

A Jubilee Pilgrimage Site of the Archdiocese of San Antonio



St. Monica Catholic Church

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Working Hours: Mon., Tue., Thur.,
& Friday 9:00 am-5:30 pm

Closed for lunch 12:30-1pm Mon.- Fri.

Wed. 9 am-7pm

Sat: 10am-2pm

Sun: 10am-3pm

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

St Monica Catholic School

MASS SCHEDULE:

The 9:15 a.m. & 1 p.m. Sunday 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 DE SACERDOTES ES SUJETO A CAMBIO**

Monday/Lunes, June 30th

Memorial of the First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Memoria de los Primeros Santos Mártires de la Iglesia Romana

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

Tuesday/Martes, May July 1st

Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
Memoria de San Junípero Serra, Presbítero

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

Wednesday/Miércoles, July 2nd

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

Confessions / Confesiones 5:30 p.m.

Thursday/Jueves, July 3rd

Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle / Fiesta de santo Tomás, Apóstol

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

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

Friday/Viernes, July 4th

Happy Independence Day / Feliz día de Independencia

Parish Office Closed / Oficina Parroquial Cerrada

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

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

Saturday/Sabado July 5th

Memorial of the Saint Elizabeth of Portugal
Memoria opcional del Corazón Inmaculado de María

Rosary (Bilingual/Bilingüe) 9:00 a.m.

Mass 9:30 a.m. Fr. Thumma

Confessions / Confesiones 3:30 p.m.

Mass/ Misa 5:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

14^o Domingo Ordinario

Sunday/Domingo, July 6th

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. Sean

Masses in p.m. 1 p.m. (Español) Fr. Thumma
& Dcn. Joel

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

Misas de la tarde 5 p.m. (English) Fr. Thumma
& Dcn. Sean

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



Mass Intentions

Mon 6/30 8:15 a.m. (SI) Fr. Rafael A. Lopez-Negroni
(B) John Silk
(B) Christian Noah Garcia

Tue 7/1 8:15 a.m. † Holy Souls In Purgatory

Wed 7/2 8:15 a.m. (B) Andrew Winfield
(SI) Conversion of Sinners

Thurs 7/3 8:15 a.m. (B) Tony Orlando

6:30 p.m. (SI) Jubilee Pilgrims

Fri. 7/4 8:15 a.m. (B) Rita Pague
† Holy Souls in Purgatory

7:00 p.m. (SI) Bertha Diaz Gonzales
(SI) Maximilliano Alexis Garcia
(SI) Jubilee Pilgrims

Sat. 7/5 9:30 a.m. (B) Scott Winfield
(SI) Jubilee Pilgrims

5:30 p.m. † Leissa Sutton

Sun. 7/6 7:30 a.m. (SI) All Deployed Military
(SI) Nneka & Johnny Rogers
† Debra Murphy
† Susan Kneupper
† Bob & Esther Patterson
† Ronald Roothane Jr.

9:15 a.m. † Manuel Gonzales
† David Espinoza Sr.

11:00 a.m. † Irma Kotanan
† Reynold & Alicia Gonzalez

1:00 p.m. (SI) Familia Castellanos-Coronado
(B) Anai Covarrubias
† Uvaldo Cantu

3:00 p.m. (SI) Familia Castellanos
† Mauro Antonio Gutierrez

5:00 p.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners
† Glenn Michael Phillips
† Sue Stark

7:00 p.m. (SI) Diana Bonilla

This weeks altar flowers are sponsored by
Ruben & Suzanna Alonzo in honor of
The St. Monica Community



COLLECTIONS

June 22nd \$ 12,592.00

Online collection \$ 2,730.00

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 184.00

Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 116.00

July 6th— NO Second Collection:



This week's sanctuary lamp is for the special intention
of **Raul Ramirez**
and a special intention for **The Pilgrims of Hope**

SACRAMENTS

ANOIDING 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 appointment.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & EDGE: Includes preparation for **First Communion and Confirmation** Grades K– High School. Email: RE@saintmonicaconverse.net

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.

MINISTRIES

ACTS: Javier Flores

ALTAR SOCIETY: THRIFT STORE: Open Wednesdays & Saturdays from 9 a.m. till Noon

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: Dcn. Sean Dooley

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS: Meet 3rd Sat. of the month 9a.m. NO MEETINGS June or July. Contact: **Melinda Vanderdrink**

ART & ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY: Alma Castillo

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: (Spanish) Meet Tues. 6 - 7:30pm & Wed. 9 to 11am in the Parish Hall contact **Lupita Ruiz**

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: (English) Meet every 2nd & 4th Sat. at 10am & the following Mon. at 6pm contact **Natalia Lopez**

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER, LECTOR, USHER OR ALTAR SERVER: Contact **Anita Moreno** to join any of these ministries.

GUADALUPANAS: Meets 2nd Mon. 10:00 a.m. parish hall, **Joe Luera**

HEALING HEART: Elsa Lopez

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Lyle Pearce Beginning Wednesday October 4th at 7:45pm in the Parish Hall

HOMEBOUND: Barbara Ward

WELCOME MINISTRY: Tony Canez

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Meets 2nd Tues. at 7:00 p.m. **Steve Steele,** Grand Knight

LOVESTRONG: Tony & Isabel Canez

SPANISH PRAYER GROUP: Meet every Fri. 7:00 p.m. at parish hall: **Rafael & Betzy Torres**

POWER POINT MINISTRY: Claudio Corrales & Courtney Sheehan

VOCATIONS: Elvia Armenta

Contact the parish office for more information on any of the above ministries.



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., Jo-Ann Case, 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, Brenda, Melissa, Diane Thatcher, Jennifer Sanchez, Jose Martinez, John Cortez, Andrew, Velma Duran, Jan Beland, Ernie & Sally Gonzales, 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, Pawlick family, Laura Cynthia Peters, Bill Eastman, Rose, Felix Davila, Ernesto Sosa, Robert, Adam Thomas, Gabriel M., Michael Burgos, Rhona Hogan, Barbara Rials, Trini & Jackie Cantú, Tony Rippy, Eduardo Guevara, Adalene, Blanca, Donelia Jimenez, Janet Hillson, Jose Reyes, Pablo Martinez, Aleda, Rob Wick, Lucy Zamora, Ariel & Clara Casiano, 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, Nikki F., Derrick Hensley, Edith, Juan Esquivel, Rocio Martinez, Hector Balderas, Diana Palomo, Vicky Guevara, Mary Angel Garcia, Manuel Lozano, Sophia Pusateri, John Baldwin, Christina S., 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, Rafael Torres, Reynaldo Ricky Yanong, Olivia Rodriguez, Raul Ramirez, George San Augustin, Mary Gutierrez Richard Valentino, Matthew Chavez,, Josie Franco, Maria F. Gonzales, Miguel Rodriguez, Rogelio Rodriguez, Marissa Rubio, Sylvia Gonzales, Lee Myers, David Lopez Sr., Vickie Rubio

*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.

“Pastor’s Voice”

Dearest St. Monica Family,

As we gather to celebrate Independence Day on July 4th, let us take a moment to reflect on the blessings of freedom and the many gifts we enjoy as citizens of this great nation. This day marks an important milestone in our country’s history—a time when brave men and women envisioned a nation founded on liberty, justice, and the pursuit of happiness.

As people of faith, we recognize that these freedoms are blessings entrusted to us by God, and with them comes the responsibility to use them for the common good. On this special day, let us offer prayers of gratitude for the United States of America, asking God to continue guiding and protecting our nation.

We are called to pray for unity in our country. While differences in opinions and perspectives will always exist, we are reminded of our shared dignity as children of God. Let us strive to build bridges of understanding and compassion, fostering a spirit of cooperation and peace in our communities and beyond.

Let us also remember to pray for the leaders of our country at all levels—national, state, and local. May God grant them wisdom, courage, and integrity as they serve the people they are called to lead. May they be guided by a commitment to justice, the welfare of all, and the pursuit of policies that reflect the dignity and worth of every person.

As families, parishes, and communities, we can contribute to the flourishing of our nation by living out our faith values—by loving our neighbors, serving those in need, and working toward a more just and compassionate society.

On this Independence Day, let us thank God for the gift of freedom, for the sacrifices of those who have defended it, and for the opportunities it provides. May we use our freedom to build a nation that reflects the ideals of liberty, justice, and peace for all.

May God bless each of you, your families, and our parish as we celebrate this special day, and may He bless and guide the United States of America.

God Bless America,

Yours truly,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

June 28th & 29th, 2025

“Voz del Pastor”

Querida familia de Santa Mónica,

Mientras nos reunimos para celebrar el Día de la Independencia el 4 de Julio, tomemos un momento para reflexionar sobre las bendiciones de la libertad y los muchos regalos que disfrutamos como ciudadanos de esta gran nación. Este día marca un hito importante en la historia de nuestro país, un momento en que hombres y mujeres valientes imaginaron una nación fundada en la libertad, la justicia y la búsqueda de la felicidad.

Como personas de fe, reconocemos que estas libertades son bendiciones que Dios nos ha encomendado, y con ellas viene la responsabilidad de usarlas para el bien común. En este día especial, ofrezcamos oraciones de gratitud por los Estados Unidos de América, pidiendo a Dios que continúe guiando y protegiendo nuestra nación. Estamos llamados a orar por la unidad en nuestro país. Aunque siempre existirán diferencias de opiniones y perspectivas, se nos recuerda nuestra dignidad compartida como hijos de Dios. Esforcémonos por construir puentes de entendimiento y compasión, promoviendo un espíritu de cooperación y paz en nuestras comunidades y más allá.

Recordemos también orar por los líderes de nuestro país en todos los niveles: nacional, estatal y local. Que Dios les otorgue sabiduría, valentía e integridad mientras sirven al pueblo que están llamados a liderar. Que sean guiados por un compromiso con la justicia, el bienestar de todos y la búsqueda de políticas que reflejen la dignidad y el valor de cada persona.

Como familias, parroquias y comunidades, podemos contribuir al florecimiento de nuestra nación viviendo nuestros valores de fe: amando a nuestros vecinos, sirviendo a los necesitados y trabajando hacia una sociedad más justa y compasiva.

En este Día de la Independencia, agradezcamos a Dios por el regalo de la libertad, por los sacrificios de aquellos que la han defendido, y por las oportunidades que nos brinda. Que usemos nuestra libertad para construir una nación que refleje los ideales de libertad, justicia y paz para todos.

Que Dios bendiga a cada uno de ustedes, a sus familias y a nuestra parroquia mientras celebramos este día especial, y que Él bendiga y guíe a los Estados Unidos de América.

Dios Bendiga América,

Atentamente,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

June 28 y 29 de Junio, 2025

St. Monica, pray for us.



Santa Mónica. ruega por nosotros.

Fr. Thumma would like to thank all the volunteers and Parishioners for their support in making this festival a successful one!

El Padre Thumma les quiere agradecer a todos los voluntarios y feligreses por su apoyo para que este festival fuera un Éxito !

St. Monica Catholic Church 2025 Annual Festival Report			
Activity	Debit	Credit	Profit
Expenses	\$ 8,407.10		
Festival Ticket Sales - CASH		\$ 16,529.50	
Festival Ticket Sales – CARD/PAYPAL		5,973.00	
Festival Online Vendors/Donations		5,365.00	
Silent Auction		4476.00	
Vendor Space Rentals		1,040.00	
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>\$ 8,4007.10</u>	<u>\$ 33,383.59</u>	<u>\$ 24,976.40</u>

There is still time to join this faith filled weekend.

An ACTS Retreat for Women in Spanish is coming up in July!!



The ACTS ministry at St. Monica is excited to invite all the women of St Monica to our next Women's ACTS Spanish retreat to be held on July 24-27th at St. Anthony Retreat Center in San Antonio. We pray that every woman from our community will prayerfully consider attending this inspiring weekend retreat to learn more about what God wants for them in their lives. The retreat begins on Thursday, July 24th, in the evening, and will end on Sunday, July 27th after the 3 o'clock Mass at Saint Monica.

The cost of the retreat is \$225.00, and that includes transportation to the retreat center, room accommodations, and all meals. Please, do not let the cost deter you from attending the retreat. Financial assistance is available. Contact Ludy Kent (210) 862-4547, Esmeralda Martinez (210) 480-6517 or Lupita Gonzalez (210) 836-4855 with any questions.

Todavía tiene tiempo para unirse a este fin de semana lleno de fe.

Un retiro de ACTS para Mujeres en Español viene en Julio!!

El Ministerio de ACTS en Santa Mónica está muy entusiasmado en invitar a todas las mujeres de Sta. Mónica a nuestro retiro de ACTS en Español que será de Julio 24-27 en el Centro de Retiro de San Antonio de Padua en San Antonio. Pedimos que cada mujer de nuestra comunidad considere asistir este fin de semana inspiracional, para aprender más de lo que Dios quiere en sus vidas. El retiro comienza el Jueves, 24 de Julio, en la tarde, y terminará el Domingo 27 de Julio en la Misa de 1:00 pm en Santa Mónica.

El costo del retiro es \$225, y eso incluye transporte al centro de retiro, hospedaje, y todas las comidas. Por favor no deje que el costo le impida asistir a este retiro. Ayuda financiera está disponible.

Comuníquese con Ludy Kent (210) 862-4547, Esmeralda Martínez (210) 480-6517 o Lupita Gonzalez (210) 836-4855 si tiene preguntas.

Stay Connected to St. Monica

We have a way of communicating with our parishioners through **EVANGELUS**. We encourage you to join at eva.us/stmcc or **text to join STMC to 55321**. Don't forget we also have MyParish App you can download on to your cell phone.



Manténgase Conectado con Santa Mónica

Hemos adoptado una nueva manera de comunicarnos con nuestros feligreses con **EVANGELUS**. Les pedimos que se unan a nosotros. Vayan a eva.us/stmcc o **mande mensaje de texto a 55321**. Recuerden que tenemos la aplicación MyParish que puede bajar en su teléfonos celular.

Download Our New Parish App!

Our new St. Monica app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more. Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish.



¡Descargue nuestra nueva aplicación parroquial (Parish App)!

Nuestra nueva aplicación Santa Mónica ya está disponible para descargar para teléfonos inteligentes iPhone y Android. Manténgase conectado con nuestra parroquia durante toda la semana con notificaciones instantáneas, un calendario. También disfrute de un gran número de funciones adicionales como oraciones, lecturas diarias, recordatorios útiles para silenciar su teléfono antes de la misa o la confesión, y mucho más.

Descargue nuestra aplicación hoy en myparishapp.com o busque myparish en la tienda de aplicaciones de su teléfono.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our religious education volunteers have **FUN** and make a real difference! The many volunteers who assist our Religious Education (RE) program make it possible to provide the valuable life-changing, growth in faith. By leading or assisting, once a week, September to May, you can play an important role in a young person's life, witnessing their growth, AND contribute to your own learning. Our Religious Education program is looking for volunteers to assist in various areas. Classes meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. All that is required is a loving heart, dedication, and a willingness to share God's word. Anyone interested in helping this wonderful group, please contact Toni Espinoza at 210-658-3816 or re@saintmonicaconverse.net



NECESITAMOS VOLUNTARIOS

¡Nuestros voluntarios de educación religiosa se **DIVIERTEN** y marcan una verdadera diferencia! Los muchos voluntarios que ayudan a nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa (RE) hacen posible brindar el valioso cambio de vida, el crecimiento en la fe. Al liderar o ayudar, una vez por semana, de Septiembre a Mayo, puede desempeñar un papel importante en la vida de una persona joven, presenciar su crecimiento y contribuir a su propio aprendizaje. Nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa está buscando voluntarios para ayudar en varias áreas. Las clases se reúnen los Miércoles por la noche a las 6:30 p.m. Todo lo que se requiere es un corazón amoroso, dedicación y la voluntad de compartir la palabra de Dios. Si está interesado en ayudar a este maravilloso grupo, comuníquese con Toni Espinoza al 210-658-3816 o re@saintmonicaconverse.net

Religious Education Registration



Don't let your child miss out in building their faith. Registration for Religious Education **begins Monday July 7th.**

Please come to the office to register

The office is open till 7 pm on Wed

If you are registering for a sacrament please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate and First Holy Communion. You will receive a calendar at the time you register.

All classes begin at 6:30 p.m. end at 7:30 p.m.
We are looking forward to another blessed year.

No deje que su hijo se pierda la oportunidad de construir de su fe. La inscripción para la Educación Religiosa **comienza el Lunes, 7 de Julio. Por favor, visite la oficina para registrarse. La oficina esta abierta hasta las 7 pm los Miércoles.**

Si está registrando para un sacramento, por favor traiga una copia del certificado de bautismo y de la Primera Comunión de tu hijo. Recibirá un calendario en el momento en que se registre.

Todas las clases comienzan a las 6:30 p.m. y terminan a las 7:30 p.m. Estamos ansiosos por otro año bendecido.

Effective Immediately the St. Monica Thrift Store

will NO longer be accepting donations on Saturdays and Sundays.

NO DONATIONS will be accepted from July 7th until July 21st.

The Thrift Store will be having **Christmas in July**



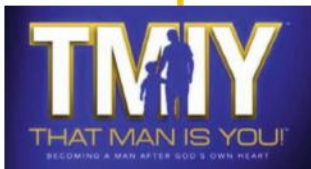
Con efecto inmediato, la Tienda de Segunda de Santa Mónica

Ya **NO** aceptara mas donaciones los Sábados y Domingos. **NO SE ACEPTARAN DONACIONES desde el 7 de Julio hasta el 21 de Julio.**

La Tienda de Segunda tendrá venta de **Navidad en Julio** durante todo el mes de Julio.

"The Knights of Columbus COR Men's Ministry will not meet during the months of July and August. We will resume meeting September 7, 2025 when we kick off the with the That Man Is You (TMIY) format.

Mark you calendar for the annual Knights of Columbus BBQ coming Sunday July 27th. Pre-sale tickets and additional information will be announced in the coming weeks.



"El Ministerio de Hombres COR de los Caballeros de Colón no se reunirá durante los meses de Julio y Agosto. Reanudaremos nuestras reuniones el 7 de Septiembre de 2025, cuando iniciemos el formato "Ese Hombre Eres Tú" (TMIY).

Anoten en su calendario el BBQ anual de los Caballeros de Colón, que se celebrará el Domingo 27 de Julio. La preventa de boletos y más información se anunciarán en las próximas semanas.

Dear Santa Monica Community,

After seven and a half years of walking with you, first as a deacon for six and a half years and then as a priest for this last year, the time has come to embark on a new pastoral course. In all this time, there have been countless beautiful moments that I have lived in the midst of this community that I love so much. My heart will be eternally grateful for each of the blessings I received.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your warm welcome from the first day, your constant accompaniment, and the trust you always gave me. For all this and much more, I will not say goodbye today, but I will see you later.

I sincerely thank Father Thumma, who received me generously from that first meeting in which we discerned my assignment as a deacon in this parish and offered me his support, guidance, and pastoral accompaniment during all this time. I have learned a lot from him and am very grateful to him.

To my dear brother deacons, thank you for your friendship, collaboration, and witness of faithful service. I have also learned a lot from you and deeply value every moment shared. I consider you my family, too!

To all the members of the various ministries, **THANK YOU!** Thank you for your generosity, dedication to the service of the Church, and the beautiful moments of communion lived in our apostolate. What a blessing it has been to serve alongside you!

To the office staff, I thank you in a special way for your constant support, kindness, and acceptance of me with so much affection, first as a deacon and then as a parochial vicar. You guys are a phenomenal team!

And to all the families of this community, thank you for opening your hearts to me, giving me your trust, and for the many gestures of affection that made me feel part of your homes. You have been my family in faith and my daily journey.

To all, **THANK YOU.** I thank God because, in his infinite wisdom, he led me to Santa Monica and allowed me to know and serve this beautiful community. God's timing and design are always perfect.

Endings are never easy. But I want to say goodbye with these words of comfort and hope from the Apostle Paul to Philippians 1:3-6: *"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

I am confident that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide the steps of this community, as he has done so far. I will always carry you in my heart and my prayers.

With gratitude and affection in Christ,

Fr. Rafael Antonio



Querida comunidad de Santa Mónica,

Después de siete años y medio de caminar junto a ustedes, primero como diácono durante seis años y medio, y luego como sacerdote durante este último año, ha llegado el momento de emprender un nuevo rumbo pastoral. En todo este tiempo, han sido incontables los momentos hermosos que he vivido en medio de esta comunidad que tanto amo. ¡Mi corazón estará eternamente agradecido por cada una de las bendiciones recibidas!

Gracias, de todo corazón, por su cálido recibimiento desde el primer día, por su acompañamiento constante y por la confianza que siempre me brindaron. Por todo esto y mucho más, hoy no les digo adiós... sino hasta luego.

Agradezco sinceramente a Padre Thumma, quien desde aquel primer encuentro en el que discernimos mi asignación como diácono en esta parroquia, me recibió con generosidad y me ofreció su apoyo, guía y acompañamiento pastoral durante todo este tiempo. He aprendido mucho de él y le estoy muy agradecido.

A mis queridos hermanos diáconos, gracias por su amistad, colaboración y testimonio de servicio fiel. He aprendido mucho también de ustedes y valoro profundamente cada momento compartido. ¡Los considero mi familia también!

A todos los miembros de los distintos ministerios, **¡GRACIAS!** Gracias por su generosidad, por su entrega al servicio de la Iglesia, y por los hermosos momentos de comunión vividos en nuestro apostolado. ¡Qué bendición ha sido servir junto a ustedes!

Al personal de oficina, les agradezco de manera especial por su constante apoyo, por su amabilidad y por haberme aceptado con tanto cariño, primero como diácono y luego como vicario parroquial. ¡Ustedes son un equipo fenomenal!

Y a todas las familias de esta comunidad, gracias por abrirme su corazón, por regalarme su confianza, y por los tantos gestos de cariño que me hicieron sentir verdaderamente parte de sus hogares. Han sido mi familia en la fe y en el caminar cotidiano.

A todos, simplemente GRACIAS. Le doy gracias a Dios, porque en su infinita sabiduría me condujo hasta Santa Mónica y me permitió conocer y servir a esta comunidad tan hermosa. Los tiempos y designios de Dios son siempre perfectos.

Quiero despedirme con estas palabras de consuelo y esperanza del apóstol San Pablo a los Filipenses 1:3-6: *"Doy gracias a mi Dios cada vez que me acuerdo de ustedes. En todas mis oraciones por todos ustedes, siempre rezo con alegría por su participación en el evangelio desde el primer día hasta ahora; estando seguros de esto, que el que comenzó en ustedes la buena obra, la perfeccionará hasta el día de Cristo Jesús"*

Confío plenamente en que el Espíritu Santo seguirá guiando los pasos de esta comunidad, como lo ha hecho hasta ahora. Los llevaré siempre en mi corazón y en mis oraciones.

Con gratitud y afecto en Cristo,

Padre Rafael Antonio.

Fr. Rafael, you will truly be missed here at St. Monica. You will always be in our thoughts & prayers. Lots of well wishes on your new journey at Sacred Heart. May God bless you abundantly and always.



Padre Rafael, realmente te extrañaremos aquí en Santa Mónica. Siempre estarás en nuestros pensamientos y oraciones. Muchos deseos de felicidad en tu nuevo viaje en Sagrado Corazón. Que Dios te bendiga abundantemente y siempre.

Celebrating the Gift of Marriage A Year of Gratitude

Dear Parish Family,

On the weekend of **July 6-7, 2024**, we began a beautiful tradition in our parish, honoring and blessing all married couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries, whether it was their first year or eightieth. Over the past twelve months, couples have come forward joyfully to receive a special marriage blessing and a shawl, a humble but heartfelt token of our appreciation for your love, commitment, and witness to the sacrament of marriage.



As we now approach the **completion of one full year**, we rejoice in this shared journey. We believe that all married couples in our community should have received their shawl and blessing by this time. However, we understand that, for various reasons, a few may have missed this opportunity.

Therefore, we will offer a **final opportunity over the next two weekends** for any couples who have not yet received their shawl and anniversary blessing. We kindly invite you to come forward after Holy Communion during any Mass on these weekends to receive your blessing and shawl. We want every couple to receive a shawl for their wedding anniversary.

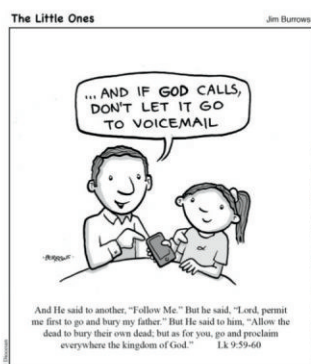
Starting from the **third weekend of July 2025**, we will continue to bless married couples during their anniversary weekends, but **shawls will no longer be distributed** for marriage anniversaries.

Please note, however, that this is not the end of our shawl ministry. In the coming months, we will extend this gesture of gratitude to recognize and appreciate parishioners in various fields, including Education, Military, Medical, and other areas of service.

Thank you for your understanding, participation, and continued support. May God bless all married couples in our parish with love, unity, and lasting joy.

Yours Truly,

Fr. Thumma Prathap



Celebrando el Regalo del Matrimonio Un Año de Gratitud

Estimada Familia Parroquial,

El fin de semana del **6 y 7 de Julio de 2024**, comenzamos una hermosa tradición en nuestra parroquia: honrar y bendecir a todas las parejas casadas que celebran su aniversario de bodas, ya sea el primero o el chenta. Durante los últimos doce meses, las parejas se han acercado con alegría para recibir una bendición matrimonial especial y un chal, una humilde pero sincera muestra de nuestro agradecimiento por su amor, compromiso y testimonio del sacramento del matrimonio.

Al acercarnos al **final de un año**, nos regocijamos en este viaje compartido. Creemos que todas las parejas casadas de nuestra comunidad ya deberían haber recibido su chal y bendición. Sin embargo, entendemos que, por diversas razones, algunos se hayan perdido esta oportunidad.

Por lo tanto, durante los **próximos dos fines de semana, ofreceremos una última oportunidad** a las parejas que aún no hayan recibido su chal y la bendición de aniversario. Los invitamos cordialmente a acercarse después de la Sagrada Comunión, durante cualquier misa de estos fines de semana, para recibir su bendición y chal. Queremos que todas las parejas reciban un chal por su aniversario de bodas.

A partir del **tercer fin de semana de Julio de 2025**, continuaremos bendiciendo a las parejas casadas durante sus fines de semana de aniversario, pero **ya no se distribuirán chales** para los aniversarios de matrimonio.

Sin embargo, tengan en cuenta que este no es el final de nuestro ministerio del mantón. En los próximos meses, extenderemos este gesto de gratitud para reconocer y apreciar a los feligreses de diversos ámbitos, como la educación, las fuerzas armadas, la medicina y otras áreas de servicio.

Gracias por su comprensión, participación y continuo apoyo. Que Dios bendiga a todos los matrimonios de nuestra parroquia con amor, unidad y alegría duradera.

Atentamente,

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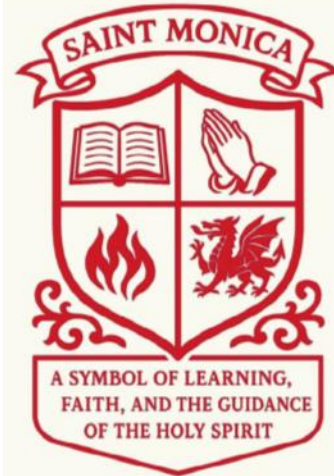
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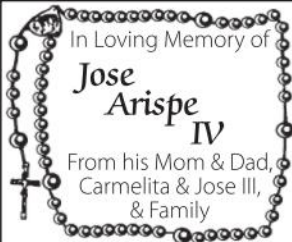
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