



A Jubilee Pilgrimage Site of the Archdiocese of San Antonio

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



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



DOMINGO DE RAMOS DE LA PASIÓN DE SEÑOR

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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

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Registration now open for the 2025/2026 School Year

Ya está abierta la inscripción para el Año 2025/2026

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St Monica Catholic School



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
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 14th

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

Tuesday/Martes, April 15th

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

Wednesday/Miércoles, April 16th

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

Thursday/Jueves, April 17th

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

Friday/Viernes, April 18th

Stations of the Cross - English 2 p.m.
Lord's Passion Service - English 3 p.m. Fr. Thumma
Live Stations/Via Crucis (Bilingual/Bilingüe) 4:30 p.m.
Lord's Passion Service - Spanish 7 p.m. Fr. Rafael

Saturday/Sábado, April 19th

Mass/Misa 8:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma & Fr. Rafael

The Resurrection of the Lord

Domingo de Pascua La Resurrección del Señor

Sunday/Domingo, April 20th

Masses in a.m. 6:30 a.m. Fr. Rafael & Dcn. Sean
Misas de la mañana 9:15 a.m. Fr. Rafael & Dcn. Sean
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. Luis
Misas de la tarde 5 p.m. (English) Fr. Thumma & Dcn. David
7 p.m. (Español) Fr. Thumma & Dcn. David



Mon	4/14	8:15 a.m. (SI) St. Monica Parishioners 6:30 p.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tue	4/15	8:15 a.m. (B) Fr. Thumma (B) Esquivel Lopez † Holy Souls in Purgatory † Mike C. Juarez Sr. 6:30 p.m. (SI) St. Monica Parishioners
Wed	4/16	8:15 a.m. (B) Fr. Dennis Arechiga (SI) Conversion of Sinners (SI) Esquivel Lopez † Roberto Sanchez † Holy Souls in Purgatory † Andrea Trevino 6:30 p.m. (SI) St. Monica Parishioners
Thurs	4/17	7:00 p.m. (SI) Esquivel Lopez (SI) Jubilee Pilgrims † Adelina Villasana Lina † Angelina Gonzalez
Sat.	4/19	8:00 p.m. (A) Edmundo & Karla Gutierrez † Leissa Sutton † Jose Mateo Saucedo † Jose Luis Sanchez III † Mary Kirby
Sun.	4/20	6:30 a.m. (SI) Tonya Robhom & Family † Eugene Roller † Charlie Schebarth 9:15 a.m. † Richard Hite 11:00 a.m. (A) Tom & Carol Minton (SI) Chijioke & Uzoamaka Nnajofofor † Irma Kotanan † Rachel Gonzalez † Lupe Chagoya † Bob Hovis † Lee Griffen † Llamina "Luming" Abellar 1:00 p.m. (A) Armando & Belinda Tamez (A) Daniel & Sara Olivares Katherine Payton † Quint Guadalupe Payton † Josephina Ochoa † Uvaldo Cantu † Jose Ricardo Hernandez † Saul Guevarra Lluna 3:00 p.m. † Jose Mateo Saucedo 5:00 p.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners † Claudia Montoya 7:00 p.m. † Felipe Cano † Brenda Cano



COLLECTIONS

April 6th \$ 16,902.00 Online collection \$ 4,121.00

Second Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 4,212.73

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 289.00 Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 243.00

Friday April 28th - Second Collection: For the Holy Land

Sunday April 20th Second Collection: For Operation Rice Bowl

“Pastor’s Voice”

Dearest St. Monica Family,

As we prepare to celebrate Holy Thursday, the day we commemorate the establishment of the priesthood and the Eucharist, I invite us to reflect on the profound gift of the priesthood in modern times.

The priesthood is a vital cornerstone of our Catholic faith. Priests serve as shepherds, guiding us on our journey of faith, bringing us the sacraments, and leading us closer to Christ. In a world often filled with noise and distractions, priests stand as living witnesses to God’s love, mercy, and truth. Their role is irreplaceable in proclaiming the Gospel and building up the Body of Christ.

Today, more than ever, we face a great need for priests. Across our nation and the world, parishes are closing or merging because of a shortage of vocations. Yet, the call to the priesthood remains as urgent as ever. Young men are still being called by God to this noble vocation, and it is our responsibility as a faith community to nurture and support these vocations.

I urge you to pray fervently for priests. Pray for their perseverance, holiness, and joy in their ministry. At the same time, I ask for your patience and forgiveness. Priests are human and, like all of us, they are not immune to making mistakes. If a priest has wronged you in any way, I encourage you to approach him with a spirit of dialogue and reconciliation. Healing and understanding can only come when we open our hearts to one another.

Let us also pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in our country. May the Lord inspire many young men to say “yes” to His call and may families encourage their sons to consider this sacred path.

This Holy Thursday, let us honor the gift of the priesthood, renew our commitment to supporting our priests, and pray for a flourishing of vocations. Together, as a parish family, let us thank God for this beautiful gift and ask Him to sustain and bless those who serve in His name. God Bless America,

Yours truly,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

April 12th & 13th, 2025

“Voz del Pastor”

Querida familia de Santa Mónica,

Mientras nos preparamos para celebrar el Jueves Santo, el día en que conmemoramos el establecimiento del sacerdocio y la Eucaristía, les invito a que reflexionar sobre el profundo don del sacerdocio en los tiempos modernos.

El sacerdocio es una piedra angular vital de nuestra fe católica. Los sacerdotes sirven como pastores, nos guían en nuestro camino de fe, nos llevan los sacramentos y nos acercan a Cristo. En un mundo a menudo lleno de ruido y distracciones, los sacerdotes son testigos vivos del amor, la misericordia y la verdad de Dios. Su papel es irremplazable en proclamar el Evangelio y en la edificación del Cuerpo de Cristo.

Hoy, más que nunca, nos enfrentamos a una gran necesidad de sacerdotes. En toda nuestra nación y el mundo, las parroquias están cerrando o fusionándose debido a la escasez de vocaciones. Sin embargo, el llamado al sacerdocio sigue siendo tan urgente como siempre. Los jóvenes siguen siendo llamados por Dios a esta noble vocación, y es nuestra responsabilidad como comunidad de fe de nutrir y apoyar estas vocaciones.

Les exhorto a rezar fervientemente por los sacerdotes. Oren por su perseverancia, santidad y gozo en su ministerio. Al mismo tiempo, les pido paciencia y perdón. Los sacerdotes son humanos y, como todos nosotros, no son inmunes a cometer errores. Si un sacerdote les ha ofendido de alguna manera, les animo a que se acerquen a él con un espíritu de diálogo y reconciliación. La sanación y la comprensión solo pueden llegar cuando abrimos nuestros corazones los unos a los otros.

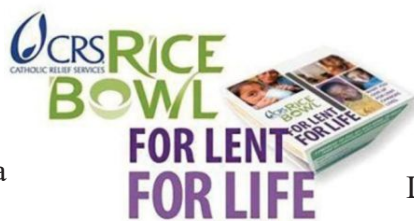
Recemos también por el aumento de las vocaciones al sacerdocio en nuestro país. Que el Señor inspire a muchos jóvenes a decir “sí” a su llamado y que las familias animen a sus hijos a considerar este sagrado camino.

Este Jueves Santo, honremos el don del sacerdocio, renovemos nuestro compromiso de apoyar a nuestros sacerdotes y oremos por el florecimiento de las vocaciones. Juntos, como familia parroquial, demos gracias a Dios por este hermoso don y pidámosle que sostenga y bendiga a los que sirven en su nombre. Dios bendiga a América,

Atentamente

El Padre Thumma Prathap

12 y 13 de Abril de 2025



Friendly reminder if you picked up a Rice Bowl at the beginning of Lent they are due next week Easter Sunday April 20th. Thank you for your kind generosity.

Les recordamos que si recogieron un Plato de Arroz al comienzo de la Cuaresma, deben entregarlo la próxima semana, el Domingo de Pascua, 20 de Abril.

Gracias por su generosidad.

We **will not** be having Edge Tues. April 16 and **no** Religious Education or Youth Group on Wed. April 17th.

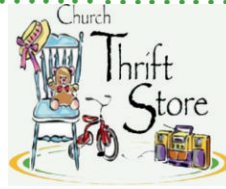
Classes will resume on Tuesday and Wednesday April 22nd & 23rd.

The last day of classes are on the 29th & 30th
Have a blessed and enjoyable Easter.



No tendremos clases de Edge el Martes 16 de Abril **ni** de Educación Religiosa **ni** del Grupo de Jóvenes el Miércoles 17 de Abril. Las clases se reanudarán el Martes y Miércoles 22 y 23 de Abril. Las últimas clases serán el 29 y 30 de Abril. ¡Les deseamos una Pascua feliz y llena de bendiciones!

In observance of Easter the Thrift Store will be closed from April 14 - April 19, 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 estará cerrada del 14 al 19 de Abril de 2025 y **NO** aceptará donaciones hasta el **Lunes, 27 de Abril**. Estará abierta para compras el Miércoles 23 de Abril 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 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>. 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, gift cards, collectibles, sports memorabilia, 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 16th & 23rd
5 pm -7 pm at the parish office

Guarde 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 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 inscripción 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 para la subasta silenciosa:**

Miércoles; 16 y 23 de Abril,
5 pm -7 pm en la oficina parroquial



St. Monica, pray for us.

Santa Mónica, ruega por nosotros.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE SEMANA SANTA
Easter Triduum April 17-20, 2025 / Triduo Pascual 17-20 de Abril 2025

Holy Thursday April 17, 2025 / Jueves Santo 17 de Abril, 2025

7:00 pm - Bilingual Mass The Lord's Supper / Misa Bilingüe La Cena del Señor
10:00 pm - Tenebrae

Good Friday April 18, 2025 / Viernes Santo 18 de Abril, 2025

2:00 pm Stations of the Cross - English / Vía Crucis en Ingles
3:00 pm Lord's Passion Service - English / La Pasión del Señor en Ingles
4:30 pm Live Stations of the Cross - Bilingual / Vía Crucis en Vivo - Bilingüe
Weather permitting at the back field / Si el clima lo permite en el campo trasero
7:00 pm Lord's Passion Service - Spanish / La Pasión del Señor en Español



Easter Vigil Saturday April 19, 2025 / Vigilia Pascual Sábado, 19 de Abril, 2025

8 pm Vigil Service Bilingual / Servicio de Vigilia Bilingüe

Easter Sunday April 20, 2025 / Domingo de Pascua 20 de Abril, 2025

6:30 am Sunrise Mass (English) In the Church / Misa al Amanecer (Ingles) en la Iglesia
9:15 am English Mass / Misa en Ingles
11:00 am English Mass / Misa en Ingles
1:00 pm Spanish Mass / Misa en Español
3:00 pm Spanish Misa / Misa en Español
5:00 pm English Mass / Misa en Ingles



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
Edades 1 a 12 años

Para más información, contacte
a Gabe Canez 210-884-2698

Productos horneados estarán disponibles para
su compra.

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 at 9 am in the Chapel Saturday April 19th at 9 am in the Chapel Sunday April 20th at 8 am in the Chapel Monday April 21st - Friday April 25th After daily Mass in the Chapel Saturday April 26th after 9:30 am Mass 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 of fellowship and a talk on Divine Mercy.



Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, 27 de Abril

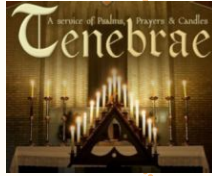
los animamos a rezar la Novena de la Divina Misericordia durante nueve días. Los Cenáculos de la Divina Misericordia estarán rezando la Novena comenzando el Viernes Santo, 18 de Abril a las 9am en la Capilla Sábado, 19 de Abril a las 9am en la Capilla Domingo, 20 de Abril a las 8am en la Capilla Lunes, 21 de Abril a Viernes 25 de Abril Después de misa diaria en la Capilla Sábado, 26 de Abril de Misa de 9:30 am

Venga y únase al Cenáculo de la Divina Misericordia en celebración del Domingo de la Divina Misericordia el 27 de Abril con una coronilla bilingüe y adoración en el salón parroquial a las 3pm Seguido por una recepción de compañerismo y charla sobre la Divina Misericordia.

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 Oficio 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 bilingüe. Será 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 más 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 último faro ofrece consuelo y tranquilidad, recordando a los fieles que incluso en las profundidades de la desesperación, la luz persiste.

Más 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 última instancia, renovando la esperanza en el triunfo de la redención.

St. Monica, pray for us.



Santa Mónica, ruega por nosotros.



*Thank you to all
St. Monica Parishioners*

Our Community is a better place because of **YOU!**

From October 2024 to March 2025, YOUR generous donations to St Monica's St Vincent de Paul Conference served 790 people by providing food and helping with their utility and/or housing needs.

Food is often the most requested type of assistance and with your donations we were able to distribute 7,464 pounds of food and our pantry is still full.

*Gracias a todos los Feligreses
de Santa Mónica*

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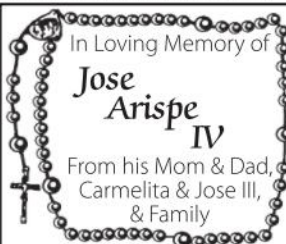
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Weekdays: 8:15 a.m. (Mon-Fri)

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