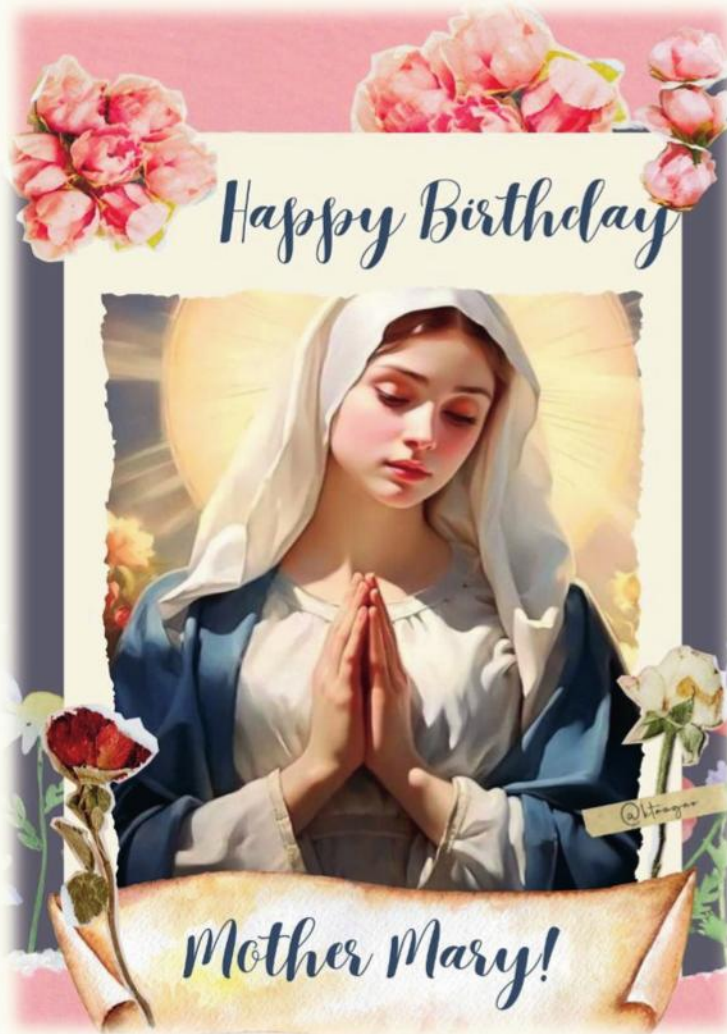


A Jubilee Pilgrimage Site of the Archdiocese of San Antonio

St. Monica Catholic Church

501 North St.
Converse, Texas 78109



FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SEPTEMBER 8TH

FIESTA DE NATIVIDAD DE LA
SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN MARÍA
8 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Pastor: Fr. Thumma Prathap

Email: pastor@saintmonicaconverse.net

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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

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St. Monica Catholic Church Converse



Grandparents Day Día de los Abuelos

I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT UPON
YOUR OFFSPRING, MY BLESSING
UPON YOUR DESCENDANTS.

- ISAIAH 44:3

DERRAMARÉ MI ESPÍRITU SOBRE TU
RAZA Y MI BENEDICIÓN CUBRIRÁ TUS
DESCENDIENTES.

- ISAÍAS 44, 3

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

*You can still register your child for the
2025/2026 School Year*

*Ya está abierta la inscripción para el
Año 2025/2026*



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, September 8th

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fiesta de Natividad de la Santísima Virgen María

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

Tuesday/Martes, September 9th

Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Memoria de San Pedro Claver, Presbítero

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

Wednesday/Miércoles, September 10th

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

Confessions / Confesiones 5:30 p.m.

Thursday/Jueves, September 11th

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

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

Friday/Viernes, September 12th

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

Mass/ Misa (Spanish/Español) 7:00 p.m. Fr. Thumma

Saturday/Sábado September 13th

Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Memoria de San Juan Crisóstomo, Obispo y Doctor de la Iglesia

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

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz
Sunday/Domingo, September 14th

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. David

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

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

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

Mass Intentions

Mon	9/8	8:15 a.m.	(B) Darrick Dove (SI) Kaylin Corns (SI) Joseph Drouillard (SI) Catherine Drouillard
Tue	9/9	8:15 a.m.	(SI) Joseph Drouillard (SI) Catherine Drouillard † Paul Lindquist Jr. † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed	9/10	8:15 a.m.	(B) Araceli Galvan (B) Luz Andrea Lopez (SI) Conversion of Sinners (SI) Joseph Drouillard (SI) Catherine Drouillard
Thurs	9/11	8:15 a.m.	(B) Lucero Lopez (SI) Juan Eduardo Ramiez (SI) Annunciation Catholic Church
		6:30 p.m.	(SI) Jubilee Pilgrims (SI) Joseph Drouillard (SI) Catherine Drouillard
Fri.	9/12	8:15 a.m.	(SI) Jose, Joshua & Alejandro † Consuelo Martinez † Holy Souls in Purgatory
		6:30 p.m.	(SI) Jubilee Pilgrims (B) Ludy Kent (SI) Joseph Drouillard (SI) Catherine Drouillard † Bob Pineda
Sat.	9/13	9:30 a.m.	(SI) Joseph Drouillard (SI) Catherine Drouillard
		5:30 p.m.	(SI) Sylvia Benevides † Leissa Sutton † Archbishop Patrick Flores † Pedro & Nelda Herrera † Rolando Prudente
Sun.	9/14	7:30 a.m.	(A) Charlie, Edi & Mike Wheeler
		9:15 a.m.	(B) Manuel Medrano (SI) Massimiliano (SI) Luca de Leonardis (SI) Joseph Drouillard (SI) Catherine Drouillard † Bishop Anthony Pellicer † Ella Tillman
		11:00 a.m.	† Lupe Chagiya † Irma Kotanan † Mark T. Gonzalez † Bob Hovis
		1:00 p.m.	(SI) Familia Alcala Casillas † Ladislao Torres Hernandez † Maria Elena Torres Ochoa
		3:00 p.m.	(B) Luis E. Martinez Jr. (B) Dolores Cortes
		5:00 p.m.	(B) Madelyn Boyd
		7:00 p.m.	(SI) St. Monica Parishioners

This weeks altar flowers are for the
repose of the soul of Maria Elena Salinas
Donated by: Arnoldo Salinas

This week's sanctuary lamps are for the
repose of the soul of James Murray
and for a special intention for Raul Ramirez

COLLECTIONS
August 31st \$ 11,787.00

Online collection \$ 3,796.00

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 456.00

Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 38.00

September 14th - Second Collection
Saint Vincent de Paul Society


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.

**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, Linda Olin, Rebeca Silva, Marilyn Luther, Diana Villela, Michael Deriso, Linda Santillan, Jorman Guerra, Iker Andre Ceja Marquez, Mauro Daniel Torres, Clemente Hernandez Orozco, Maria Ramirez Rodriguez, Lee Myers, David Kim Taylor

*Please
pray for
the sick*

“Pastor’s Voice”
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
September 8th

Dearest St. Monica Family,

On **September 8th**, the Church joyfully celebrates the **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a feast that reminds us of the dawn of salvation history. Just as the rising sun breaks through the darkness and announces the coming of a new day, so too the birth of Mary announced the coming of Christ, the **Sun of Justice**. With her birth, God’s plan for our redemption takes a beautiful and concrete step forward.

Tradition tells us that Mary was born to Saints Joachim and Anne after many years of longing and prayer. Her birth was not only a blessing for her parents but also a sign of God’s faithfulness to His promises. Although she appeared to be an ordinary child, Mary was extraordinary in her vocation. From the very beginning, she was chosen to be the Mother of the Savior, the one through whom the Word would become flesh and dwell among us. Her “yes” would change the course of human history forever.

Why, then, do we celebrate Mary’s birth? We celebrate because every life is a gift, and Mary’s life is the greatest gift to humanity after that of her Son. We celebrate because she is the Mother of the Church, and her nativity brings new hope to all God’s people. Above all, we celebrate because in honoring Mary’s birth, we honor the God who prepared her to be a pure and worthy dwelling place for His Son.

For our families today, Mary’s birthday is a gentle but powerful reminder that **every child is a blessing and every birth a sign of hope**. In a world where the dignity of life is often forgotten or neglected, the Nativity of Mary calls us to welcome life with love, gratitude, and joy. Parents are reminded to see their children as precious gifts entrusted to them by God, and children are called to see in Mary a tender mother who leads them closer to Jesus.

As a parish family, let us honor Mary not only with our prayers but also by imitating her humility, her obedience, and her unwavering faith. On her birthday, let us renew our trust in God’s plan for our lives and seek her maternal intercession for our families—especially for our children, our parents, and all those in need of her loving care.

Together, let us joyfully pray:

“Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for from you arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, who guides us on the path of peace.”

Happy Birthday, Blessed Mother!

God Bless America,

Yours truly,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

September 6 –7, 2025

“Voz del Pastor”
La Natividad de la Santísima Virgen
8 de Septiembre

Querida familia de Santa Mónica,

El **8 de Septiembre**, la Iglesia celebra con alegría la **Natividad de la Santísima Virgen María**, una fiesta que nos recuerda el amanecer de la historia de la salvación. Así como el sol naciente irrumpe en la oscuridad y anuncia la llegada de un nuevo día, también el nacimiento de María anunció la llegada de Cristo, **Sol de Justicia**. Con su nacimiento, el plan de Dios para nuestra redención da un paso hermoso y concreto.

La tradición nos dice que María nació de los santos Joaquín y Ana tras muchos años de anhelo y oración. Su nacimiento no solo fue una bendición para sus padres, sino también un signo de la fidelidad de Dios a sus promesas. Aunque parecía una niña común y corriente, María fue extraordinaria en su vocación. Desde el principio, fue elegida para ser la Madre del Salvador, aquella por quien el Verbo se haría carne y habitaría entre nosotros. Su “sí” cambiaría el curso de la historia de la humanidad para siempre.

¿Por qué, entonces, celebramos el nacimiento de María? Celebramos porque cada vida es un don, y la vida de María es el mayor don a la humanidad después de la de su Hijo. Celebramos porque ella es la Madre de la Iglesia, y su natividad trae nueva esperanza a todo el pueblo de Dios. Sobre todo, celebramos porque al honrar el nacimiento de María, honramos a Dios que la preparó para ser una morada pura y digna para su Hijo.

Para nuestras familias hoy, el cumpleaños de María es un tierno pero poderoso recordatorio de que **cada hijo es una bendición y cada nacimiento un signo de esperanza**. En un mundo donde la dignidad de la vida a menudo se olvida o se descuida, la Natividad de María nos llama a acogerla con amor, gratitud y alegría. A los padres se les recuerda que deben ver a sus hijos como dones preciosos que Dios les confió, y a los hijos se les llama a ver en María una madre tierna que los acerca a Jesús.

Como familia parroquial, honremos a María no solo con nuestras oraciones, sino también imitando su humildad, su obediencia y su fe inquebrantable. En su cumpleaños, renovemos nuestra confianza en el plan de Dios para nuestras vidas y busquemos su intercesión maternal por nuestras familias, especialmente por nuestros hijos, nuestros padres y todos aquellos que necesitan su amoroso cuidado.

Juntos, oremos con alegría:

“Bendita seas, oh Virgen María, porque de ti surgió el Sol de Justicia, Cristo nuestro Dios, que nos guía por el camino de la paz”.

¡Feliz cumpleaños, Santísima Madre!

Que Dios bendiga a América.

Atentamente,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

6 y 7 de Septiembre de, 2025

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 Red 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!

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Cuando: 1 de Noviembre de 2025

(Dia 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?

Annette Winfield (210)885-0861 or

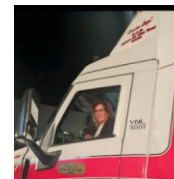
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Happy Birthday
Rayleigh Olague
September 14th

Happy Birthday
Eden Keyes
September 19th



Happy Birthday
Dorian Lugo
September 27th

Happy Birthday
Madalyn Boyd
September 14th



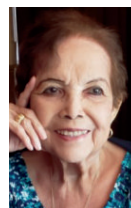
Happy Birthday
Luis Martinez
September 7th



Happy Birthday
Sandra Lyssy
September 1st



Happy Birthday
Edi Wheeler
September 16th



Happy Birthday
Gil Chagoya
September 2nd
Happy Heavenly
Birthday
Lupe Chagoya
September 18th



Thank you every one for sending in your pictures of birthday's, wedding anniversary and special accomplishments.

May Our Dear Lord watch over all of you and your families, may your lives always be filled with God's blessings.

Turn in your **October** Birthdays, anniversary or accomplishment picture by **September 28th** to:
parish@saintmonicaconverse.net
or come by the parish office

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

Que nuestro amado Señor los cuide al igual que a sus familias, y que sus vidas estén siempre llenas de las bendiciones de Dios.

Manden sus fotos de los cumpleaños, aniversario, ocasiones especiales de **Octubre para el 28 de Septiembre** a: parish@saintmonicaconverse.net
o pase por la oficina.

**Classes start soon ...
Register Today**

**Clases comienzan pronto ...
Regístrese Hoy**



Tuesdays Nights: Spanish First Communion Classes

6:30 - 7:30 pm. Grades 1-4 only

Martes por la noche: Clases de Primera Comunión en Español

6:30 - 7:30 pm Solamente Grados 1 a 4

Wednesday Nights: English Classes 6:30 - 7:30 pm

**First Communion, Confirmation Preparation &
Sacramental Preparation for Kinder - 12th gr.**

Miércoles por la noche: Clases en Ingles 6:30 - 7:30 pm

**Preparación de Primera Comunión, Confirmación y
Preparación Sacramental de Kínder a grado 12**

HIGH SCHOOL



To assist with Edge Students

**Classes are filling up so
REGISTER TODAY**

**Las Clases se están llenando, así que
REGISTRESE HOY**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENTS TUESDAYS
GRADE 6, 7, 8 6:30 PM**



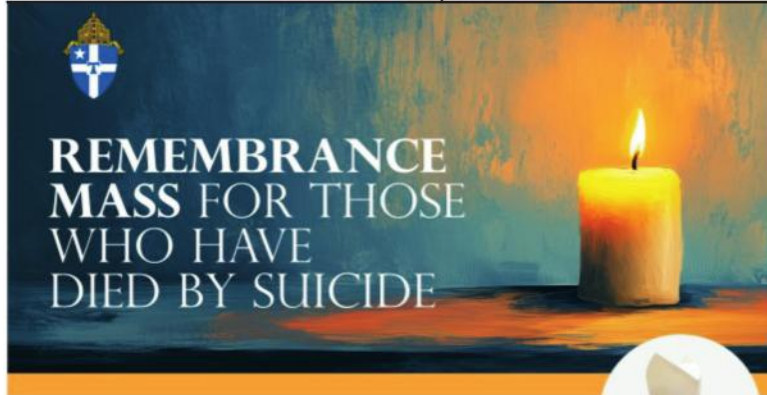
EDGE®



**WE NEED:
Classroom Aides, Hall Monitors,
Traffic Control & Security Assistance**

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**



SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 | 6:30 PM
HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH
(8134 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216)



Archbishop Gustavo
Celebrant and Homilist

In prayerful observance of World Suicide Prevention Day, Archbishop Gustavo will celebrate a special Mass to remember those who have died by suicide and to offer healing and hope to all who carry the pain of their loss. During the liturgy, all will be invited to place a flower at the altar in honor of a loved one as a sign of entrusting them to the infinite mercy, love, and tenderness of our God.

10 DE SEPTIEMBRE DEL 2025 | 6:30 PM
HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH
(8134 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216)



Arzobispo Gustavo
Celebrante y Homilista

En observancia con oración por el Día Mundial de la Prevención del Suicidio, el Arzobispo Gustavo celebrará una misa especial para recordar con amor a los que han muerto por suicidio y para ofrecer sanación y esperanza a todos los que cargan con el dolor de su pérdida. Durante la liturgia, se invitará a todos los presentes a colocar una flor en honor de un ser querido como signo de entrega a la infinita misericordia, amor y ternura de nuestro Dios.

Questions/comments? Contact carmen.vidal@archsa.org or call 210-734-1913. Visit <https://archsa.org/event/remembrance-mass-for-those-who-have-died-by-suicide> for more information about this Mass and resources for suicide prevention and healing.

Preguntas/Comentarios? Contacte a carmen.vidal@archsa.org o llame al 210-734-1913. Visite <https://archsa.org/event/remembrance-mass-for-those-who-have-died-by-suicide> para más información acerca de esta misa y para encontrar recursos para la prevención y sanación del suicidio.

Saint Monica's Bereavement Support Ministry will resume for the fall on September 11, 2025

St. Monica Family

The St. Monica Bereavement Support Ministry will resume for the fall on September 11, 2025. The Mission of the St. Monica Bereavement Ministry is to accompany the grieving of St. Monica Parish. Our team members are made up of parishioners who have lost a spouse, parent, grandparent, child, sibling, aunt, uncle, friend. If you have lost a loved one and searching for a safe place to lay your grieving; please consider the Bereavement Ministry. The Vision of the St. Monica Bereavement Ministry is to Provide Faith Care Always because we know; Love Never Dies. We will meet every other Thursday in the Goertz room of Stuebbs Hall beginning Thursday, September 11, 2025, beginning at 6:00 P.M. Please feel free to attend. The workshops/sessions are free and will also be announced during Masses. If you have questions or just want to talk, please do not hesitate to contact Deacon Sean W. Dooley at (210) 274-7085 or via my emails: booner68og@gmail.com or deaconsean@saintmonicaconverse.net.



El Ministerio de Duelo de Santa Mónica se reanuda para el otoño el 11 de Septiembre, 2025

Familia de Santa Mónica

El Ministerio de Apoyo al Duelo de Santa Mónica se reanuda en otoño el 11 de Septiembre de 2025. La misión del Ministerio de Apoyo al Duelo de Santa Mónica es acompañar el duelo en la parroquia. Nuestro equipo está formado por feligreses que han perdido a su cónyuge, padre, madre, abuelo, hijo, hermano, tía, tío o amigo. Si ha perdido a un ser querido y busca un lugar seguro para compartir su dolor, considere el Ministerio de Apoyo al Duelo. La visión del Ministerio de Apoyo al Duelo de Santa Mónica es brindar siempre atención de fe, porque sabemos que el amor nunca muere. Nos reuniremos cada otro Jueves en la sala Goertz del Salon Parroquial Stuebbs a partir del Jueves 11 de Septiembre de 2025 a las 6:00 pm. No dude en asistir. Los talleres/sesiones son gratuitos y se anunciarán durante las misas. Si tiene preguntas o simplemente desea hablar, no dude en comunicarse con el Diácono Sean W. Dooley al (210) 274-7085 o a través de correo electrónico: booner68og@gmail.com o deaconsean@saintmonicaconverse.net.

All the men in our Community are invited to the Men's ACTS Retreat on October 23-26, 2025.

Join many others from our parish community who will spend a special weekend away from the rigors of everyday life to experience a Spirit-filled weekend at St. Anthony de Padua Retreat Center in San Antonio. Dedicate a little time for yourself this October and you will come away with a renewed spirit and a fresh perspective on what lies ahead in 2026 and beyond! The cost of the retreat is \$225, and that includes transportation to the retreat center, room accommodations, and all meals. Please, do not let the cost deter you from going on retreat. Financial assistance is available. Contact Gabe Canez (210) 884-2698, Julio Zamago (210) 587-9910, or Michael Colwell (210) 912-9065 with any questions.



Todos los hombres de nuestra comunidad están invitados al Retiro ACTS para hombres del 23 al 26 de Octubre de 2025..

Únase a muchos otros miembros de nuestra comunidad parroquial que pasarán un fin de semana especial lejos de los rigores de la vida cotidiana para experimentar un fin de semana lleno del Espíritu en el Centro de Retiros San Antonio de Padua en San Antonio. ¡Dedíquese un poco de tiempo para usted este octubre y saldrá con un espíritu renovado y una perspectiva fresca sobre lo que nos espera en 2026 y más allá! El costo del retiro es de \$225 e incluye transporte al centro de retiros, alojamiento y todas las comidas. Por favor, no deje que el costo le impida ir al retiro. Hay ayuda financiera disponible. Comuníquese con Gabe Canez (210) 884-2698, Julio Zamago (210) 587-9910 o Michael Colwell (210) 912-9065 si tiene alguna pregunta.

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Celebrate the two of you, and the reason you said "I do!" The **LOVESTRONG Marriage Ministry** team is offering a weekend **retreat in Spanish** that can provide a powerful infusion of Christ-centered focus to any marriage. This wonderful 3-day event (Friday evening through Sunday afternoon) celebrates the purpose of your marriage and the love you share while allowing you to spend the evenings together at home. The mission of the LOVESTRONG Marriage ministry is to support and strengthen married couples in our community by providing time together to refresh their commitment to each other and deepening their sacramental relationship with God. You are cordially invited to join us for the next **LOVESTRONG Marriage Retreat at Saint Monica scheduled on October 3-5!**



This Retreat will be entirely in Spanish and is open to all married couples! The cost of the retreat is \$150, and financial assistance is available. Space is limited, so register early! The registration covers all meals on the three days and retreat materials. We do not provide childcare, so please make arrangements for your children. All Retreat Couples must commit to attending the entire 3-day weekend's activities. More information and registration forms can be obtained at the LOVESTRONGMarriage.com website, or you can contact the Lead Couple: Idalia and Tommy Ortiz (210-852-1644 or reply2tommy@yahoo.com).

Give each other the gift of TIME TOGETHER and enjoy a weekend celebrating YOUR MARRIAGE!

Celebren la unión y la razón por la que dijeron el "Sí, acepto". El equipo del **Ministerio Matrimonial LOVESTRONG** ofrece un retiro de fin de semana **en español** que puede brindar una poderosa infusión de enfoque Cristo-céntrico a cualquier matrimonio. Este maravilloso evento de 3 días (del viernes por la noche al domingo por la tarde) celebra el propósito de su matrimonio y el amor que comparten, permitiéndoles pasar las tardes juntos en casa. La misión del Ministerio Matrimonial LOVESTRONG es apoyar y fortalecer a las parejas casadas de nuestra comunidad, brindándoles tiempo juntos para renovar su compromiso mutuo y profundizar su relación sacramental con Dios. ¡Les invitamos cordialmente a unirse a nosotros en el próximo Retiro **Matrimonial LOVESTRONG en Santa Mónica, programado del 3 al 5 de Octubre!**

Este retiro será completamente en español y está abierto a todas las parejas casadas. El costo del retiro es de \$150 y hay ayuda financiera disponible. El cupo es limitado, ¡así que inscribanse con anticipación! La inscripción incluye todas las comidas de los tres días y los materiales del retiro. No ofrecemos cuidado de niños, así que por favor, hagan arreglos para sus hijos. Todas las parejas del retiro deben comprometerse a asistir a todas las actividades del fin de semana de 3 días.

Pueden obtener más información y los formularios de inscripción en el sitio web LOVESTRONGMarriage.com o contactar a la pareja principal: Idalia y Tommy Ortiz (210-852-1644 o reply2tommy@yahoo.com).

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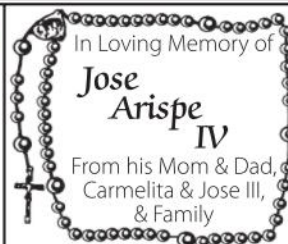
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