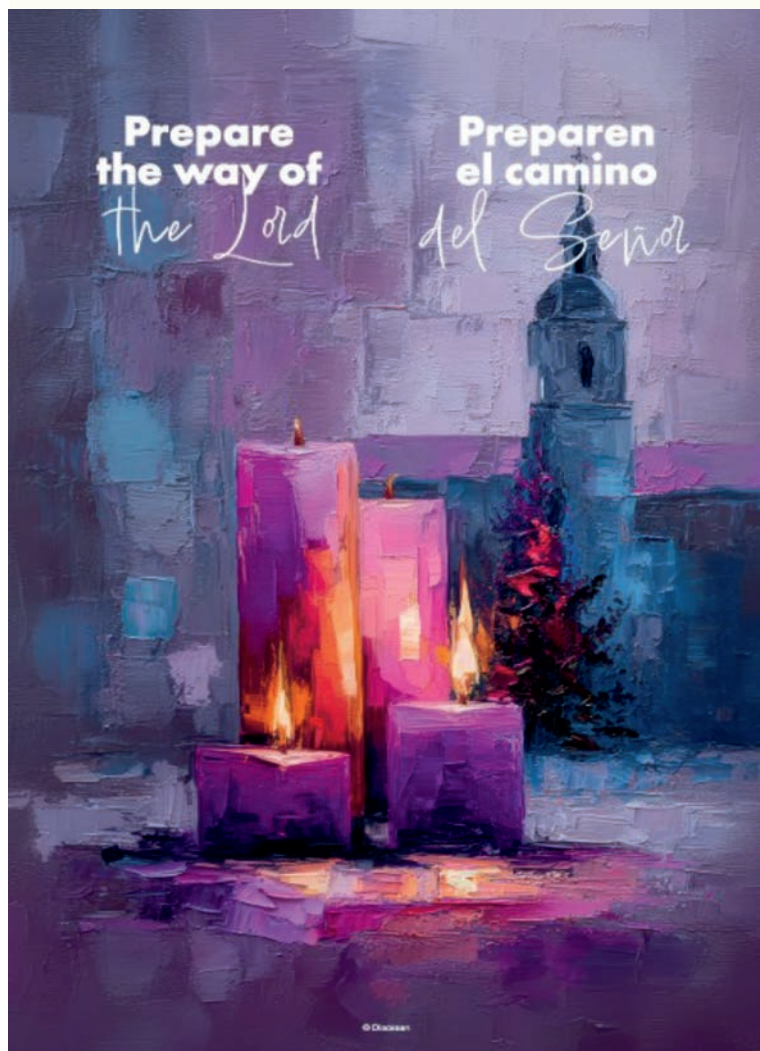




A Jubilee Pilgrimage Site of the Archdiocese of San Antonio

St. Monica Catholic Church

501 North St.
Converse, Texas 78109



Pastor: Fr. Thumma Prathap

Email: pastor@saintmonicaconverse.net

Parochial Vicar:

Fr. Lubin Moreno

Email: vicar@saintmonicaconverse.net

Working Hours:

Mon., Tue., Thur., & Friday

9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Wed. 9 am - 7pm

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

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

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

*Todavía puede registrarse para el
Año 2025/2026*

www.saintmonicaconverse.net/saint-monica-catholic-school



St Monica Catholic School



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF MARY**

**IMMACULADA CONCEPTION
De MARIA**

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, December 8th

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la
Santísima Virgen María

Mass/ Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Lubin
 Mass/Misa (English/Ingles) 12 Noon Fr. Thumma
 Mass/Misa (English/Ingles) 6:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma
 Mass/Misa (Spanish/Español) 7:00 p.m. Fr. Lubin

Tuesday/Martes, December 9th

Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
 Memoria Opcional de San Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

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

Wednesday/Miércoles, December 10th

Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto
 Memoria de Bienaventurada Virgen María de Loreto

Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Lubin
 Confessions / Confesiones 5:30 p.m.

Thursday/Jueves, December 11th

Memorial of Saint Damasus I, Pope / Memoria de San Dámaso I, Papa

Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
 Mass / Misa (Bilingual/Bilingüe) 6:30 p.m.

City Procession in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Procesión en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe 9:00pm

Friday/Viernes, December 12th

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Rosary 5:30 a.m.
 Mass/Misa (Spanish/Español) 6:30 a.m. Fr. Lubin
 Mass/Misa 8:15 a.m. Fr. Thumma
 Mass/ Misa (Bilingual/Bilingüe) 7:00 p.m. Frs. Thumma & Lubin

Saturday/Sabado December 13th

Memorial of Saint Nicholas, Bishop / Memoria de San Nicolás, obispo

Rosary (Bilingual/Bilingüe) 9:00 a.m.
 Mass 9:30 a.m. Fr. Lubin
 Confessions / Confesiones 3:30 p.m.
 Mass/ Misa 5:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma

3rd Sunday of Advent / 3º Domingo de Adviento

Sunday/Domingo, December 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 Gomez
 11:00 a.m. Fr. Thumma
 & Dcn. Luis Gomez
 Masses in p.m. 1 p.m. (Español) Fr. Lubin
 & Dcn. David
 3 p.m. (Español) Fr. Lubin
 & Dcn. David
 Misas de la tarde 5 p.m. (English) Fr. Lubin
 & Dcn. Luis Mata
 7 p.m. (Español) Fr. Lubin
 & Dcn. Luis Mata



Mon	12/8	8:15 a.m.	(SI) Dot San Agustin † Cruz Cerda III † Howard Benavides
		12:00 p.m.	† Mary Kirby † Favorita Rosello † Modesta Nunez Navarro
		6:00 p.m.	(SI) Jose & Rosa Soltero
		7:30 p.m.	† Tere Mata
Tue	12/9	8:15 a.m.	† Preston Trinkle † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed	12/10	8:15 a.m.	(SI) Conversion of Sinners † Gad Naaman Garcia Roa † Theodore & Margaret Rose
Thurs	12/11	8:15 a.m.	† Michael Schmedding
		6:30 p.m.	(SI) Jubilee Pilgrims
Fri.	12/12	6:30 a.m.	† Guadalupe Rodriguez † Jose Guadalupe Carranza
		8:15 a.m.	(SI) Lucina Nutt (B) Maria Guadalupe Ramirez (A) Aldo & Celina Ramos † Holy Souls in Purgatory
		7:00 p.m.	(SI) Jubilee Pilgrims † Uvaldo Cantu
Sat.	12/13	9:30 a.m.	(SI) Jubilee Pilgrims
		5:30 p.m.	† Scott Case † Leissa Sutton † Pedro & Nelda Herrera
Sun.	12/14	7:30 a.m.	(B) Mike Wheeler (B) Donna Lugo † Jose Jesus Cortez † Bobby Gratt † Richard Alan Eastman
		9:15 a.m.	(SI) Hanah & Zayden Henk † JT Mooney † Richard Alan Eastman
		11:00 a.m.	(B) Glen Hovis II † Mark T. Gonzalez † Lupe Chagoya † Irma Kotanan † Richard Alan Eastman
		1:00 p.m.	(SI) Rafael Torres (SI) Leslie Gutierrez † Jose Ricardo Hernandez † Teresa Cornejo
		3:00 p.m.	(SI) St. Monica Parishioners
		5:00 p.m.	(SI) Conversion of Sinners (SI) Benny & Rachel Vargas † Kyra Tyguiengco † Jose S. Cruz † Richard Alan Eastman † Claudia Montoya
		7:00 p.m.	(SI) Familia Cavazos † Irene Arriaga



This week's sanctuary lamps are for the birthday of
Duane Finch

And the wedding anniversary of *Tomas & Maria Gutierrez*

This weeks altar flowers are for the
Repose of the soul of *Mary Kirby*



COLLECTIONS for November 23rd \$ 12,352.00

Online collection \$ 3,037.00
Second Collection for St. Monica School 2,972.00
Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 144.00
Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 58.00



COLLECTIONS for November 30th \$ 14,291.00

Online collection \$ 3,779.30
Second Collection for St. Monica School \$ 40.00
Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 499.00
Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 70.00

*Please
pray for
the sick*

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., 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, Irene Cantu, Leo Cantu, Jose Martinez, Vanessa P., John Cortez, Andrew, Velma Duran, Jan Beland, Ernie & Sally Gonzales, Kenia Aguilar, Dolores Vaquera & Family, Sara Chase, Navarro, Catarina Garza, Debbie Garcia, Armando Aguero, Rose, Nicanora Rodriguez, Paul D., Angel Cantu, Barbara Garza, Evan Pesek, Pawlick family, Laura Cynthia Peters, Bill Eastman, Felix Davila, Ernesto Sosa, Robert, Adam Thomas, Gabriel M., Michael Burgos, Rob Wick, Barbara Rials, Trini & Jackie Cantú, Tony Rippey, Eduardo Guevara, Adalene, Blanca, Donelia Jimenez, Janet Hillson, Pablo Martinez, Aleda, Lucy Zamora, Emma Phillips, Lee Myers, Ariel & Clara Casiano, Jeannie & Paul, Maria Ramos, Anna Cortez, Ignacio Urabazo, Becky Cortez, Francis, Mary Gutierrez, Judy Gutierrez Kahn, Juan Esquivel, Alfredo Covarrubias & Family, Sergio Martinez Ortiz, Lee Myers, 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, Ginobili Villa, Joann & Sebastian, Leticia Carmelino, Maria J., Carlos Alberto Garcia, Gil Chagoya, Donna Ann Salinas, Michael Thompson, Marissa Rubio, Melquiades Cardenas, Mary Lou Thompson, Farzad Farzan, Camelia Pineda, Maya Kadinca Roa, Karen Margarita Gomez Roa, Jose & Rosa Haydee Soltero, Francisco Valenzuela, Vickie Rubio, Ernesto Maestas, Mark Rivera, Nicole Marie Mondani, Juan Pablo Torres, Rafael Torres, Reynaldo Ricky Yanong, Olivia Rodriguez, Raul Ramirez, Jorman Guerra, George San Augustin, Dcn. Joel Castellanos, Richard Valentino, Matthew Chavez, Diana Villela, Miguel Rodriguez, Rogelio Rodriguez, Linda Olin, Rebeca Silva, Marilyn Luther, Michael Deriso, Linda Santillan, Iker Andre Ceja Marquez, Clemente Hernandez Orozco, Samuel Saldana, Maria Ramirez Rodriguez, Linda Gomez, Mauro Daniel Torres, Betty Chrisman, Wilson Washington, Christy Arriola, Agnes McKenzie, Mike Say



Mary Ann Molina

It is with deep sorrow to inform you that Mary Ann Molina was called to her heavenly home on Sunday Nov. 23rd with her loving family by her side.

Rosary: Tuesday December 9, 2025 at 7pm
Chapel Hill Funeral Home, Crematory & Memorial Park
7735 Gibbs Sprawl Rd, San Antonio, TX 78239

Mass: Wednesday December 10, 2025 at 10:30 am
St. Monica Catholic Church 501 North St. Converse, Texas 78109

Internment: Wednesday December 10, 2025 at 12 Noon
Chapel Hill Funeral Home, Crematory & Memorial Park
7735 Gibbs Sprawl Rd, San Antonio, TX 78239

*Our deepest heartfelt condolences to the family.
May she rest in peace.*



Olivia Rodriguez

It is with great sadness to inform you that Olivia Rodriguez was called to her heavenly home on Friday Nov. 14th with her loving family by her side.

Rosary: Wednesday December 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Colonial Funeral Home
625 Kitty Hawk Road, Universal City, TX 78148

Mass: Thursday December 11, 2025 at 11:00 am
St. Monica Catholic Church 501 North St. Converse, Texas 78109

Internment: Thursday December 11, 2025 at 1:30 pm
Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd. San Antonio, TX 78209

*Our deepest heartfelt condolences to the family.
May she rest in peace.*

Winter Clothes and Blanket Drive

Next weekend December 13 & 14, 2025, we invite you to consider donating new or gently used winter coats, clothes, socks and blankets for those in need. Your contributions will be received outside the school's gym, and distributed by:

Catholic Charities Archdiocese
of San Antonio.

Thank you in advance for your generous support!



Colecta De Ropa y Cobijad Invernal

El próximo fin de semana del 13 y 14 de Diciembre de 2025, los invitamos a considerar donar abrigos y ropa de invierno, calcetines y cobijas, nuevas o en buen estado, para quienes las necesiten. Sus contribuciones se recibirán afuera del gimnasio de la escuela y serán distribuidas por:

Caridades Católicas de la Arquidiócesis
de San Antonio.

¡Gracias de antemano por su generoso apoyo!

“Pastor’s Voice”

"Advent: A Journey of Hope, Faith, and Renewal"

Dearest St. Monica Family,

On December 8, the Church celebrates with joy the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast reminds us of God’s perfect plan of salvation, a plan that began even before the birth of Mary. From the first moment of her existence, God preserved her from all stain of original sin so that she could be a worthy dwelling place for His Son.

This great mystery is not only about Mary; it is also about God’s immense love for all of us. By making Mary the pure and holy Mother of His Son, God shows us His desire to save humanity and to bring us closer to Him. Mary’s “yes” to God changed the course of history. Her life of faith, humility, and obedience is a model for every Christian family.

Families today can learn much from the Immaculate Conception. Mary’s holiness teaches us that purity of heart begins with saying “yes” to God in our daily lives. In the midst of busy schedules, pressures, and distractions, families are called to imitate Mary by trusting God completely and keeping Him at the center of the home. When parents and children pray together, when forgiveness and patience are practiced, the family becomes a reflection of Mary’s “yes” to God’s will.

This solemnity is also a reminder of the special place Mary holds as the Mother of the Church and as our spiritual Mother. She watches over each of us with tender care, guiding us closer to her Son. As families, let us entrust our joys and our struggles to her. She understands the challenges of daily life and intercedes for us with a mother’s love.

On this holy day, the Church calls us to celebrate Mass, as it is a Holy Day of Obligation. I encourage every family to come together, to honor Mary, and to thank God for the gift of her Immaculate Conception. Let us teach our children that devotion to Mary leads us always to Jesus.

May our parish family grow in holiness under the protection of the Immaculate Virgin. May her prayers strengthen our families, unite us in love, and help us to live faithfully as disciples of Christ. **God bless you and God bless America.**

Yours truly,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

December 6 & 7, 2025

“Voz del Pastor”

"Adviento: Un Camino de Esperanza, Fe y Renovación"

Querida Familia de Santa Mónica,

El 8 de Diciembre, la Iglesia celebra con alegría la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María. Esta fiesta nos recuerda el plan perfecto de salvación de Dios, un plan que comenzó incluso antes del nacimiento de María. Desde el primer momento de su existencia, Dios la preservó de toda mancha de pecado original para que pudiera ser una morada digna para su Hijo.

Este gran misterio no se trata solo de María; se trata también del inmenso amor de Dios por todos nosotros. Al hacer de María la pura y santa Madre de su Hijo, Dios nos muestra su deseo de salvar a la humanidad y acercarnos a él. El “sí” de María a Dios cambió el curso de la historia. Su vida de fe, humildad y obediencia es un modelo para toda familia Cristiana.

Las familias de hoy pueden aprender mucho de la Inmaculada Concepción. La santidad de María nos enseña que la pureza de corazón comienza con decir “sí” a Dios en nuestra vida diaria. En medio de agendas apretadas, presiones y distracciones, las familias están llamadas a imitar a María, confiando plenamente en Dios y manteniéndolo en el centro del hogar. Cuando padres e hijos oran juntos, cuando se practica el perdón y la paciencia, la familia se convierte en un reflejo del “sí” de María a la voluntad de Dios.

Esta solemnidad nos recuerda también el lugar especial que ocupa María como Madre de la Iglesia y nuestra Madre espiritual. Ella vela por cada uno de nosotros con tierno cuidado, acercándonos a su Hijo. Como familias, confiémosle nuestras alegrías y nuestras dificultades. Ella comprende los desafíos de la vida diaria e intercede por nosotros con amor maternal.

En este día santo, la Iglesia nos llama a celebrar la Misa, ya que es un Día de Precepto. Animo a todas las familias a reunirse para honrar a María y agradecer a Dios por el don de su Inmaculada Concepción. Enseñemos a nuestros hijos que la devoción a María nos lleva siempre a Jesús.

Que nuestra familia parroquial crezca en santidad bajo la protección de la Virgen Inmaculada. Que sus oraciones fortalezcan nuestras familias, nos unan en el amor y nos ayuden a vivir fielmente como discípulos de Cristo.

Dios los bendiga y que Dios bendiga a Estados Unidos.

Atentamente,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

6 y 7 de Diciembre de 2025

**St. Vincent de Paul
Christmas Angel Tree**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks everyone who took an angel last week. Kindly remember that all gifts need to be brought in no later than **Sunday December 14th**. These gifts will be bringing lots of joy to children in our community.

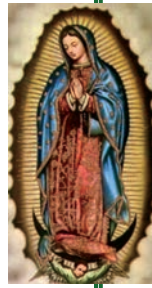


**San Vicente de Paul
Árbol de Ángeles Navideño**

La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul agradece a todos los que llevaron un ángel la semana pasada. Amablemente recuerden que todos los regalos deben entregarse a más tardar el **Domingo, 14 de Diciembre**. Estos regalos traerán mucha alegría a los niños de nuestra comunidad.

Walk with Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Spanish Prayer Group invites you to join us for a Walk with Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday, December 11th. We will begin with dinner from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. After dinner, we will walk with our Blessed Mother through the City of Converse while praying a bilingual Rosary. All are welcome to participate in this beautiful devotion.

**Caminata con la Virgen de Guadalupe**

El Grupo de Oración en Español los invita a acompañarnos en una Caminata con Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el jueves 11 de diciembre. Comenzaremos con una cena de 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Después de la cena, caminaremos con nuestra Santísima Madre por la ciudad de Converse mientras rezamos un Rosario bilingüe. Todos están invitados a participar en esta hermosa devoción.



Happy Birthday
December 7th
Chyrsta Colwell

Happy Birthday
December 18th
Emma-Riley
Sheehan



Happy 32nd
Wedding Anniversary
December 26th
Xavier & Karmen Chavez



Happy
Birthday
December 11th
Camron Colwell

Happy Birthday
Edna Diaz
December 14th



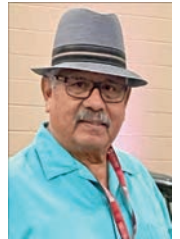
Happy Birthday
Donna Lugo
December 14th



Happy Birthday
Maxine Lerma
December 25th



Happy Birthday
December 20th
Joe Luera



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

January pictures will be published January 11th please turn in your **January** Birthdays, anniversary or accomplishment picture by **December 29th** to: arish@saintmonicaconverse.net or come by the parish office

*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 **Enero para el 28 de diciembre** a: parish@saintmonicaconverse.net o pase por la oficina.

**Día de Mercado
en Santa Monica
Sabado,
20 de Diciembre
10 am - 3 pm**

**Christmas Gifts for Clergy**

As we all know, St. Monica Parish is not only a welcoming and faith-filled community, but also a wonderfully generous one. As Christmas approaches, many parishioners wish to express their love and appreciation to our priests and deacons.

In keeping with the policies of the Archdiocese, we kindly ask that any monetary Christmas gifts intended for our priests be made payable directly to the individual priest. Please write the check to the name of the priest, NOT to St. Monica Church. If you wish to offer a cash gift, please place it in an envelope clearly marked with the priest's name and hand it directly to the priest. Kindly do not place these gifts in the offertory basket.

Please feel free. Your continued prayers, kindness, and support are the greatest gifts you can offer too. Thank you, St. Monica family, for your generosity, thoughtfulness, and love.

May God bless you abundantly this Christmas season.

**Regalos de Navidad para el Clero**

Como todos sabemos, la Parroquia de Santa Mónica no solo es una comunidad acogedora y llena de fe, sino también extraordinariamente generosa. Con la Navidad a la vuelta de la esquina, muchos feligreses desean expresar su cariño y agradecimiento a nuestros sacerdotes y diáconos.

De acuerdo con las normas de la Arquidiócesis, les pedimos amablemente que cualquier regalo de Navidad destinado a nuestros sacerdotes se haga directamente a nombre del sacerdote. Por favor, hagan el cheque a nombre del sacerdote, NO a nombre de la Iglesia de Santa Mónica.

Si desean ofrecer un regalo en efectivo, por favor, colóquenlo en un sobre claramente marcado con el nombre del sacerdote y entréguelo directamente a él. Por favor, no coloquen estos regalos en la canasta de la colecta.

Sus oraciones, amabilidad y apoyo constantes son también los mejores regalos que pueden ofrecer. Gracias, familia de Santa Mónica, por su generosidad, consideración y amor.

Que Dios los bendiga abundantemente en esta Navidad.

The 2025 Archbishop's Appeal

is nearing its close in December. If you picked up an envelope earlier this year, please take a moment to check if you still have it at home. We distributed nearly 1,500 envelopes, so it's possible one might still be tucked away. If you haven't yet turned in your \$60 pledge, we kindly ask that you prayerfully consider to do so during the month of December. You may:

- Mail in your envelope (please remember to add a stamp),
- Bring it to the parish office during office hours, or
- Place it in the collection basket at Mass.

Your generosity makes a meaningful difference to all those who rely on the ministries supported by the Archbishop's Appeal. *Thank you for your support!*

La Campana del Arzobispo de 2025

Esta llegando a su fin en Diciembre. Si recogió un sobre a principios de este año, por favor, tómese un momento para revisar si aun lo tiene en casa. Distribuimos casi 1500 sobres, así que es posible que aun conserve uno.

Si aun no ha entregado su donación de \$60, le pedimos amablemente que considere hacerlo durante el mes Diciembre. Puede: Enviar su sobre por correo (no olvide agregar una estampilla),

Entregarlo en la oficina parroquial durante el horario de oficina, o

Depositarlo en la canasta de la colecta durante la misa.

Su generosidad marca una diferencia significativa para todos aquellos que dependen de los ministerios apoyados por la Campana del Arzobispo. *Gracias por su apoyo!*

Join us on the Mission of Hope!

This annual campaign supports more than 30 shared ministries that advance the mission of the Catholic Church throughout our Archdiocese. The Archbishop's Appeal happens every year because the need remains every year, it's not a one-time effort. The theme this year beautifully coincides with our Jubilee Year, a time of renewal, mercy, and unity.

After months of sharing about the importance of this appeal, we are currently at 66% of our goal, with only 210 of our 1,800 families responding to the Archbishop's invitation to assist him in supporting the many parts of the Body of Christ that need our help. It's important to consider what we would lose without the Appeal. Without it, we would not have Assumption Seminary to form our future priests and deacons, something our parish could never do alone. We would not have homes for homeless teen mothers or children in crisis, or the many other ministries that depend on all 167 parishes working together. And those are only 3 of the more than 30 ministries supported by your generosity through the Appeal.

We are asking each family to prayerfully consider giving \$60 for the year to help us reach our goal. You can do so by using the Appeal envelopes available at the back of the church—place your gift of cash or check inside and return it during the collection, or use the QR code on the envelope to give online. You can also donate directly through the Archdiocese website at ARCHSA.org by clicking giving then the "Donate" button.

Many of you have already taken envelopes home, and we understand how busy life can get. If you still have yours, please take this as a gentle reminder to bring it back, either in the collection at Mass or to the parish office during the week.

Let us come together as one community during this Jubilee Year to support the Archbishop's mission and the many ministries that serve so many in need. May God bless you, your family, our parish, and our Archdiocese.

Every gift counts in our
Mission of Hope!



Únase a Nosotros en la Misión de la Esperanza!

Esta campaña anual apoya más de 30 ministerios compartidos que impulsan la misión de la Iglesia Católica en toda nuestra Arquidiócesis. El Llamamiento del Arzobispo

se realiza cada año porque la necesidad persiste; no es un esfuerzo puntual. El tema de este año coincide maravillosamente con nuestro Año Jubilar, tiempo de renovación, misericordia y unidad.

Tras meses de difundir la importancia de este llamamiento, hemos alcanzado el 66% de nuestra meta, con solo 210 de nuestras 1800 familias respondiendo a la invitación del Arzobispo para ayudarlo a apoyar a las diversas partes del Cuerpo de Cristo que necesitan nuestra ayuda. Es importante considerar lo que perderíamos sin el Llamamiento. Sin él, no tendríamos el Seminario de la Asunción para formar a nuestros futuros sacerdotes y diáconos, algo que nuestra parroquia jamás podría lograr por sí sola. No tendríamos hogares para madres adolescentes sin hogar ni para niños en situación de crisis, ni los muchos otros ministerios que dependen del trabajo conjunto de las 167 parroquias. Estos son solo 3 de los más de 30 ministerios que se sostienen gracias a su generosidad a través de la Campaña.

Les pedimos a cada familia que considere en oración donar \$60 para el año y así ayudarnos a alcanzar nuestra meta. Pueden hacerlo usando los sobres de la Campaña disponibles al fondo de la iglesia: coloquen su donación en efectivo o cheque dentro y devuélvanla durante la colecta, o usen el código QR del sobre para donar en línea. También pueden donar directamente a través del sitio web de la Arquidiócesis en ARCHSA.org haciendo clic en el botón "Donar".

Muchos de ustedes ya se llevaron sobres a casa, y entendemos lo ocupada que puede ser la vida. Si aún tienen el suyo, les recordamos que lo traigan de vuelta, ya sea a la colecta durante la Misa o a la oficina parroquial durante la semana.

Unámonos como comunidad durante este Año Jubilar para apoyar la misión del Arzobispo y los numerosos ministerios que sirven a tantos necesitados. Que Dios los bendiga a ustedes, a sus familias, a nuestra parroquia y a nuestra Arquidiócesis.

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Heavenly Father, as we journey through this season of Advent, we pray for Your peace to fill our hearts and homes. Grant us the serenity to trust in Your timing, the strength to love one another, and the wisdom to seek unity in all things. May the light of Christ guide us in bringing peace to the world, starting with our own lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

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December Special Masses Schedule / Horario Especial de Misas en Diciembre

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Monday December 8th A Holy Day of Obligation

Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María Lunes 8 de diciembre Santo Día de Obligación

English Masses 8:15am, 12 Noon, 6:00 pm
7:30pm Mass in Spanish / Misa en Español

Parish Office will be Closed / Oficina Parroquial estará Cerrada



Dec. 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe / Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Thurs. Dec. 11th Procession/Procesión 9pm

Fri. Dec. 12th 5:30 am Rosary
6:00 am Las Mañanitas
6:30 am Spanish Mass / Misa en Español
8:15 am English Mass / Misa en Ingles
6:40 pm Los Matachines
7 pm Bilingual Mass / Misa Bilingüe



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Tuesday December 16th For our Young at Heart-those who can not drive at night,
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For all others 6:30pm

Martes 16 de Diciembre - Para nuestros Jóvenes de Corazón - aquellos que no
pueden conducir de noche - 12 del medio día a 2pm, Para todos los demás - 6:30pm



Christmas Schedule / Horario de Navidad

Wed. Dec. 24th Christmas Eve / Vispera de Navidad
4 pm Mass - English
6 pm Children's Mass - English
8 pm Mass - Español
12 Midnight Mass - Bilingual/Bilingüe

Thurs. Dec 25th Christmas Day / Navidad Domingo 25 de Diciembre
9:00 & 11 am English Mass
1 & 3 pm Misa en Español

*In observance of Christmas, and to allow our staff to spend time with family and friends
during this blessed season, the Parish Office will close at noon on Tues., Dec. 23rd.*

We will reopen at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 27th.

*La oficina parroquial se cerrara a las 12pm el Lunes 23 de Diciembre
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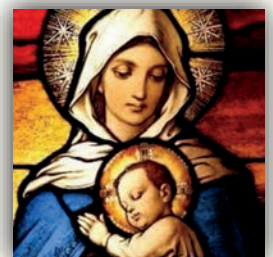
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Vigil Bilingual Mass / Misa bilingüe
Wednesday December 31, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Thursday January 1, 2026

9:00 & 11 am English Mass
1 & 3 pm Misa en Español

A Holy Day of Obligation / Santo Día de Obligación



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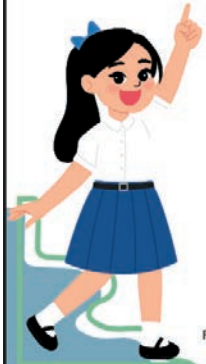
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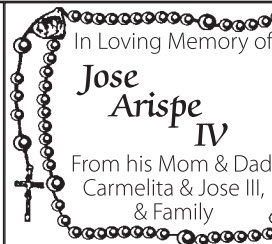
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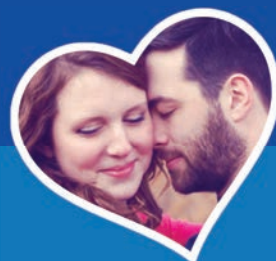


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Weekdays: 8:15 a.m. (Mon-Fri)

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

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