

A Jubilee Pilgrimage Site of the Archdiocese of San Antonio



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



*5th Sunday of
Lent*

*5º Domingo de
Cuaresma*



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9:00 am-5:30 pm

Wed. 9 am—7pm

Sat: 10am—2pm

Sun: 10am—3pm

Closed for lunch 12:30—1pm Mon.— Fri.

www.saintmonicaconverse.net

St Monica Catholic Church Converse



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

[www:saintmonicaconverse.net/saint-monica-catholic-school](http://www.saintmonicaconverse.net/saint-monica-catholic-school)

St Monica Catholic School



COMMITTEES

Pastoral Council President: Julio Zanago
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.
Cedric Elevancini. , Spanish 3 p.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.
210-658-3816

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**

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.



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., Maxine Lerma, 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, Irene Cantu, 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, Rhona Hogan, Barbara Rials, Trini & Jackie Cantú, Tony Rippy, Eduardo Guevara, Adalene, Janet Hillson, Jose Reyes, 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, 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, Farzad Farzan, Camelia Pineda, Maya Kadinca Roa, Karen Margarita Gomez Roa, Leticia Carmelino, Jose Soltero, Francisco Valenzuela, Ernesto Maestas, Nicole Marie Mondani, Emma Phillips, Reynaldo Ricky Yanong, Olivia Rodriguez, George San Augustin, Rafael Torres, Richard Valentino, Maria F. Gonzales, Matthew Chavez,

Please pray for the sick

Please call the office to add the name in the bulletin.
Por favor hablen a la oficina para agregar nombres al boletín.

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, April 7th

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

Tuesday/Martes, April 8th

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

Wednesday/Miércoles, April 9th

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 10th

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 11th

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 12th

Rosary/Rosario 9:00 a.m.
Mass/Misa (Bilingual) 9:30 a.m. Fr. Rafael
Confessions/Confesiones 3:30 p.m.
Mass/Misa 5:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma & Dcn. David

**Palm Sunday of the the Lord's Passion
Domingo de Ramos De la pasión del Señor**

Sunday/Domingo, April 13th

Masses in a.m. 7:30 a.m. Fr. Thumma & Dcn. David
Misas de la mañana 9:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma & Dcn. David
11:00 a.m. Fr. Thumma & Dcn. Joel
Masses in p.m. 1 p.m. (Español) Fr. Rafael & Dcn. Joel
3 p.m. (Español) Fr. Rafael & Dcn. Joel
Misas de la tarde 5 p.m. (English) Fr. Rafael & Dcn. Luis
7 p.m. (Español) Fr. Rafael & Dcn. Luis



Mon 4/7 8:15 a.m. (SI) St. Monica Parishioners
6:30 p.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tue 4/8 8:15 a.m. (B) Christian de Jesus Zerna del Hierro
† Holy Souls in Purgatory
† Fred Fraga
6:30 p.m. (SI) St Monica Parishioners

Wed 4/9 8:15 a.m. (B) Juan Ramon Arias
(SI) Conversion of Sinners
† Margaret Melendez
6:30 p.m. † Margaret Melendez

Thurs 4/10 8:15 a.m. (SI) St. Monica Parishioners
6:30 p.m. Penance Service

Fri 4/11 8:15 p.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory
6:30 p.m. For the Jubilee Pilgrims

Sat. 4/12 9:30 a.m. (SI) For the Jubilee Pilgrims
† Pedro Vasquez Vina
5:30 p.m. † Leissa Sutton
† Preston Trinkle
† Manuel & Albertina Sosa

Sun. 4/13 7:30 a.m. (SI) Mike Wheeler
(B) Madelyn Corrales
(B) Julie Corrales
9:15 a.m. † Richard Hite
11:00 a.m. (SI) Richard Flores
(SI) Chijioke & Uzoamaka Nnajoifor
† Irma Kotanan
† Mark T. Gonzalez
† Lupe Chagoya
† Victor Yanez Jr.
† Luis Flores
1:00 p.m. (B) Orlando Moises Pulido
(B) Estella Guevara
(B) Jose Alfredo Rodriguez
(A) Santiago & Esperanza Mendoza
(SI) Yvette Benitz Rogel
(SI) Noe Benitez
(SI) Santiago Benitez
(SI) Carlos Benitez
(SI) Lizette Benitez
(SI) Roberto Benitez Rogel
† Jose Ricardo Hernandez
† Maria del Carmen Munoz
† Michelle Jimenez
† Maria Villanueva
3:00 p.m. † Jose Mateo Saucedo
5:00 p.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners
7:00 p.m. (SI) St. Monica Parishioners



COLLECTIONS

March 30th \$ 14,508.00 Online collection \$ 3,915.00

Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services \$ 2,457.00

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 519.00 Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 115.00

April 13th - Second Collection:

St. Monica School



In observance of Easter the Thrift Store will be closed from April 17– April 21, 2025 and will also **NOT** be accepting donations until **Monday April 27th**. They will be open for your shopping convenience on Wednesday April 23rd and Saturday April 26th. Thank you for your understanding and all your kind generous donations which keeps our doors open and allows many to enjoy others past treasures. May you and you family have a blessed Easter!

En conmemoración de la Pascua, la Tienda de Segunda Mano permanecerá cerrada del 17 al 21 de abril de 2025 y NO aceptará donaciones hasta el lunes 27 de abril. Estará abierta para compras el miércoles 23 y el sábado 26 de abril. Gracias por su comprensión y por sus generosas donaciones, que mantienen nuestras puertas abiertas y permiten que muchos disfruten de sus tesoros. ¡Que usted y su familia tengan una Pascua llena de bendiciones!

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 Ludy Kent (210)862-4547.
- 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.



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 cualquiera 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 información, llame a Bertha Castellanos (210) 862-5549 o Ludy Kent (210) 862-4547.
- 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 inscripción y más detalles están disponibles en línea en: [https:// saintmonicaconverse.net/st-monica-festival-vendor-registration](https://saintmonicaconverse.net/st-monica-festival-vendor-registration). Comuníquese con María García (210) 264-4040 o Nancy Zepeda (210) 410-7648 si tiene preguntas.

It's not to late join us on a special spiritual retreat for women serving and women who have served in our Armed Forces. 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. El retiro es 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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“Pastor’s Voice”

Dearest St. Monica Family,

As we embark on this sacred journey of Lent, St. Paul’s words from Philippians 3:8-14 offer us powerful guidance: *“I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.”* Lent is a unique season that calls us to turn away from distractions and recommit our hearts to Christ. It is a time to focus on what truly matters: deepening our relationship with God and preparing our hearts for the joy of Easter.

St. Paul reminds us that our greatest treasure is found in Christ. He urges us to let go of anything that hinders our faith journey and to press on toward the goal of eternal life. During Lent, we are given three spiritual tools—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—that help us realign our lives with God’s will. These practices invite us to simplify our lives, strengthen our faith, and share God’s love with others.

Through prayer, we open our hearts to God and allow Him to guide us. It is a time to listen and speak with Him, sharing our joys and struggles. Fasting teaches us discipline and reminds us of our dependence on God. By letting go of certain comforts, we make room for His grace to work in us. Almsgiving allows us to extend Christ’s love to those in need, living out our call to be His hands and feet in the world.

This Lenten season, I encourage each of us to reflect on our own spiritual journey. What is holding us back from fully embracing Christ’s love? What can we surrender so that we may draw closer to Him? Let us take St. Paul’s words to heart: *“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”*

Let us walk this journey together, supporting one another in prayer and action. May this Lent be a time of renewal for our parish family—a time to rediscover the surpassing worth of knowing Christ and to prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter. God Bless America,

Yours truly,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

April 5th & 6th, 2025

“Voz del Pastor”

Querida familia de Santa Mónica,

Al embarcarnos en esta jornada sagrada de la Cuaresma, las palabras de San Pablo en Filipenses 3:8-14 nos ofrecen una poderosa guía: *“Considero todo como una pérdida a causa del incomparable valor de conocer a Cristo Jesús, mi Señor”*. La Cuaresma es una temporada única que nos llama a alejarnos de las distracciones y volver a comprometer nuestros corazones con Cristo. Es un tiempo para enfocarnos en lo que realmente importa: profundizar nuestra relación con Dios y preparar nuestros corazones para la alegría de la Pascua.

San Pablo nos recuerda que nuestro mayor tesoro se encuentra en Cristo. Nos urge a dejar de lado cualquier cosa que sea un obstáculo en nuestro camino de fe y a seguir adelante hacia la meta de la vida eterna. Durante la Cuaresma, se nos dan tres herramientas espirituales: oración, ayuno y limosna, que nos ayudan a realinear nuestras vidas con la voluntad de Dios. Estas prácticas nos invitan a simplificar nuestras vidas, fortalecer nuestra fe y compartir el amor de Dios con los demás.

A través de la oración, abrimos nuestros corazones a Dios y permitimos que Él nos guíe. Es un tiempo para escuchar y hablar con Él, compartiendo nuestras alegrías y luchas. El ayuno nos enseña disciplina y nos recuerda nuestra dependencia de Dios. Al dejar de lado ciertas comodidades, hacemos espacio para que Su gracia obre en nosotros. La limosna nos permite extender el amor de Cristo a los necesitados, viviendo nuestro llamado a ser Sus manos y pies en el mundo.

En este tiempo de Cuaresma, animo a cada uno de nosotros a reflexionar sobre nuestra propia jornada espiritual. ¿Qué nos impide abrazar plenamente el amor de Cristo? ¿A qué podemos renunciar para acercarnos más a Él? Tomemos en serio las palabras de san Pablo: *“Olvidando lo que queda atrás y esforzándome por alcanzar lo que está por delante, prosigo hacia la meta para ganar el premio para el cual Dios me ha llamado al cielo en Cristo Jesús”*.

Caminemos juntos esta jornada, apoyándonos unos a otros en la oración y en la acción. Que esta Cuaresma sea un tiempo de renovación para nuestra familia parroquial, un tiempo para redescubrir el valor incomparable de conocer a Cristo y preparar nuestros corazones para la alegría de la Pascua. Dios bendiga a América,

Atentamente

El Padre Thumma Prathap

5 y 6 de Abril de 2025

HOP ON OVER

And join in the fun

Saturday April 19th At 10am

Back field by the Stations of the Cross

Ages 1 to 12

Contact Gabe Canez for more information

210-884-2698

Baked good will be available for purchase



**FREE
GRATIS**

ÚNETE

a la diversión

Sábado 19 de Abril

A las 10am

En la parte de atrás, junto al Vía Crucis de 1 a 12 años

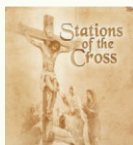
Para más información, contacta a Gabe Canez
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Lenten Season Schedule 2025 / Horario de Cuaresma 2025

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE Easter Triduum April 17-20, 2025

Holy Thursday April 17, 2025

7:00 pm Bilingual Mass The Lord's Supper

10:00 pm Tenebrae

Good Friday April 18, 2025

2:00 pm Stations of the Cross — English

3:00 pm Lord's Passion Service— English

4:30 pm Live Stations of the Cross — Bilingual

Weather permitting at the back field

7:00 pm Lord's Passion Service— Spanish

Easter Vigil Saturday April 19, 2025 8 pm Vigil Service Bilingual

Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

Sunrise Mass 6:30 am (English) In the Church

9:15 am English Mass

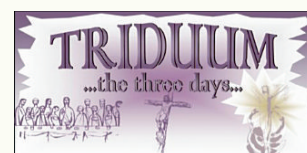
11:00 am English Mass

1:00 pm Spanish Mass

3:00 pm Spanish Misa

5:00 pm English Mass

7:00 pm Spanish Misa



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th

we encourage you to pray the Divine Mercy Novena for nine days. The Divine Mercy Cenacles will be praying the Novena beginning on Good Friday April 18th.

Come & join the Divine Mercy Cenacle in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday April 27th with a bilingual chaplet & adoration being done in the parish hall at 3pm. Followed by a reception and fellowship and a talk on Divine Mercy.



Divina Misericordia Domingo 27 de Abril

los animo a rezar la Novena de la Divina Misericordia durante nueve días. Los Cenáculos de la Divina Misericordia estarán rezando la Novena iniciando el Día del Bien el Viernes 18 de Abril.

Venga y únase al Cenáculo de la Divina Misericordia en celebrando el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia el 27 de Abril con una coronilla bilingüe y adoración en el salón parroquial a las 3 p.m. Seguido por confraternidad y charla sobre la Divina Misericordia.

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,
maiz y judia verdes una bebida de te.

Las Hijas Católicas tendrán postres deliciosos de venta.



Tenebrae - The Office of Darkness

Date: Thurs., April 17, 2024 Time: 10:00pm

Where: St. Monica Catholic Church

All are invited to attend this solemn Bilingual
prayer service. It will be a time to reflect and
meditate on the Passion of Christ.

It will be a night to remember.



Tenebrae - La Oficina de la Oscuridad

Fecha: Jueves, 17 de Abril, 2024 Hora: 10:00pm

Lugar: Iglesia Católica de Santa Mónica

Todos están invitados a asistir a este solemne servicio de
oración. Sera un tiempo para reflexionar y meditar sobre
la Pasión de Cristo. *Sera una noche para recordar.*

The Tenebrae service, a poignant tradition observed during Holy Week, is a deeply spiritual experience rooted in the Divine Office. Its meticulously arranged components, comprising readings, Psalms, and symbolic gestures, are crafted to prompt profound contemplation of Christ's passion and death.

Descending into Darkness:

As candles are gradually extinguished, the dimming ambiance mirrors the encroaching darkness of Jesus' crucifixion. This visual representation invites participants to empathize with his suffering and the anguish of his followers. Each extinguished candle symbolizes a disciple lost to doubt and despair, urging introspection on personal struggles with faith and the importance of steadfast belief.

Scriptures and Psalms:

Selected readings from the Divine Office, often centered on themes of betrayal, suffering, and lamentation, resonate with the emotional depth of Christ's journey. These passages immerse participants in the events of Holy Week, fostering empathy and understanding. Paired with Psalms characterized by sorrow and pleading, the service invites reflection on the emotional turmoil experienced by Jesus and his disciples.

The Startling Strepitus:

The abrupt "strepitus," symbolizing the earthquake at Jesus' death, disrupts the solemn atmosphere, serving as a stark reminder of the earth's response to the pivotal moment. This auditory interruption prompts congregants to consider the profound impact of Christ's sacrifice on creation.

The Single Remaining Flame:

A solitary lit candle, concealed behind the altar, symbolizes the enduring hope of Christ's resurrection amid darkness. This final beacon offers solace and reassurance, reminding worshippers that even in the depths of despair, light persists.

Beyond Symbolism:

While rich in symbolism, the Tenebrae service transcends visual and auditory experiences to facilitate deep spiritual reflection. It encourages participants to contemplate the significance of Christ's suffering, fostering empathy, strengthening faith, and ultimately renewing hope in the triumph of resurrection.

In Conclusion:

The Tenebrae service, meticulously designed and deeply meaningful, guides worshippers on a journey of introspection and spiritual renewal during Holy Week, inviting them to immerse themselves in the profound mysteries of Christ's passion and the promise of redemption.

El servicio Tenebrae, una conmovedora tradición que se observa durante la Semana Santa, es una experiencia profundamente espiritual arraigada en el Oficio Divino. Sus componentes meticulosamente organizados, que comprenden lecturas, salmos y gestos simbólicos, están diseñados para provocar una profunda contemplación de la pasión y muerte de Cristo.

Descendiendo a la Oscuridad: A medida que las velas se apagan gradualmente, el ambiente cada vez mas tenue refleja la oscuridad cada vez mayor de la crucifixión de Jesús. Esta representación visual invita a los participantes a empatizar con su sufrimiento y la angustia de sus seguidores. Cada vela apagada simboliza un discípulo perdido en la duda y la desesperación, instando la introspección sobre las luchas personales con la fe y la importancia de una fe firme.

Escrituras y Salmos: Lecturas seleccionadas del Oficio Divino, a menudo centradas en temas de traición, sufrimiento y lamentación, resuenan con la profundidad emocional del viaje de Cristo. Estos pasajes sumergen a los participantes en los eventos de la Semana Santa, fomentando la empatía y la comprensión. Junto con Salmos caracterizados por el dolor y la suplica, el servicio invita a reflexionar sobre la confusión emocional experimentada por Jesús y sus discípulos.

El Sorprendente Estrepito: El abrupto "estrepito", que simboliza el terremoto en la muerte de Jesús, interrumpe la atmósfera solemne, sirviendo como un crudo recordatorio de la respuesta de la tierra al momento crucial. Esta interrupción auditiva impulsa a los congregantes a considerar el profundo impacto del sacrificio de Cristo en la creación.

La Única Llama Restante: Una solitaria vela encendida, ocultada detrás del altar, simboliza la esperanza durable de la resurrección de Cristo en medio de la oscuridad. Este ultimo faro ofrece consuelo y tranquilidad, recordando a los fieles que incluso en las profundidades de la desesperación, la luz persiste.

Mas Alla del Simbolismo: Mientras es rico en simbolismo, el servicio Tenebrae trasciende las experiencias visuales y auditivas para facilitar una profunda reflexión espiritual. Amina a los participantes a contemplar el significado del sufrimiento de Cristo, fomentando la empatía, fortaleciendo la fe y en ultima instancia, renovando la esperanza en el triunfo de la resurrección.

En Conclusión: El servicio Tenebrae, diseñado meticulosamente y profundamente significativo, guía a los fieles en un trayecto de introspección y renovación espiritual durante la Semana Santa, invitándolos a sumergirse en los profundos misterios de la pasión de Cristo y de la promesa de la redención.



Happy 26th Priestly Ordination
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April 29th



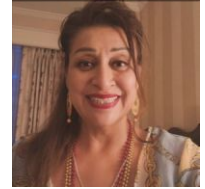
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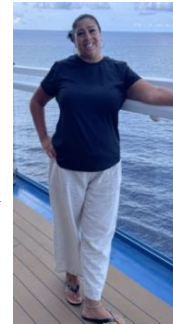


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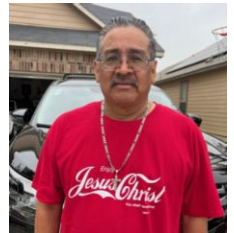


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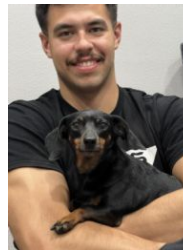
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Turn in your **May** Birthdays, anniversary or accomplishment picture by **April 27th** to:
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Gracias a todos los mandaron sus fotos de cumpleaños, aniversario de bodas, ocasiones especiales.

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Date **04/10/25** Time **6:15pm**



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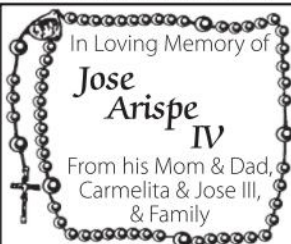
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