

A Jubilee Pilgrimage Site of the Archdiocese of San

St. Monica Catholic Church

501 North St.
Converse, Texas 78109



Join us this coming Wednesday August 27th at 7pm Bilingual Mass Celebration of St. Monica Feast Day

The feast day Mass on August 27th will be a special opportunity to honor St. Monica and reflect on her inspiring example of prayer, perseverance, and maternal love. All are welcome to attend this celebration.

St. Monica is the patron saint of married women and mothers, particularly mothers of wayward children. She is known for her unwavering faith and persistent prayers which led to the conversion of her husband and son, St. Augustine.

Acompáñenos este próximo Miércoles 27 de Agosto a las 7pm. Misa Bilingüe en Celebración de la Fiesta de Santa Mónica

La misa festiva del 27 de Agosto será una oportunidad especial para honrar a Santa Mónica y reflexionar sobre su inspirador ejemplo de oración, perseverancia y amor maternal. Todos están invitados a asistir a esta celebración.

Santa Mónica es la patrona de las mujeres casadas y madres, en particular de las madres con hijos descarriados. Es conocida por su fe inquebrantable y sus oraciones perseverantes, que llevaron a la conversión de su esposo e hijo, San Agustín.



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Parish Office # 210-658-3816

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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, August 25th

Saint Louis of France & Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest
 San Luis & San José de Calasanz, Presbítero

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

Tuesday/Martes, August 26th

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

Wednesday/Miércoles, August 27th

Memorial of Saint Monica / Memoria de Santa Mónica

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

Confessions / Confesiones 5:30 p.m.

Mass/Misa 7:00 p.m. Fr. Marcin

Thursday/Jueves, August 28th

Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Memoria de San Agustín, Obispo y Doctor de la Iglesia

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

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

Friday/Viernes, August 29th

Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist
 Memoria del Martirio de San Juan Bautista

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

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

Saturday/Sabado August 30th

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

21^o Domingo Ordinario

Sunday/Domingo, August 31st

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

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

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

Masses in p.m. 1 p.m. (Español) Fr. Bharath
 & Dcn. Horacio

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

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

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

The Parish office will be closed Monday September
1st in observance of Labor Day



This week's sanctuary lamps are for the
 special intention of *Jose Arispe* and
 for the Wedding Anniversary of
Herminio & Nancy Perez Miranda



Mass Intentions

Mon	8/25	8:15 a.m.	(B) Trini Lopez †Victoria Eugenia Hernandez Bertrand † Frank Delgado
Tue	8/26	8:15 a.m.	(SI) Hannah Henk † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed	8/27	8:15 a.m.	(A) Scott & Annette Winfield † Mary Kirby † Luz Perez (SI) Conversion of Sinners
		7:00 p.m.	(SI) St. Monica Parishioners
Thurs	8/28	8:15 a.m.	† Joe & Celia Rangel † Alex Yglesias
		6:30 p.m.	(SI) Zayden Henk (SI) Jubilee Pilgrims
Fri.	8/29	8:15 a.m.	† Holy Souls in Purgatory
		6:30 p.m.	(SI) Joshua Henk (SI) Jubilee Pilgrims
Sat.	8/30	9:30 a.m.	(SI) Lupe Torrerros
		5:30 p.m.	† Leissa Sutton † Tony Cortez † Jesse Esparza † Mary Frances Gutierrez † Isaias Gutierrez
Sun.	8/31	7:30 a.m.	† Loretta Bufanio
		9:15 a.m.	(B) Ambrosio Lopez IV † Pedro & Beatrice Valdez
		11:00 a.m.	† Irma Kotanan
		1:00 p.m.	(SI) Diacano Joel Castellanos
		3:00 p.m.	(SI) Jose Matias Rosas Diaz (B) Maria Potter † Paula Frias † Jose Matteo
		5:00 p.m.	(SI) Conversion of Sinners † Ramona Delgado
		7:00 p.m.	(SI) St. Monica Parishioners

COLLECTIONS

August 17th \$ 12,999.00

Online collection \$ 3,436.00

Second collection for Assumption of Virgin Mary \$ 2,525.00

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 294.00

Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 75.00

Aug. 31st - NO Second Collection



This weeks altar flowers are for the
 repose of the soul of
James Murray

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 segundó 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.

**Homebound Ministry**

Be a part of this amazing ministry by sharing your love of the Eucharist.

Call the office for more information

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.



Ministerio para los Confinados en Casa
Sea parte de este maravilloso ministerio compartiendo tu amor por la Eucaristía.
Llama a la oficina para más información.

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.



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, Brenda, Nildia Johnston, Manuel M., Lucy Barajas, Tim Knotts, Lisa Lee, Douglas, Tyler Acosta, 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, Anna Cortez, Ignacio Urabazo, Becky Cortez, Francis, Judy Gutierrez Kahn, Juan Esquivel, Alfredo Covarrubias & Family, Sergio Martinez Ortiz, Rocio Martinez Ortiz, Derrick Hensley, Edith, Rocio Martinez, Hector Balderas, Diana Palomo, Vicky Guevara, Mary Angel Garcia, Manuel Lozano, Sophia Pusateri, Sylvia Gonzales, John Baldwin, Christina S., Maria F., 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, Farzad Farzan, Camelia Pineda, Maya Kadinca Roa, Karen Margarita Gomez Roa, Leticia Carmelino, Jose & Rosa Haydee Soltero, Francisco Valenzuela, Vickie Rubio, Ernesto Maestas, Lee Myers, Mark Rivera, Nicole Marie Mondani, Juan Pablo Torres, Rafael Torres, Reynaldo Ricky Yanong, Josie Franco, Olivia Rodriguez, Raul Ramirez, George San Augustin, Mary Gutierrez, Dcn. Joel Castellanos, Richard Valentino, Matthew Chavez, Gonzales, Miguel Rodriguez, Marissa Rubio, Rogelio Rodriguez, David Lopez Sr., Linda Olin, Rebeca Silva, Marilyn Luther, Diana Villela, Michael Deriso, Linda Santillan, Jorman Guerra

***please
pray for
the sick***

“Pastor’s Voice”

“Celebrating the Feast of St. Monica: A Model of Faith, Patience, and Prayer”

Dearest St. Monica Family,

As we approach August 27th, the Feast of St. Monica, our parish’s beloved patroness, I extend my heartfelt wishes to all our parishioners. This special day is an opportunity to reflect on St. Monica’s life of faith and devotion, to thank God for His many blessings upon our parish, and to gather as a community to celebrate together.

St. Monica is known for her extraordinary patience, perseverance in prayer, and unwavering trust in God’s plan. Despite facing many challenges in her family life, including her husband’s difficult nature and her son Augustine’s wayward path, Monica never wavered in her faith. Her persistent prayers and loving witness ultimately led to the conversion of her husband and the transformation of her son into St. Augustine, one of the greatest saints in the Church.

Her example is particularly relevant for families today. St. Monica teaches us the power of prayer and the importance of remaining patient and steadfast, even in the face of struggles. She reminds us to trust in God’s timing and to accept His will, knowing that He is always at work in our lives, even in the most challenging circumstances. On this Feast Day, let us invoke St. Monica’s intercession for our parish, our families, and for all who are in need of hope and perseverance. May her prayers strengthen us in our faith, bring healing to strained relationships, and inspire us to trust in God’s loving plan.

We invite all parishioners to join us for our Feast Day celebration. We will have an evening Mass, followed by entertainment and dinner to go. It will be a time to come together as a parish family to honor our patroness and thank God for His many blessings upon our community.

Let us take St. Monica as our model—patient in our families, faithful in prayer, and steadfast in trusting God’s will. Together, as a parish family under her patronage, may we grow in love and faith, bringing God’s light to all we encounter.

I look forward to seeing you all as we celebrate this joyous occasion and give thanks to God for the gift of St. Monica. **God Bless America,**

Yours truly,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

August 23rd & 24th, 2025

“Voz del Pastor”

“Celebrando la Fiesta de Santa Mónica: Un Modelo de Fe, Paciencia y Oración”

Querida familia de Santa Mónica,

Al acercarnos al 27 de Agosto, la fiesta Santa Mónica, la querida patrona de nuestra parroquia, extendo mis más sinceros deseos a todos nuestros feligreses. Este día especial es una oportunidad para reflexionar sobre la vida de fe y devoción de Santa Mónica, para agradecer a Dios por sus muchas bendiciones sobre nuestra parroquia y para reunirnos como comunidad para celebrar juntos.

Santa Mónica es conocida por su extraordinaria paciencia, perseverancia en la oración y confianza inquebrantable en el plan de Dios. A pesar de enfrentar muchos desafíos en su vida familiar, incluyendo la naturaleza difícil de su esposo y el camino descarrado de su hijo Agustín, Mónica nunca vaciló en su fe. Sus oraciones persistentes y su testimonio amoroso finalmente llevaron a la conversión de su esposo y a la transformación de su hijo en San Agustín, uno de los santos más grandes de la Iglesia.

Su ejemplo es particularmente relevante para las familias de hoy. Santa Mónica nos enseña el poder de la oración y la importancia de ser pacientes y firmes, incluso ante las dificultades. Nos recuerda que debemos confiar en el tiempo de Dios y aceptar su voluntad, sabiendo que Él siempre está obrando en nuestras vidas, incluso en las circunstancias más difíciles. En esta Festividad, invoquemos la intercesión de Santa Mónica por nuestra parroquia, nuestras familias y por todos los que necesitan esperanza y perseverancia. Que sus oraciones fortalezcan nuestra fe, sanen las relaciones tensas y nos inspiren a confiar en el plan amoroso de Dios.

Invitamos a todos los feligreses a unirse a nosotros para nuestra celebración de la Festividad. Tendremos una misa vespertina, seguida de entretenimiento y cena para llevar. Será un momento para reunirnos como familia parroquial para honrar a nuestra patrona y agradecer a Dios por sus muchas bendiciones sobre nuestra comunidad.

Tomemos como modelo a Santa Mónica: pacientes en nuestras familias, fieles en la oración y firmes en la confianza en la voluntad de Dios. Juntos, como familia parroquial bajo su patrocinio, crezcamos en amor y fe, llevando la luz de Dios a todos los que nos rodean.

Espero verlos a todos para celebrar esta feliz ocasión y dar gracias a Dios por el don de Santa Mónica.

Dios Bendiga a América,

Atentamente,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

23 y 24 de Agosto, 2025

Pilgrimage to Italy is on going

As Fr. Thumma and the pilgrims continue their spiritual journey during this jubilee year and walk through the Holy Doors, they are praying for the St. Monica community and their families. We also ask you to keep them in your prayers as they begin their journey back home. We wish them safe travels.

Follow their journey on Facebook



La Peregrinación a Italia

Mientras Padre Thumma y los peregrinos continúan este viaje espiritual durante este año jubilar y pasan por las Puertas Santas, oran por la comunidad de Santa Mónica y sus familias. También les pedimos que tengan presentes en sus oraciones a Padre Thumma y nuestros peregrinos. Le deseamos un viaje seguro.

Sigan su viaje en Facebook

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 teens 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 "Desfile del 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 puede ser parte del desfile?

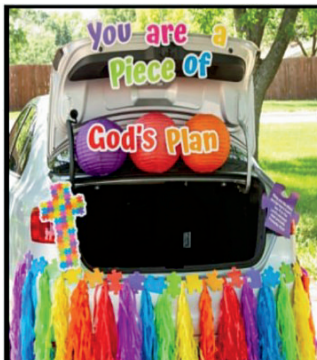
- Necesitamos que los padres vistan a sus hijos como santos.
- Necesitamos feligreses de todas las edades dispuestos a decorar sus vehículos o mesas que reflejen y cuenten visualmente la historia de un santo.
- Finalmente, necesitamos donaciones de todo tipo que mejoren y apoyen la celebración.
- Se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

¿A quien debo contactar para hacer preguntas y registrar mi vehículo o mesa?

Annette Winfield (210) 885-0861 o

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SAINTS ON PARADE



SANTOS EN DESFILE

Find out how you can participate best and how we can best help you!

September 2, 2025 - 6:00pm (Parish Hall) - Septiembre 2, 2025 - 6:00pm (Salon de Santa Monica)

¡Descubre cómo puedes participar mejor y cómo podemos ayudarte!

Mark your 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).

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

To register for Religious Education:

Please come to the office to register

The office is open until 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. and end at 7:30 p.m.

We are looking forward to another blessed year.



REGISTRESE PARA EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

No deje que su hijo pierda la oportunidad de construir su fe. Para inscribirse para Educación Religiosa:

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 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 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 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 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.

Hola Adolescentes! Ya tienen la Confirmación... Y AHORA QUE?

¡Únete a EDGE - nuestro Ministerio para Estudiantes de Secundaria! *Si ya recibiste el sacramento de la Confirmación, necesitamos que te animes a liderar nuestro programa EDGE para estudiantes de secundaria en la Iglesia Católica de Santa Mónica.*

- ♦ Ser un ejemplo a seguir para los estudiantes más jóvenes
- ♦ Crecer en tu fe mientras te diviertes
- ♦ Ganar horas de servicio para la escuela
- ♦ Forjar amistades duraderas
- ♦ Ser parte de algo significativo.

Ven a compartir tu energía, tu fe y tu alegría.

Las noches EDGE están llenas de diversión, juegos y conversaciones llenas de fe, y nuestros estudiantes de secundaria te admiran. EDGE se reúne los martes por la noche en el salón parroquial, de 6:30 p. m. a 7:30 p. m. Para más información, comunícate con nuestra directora de Educación Religiosa, la Sra. Toni Espinoza, o visita la oficina parroquial para reunirte con ella.

ROSARY, MIRACLES, MYSTERIES, MARIAN APPARITIONS

Choose a Monday or Tuesday Class
Monday Evenings 6:30pm—8:15pm
Tuesday Mornings 9:30am—11:15 am
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(unless the containers fill up sooner)

in the parking lot of St Monica School parking.

Free to City of Converse Residents.to participate in this event. You will need to bring your City of Converse Utility Bill and a government issued ID with the address matching the Converse garbage bill to be able to drop off your junk.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS: Furniture, Mattresses, Washers/ Dryers, Sinks/Toilets, Refrigerators (No CFCs), Water Heaters (Drained), BBQ Grills (No Fuel Tanks), Carpeting cut into four foot (4') bundles.

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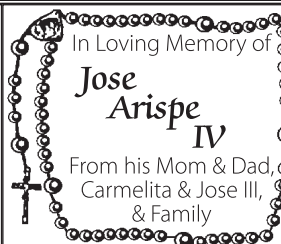
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Mass Schedule

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

6:30 p.m Bilingual Mass (Thurs & Fri)

Saturday: 9 am Holy Rosary

Mass at 9:30 am (Bilingual/Bilingüe)

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm (English)

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

1:00, 3:00 & 7:00 pm (Spanish)

HOLY HOUR: Thursday 7 pm

1st FRIDAY MASS:

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