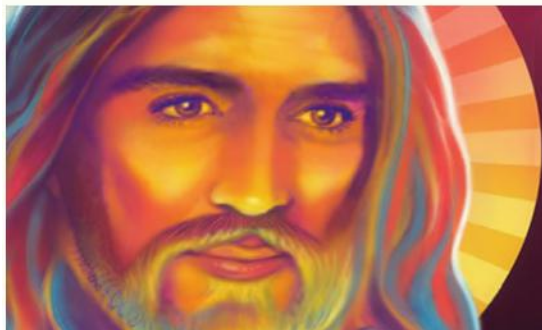


A Jubilee Pilgrimage Site of the Archdiocese of San Antonio



St. Monica Catholic Church

501 North St.
Converse, Texas 78109



WHO IS
MY NEIGHBOR?

INVITE—CONNECT—GROW

Pastor: Fr. Thumma Prathap
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Bharath Reddy

Email: pastor@saintmonicaconverse.net
Email: @saintmonicaconverse.net

Parish Office # 210-658-3816

E-Mail: parish@saintmonicaconverse.net
www.saintmonicaconverse.net

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

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

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St Monica Catholic School

¿QUIÉN ES
MI PRÓJIMO?

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, July 14th

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

Tuesday/Martes, May July 15th

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

Wednesday/Miércoles, July 16th

Memorial of Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
Memoria de San Agustín Zhao Rong, Presbítero, y Compañeros, Mártires

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

Confessions / Confesiones 5:30 p.m.

Thursday/Jueves, July 17th

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

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

Friday/Viernes, July 18th

Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot/ Memoria de San Benito, Abad

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

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

Saturday/Sabado July 19th

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16^o Domingo Ordinario

Sunday/Domingo, July 20th

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

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

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

Masses in p.m. 1 p.m. (Español) Fr. Artemio
& Dcn. David

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

Misas de la tarde 5 p.m. (English) Fr. Bharath
& Dcn. Joel

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

This weeks altar flowers are in honor of
the 64th Wedding Anniversary of
Francisco & Dolores Espinoza



Mass Intentions

Mon	7/14	8:15 a.m. (B) Irazu Martinez † Rosalinda Diaz
Tue	7/15	8:15 a.m. † Michael Schmedding † Souls in Purgatory
Wed	7/16	8:15 a.m. (B) Carmen Ibanez (B) Ana Maria Martinez (SI) Conversion of Sinners
Thurs	7/17	8:15 a.m. (SI) St. Monica Parishioners 6:30 p.m. (SI) Jubilee Pilgrims
Fri.	7/18	8:15 a.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory 6:30 p.m. (SI) Jubilee Pilgrims
Sat.	7/19	9:30 a.m. (SI) Jubilee Pilgrims † Estefania Cortez 5:30 p.m. † Leissa Sutton
Sun.	7/20	7:30 a.m. (SI) Allison Rodriguez (SI) Ron Kirby & Family † Grace Ingraham 9:15 a.m. (SI) Joe & Irma Garcia & Family 11:00 a.m. † Irma Kotanan † Dale Wilson † Rachel Gonzalez † Hector A. Garza 1:00 p.m. (SI) Familia Castellanos-Coronado (B) Magdalena Hernandez (B) Carmen Arredondo † Almas en el Purgatorio 3:00 p.m. † Mauro Antonio Gutierrez 5:00 p.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners (SI) Francis Garcia † Glen Sullivan † Aaron Fisher † Angie Hernandez 7:00 p.m. † Manolo Augusto Garcia



This week's sanctuary lamp is in remembrance of the
Sacrament of Baptism of

Lupita Ruiz

COLLECTIONS

July 6th \$ 14,342.00

Online collection \$ 1,755.00

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 105.00

Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 175.00

July 20th— NO Second Collection:



St. Monica, pray for us.



Santa Mónica. ruega por nosotros.

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.

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.

**St. Vincent de Paul: (210) 658-8791 By appointment Tues. - Thurs.
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Offering person-to-person support to those in need.
Services are available to all parishioners.



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, Catarina Garza, Ernie & Sally Gonzales, Kenia Aguilar, Irene Cantu, Dolores Vaquera & family, Sara Chase, Navarro, Paul D., Angel Cantu, Ruddy Ballesteros DeLeon, Debbie Garcia, Armando Aguero, Vanessa P., Nicanora Rodriguez, 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, Ricardo M., Nicole Marie Mondani, Melissa E. Martinez, 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,

This week, on July 16, we celebrate the beautiful Feast of **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**, honoring Mary as a model of faith, humility, and devotion to God. This feast is deeply connected to the Carmelite Order, which has a rich history of prayer and contemplation rooted in Mount Carmel, a place of spiritual significance in Scripture.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel calls us to draw closer to her Son, Jesus, by imitating her life of total surrender to God’s will. Her example reminds us to trust God in all circumstances, no matter how uncertain or challenging life may seem. Mary teaches us that when we place our trust in God, He leads us to peace and fulfillment beyond our understanding.

One of the most beloved traditions associated with this feast is the **Brown Scapular**, a sign of Mary’s protection and a call to live a life of prayer and holiness. By wearing the scapular, we express our desire to remain close to Jesus and Mary, seeking their guidance as we navigate the joys and challenges of daily life. The scapular is not a magical object but a symbol of our commitment to live in friendship with God and follow Christ more closely.

The message of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is especially relevant today. In a world that often pulls us away from prayer and reflection, Mary invites us to pause, turn to God, and prioritize our spiritual lives. Her life inspires us to live with humility and compassion, caring for our families and those in need with the same love she showed.

As we celebrate this feast, let us ask for Mary’s intercession for our families, parish, and world. May she guide us to live lives of faith and service, reflecting the love of her Son in all that we do. Let us also pray for those who feel lost or burdened, that they may find peace and strength through Mary’s maternal care.

May this Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel inspire us to deepen our relationship with Christ and to live with hearts full of trust and devotion, following Mary’s example.

God Bless America,

Yours truly,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

July 12th & 13th, 2025

“Voz del Pastor”

Querida familia de Santa Mónica,

Esta semana, el 16 de julio, celebramos la hermosa Fiesta de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo, honrando a María como modelo de fe, humildad y devoción a Dios. Esta fiesta está profundamente conectada con la Orden Carmelita, que tiene una rica historia de oración y contemplación arraigada en el Monte Carmelo, un lugar de significado espiritual en las Escrituras.

Nuestra Señora del Carmen nos invita a acercarnos a su Hijo, Jesús, imitando su vida de entrega total a la voluntad de Dios. Su ejemplo nos recuerda que debemos confiar en Dios en todas las circunstancias, sin importar cuán incierta o desafiante parezca la vida. María nos enseña que cuando depositamos nuestra confianza en Dios, Él nos conduce a una paz y una plenitud que superan nuestra comprensión.

Una de las tradiciones más queridas asociadas con esta fiesta es el Escapulario Marrón, un signo de la protección de María y un llamado a vivir una vida de oración y santidad. Al usar el escapulario, expresamos nuestro deseo de permanecer cerca de Jesús y María, buscando su guía mientras navegamos por las alegrías y los desafíos de la vida diaria. El escapulario no es un objeto mágico, sino un símbolo de nuestro compromiso de vivir en amistad con Dios y seguir a Cristo más de cerca.

El mensaje de Nuestra Señora del Carmen cobra especial relevancia hoy. En un mundo que a menudo nos aleja de la oración y la reflexión, María nos invita a detenernos, a recurrir a Dios y a priorizar nuestra vida espiritual. Su vida nos inspira a vivir con humildad y compasión, cuidando de nuestras familias y de los necesitados con el mismo amor que ella demostró.

Al celebrar esta fiesta, pidamos la intercesión de María por nuestras familias, nuestra parroquia y el mundo. Que ella nos guíe a vivir vidas de fe y servicio, reflejando el amor de su Hijo en todo lo que hacemos. Oremos también por quienes se sienten perdidos o agobiados, para que encuentren paz y fortaleza en el cuidado maternal de María.

Que esta fiesta de Nuestra Señora del Carmen nos inspire a profundizar nuestra relación con Cristo y a vivir con corazones llenos de confianza y devoción, siguiendo el ejemplo de María.

Dios Bendiga América,

Atentamente,

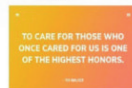
Rev. Thumma Prathap

12 y 13 de Julio, 2025

**Communion to the elderly
and the homebound**

Please be advised that if you are not able to attend Mass due to long term physical impediment, call the office so an Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion may be scheduled to visit you.

If you are interested in joining this ministry please contact the office.



**Comunión a personas mayores
Y personas confinadas en casa**

Le informamos que si no puede asistir a misa debido a alguna discapacidad física a lo largo, llame a la oficina para que un Ministro Extraordinario de la Sagrada Comunión pueda programar una visita.

Si le interesa unirse a este ministerio, comuníquese con la oficina.

Welcome Fr. Bharath Reddy

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
We are pleased to introduce Father Bharath Reddy, a priest from the Diocese of Srikakulam, located in South India. Father Bharath was ordained to the priesthood in 2009, and he brings with him sixteen years of rich pastoral experience, having faithfully served in several parishes and a diocesan institution.

With the blessing of his bishop, Father Bharath has come to the United States to gain international pastoral experience. He arrived on June 30th and has now been officially appointed as the Parochial Vicar of St. Monica Catholic Church.

Father Bharath is currently learning Spanish, and we kindly ask all parishioners to extend patience and encouragement as he continues to grow in the language and adapt to a new cultural and pastoral setting. He is eager to meet with each parish ministry to learn more about the good work being done here and to offer his support. Father Bharath is available to serve our parishioners and assist in any way needed, in accordance with the needs of the parish.

Let us give Father Bharath the warm and gracious welcome that St. Monica Parish is known for. Your kind words, prayers, and hospitality will be a great blessing as he begins this new chapter of his priestly ministry.

Father Bharath, we are grateful for your presence among us. We wish you all the very best in your ministry here, and we pray that the Lord may bless your service abundantly.

Welcome to the St. Monica family!

Yours Truly,
Fr. Thumma Prathap.

**Bienvenido Padre Bharath Reddy**

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,
Nos complace presentarles al Padre Bharath Reddy, sacerdote de la Diócesis de Srikakulam, ubicada en el sur de la India. El Padre Bharath fue ordenado sacerdote en 2009 y cuenta con 16 años de experiencia pastoral, habiendo servido fielmente en varias parroquias y en una institución diocesana. Con la bendición de su Obispo, el Padre Bharath ha llegado a Estados Unidos para adquirir experiencia pastoral

internacional. Llegó el 30 de Junio y ha sido nombrado oficialmente Vicario Parroquial de la Iglesia Católica de Santa Mónica. El Padre Bharath esta aprendiendo Español y pedimos a todos los feligreses que le tengan paciencia y animo mientras continua mejorando en el idioma y adaptándose a un nuevo entorno cultural y pastoral. Esta deseoso de reunirse con cada ministerio parroquial para conocer mejor el buen trabajo que se realiza aquí y ofrecer su apoyo. Padre Bharath esta disponible para servir a nuestros feligreses y ayudar en todo lo que necesiten, según las necesidades de la parroquia. Demos al Padre Bharath la cálida y amable bienvenida que caracteriza a la Parroquia de Santa Mónica. Sus amables palabras, oraciones y hospitalidad serán una gran bendición al comenzar esta nueva etapa de su ministerio sacerdotal. Padre Bharath, agradecemos su presencia entre nosotros. Le deseamos mucho éxito en su ministerio y oramos para que el Señor bendiga abundantemente su servicio.

Bienvenido a la familia de Santa Mónica!

Atentamente,
P. Thumma Prathap.

**Effective Immediately the
St. Monica Thrift Store**

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

The Thrift Store will be having **Christmas in July** sales throughout the month of July.

**Con efecto inmediato,****la Tienda de Segunda de Santa Mónica**

**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.

Mark your calendar for the annual Knights of Columbus BBQ coming Sunday July 27th. Pre-sale tickets will be sold in the Church Foyer on the 19th & 20th of July.



"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 with "That Man Is You" (TMIY) format.

Anoten en su calendario para el BBQ anual de los Caballeros de Colón, que se llevara a cabo el Domingo 27 de Julio. Los boletos estarán de venta en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia el 19 y 20 de Julio.

"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).

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.

Welcome to St. Monica, Deacon Luis Horacio Gomez

We are delighted to welcome Deacon Luis Horacio Gómez to St. Monica Catholic Church as he begins his diaconate ministry with us. Deacon Luis was ordained a transitional deacon on May 24, 2025, and is joyfully preparing for ordination to the priesthood before May 2026. He comes to us from Colombia and is serving the Archdiocese of San Antonio with great faith and dedication.

We are truly blessed to have him as part of our parish team during this special time in his journey toward the priesthood. Deacon Luis will be assisting at daily and Sunday Masses and is available for house blessings, spiritual guidance in both English and Spanish, as well as for visits to the sick and bringing Holy Communion.

In addition to his liturgical and pastoral roles, Deacon Luis will also be actively involved in Faith Formation. He will be supporting Religious Education classes, OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), Baptism preparation classes, and ministry to our youth through EDGE and other programs.

We ask all parishioners to please keep Deacon Luis in your prayers as he continues his priestly vocation journey. Let us warmly welcome him into the St. Monica family and offer him our support, encouragement, and prayers as he serves our parish with joy and devotion.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Thumma Prathap

Pastor, St. Monica Catholic Church

**Bienvenido a Santa Mónica, Diaconó Luis Horacio Gómez**

Nos complace dar la bienvenida al Diácono Luis Horacio Gómez a la Iglesia Católica de Santa Mónica, quien inicia su ministerio diaconal con nosotros. El Diácono Luis fue ordenado diácono transitorio el 24 de Mayo de 2025 y se prepara con alegría para su ordenación sacerdotal antes de Mayo de 2026. Viene de Colombia y sirve en la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio con gran fe y dedicación. Es una verdadera bendición para nosotros contar con él como parte de nuestro equipo parroquial durante este tiempo especial en su camino hacia el sacerdocio. El Diácono Luis asistirá en las misas diarias y dominicales, y está disponible para bendiciones de casas, guía espiritual tanto en Inglés como en Español, así como para visitar a los enfermos y llevar la Sagrada Comunión.

Además de sus funciones litúrgicas y pastorales, el Diácono Luis también participará activamente en la Formación en la Fe. Apoyará las clases de Educación Religiosa, OCIA (Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos), las clases de preparación para el Bautismo y el ministerio con nuestros jóvenes a través de EDGE y otros programas.

Solicitamos a todos los feligreses que mantengan al Diácono Luis presente en sus oraciones mientras continúa su camino vocacional sacerdotal. Le damos una cálida bienvenida a la familia de Santa Mónica y le ofrecemos nuestro apoyo, aliento y oraciones mientras sirve a nuestra parroquia con alegría y devoción. Suyo en Cristo,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

Pastor, Iglesia Católica de Santa Mónica

**THE SAINTS ARE COMING
THE SAINTS ARE COMING!**

WHEN: November 1, 2025

(All Saints Day)

WHERE: St. Monica's Catholic Church parking lot and parish hall

WHY: To honor those saints who went before us

- What is the **"ALL SAINTS DAY PARADE?"**

It is a special event where all our young children will be invited to dress up as their favorite saint and "parade" around the parking lot and parish hall, where parishioners including our youth 9teens0 and parish ministries will have decorated their vehicles and or tables with items that tell the story of their chosen saint.

HOW CAN YOU BE A PART OF THE PARADE?

- We need parents to dress up their children as saints
- We need parishioners of all ages willing to decorate their vehicles and or tables that reflect and visually tell the story of a saint.
- Finally, we need any/all types of donations that will enhance and support the celebration.
- Donations of small gifts, treats, and sacramentals are greatly appreciated.

**WHO DO I CONTACT TO ASK QUESTIONS
AND TO REGISTER MY VEHICLE OR TABLE?**

Annette Winfield (210)885-0861 or

Annette.thecatechist@gmail.com

Josie Rodriguez (719) 660-2169 or Josierodro@aol.com

**¡VENDRÁN LOS SANTOS!****¡VENDRÁN LOS SANTOS!**

CUANDO: Noviembre 1 de 2025 (Día de Todos los Santos)

DONDE: Estacionamiento y salón parroquial de la Iglesia Católica de Santa Mónica

POR QUE: Para honrar a aquellos santos que nos precedieron

- Que es **"DIA DE TODOS LOS SANTOS?"**

Es un evento especial donde todos nuestros niños pequeños serán invitados a disfrazarse de su santo favorito y "desfilar" por el estacionamiento y el salón parroquial, donde los feligreses, incluidos nuestros jóvenes (adolescentes) y los ministerios parroquiales, habrán decorado sus vehículos y/o mesas con elementos que cuentan la historia de su santo elegido.

¿COMO PUEDES SER PARTE DEL DESFILE?

- Necesitamos que los padres vistan a sus hijos como santos.
- Necesitamos feligreses de todas las edades dispuestos a decorar sus vehículos o mesas que reflejen y cuenten visualmente la historia de un santo.
- Finalmente, necesitamos donaciones de todo tipo que mejoren y apoyen la celebración.
- Se agradecen mucho las donaciones de pequeños regalos, golosinas y sacramentales.

**¿A QUIEN DEBO CONTACTAR PARA HACER PREGUNTAS
Y REGISTRAR MI VEHÍCULO O TABLA?**

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Don't let your child miss out
in building their faith.

Registration for Religious

Education **Are Now Open.**

Please come to the office to register

The office is open until 7 pm on Wednesdays.

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.



Religious
Education
Registration
NOW OPEN



No deje que su hijo se pierda
la oportunidad de construir de
su fe. Inscripciones para

Educación Religiosa **están abierta. 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Do you have a heart for children and
a love for our Lord?**

St. Monica Catholic Church is seeking
parishioners to serve in our **Religious**

Education Program for the 2025–2026 year.

We need help in the following areas:

Catechists (Teachers), Classroom Aides, Hall Monitors, Outside Traffic Control, Security Assistance
No experience is required—just a desire to serve and share the faith!

All volunteers must complete **Virtus Safe Environment Training** provided by the parish. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith while helping to form the next generation of Catholics. **For more information or to sign up, please contact: Toni Espinoza**

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"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." –

Matthew 19:14



NECESITAMOS VOLUNTARIOS PARA EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

¿Tiene un corazón para los niños y amor por nuestro Señor? La Iglesia Católica de Santa Mónica está buscando miembros de la parroquia para servir en nuestro **Programa de**

Educación Religiosa para el año 2025–2026.

Necesitamos ayuda en las siguientes áreas: **Catequistas (Maestros), Asistentes de Aula, Monitores de Pasillos, Control de Tráfico Exterior, Asistencia de Seguridad**
¡No se requiere experiencia, solo el deseo de servir y compartir la fe!

Todos los voluntarios deben completar el **Curso de Entrenamiento de Ambiente Seguro (Virtus)** ofrecido por la parroquia. Esta es una hermosa oportunidad para crecer en la fe mientras ayudamos a formar a la próxima generación de Católicos. Para más información o para inscribirte, por favor contacta a: **Toni Espinoza**

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"Dejen que los niños vengan a mí y no se lo impidan, porque el Reino de los cielos es de quienes son como ellos." – Mateo 19:14

New! First Holy Communion Classes in Spanish

Starting this Fall at St. Monica Catholic Church

We are excited to announce that St. Monica will begin offering Religious Education classes in Spanish for children preparing to receive the

Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30–7:30 PM

To make this possible, we are in need of caring parishioners to serve as: **Catechists (Teachers), Classroom Aides**

Hall Monitors, Outside Traffic Control / Security
(walking the church grounds)

No experience is required—only a love for the Lord and a willingness to complete Virtus Safe Environment Training. Let's work together to bring faith to life for our children and families in their native language!

For more information or to volunteer, please contact: Toni Espinoza; or come by the parish office to sign up and get more information.

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Nuevo! Clases de Primera Comunión en Español!

Comenzando este otoño en la Iglesia Católica de Santa Mónica, Nos complace anunciar que Santa Mónica comenzará a ofrecer clases de Educación Religiosa en Español para los niños que se están preparando para recibir el **Sacramento de la Primera Comunión.**

Las clases serán los Martes de 6:30 a 7:30 PM

Para hacer esto posible, necesitamos miembros de la parroquia con corazón generoso que puedan ayudar como:

Catequistas (Maestros), Asistentes de Aula, Monitores de Pasillos, Control de Tráfico Exterior / Seguridad
(caminando por el área de la Iglesia)

No se requiere experiencia, solo amor por el Señor y disposición para completar el Entrenamiento de Ambiente Seguro (Virtus). ¡Unámonos para ayudar a que nuestros niños y familias vivan su fe en su propio idioma!

Para más información o para ser voluntario, por favor contacte a: Toni Espinoza; o pase por la oficina para mas información.

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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.

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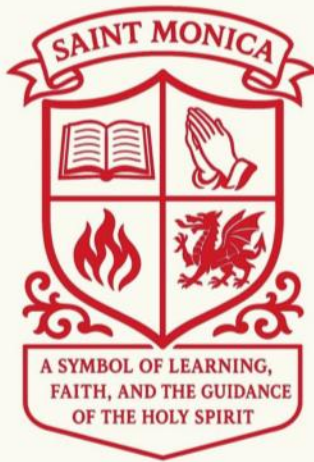


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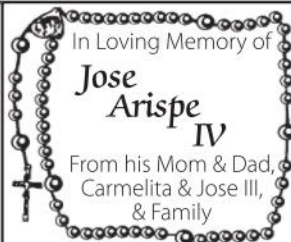


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contact **Lupita Ruiz**

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