: _____

Total of Lilies Purchased _____ x \$ 12 = Total \$ _____

Deadline to order Sunday April 13, 2025 Make check out to St Monica Catholic Church
Return this form either to the office or place your envelope in the collection basket.



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, March 31st

Mass/ Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Rafael
Mass/ Misa (Bilingual/Bilingüe) 6:30 p.m. Fr. Rafael

Tuesday/Martes, April 1st

Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
Mass/ Misa (Bilingual/Bilingüe) 6:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma

Wednesday/Miércoles, April 2nd

Memorial Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit
Memoria de San Francisco de Paola, Ermitaño

Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Rafael
Confessions / Confesiones 5:30 p.m.
Mass/ Misa (Bilingual/Bilingüe) 6:30 p.m. Fr. Rafael

Thursday/Jueves, April 3rd

Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Rafael
Mass/Misa (Bilingual/Bilingüe) 6:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma
Holy Hour / Hora Santa 7:15 p.m.

Friday/Viernes, April 4th

Optional Memorial Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Memoria Opcional de San Isidro, Obispo y Doctor de la Iglesia
Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
Stations of the Cross/Via Crucis 6 p.m.
Mass/ Misa (Bilingual/Bilingüe) 6:30 p.m. Fr. Rafael

Saturday/Sábado, April 5th

Optional Memorial of Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest
Memoria Opcional de San Vicente Ferrer, Presbítero
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

**5th Sunday of Lent
5^o Domingo de Cuaresma**

Sunday/Domingo, April 6th

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

Mass Intentions

Mon 3/31 8:15 a.m. (B) Carolyn Perez
(B) William Untiedt
6:30 p.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tue 4/1 8:15 a.m. (B) Estella Guevarra
† Holy Souls in Purgatory
6:30 p.m. (SI) Myers Family

Wed 4/2 8:15 a.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners
6:30 p.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thurs 4/3 8:15 a.m. (SI) St. Monica Parishioners
6:30 p.m. (SI) For the Jubilee Pilgrims
† Jose Maria Martinez

Fri 4/4 8:15 p.m. (B) Edna Marshall
(B) Perla Villanueva
† Holy Souls in Purgatory
6:30 p.m. (SI) Bertha Diaz-Gonzales
(SI) For the Jubilee Pilgrims

Sat 4/5 9:30 a.m. (SI) For the Jubilee Pilgrims
† Vicente Balderas
5:30 p.m. † Leissa Sutton

Sun 4/6 7:30 a.m. (SI) Nneka & Johnny Rogers
† Robert Hunt
† Kimberly Morin
† Jamie & Manuela Arizaleta
† Linda Susan Kneupper
9:15 a.m. † Manuel Gonzales
† Elgin & Jenny Schaefer
11:00 a.m. (B) Roberto Perrill
(SI) Chijioke & Uzoamaka Nnajofofor
† Irma Kotanan
† Reynold & Alicia Gonzalez
† Lluminada "Luming" Abellar
† Bob Hovis
1:00 p.m. † Jose Ricardo Hernandez
† Carlos De La Garza
† Uvaldo Cantu
† Maria Olivares Vina
† Sabino y Apolinar Granados
† Paulino & Camila Diaz
† Juana Revollar
† Armando Benitez
† Bernabe Rogel
† Michelle Jimenez
3:00 p.m. (B) Fabiola Guardiola
† Lucia Teniente
† Dolores Ponce Lopez
5:00 p.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners
7:00 p.m. † Jose Reyes Soriano

COLLECTIONS

March 23rd \$ 13,308.00
Online collection \$ 3,242.00

Second Collection for St Monica School \$ 2,388.00

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 124.00

Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 70.00

April 6th Second Collection:
Saint Vincent de Paul Society



The Sanctuary Lamp this week is sponsored by Eugenia Sadler for the repose of the soul of:
Victoria Eugenia Hernandez Bertrand

“Pastor’s Voice”**The Ministry of Reconciliation: A Call to Embrace God’s New Creation**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the second letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul powerfully reminds us of the transformative power of God’s grace in our lives: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). This beautiful verse speaks to the heart of our Christian identity and calls us to embrace the new life we are given through Christ.

In the modern world, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed by the weight of past mistakes, regrets, and the divisions that exist between us. Yet, St. Paul assures us that in Christ, we are made new. Our past does not define us, nor do our failures. Through Christ’s sacrifice on the cross, we are offered a fresh start, a new identity that is rooted in His love and mercy. It is in this new life that we are called to live as agents of reconciliation in the world.

St. Paul continues by telling us that "God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them" (2 Corinthians 5:19). In our broken and divided world, these words speak deeply to our present moment. There is so much division and strife, whether in our families, communities, or in the wider world. Yet, we are called to be a people of reconciliation—those who seek to heal wounds, build bridges, and offer forgiveness. The message of reconciliation is not just something we are to receive but something we are also called to offer to others.

In our daily lives, reconciliation often begins with the simple yet profound act of forgiveness. When we forgive, we make space for healing, not only in our relationships but also in our own hearts. Jesus teaches us to forgive as He forgives, unconditionally and without hesitation. This is a powerful message for our time, as we are often quick to hold grudges or seek retribution, yet true peace comes through reconciliation, not division.

As we reflect on St. Paul’s words, we are invited to ask ourselves: How can we be agents of reconciliation in our own lives? Are we holding onto past hurts or divisions that prevent us from experiencing the fullness of God’s love? Are we willing to extend forgiveness, even when it is difficult, knowing that it leads to healing and peace?

The second part of this passage is equally powerful: "We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us" (2 Corinthians 5:20). As ambassadors of Christ, we are called to represent His love, mercy, and forgiveness to the world. In every encounter, we are given the opportunity to be a reflection of Christ’s reconciliation. Whether it’s in our homes, workplaces, or communities, we are invited to be a witness to the new life that Christ offers to all.

Let us take this message to heart, embracing the new creation we are in Christ and seeking to live as people of reconciliation. Let us also pray for the grace to forgive and to heal broken relationships, knowing that it is through this ministry of reconciliation that we participate in God’s plan for the world. As we live out this calling, we bring hope and peace to our families, communities, and the world. God Bless America.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

March 29 & 30 2025

“Voz del Pastor”**El Ministerio de Reconciliación: Un Llamado a Abrazar la Nueva Creación de Dios**

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

En la segunda carta a los Corintios, San Pablo nos recuerda con fuerza el poder transformador de la gracia de Dios en nuestras vidas: "Por lo tanto, si alguno está en Cristo, es una nueva creación; lo viejo pasó; he aquí lo nuevo ha llegado" (2 Corintios 5:17). Este hermoso versículo llega a la esencia de nuestra identidad cristiana y nos llama a abrazar la nueva vida que recibimos por medio de Cristo.

En el mundo moderno, puede ser fácil sentirse abrumado por el peso de los errores del pasado, los arrepentimientos y las divisiones que existen entre nosotros. Sin embargo, San Pablo nos asegura que en Cristo somos hechos nuevos. Nuestro pasado no nos define, ni tampoco nuestros fracasos. A través del sacrificio de Cristo en la cruz, se nos ofrece un nuevo comienzo, una nueva identidad arraigada en su amor y misericordia. Es en esta nueva vida que estamos llamados a vivir como agentes de reconciliación en el mundo.

San Pablo continúa diciéndonos que "Dios estaba reconciliando consigo al mundo en Cristo, no tomándoles en cuenta a los hombres sus pecados" (2 Corintios 5:19). En nuestro mundo roto y dividido, estas palabras nos hablan profundamente de nuestro momento presente. Hay tanta división y conflicto, ya sea en nuestras familias, comunidades o en el mundo en general. Sin embargo, estamos llamados a ser un pueblo de reconciliación: aquellos que buscan sanar heridas, tender puentes y ofrecer perdón. El mensaje de reconciliación no es solo algo que debemos recibir, sino algo que también estamos llamados a ofrecer a los demás.

En nuestra vida diaria, la reconciliación a menudo comienza con el simple pero profundo acto del perdón. Cuando perdonamos, creamos espacio para la sanación, no solo en nuestras relaciones, sino también en nuestros propios corazones. Jesús nos enseña a perdonar como Él perdona, incondicionalmente y sin dudar. Este es un mensaje poderoso para nuestro tiempo, ya que a menudo somos propensos a guardar rencor o buscar venganza; sin embargo, la verdadera paz proviene de la reconciliación, no de la división.

Al reflexionar sobre las palabras de San Pablo, se nos invita a preguntarnos: ¿Cómo podemos ser agentes de reconciliación en nuestras propias vidas? ¿Nos aferramos a heridas o divisiones del pasado que nos impiden experimentar la plenitud del amor de Dios? ¿Estamos dispuestos a perdonar, incluso cuando es difícil, sabiendo que conduce a la sanación y la paz?

La segunda parte de este pasaje es igualmente conmovedora: "Somos, pues, embajadores de Cristo, como si Dios mismo rogase por medio de nosotros" (2 Corintios 5:20). Como embajadores de Cristo, estamos llamados a representar su amor, misericordia y perdón al mundo. En cada encuentro, se nos da la oportunidad de ser un reflejo de la reconciliación de Cristo. Ya sea en nuestros hogares, lugares de trabajo o comunidades, se nos invita a ser testigos de la nueva vida que Cristo ofrece a todos.

Tomemos este mensaje en serio, abrazando la nueva creación que somos en Cristo y buscando vivir como personas de reconciliación. Oremos también por la gracia de perdonar y sanar las relaciones rotas, sabiendo que es a través de este ministerio de reconciliación que participamos en el plan de Dios para el mundo. Al vivir este llamado, llevamos esperanza y paz a nuestras familias, comunidades y al mundo. Que Dios bendiga a América.

Suyo en Cristo,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

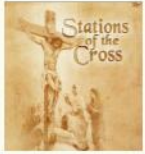
29 y 30 de Marzo del 2025

Parish Office Hours Update

In observance of Easter the parish office will be closed Holy Thursday April 17th and remain closed till Monday April 21st.
Thank your for your kind understanding.

Actualizacion del Horario de Oficina Parroquial

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada en observación de la Pascua, estará cerrada Jueves Santo, 17 de Abril y permanecerá cerrada hasta el Lunes 21 de Abril.
Gracias por su comprensión.



Lenten Season Schedule 2025 / Horario de Cuaresma 2025

Lent Season Mass Schedule / Horario de Misas de la Temporada de Cuaresma

Lenten Masses 6:30 pm Daily Bilingual Mass Monday - Friday
Misas de Cuaresma 6:30 pm Misa Bilingüe Lunes - Viernes

Stations of the Cross / Via Crucis

6:00 pm Every Friday during Lent / Todos los Viernes de Cuaresma
Followed by Bilingual Mass / Seguido por Misa Bilingüe

Lenten Penance Service / Servicio de Penitencia de Cuaresma

Thursday April 10th / Jueves 10 de Abril

12 Noon - 2pm For the Young at Heart (The Elderly) / Para los Jóvenes de Corazón (Los Ancianos)
The sick and those who can not drive at night / Los enfermos y los que no pueden conducir de noche
6:30pm For the community / Para la comunidad



The Knights of Columbus Council 9618 will host
Friday Night Fish Fry



from 7 March through Friday 11 April
in the school cafeteria from 5 to 8 pm.
Cost is \$12 for adults and
\$ 6 for children 10 and under.
Includes French Fries, Corn, Green Beans,
Cole Slaw, Hushpuppies and Tea. drink.

The Catholic Daughters will have delicious desserts for sale as well.

El Consul 9681 de Los Caballeros de Colon
Organizaran venta de Pescado Frito
cada Viernes por la Noche

Del 7 de Marzo hasta el Viernes 11 de Abril
en la cafeteria de la escuela de 5 a 8 pm.

El costo es de \$12 para adultos y
\$6 para niños de 10 años o menos.

Incluye papas, fritas, cachorros, ensalda de repollo,
maíz y judía verdes una bebida de te.

Las Hijas Católicas tendrán postres deliciosos de venta.



Join us on the Mission of Hope!

Every act of generosity reflects God's gifts to us. It is through these gifts that we are called to the common purpose of caring for those in need and instilling **HOPE** in our community. Together we can achieve this goal through the Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries. This 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. The theme this year coincides with this year of Jubilee.

Mission of Hope

With 1800 families in our parish we can reach goal and receive funds back to our parish. 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. We now ask you for all of us to come together during this time and this Jubilee year, 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



Únase a Nosotros en la Misión de la Esperanza!

Cada acto de generosidad refleja los dones que Dios nos ha dado. Es a través de estos dones que estamos llamados al propósito común de cuidar a los necesitados e infundir ESPERANZA en nuestra comunidad. Juntos podemos lograr este objetivo a través de la Campaña del Arzobispo para los Ministerios. Esta es una campaña anual que apoya a más de 30 ministerios compartidos que promueven la misión de la Iglesia Católica en nuestra área. La Campaña del Arzobispo se lleva a cabo todos los años porque la necesidad persiste cada año, no es algo que se hace una sola vez. El tema de este año coincide con este Año del Jubileo.

Misión de Esperanza

Con 1800 familias en nuestra parroquia podemos alcanzar nuestra meta y recibir fondos para nuestra parroquia. Con el Arzobispo y el Padre Thumma, los insto a que consideren donar solo \$60 para ayudar a garantizar que estos ministerios y muchos más sigan estando disponibles para todos en Nuestra Arquidiócesis. Ahora les pedimos que todos nos unamos durante este tiempo y este año jubilar. Que Dios los bendiga a ustedes, a sus familias, a nuestra parroquia y a nuestra Arquidiócesis. Por favor visite: archsa.org/archbishops-appeal para donar hoy! Tiene preguntas? Llame (210) 734-1910

St. Monica Pictorial Directory
The deadline for submitting your photos is
Monday, March 31st.



Directorio Pictórico de Santa Mónica
La fecha limite para enviar sus fotos es el
Lunes 31 de Marzo.

Email your photo to directory@saintmoniconverse.net
 Once we upload your photo, you will receive a confirmation email from us with instructions on how to create your member account.

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.

LAST CHANCE TO TURN IN YOUR BRIGHT SMILE

We will take your photo and answer any questions you may have. You can also email your questions to directory@saintmonicaconverse.net
 We will be happy to help you!

UNA SEMANA MÁS PARA ENTREGAR SU SONRISA BRILLANTE

Le tomaremos una foto y responderemos cualquier pregunta que pueda tener. También puede enviar sus preguntas por correo electrónico a directory@saintmonicaconverse.net.
 ¡Estaremos encantados de ayudarle!

Join Catholics from across Texas as we put our faith into action! The Archdiocese of San Antonio is leading a delegation by bus to stand in solidarity and pray alongside our bishops at the Texas State Capitol in Austin, Texas on Tuesday, April 1. Buses will depart to Austin from 4 different parishes at 7 a.m. and will return to San Antonio around 5 p.m.



Únase a los Católicos de todo Texas mientras ponemos nuestra fe en acción! La Arquidiócesis de San Antonio esta encabezando una delegación en autobuses para solidarizarse y orar junto a nuestros obispos en el Capitolio del Estado de Texas en Austin, Texas, Martes 1 de Abril. Los autobuses saldrán a Austin desde 4 parroquias diferentes a las 7 am y regresan a San Antonio alrededor de las 5 pm. Levantemos nuestras voces por el bien común y demostremos que somos una Iglesia unida en la fe y en la acción.

Let's lift our voices for the common good and show that we are one Church united in faith and action.

Key points about Advocacy Day

Purpose: To engage with legislators and advocate for policies that reflect Catholic values; to be present at the Capitol with fellow Catholics as a personal representative of your family, parish, or diocese.

Activities: Meeting with representatives, attending rallies, sharing personal stories related to relevant issues; visiting the Capitol, praying in Austin at the Cathedral or at the Capitol, joining in fellowship with others from your parish, school, or diocese.

Departure Locations:

Buses will depart to Austin from 4 different parishes at 7a.m. and return to San Antonio around 5 p.m.
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help–Selma (16075 N. Evans Rd., Selma, TX 78154)

Schedule:

6:30 AM: Check-in

7:00 AM: Buses depart for Austin

3:30 PM: Buses begin return trip to San Antonio

Sign-up : <https://archsa.egfox.com/advocacu-day-2025>

Free lunch will be available to ALL participants.

Propósito: Comprometerse con los legisladores y abogar por políticas que reflejen los valores Católicos; estar presente en el Capitolio con otros Católicos como representante personal de su familia, parroquia o diócesis.

Actividades: Reunirse con representantes, asistir a mítines, compartir historias personales relacionadas con temas relevantes; visitando el Capitolio, orando en Austin en la Catedral o en el Capitolio, uniéndose en comunión con otros de su parroquia, escuela o diócesis.

Lugares de Salida:

Los autobuses saldrán a Austin desde 4 parroquias diferentes a las 7 am y regresan a San Antonio alrededor de las 5pm.
 Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro-Selma (16075 N. Evans Rd., Selma, TX 78154)

Horario:

6:30 AM: Registración

7:00 AM: Autobuses salen para Austin

3:30 PM: Autobuses comienzan su regreso a San Antonio

Inscribise : <https://archsa.egfox.com/advocacu-day-2025>

Comida gratuito estará disponible para TODOS los participantes.

Puntos Clave Sobre el Dia de la Defensa

The Knights and Saint Vincent De Paul Society will host 40 cans for lent food drive for the Saint Vincent De Paul food pantry. Please bring donations of non perishable foods and place on the collection bins in the foyer.



Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Los Caballeros de Colon y la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul organizaran una colecta de 40-Latas-para-la-Cuaresma, una colecta de alimentos para la despensa de alimentos de San Vicente. Traiga sus donaciones de alimentos no perecederos y colóquelas en los contenedores de recolección en el vestíbulo.

Gracias de antemano por su generosidad.

3RD GRADE

THANK YOU ST. MONICA PARISHONERS!

St. Monica Catholic School

**"LET DEVOTION ACCOMPANY ALL YOUR STUDIES, AND STUDY LESS
TO MAKE YOURSELF LEARNED THAN TO BECOME A SAINT" - ST. VINCENT FERRER**

ST. MONICA
SUMMER
FUN

PRE-K 3 TO 8TH GRADE
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

FUN & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES
FINE ARTS, SPORTS,
DANCE, ART, WATER DAYS,
FIELD TRIPS AND MORE!

Session 1
**JUNE 4TH-
JULY 1ST**

Session 2
**JULY 7TH-
AUG 1ST**

Fees and Info

- ✓ Registration Fee \$60 per Child
- ✓ \$650 per session per child
- ✓ 2 Sessions: June and July
- ✓ Hours: 7 AM to 5 PM
- ✓ Open to the Public

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St. Monica Catholic School
18 months through 8th Grade

Our Mission: To provide all students a challenging academic curriculum within a program where Christian values reflecting God's love are taught, practiced, and ever-present

2025-2026 Investment & Affordability

Fees	
Fees are per student, non-refundable, and are in addition to tuition.	
FACTS Online Application Fee	\$55 FACTS Payment Plan Fee applied per family for monthly payment plan \$25 FACTS Payment Plan Fee applied per family for paid in full payment plan
Returning Student Registration Fee	Continuing Enrollment (Through April 11th) -\$350 After April 11th -\$400
New Student Registration Fee	\$500
Academy Registration Fee	\$200

Tuition is ALL Inclusive
(Includes textbook fee, technology fee, online subscriptions, student assessment/testing fees, etc.)

Tuition			
Grade	Annual Tuition	11 Month Plan (July-May)	10 Month Plan (August-May)
PK-8 th Grade	\$5950	\$540.91	\$595

- **Sibling Discount**- 10% tuition discount for each additional sibling/s
- **Military**- 5% off annual tuition
- **Paid in Full**- 5% off annual tuition
- **Quote for 4+ children**- Please call the bookkeeper
- **Complimentary**- Before School Care
- **8th Grade Graduation Fees**- not included in the Tuition \$150

Academy Tuition	
Child Care	Monthly
Academy 18 month-3yrs	\$800

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Primera sesión: 4 de Junio a 1 de Julio
Segunda sesión: 7 de Julio a 1 de Agosto

Cuota de Inscripción: \$60/niño, \$650 por sesión/niño
Horario: 7 am a 5 pm / Abierto al publico
Para mas información, Contacte a Jessie Traxler - Coordinadora 210-658-6701

Escuela Católica de Santa Mónica

18 meses a Grado 8

Inscripción continua hasta el 11 de Abril

Matricula con todo incluido: tarifa de libros, tarifa de tecnología, suscripciones en línea, evaluación de estudiantes, tarifas de exámenes.

Descuentos Disponibles: descuento de hermanos, militar, pago en totalidad, 4+ niños, cuidado gratuito antes de la escuela

Save the Date Sun. May 4th

And join us for music, food and fun for the entire family during our annual parish festival on Sunday, May 4th. Please also consider participating in any of the following specific ways:



- **Become a Sponsor:** make a monetary gift, as an individual or as a business, to cover the costs of the tent, the band, the DJ, the permits, and anything we need to prepare for the event. Your support will be acknowledged during the festival, and we will be glad to display a sign announcing your business. For information call Bertha Castellanos (210) 862- 5549 or Giselle Zamago (210) 633-4070

- **Become a Vendor:** For \$30 you can rent a 12' x 12' space to sell almost any type of merchandise, except food. Registration forms and more details are available online at: [https:// saintmonicaconverse.net/st-monica-festival-vendor-registration](https://saintmonicaconverse.net/st-monica-festival-vendor-registration). Contact Maria Garcia (210) 264-4040 or Nancy Zepeda (210)410-7648 for questions.

Donate to the Silent Auction: We are accepting new and gently used items like artwork, jewelry, collectibles, sports memorabilia, gift cards, bottles of wine, or any other items that can be auctioned alone or bundled with others.

Silent auction item drop off dates:

**Wednesday's April 2nd & 9th,
5 pm -7 pm at the parish office
On April 5th & 6th before and after every mass
at the church**

Reserve la Fecha: Domingo, 4 de Mayo

Y únase a nosotros para disfrutar de música, comida y diversión para toda la familia durante nuestro festival parroquial anual el Domingo 4 de Mayo. Considere también participar de cualquier de las siguientes formas:

-**Sea un patrocinador:** haga una donación monetaria, como individuo o como empresa, para cubrir los costos de la carpa, la banda, el DJ, los permisos y todo lo que necesitemos para preparar el evento. Su apoyo será reconocido

durante el festival y estaremos encantados de mostrar un cartel que anuncie su empresa. Para obtener más información, llame a Bertha Castellanos (210) 862-5549 o Giselle Zamago (210) 633- 4070.

-**Sea un vendedor:** Por \$30 puede alquilar un espacio de 12' x 12' para vender casi cualquier tipo de mercancía, excepto comida. Los formularios de registracion y más detalles están disponibles en línea en: <https://saintmonicaconverse.net/st-monica-festival-vendor-registration>. Comuníquese con María García (210) 264-4040 o Nancy Zepeda (210) 410-7648 si tiene preguntas.

Done a la Subasta Silenciosa: Estamos aceptando artículos nuevos y usados en buen estado, como piezas de arte, joyería, artículos de colección, de deportes, tarjetas de regalo, botellas de vino, o cualquier otro artículo que pueda ser subastado solo o junto con otros.

Fechas de entrega de artículos de la subasta silenciosa:

**Los Miércoles; Del 2 al 9 de Abril,
5 pm -7 pm en la oficina parroquial
Fine de semana el 5 y 6 de Abril antes y después de
cada misa en la Iglesia:**

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.



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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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.

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. ¡Estamos aquí para servirles!

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**St. Monica 11th Annual Vacation Bible School
COME TO THE KINGDOM
PILGRIMS OF HOPE
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Who? Adults and Teens (bring an adult to mtg)
What? 11th annual Vacation Bible School!
"Come to the Kingdom – Pilgrims of Hope"
When? June 23 – 27 and beforehand
Why? Because you do have what it takes

How? Come to a mandatory meeting on Thursday
April 3 At 6:00 p.m.

Where? St Monica Parish Hall

For more info: Annette Winfield (210) 885-0861

*Vacation Bible School will be on the evenings of
Monday – Friday, June 23rd – 27th from 5:30-8:30 p.m.*

NECESITAMOS SU AYUDA

**11ª Escuela Bíblica Anual de Vacaciones
de Santa Mónica
VENGAN AL REINO
PEREGRINOS DE LA ESPERANZA
PORTANDO LA ARMADURA PACIFICA DE DIOS**

¿Quién? Adultos y adolescentes (traer a un adulto a la junta)

¿Qué? 11ª Escuela Bíblica Anual de Vacaciones!
"Venid al Reino – Peregrinos de Esperanza"

¿Cuándo? Del 23 al 27 de Junio y antes

¿Por qué? Porque tiene lo que se necesita

¿Cómo? Asistir a una reunión el 3 de Abril a la 6:00 pm

¿Dónde? Salón Parroquial de Santa Mónica

Para más información: Annette Winfield (210) 885-0861

*La Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones se llevara a cabo las tardes
del Lunes 23 al Viernes 27 de Junio de 5:30 pm a 8:30 pm*



- Angry
- Brother
- Celebrate
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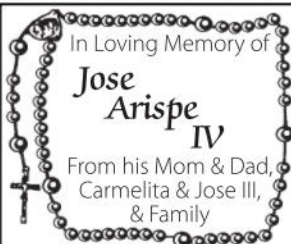
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Mass Schedule

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

Thursday & Friday 6:30 pm
(Bilingual/Bilingüe)

Saturday: 9 am Holy Rosary

Mass at 9:30 am (Bilingual/Bilingüe)

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm (English)

Sunday: 7:30 & 9:15, 11 am & 5 pm (English)
1:00, 3:00 & 7:00 pm (Spanish)

HOLY HOUR: Thursday 7 pm

1st FRIDAY MASS:

8:15 am English & 7:00 pm Spanish

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In the Chapel Hours for adoration:

Sunday at 8 pm to Saturday at 5:15pm

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CONFESSIONS:

WEDNESDAY 5:30 PM

& SATURDAY 3:30 PM

Or call the office for an appointment



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