

**A Jubilee Pilgrimage Site of the Archdiocese of San Antonio**  
**St. Monica Catholic Church**

501 North St.  
Converse, Texas 78109



**Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**  
**August 6, 2025**



**Fiesta de la Transfiguración del Señor**  
**Agosto 6, 2025**

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Wed. 9 am–7pm

Sat: 10am–2pm

Sun: 10am–3pm

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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

**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, August 4th**

Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

Memoria de San Juan María Vianney, Presbítero

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

**Tuesday/Martes, August 5th**

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

**Wednesday/Miércoles, August 6th**

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Fiesta de la Transfiguración del Señor

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

Confessions / Confesiones 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday/Jueves, August 7th**

Saint Cajetan, Priest, Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Martyr, &  
his Companions, Martyrs

San Sixto II, Papa, y Compañeros, San Cayetano, Presbítero

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

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

**Friday/Viernes, August 8th**

Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest

Memoria de Santo Domingo, Presbítero

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

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

**Saturday/Sábado August 9th**

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr Santa

Teresa Benedicta de la Cruz, Virgen y Mártir

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. Bharath

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**19º Domingo Ordinario**

**Sunday/Domingo, August 10th**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Mass Intentions

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| <b>Mon</b>   | <b>8/4</b>  | <b>8:15 a.m.</b> (SI) Joseph Pineda<br>(SI) Valerie<br>Imelda Lela Nieto                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Tue</b>   | <b>8/5</b>  | <b>8:15 a.m.</b> † Charles Lindquist<br>† Holy Souls in Purgatory                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Wed</b>   | <b>8/6</b>  | <b>8:15 a.m.</b> (SI) Conversion of Sinners<br>(B) Sandra Nino                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Thurs</b> | <b>8/7</b>  | <b>8:15 a.m.</b> (SI) Joseph Pineda<br>(SI) Valerie<br><b>6:30 p.m.</b> (SI) Jubilee Pilgrims<br>† Jeanette Gonzalez Luna                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Fri.</b>  | <b>8/8</b>  | <b>8:15 a.m.</b> (B) Maria Elena Catalano<br>† Holy Souls in Purgatory<br><b>6:30 p.m.</b> (SI) Jubilee Pilgrims                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Sat.</b>  | <b>8/9</b>  | <b>9:30 a.m.</b> (SI) Catherine Droulliard<br><b>5:30 p.m.</b> † Leissa Sutton                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Sun.</b>  | <b>8/10</b> | <b>7:30 a.m.</b> (SI) Joseph Pineda<br>(SI) Valerie<br><b>9:15 a.m.</b> (B) Phil Banta<br><b>11:00 a.m.</b> † Irma Kotanan<br>† Lupe Chagoya<br>† Mark T. Gonzalez<br>† Bob Hovis<br><b>1:00 p.m.</b> (B) Jayliz Camps<br>(B) Liz Marie Goldilla<br>† Jose Ricardo Hernandez<br>† Monserrat Manriquez<br><b>3:00 p.m.</b> (SI) St. Monica Parishioners<br><b>5:00 p.m.</b> (SI) Conversion of Sinners<br>† Souls in Purgatory<br><b>7:00 p.m.</b> (SI) Horacio Bastida<br>† Carlos Nicolas Padilla |

### COLLECTIONS

**July 27th** \$ 14,628.00

Online collection \$ 3,337.18

Second collection for St/ Monica Catholic School \$ 2,478.00

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 414.00

Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 65.00

**Aug. 10th - Second Collection:**  
*St. Vincent de Paul Society*



This week's sanctuary lamps are for the repose of the  
souls of Daniel Serna Jr. &  
Deceased member of the Altar Society



This weeks altar flowers are for the  
repose of the souls of  
Daniel Serna Jr. & Preston Trinkle

**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.**

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, 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, Juan Esquivel, Alfredo Covarrubias & family, Sergio Martinez Ortiz, Rocio Martinez Ortiz, Nikki F., Derrick Hensley, Edith, Rocio Martinez, Hector Balderas, Diana Palomo, Vicky Guevara, Mary Angel Garcia, Manuel Lozano, Sophia Pusateri, Sylvia Gonzales, 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, Emma Phillips, Mary Lou Thompson, Emma Phillips, Farzad Farzan, Camelia Pineda, Maya Kadinca Roa, Karen Margarita Gomez Roa, Leticia Carmelino, Jose Soltero, Francisco Valenzuela, Vickie Rubio, Ernesto Maestas, Lee Myers, Nicole Marie Mondani, Juan Pablo Torres, Rafael Torres, Reynaldo Ricky Yanong, Josie Franco, Olivia Rodriguez, Raul Ramirez, George San Augustin, Mary Gutierrez, Richard Valentino, Matthew Chavez, Maria F. Gonzales, Miguel Rodriguez, Rogelio Rodriguez, Marissa Rubio, David Lopez Sr., Mark Rivera, Victoria Engracia, Linda Olin

*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.**

*St. Monica, pray for us.*



*Santa Mónica. ruega por nosotros.*

**“Pastor’s Voice”**

Dearest St. Monica Family,

On August 6, we celebrate the glorious ***Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord***, a moment of divine revelation when Jesus, radiant in glory, revealed His divine nature to Peter, James, and John on Mount Tabor. This extraordinary event not only confirmed Jesus as the Son of God but also offered a glimpse of the eternal glory that awaits those who remain faithful to Him.

The Transfiguration reminds us that the trials and sufferings of this life are not the end of the story. Just as Jesus’s radiant appearance pointed to His Resurrection and the promise of eternal life, so too are we called to hope in God’s plan for our ultimate joy and fulfillment in heaven. This feast assures us that, no matter how difficult our journey may be, God’s glory is waiting for us if we stay strong in faith.

In today’s world, where challenges such as uncertainty, division, and personal struggles often test our faith, the Transfiguration serves as a powerful reminder of God’s presence and promises. We are encouraged to persevere in our spiritual lives, trusting that the trials we face will one day give way to the eternal light of God’s glory.

For our families and parish community, this feast calls us to reflect on how we can bring the light of Christ into our daily lives. Just as the disciples were strengthened by their experience on Mount Tabor, we too can find strength in prayer, Scripture, and the sacraments. These moments of divine encounter sustain us on our journey and prepare us for the ultimate glory of heaven.

The Transfiguration also reminds us to live with a sense of purpose, keeping our eyes fixed on Christ. As Peter, James, and John were instructed to listen to the voice of the Father, so too are we called to listen to God’s guidance and follow His will. In a noisy world, let us make time for silence and prayer, allowing God’s voice to lead us.

As we celebrate this feast, may we be renewed in our faith and hope. Let the Transfiguration remind us of the guarantee of eternal life and inspire us to live as witnesses of God’s glory in our families, parish, and world. **God Bless America,**

Yours truly,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

August 2nd & 3rd, 2025

**“Voz del Pastor”**

Querida familia de Santa Mónica,

El 6 de Agosto celebramos la gloriosa ***Fiesta de la Transfiguración del Señor***, un momento de revelación divina cuando Jesús, radiante de gloria, reveló su naturaleza divina a Pedro, Santiago y Juan en el Monte Tabor. Este extraordinario acontecimiento no solo confirmó a Jesús como el Hijo de Dios, sino que también ofreció un atisbo de la gloria eterna que espera a quienes le permanecen fieles.

La Transfiguración nos recuerda que las pruebas y los sufrimientos de esta vida no son el final de la historia. Así como la radiante aparición de Jesús presagiaba su Resurrección y la promesa de la vida eterna, también estamos llamados a esperar en el plan de Dios para nuestra alegría y plenitud definitivas en el cielo. Esta fiesta nos asegura que, por difícil que sea nuestro camino, la gloria de Dios nos espera si nos mantenemos firmes en la fe.

En el mundo actual, donde desafíos como la incertidumbre, la división y las luchas personales a menudo ponen a prueba nuestra fe, la Transfiguración sirve como un poderoso recordatorio de la presencia y las promesas de Dios. Se nos anima a perseverar en nuestra vida espiritual, confiando en que las pruebas que enfrentamos algún día darán paso a la luz eterna de la gloria de Dios.

Para nuestras familias y comunidad parroquial, esta fiesta nos invita a reflexionar sobre cómo podemos llevar la luz de Cristo a nuestra vida diaria. Así como los discípulos se fortalecieron con su experiencia en el Monte Tabor, nosotros también podemos encontrar fuerza en la oración, la Escritura y los sacramentos. Estos momentos de encuentro divino nos sostienen en nuestro camino y nos preparan para la gloria suprema del cielo.

La Transfiguración también nos recuerda que debemos vivir con un propósito, con la mirada fija en Cristo. Así como Pedro, Santiago y Juan recibieron la instrucción de escuchar la voz del Padre, también nosotros estamos llamados a escuchar la guía de Dios y a seguir su voluntad. En un mundo ruidoso, dediquemos tiempo al silencio y a la oración, dejando que la voz de Dios nos guíe.

Al celebrar esta fiesta, renovemos nuestra fe y esperanza. Que la Transfiguración nos recuerde la garantía de la vida eterna y nos inspire a vivir como testigos de la gloria de Dios en nuestras familias, nuestra parroquia y el mundo.

**Dios Bendiga América,**

Atentamente,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

2 y 3 de Agosto, 2025

**Mark you calendar**

“The Knights of Columbus COR Men’s Ministry are not meeting 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**

“Los Caballeros de Colón, meses de Julio y Agosto. no Están Reanudaremos nuestras reuniones el 7 de Septiembre de 2025, cuando iniciemos el formato “Ese Hombre Eres Tú” (TMIY).

### 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.

### 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:** 1 de Noviembre 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 "Día 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?

Annette Winfield (210)885-0861 or

Annette.thecatechist@gmail.com

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

### Pilgrimage to Italy is just a few weeks away.

As Fr. Thumma and the pilgrims prepare to embark on this spiritual journey during this jubilee year and walk through the Holy Doors, they will be praying for the St. Monica community and their families. If you have any prayer intentions that you would like to have taken and prayed over during their journey, please fill out a prayer card located outside the sacristy door and place it in the box by Sunday, August 17th, at 5:00 p.m. We also ask you to keep Fr. Thumma and the pilgrims in your prayers

*Follow their journey on Facebook*



### La Peregrinación a Italia esta a solo unas Semanas.

Mientras, Padre Thumma y los peregrinos se preparan para emprender este viaje espiritual durante este año jubilar y pasar por las Puertas Santas, oran por la comunidad de Santa Mónica y sus familias. Si tienen alguna intención de oración que les gustaría que se llevara y se ora por ella durante su viaje, por favor, rellenen la estampa que se encuentra afuera de la puerta de la sacristía y deposítanla en la urna antes del Domingo, 17 de Agosto a las 5:00 p.m. También les pedimos que tengan presentes en sus oraciones a Padre Thumma y nuestros peregrinos.

*Sigan su viaje en Facebook*

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



Religious Education Registration NOW OPEN



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

**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.

**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**

[re@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:re@saintmonicaconverse.net) 210-658-3816

*“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

**¿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**  
[re@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:re@saintmonicaconverse.net) 210-658-3816

*“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.**

[re@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:re@saintmonicaconverse.net) or 210-658-3816

## 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.**

[re@saintmonicaconverse.net](mailto:re@saintmonicaconverse.net) o 210-658-3816

## Hey Teens! You've Been Confirmed...NOW WHAT

Join US in Edge - Our Middle School Ministry!  
*If you have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation, we need YOU to step up and help lead our EDGE Middle School Program at St. Monica Catholic Church*

- ◆ Be a Role Model to younger students,
- ◆ Grow in your faith while having fun,
- ◆ Earn service Hours for school.
- ◆ Make lasting friendships and to
- ◆ Be a part of something Meaningful.

*Come share your Energy, your Faith and your Joy.*

**EDGE** nights are full of fun, games and faith filled conversations and our middle schoolers look up to **YOU**. **EDGE** meets on Tuesday nights in the parish hall, 6:30 – 7:30 PM. For more information or to sign up, contact or come by the parish office to meet with our Religious Education Director, Mrs. Toni Espinoza.

## HIGH SCHOOL



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## Join us for a Healing Mass on Wednesday August 6, 2025

*Confessions 5-8 pm*

*Bilingual Healing Mass 7 pm*



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### Knights of Columbus Supreme Silver Rose is coming to St Monica Thursday Aug 14 2025 for Holy Hour.

The Silver Rose pilgrimage was started in 1960 by a group of young Knights of Columbus Squires from Monterey Mexico who wanted to show Our Lady of Guadalupe how much they appreciated everything she did for Mexico. They decided to do a relay and run a Rose from the International Bridge in Laredo to the Basilica in Monterey for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12th. They reached out to the Knights in Laredo and coordinated the event. The first event was so successful that the Knights had 8 Roses cast in Silver from Monterey which travel from Parish to Parish starting Canada and making their way through the United States to the international bridge in Laredo where it is presented to the Knights of Columbus from Mexico who take it to Monterey for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12th. *The St Monica Knights will display one of these Silver Roses Thursday 14 August during Holy Hour starting at 7pm.* The Knights will lead a Rosary and a short prayer service dedicated to Our Lady and the protection of life from Conception to Natural Death.



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### La Rosa Plateada Suprema de los Caballeros de Colón llegará a Santa Mónica el Jueves 14 de Agosto de 2025 para la Hora Santa.

La peregrinación de la Rosa de Plata fue iniciada en 1960 por un grupo de jóvenes Caballeros de Colón de Monterey, México, que deseaban mostrar a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe cuánto apreciaban todo lo que hacía por México. Decidieron hacer un relevo y llevar una Rosa desde el Puente Internacional de Laredo hasta la Basílica de Monterey para la festividad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, el 12 de Diciembre. Se pusieron en contacto con los Caballeros de Laredo y coordinaron el evento. El primer evento fue tan exitoso que los Caballeros enviaron ocho Rosas fundidas en plata desde Monterey, las cuales viajan de parroquia en parroquia, comenzando en Canadá y cruzando Estados Unidos hasta el puente internacional en Laredo, donde son entregadas a los Caballeros de Colón de México, quienes las llevan a Monterey para la festividad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, el 12 de Diciembre. *Los Caballeros de Santa Mónica exhibirán una de estas Rosas de Plata el Jueves 14 de Agosto durante la Hora Santa, a partir de las 7:00 pm.* Los Caballeros dirigirán un Rosario y un breve servicio de oración dedicado a Nuestra Señora y a la protección de la vida desde la Concepción hasta la Muerte Natural.

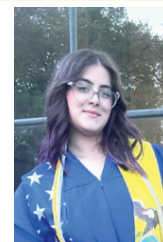


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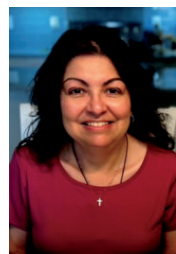


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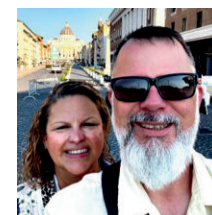
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Gracias a todos los que mandaron sus fotos de cumpleaños, aniversario de bodas y ocasiones especiales.  
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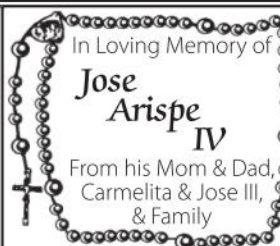
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