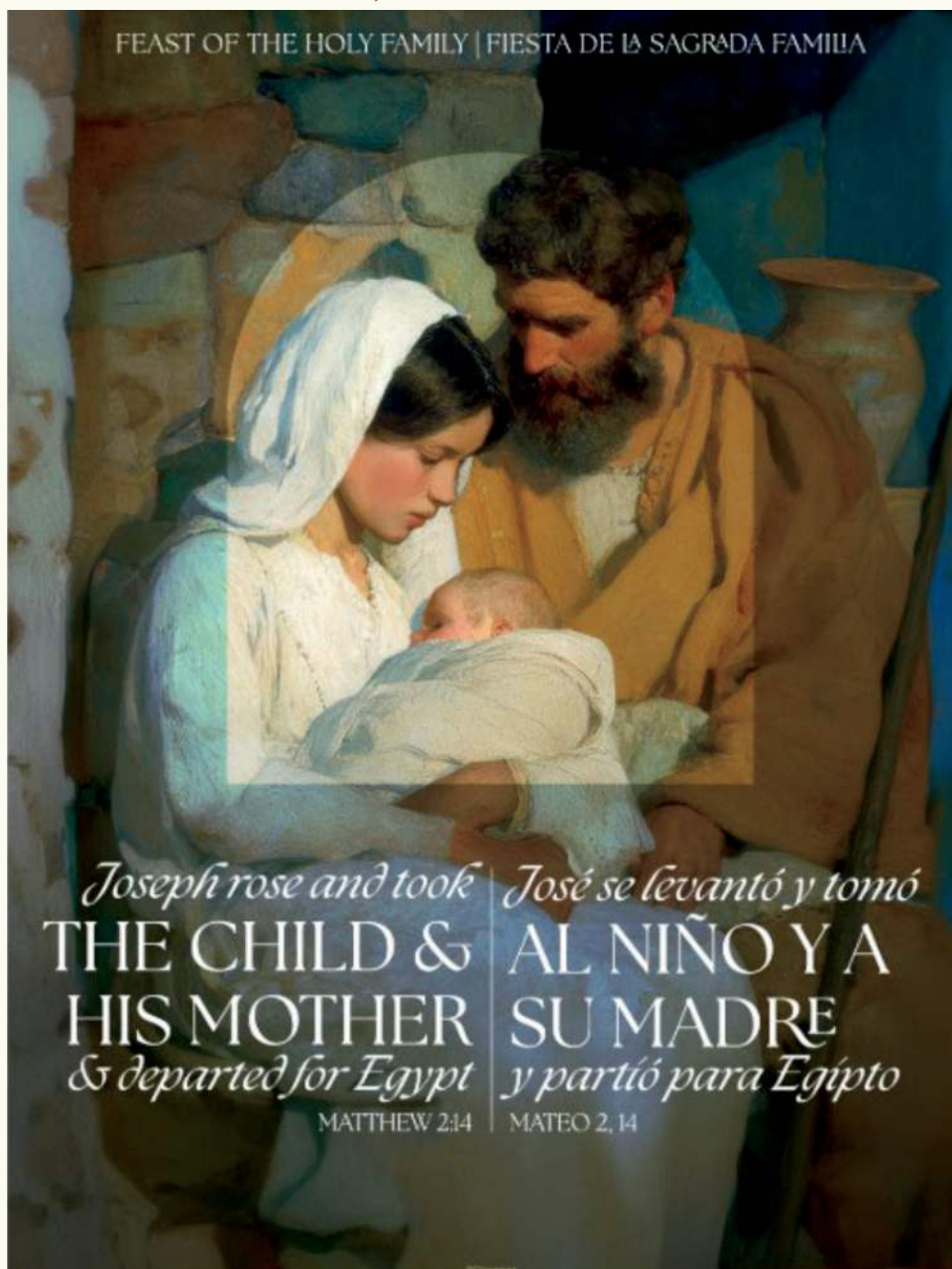




A Jubilee Pilgrimage Site of the Archdiocese of San Antonio St. Monica Catholic Church

501 North St.
Converse, Texas 78109



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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

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*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

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 29th

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

Tuesday/Martes, December 30th

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

Wednesday/Miércoles, December 31st

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

Vigil Mass / Misa 6:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma

Confessions / Confesiones 5:30 p.m.

Thursday/Jueves, January 1st

Mass/Misa 9:00 a.m. Fr. Thumma

Mass/Misa 11:00 a.m. Fr. Thumma

Mass / Misa 1:00 p.m. Fr. Lubin

Mass / Misa 3:00 p.m. Fr. Lubin

Friday/Viernes, January 2nd

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

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

Saturday/Sabado January 3rd

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. Lubin

The Epiphany of the Lord
Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor

Sunday/Domingo, January 4th

Masses in a.m. 7:30 a.m. Fr. Lubin
& Dcn. David

Misas de la mañana 9:15 a.m. Fr. Lubin
& Dcn. Sean

11:00 a.m. Fr. Lubin
& Dcn. Sean

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

3 p.m. (Español) Fr. Thumma
& Dcn. Luis Mata

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

7 p.m. (Español) Fr. Thumma
& Dcn. Luis Gomez



**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the
Mother of God**
**Solemnidad de María Santísima,
Madre de Dios**

A Holy Day of Obligation /Santo Día de Obligation

Vigil Bilingual Mass / Misa Bilingüe de Vigilia
Wednesday December 31, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Thursday January 1, 2026

9 & 11 am English Mass and

1 & 3 pm Misa en Español



Mon 12/29 8:15 a.m. (SI) St. Monica Parishioners

Tue 12/30 8:15 a.m. † Justin Payton
† Jennifer Silk
† Maria Guadalupe Granados
† Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wed 12/31 8:15 a.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners
(SI) Aderah & Boyode Family
† Gudalupe Delgado
† Cookie Caterbury

6:30 p.m. (SI) St. Monica Parishioners

Thurs 1/1 9:00 a.m. † Celia G. Barrera
† Josefina G. Honesto

11:00 a.m. (SI) Kathy Rose
(B) Eric Ruble
† Chuck Preda
† Margaret & Theodore Rose

1:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m.

Fri. 1/2 8:15 a.m. † Mercy D.
† Holy Souls in Purgatory

7:00 p.m. (SI) Movimiento Familiar
Catolico Cristiano

Sat. 1/3 9:30 a.m. † Bill Prada
† Maria Campos Sotello

5:30 p.m. (SI) Nick, Karen & Jason Luera
(SI) Stary, Todd, Brynn, Cole & Live Roberts
† Margaret & Theodore Rose
† Leissa Sutton
† Shirley & Warren Downs

Sun. 1/4 7:30 a.m. (SI) Charlie, Edi, & Mike Wheeler
† Linda Susan Kneupper

9:15 a.m. (SI) Manuel Medrano

11:00 a.m. † Manuel & Lilia Ybanez
† Irma Kotanan

1:00 p.m. (SI) Rafael Torres

3:00 p.m. (SI) Rob Wick
† Julio Roman

† Victoria Eugenia Hernandez Bertrand

5:00 p.m. (SI) Conversion of Sinners
† Kyra Tygiengco

† Jose S. Cruz

† Kapryna Lynn Tyquiengco

† Holy Souls in Purgatory

7:00 p.m. (SI) Ludy Kent

The Sanctuary Lamps is for the repose of the souls of:

Mary Kirby & Jennifer Silk



COLLECTIONS for the weekend of December 20/21,
2025 will be posted in next week's bulletin.

January 4th NO Second Collection

A gentle reminder there will be **NO** Edge, Religious Education classes or Youth Group meeting for the next two weeks.



We will resume Edge classes & Spanish RE on Tues. Jan. 13, 2026 and Religious Education & Youth Group resume on Wed. Jan. 14, 2026.

*Wishing you and yours a safe and blessed New Year.
May you have the gift of **Faith**, the blessings of **Hope**
and the peace of His **Love** this Christmas Season.*

Les recordamos que NO habrá clases de Edge, Educación Religiosa ni reuniones del Grupo de Jóvenes durante las próximas dos semanas.

Reanudaremos las clases de Edge y clases en Español el Martes 13 de Enero de 2026 y las de Educación Religiosa en Ingles y Grupo de Jóvenes el Miércoles 14 de Enero de 2026.

*Les deseo a ustedes y a los suyos un bendecido Año Nuevo. Que reciban el don de la **Fe**, las bendiciones de la **Esperanza** y la paz de su **Amor** en esta Navidad.*

Are you an adult seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Classes start Jan 4th, 2026



Through this Sacrament your life in the Spirit will be strengthen and enriched!

The Archdiocese provides several opportunities per year for adult Catholics (18+) to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Because this sacrament is so intimately united to the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, persons wishing to be confirmed must:

- Have been baptized Catholic
- Have already received their first Eucharist
- Have been through a process of formation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation

To learn more Contact Timo Zepeda

at ocia@saintmonicaconverse.net

¿Es usted un adulto que busca recibir el Sacramento de la Confirmación?

Clases comienzan el 4 de Enero del 2026

¡A través de este sacramento, su vida en el Espíritu se fortalecerá y enriquecerá!

La Arquidiócesis ofrece varias oportunidades al año para que los católicos adultos (mayores de 18 años) reciban el sacramento de la Confirmación.

Debido a que este sacramento está tan íntimamente unido a los sacramentos del Bautismo y la Eucaristía, las personas que deseen ser confirmadas deben:

- Ser Bautizado en la Iglesia Católica
- Haber recibido su Primera Comunión
- Haber pasado por un proceso de formación para recibir el sacramento de la Confirmación

Para saber mas, contacte a Timo Zepeda

en ocia@saintmonicaconverse.net

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 en Inglés, se llevará a cabo el primer Sábado del mes y la clase en Español el segundó Sábado del mes.

Por favor llame a la oficina para inscribirse.



*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, Ernesto Sosa, 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, 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, Mark Rivera, Ernesto Maestas, 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, Jorge Caracheo, Rogelio Rodriguez, Linda Olin, Rebeca Silva, Marilyn Luther, Michael Deriso, Linda Santillan, Linda Gomez, Iker Andre Ceja Marquez, Clemente Hernandez Orozco, Samuel Saldana, Maria Ramirez Rodriguez, Mauro Daniel Torres, Betty Chrisman, Wilson Washington, Christy Arriola, Agnes McKenzie, Mike Say, Maria Toves Guzman

*please
pray for
the sick*

“Pastor’s Voice”

A New Year Under Mary’s Loving Care

Dearest St. Monica Family,

As we begin this New Year, I extend to each of you my heartfelt prayers and warmest wishes. May God’s choicest blessings rest upon your homes, your children, and your loved ones. May this year be one of peace, joy, and deeper faith for every family in our parish.

We begin this new chapter of life with a beautiful feast: the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. The Church places this solemnity on January 1 to remind us that Mary is the Mother of Christ and also our Mother. At the dawn of a new year, we place ourselves under her care, asking her to intercede for our families, guide our steps, and help us keep Christ at the center of our lives. Mary’s “yes” to God is the perfect model for us. She carried Christ to the world; we, too, are called to carry Christ into our families, workplaces, and neighborhoods.

The Church teaches us that every family is called to be a “domestic church.” This means that the love, faith, and forgiveness we live within our homes are not only for ourselves but also a powerful witness to the world. Just as a parish church is a place of worship and community, your home too can be a holy place where Christ is welcomed, where prayer is spoken, and where love is lived each day.

The New Year is the perfect time to renew this calling. Families can begin by making time for daily prayer, even if it is short and simple. A prayer before meals, a Hail Mary before bed, or reading a Gospel passage together can draw hearts closer to Christ. Families also grow as domestic churches when they practice forgiveness. Every home faces tensions, misunderstandings, and mistakes. Yet when we forgive, we show the love of Christ more powerfully than words ever could.

Unity is another gift we can cultivate this year. In a world often divided, families are called to be signs of harmony. Sharing meals, listening to one another, and supporting each other’s needs build a bond that reflects God’s unifying love. Saint Paul reminds us: “Above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony” (Colossians 3:14).

On this Solemnity of Mary, let us entrust our New Year to her intercession. May she protect our families, strengthen our faith, and lead us always to her Son, Jesus Christ.

God bless you and God bless America.

Yours truly,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

December 27 & 28, 2025

“Voz del Pastor”

Año Nuevo Bajo la Protección Amorosa de Maria

Querida Familia de Santa Mónica,

Al comenzar este Año Nuevo, extendiendo a cada uno de usted mis más sinceras oraciones y mis más cálidos deseos. Que las bendiciones más selectas de Dios descansen sobre sus hogares, hijos y seres queridos. Que este año sea de paz, alegría y una fe más profunda para cada familia de nuestra parroquia.

Comenzamos este nuevo capítulo de la vida con una hermosa fiesta: la Solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios. La Iglesia celebra esta solemnidad el 1 de enero para recordarnos que María es la Madre de Cristo y también nuestra Madre. Al amanecer de un nuevo año, nos ponemos bajo su cuidado, pidiéndole que interceda por nuestras familias, guíe nuestros pasos y nos ayude a mantener a Cristo en el centro de nuestras vidas. El “sí” de María a Dios es el modelo perfecto para nosotros. Su Si permitió que la salvación entrara al mundo; nosotros también estamos llamados a llevar a Cristo a nuestras familias, lugares de trabajo y barrios.

La Iglesia nos enseña que toda familia está llamada a ser una “iglesia doméstica”. Esto significa que el amor, la fe y el perdón que vivimos en nuestros hogares no son solo para nosotros mismos, sino también un testimonio poderoso para el mundo. Así como una iglesia parroquial es un lugar de culto y comunidad, tu hogar también puede ser un lugar sagrado donde Cristo es bienvenido, donde se reza y donde se vive el amor cada día.

El Año Nuevo es el momento perfecto para renovar esta vocación. Las familias pueden empezar dedicando tiempo a la oración diaria, aunque sea corta y sencilla. Una oración antes de las comidas, un Ave María antes de dormir o leer juntos un pasaje del Evangelio pueden acercar los corazones a Cristo. Las familias también crecen como iglesias domésticas cuando practican el perdón. Cada hogar enfrenta tensiones, malentendidos y errores. Sin embargo, cuando perdonamos, mostramos el amor de Cristo con más fuerza que las palabras.

La unidad es otro regalo que podemos cultivar este año. En un mundo a menudo dividido, las familias son llamadas a ser signos de armonía. Compartir comidas, escucharse mutuamente y apoyarse mutuamente construye un vínculo que refleja el amor unificador de Dios. San Pablo nos recuerda: «Por encima de todos estos se ponen amor, que une todo en perfecta armonía» (Colosenses 3:14).

En esta Solemnidad de María, confiemos nuestro Año Nuevo a su intercesión. Que proteja a nuestras familias, fortalezca nuestra fe y nos guíe siempre hacia su Hijo, Jesucristo.

Dios los bendiga y que Dios bendiga a Estados Unidos.

Atentamente,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

27 y 28 de Diciembre de 2025



HELP SAVE LIVES IN SAN ANTONIO

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers! With God's help, here are the proven results over 27 coordinated campaigns:

- 26,109 saved babies · 184 closed facilities
- 275 converted workers · 94 abortion-free cities

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil location: Sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 2140 Babcock Rd, 78229

Vigil hours: 8 am – 5pm, Mon-Fri

Local contact: Cindi Serna, 210-410-9424, cindi@sacfl.org / Josie Flores 210-914-7929

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

www.40daysforlife.com/sanantonio

AYUDE SALVAR VIDAS EN SAN ANTONIO

Puede proteger a madres y niños uniéndose a esta movilización mundial de oración y ayuno por el fin del aborto. Mediante la oración y el ayuno, vigiliadas pacíficas y actividades comunitarias, 40 Días por la Vida ha inspirado a un millón de voluntarios. Con la ayuda de Dios, aquí están los resultados comprobados de 27 campañas coordinadas:

- 26,109 bebés salvados · 184 instalaciones cerradas
- 275 trabajadores convertidos · 94 ciudades libres de aborto

Aquí le explicamos como participar en 40 Días por la Vida en nuestra comunidad:

Lugar de la Vigilia: Cerca frente a Planned Parenthood, 2140 Babcock Rd, 78229

Horario de Vigilia: 8 am – 5pm, Lunes a Viernes

Contacto Local : Cindi Serna, cindi@sacfl.org 210-410-9424 / Josie Flores 210-914-7929

Aprenda mas ... participe ... y regístrese para momentos de oración visitando nuestra campaña en el sitio web:

www.40daysforlife.com/sanantonio

Weekly Contributions/Updates

Dear St. Monica Family,

Greetings from Fr. Thumma. If you would like to contribute to the Back Parking Lot Project, there is still time to make your end-of-year gift. All contributions must be received and processed by December 31 to be included in this year's giving record. Checks may be made payable to "St. Monica Catholic Church." In the memo line, please write "Back Parking Lot Capital Campaign." If you are using an envelope, kindly indicate this on the front. You may place your check or envelope in the weekend offertory basket, drop it off at the parish office, or mail it directly to the parish office. We are sincerely grateful for your generosity and for your continued support of our parish.

Please label your envelope with your name, address and telephone number. If you are updating any information, please write "Update" on the envelope.

Upon request, the church office will provide an End-of-Year Contribution Summary for tax purposes. All requests must be submitted before January 31.

Yours Truly,

Fr. Thumma

**Contribuciones/Actualizaciones semanales**

Estimada familia de Santa Mónica,

Saludos del Padre Thumma. Si desea contribuir al Proyecto del Estacionamiento Trasero, aún está a tiempo de hacer su donación de fin de año. Todas las contribuciones deben recibirse y procesarse antes del 31 de Diciembre para que se incluyan en el registro de donaciones de este año. Los cheques deben hacerse a nombre de "St. Monica Catholic Church". En el apartado de concepto, escriba "Back Parking Lot Capital Campaign". Si utiliza un sobre, indíquelo en el anverso. Puede depositar su cheque o sobre en la canasta de la colecta de fin de semana, entregarlo en la oficina parroquial o enviarlo por correo directamente a la oficina. Agradecemos sinceramente su generosidad y su continuo apoyo a nuestra parroquia.

Por favor, escriba su nombre, dirección y número de teléfono en el sobre. Si está actualizando alguna información, escriba "Update" en el sobre. Con previa solicitud, la oficina parroquial proporcionará un resumen de contribuciones de fin de año para fines fiscales. Todas las solicitudes deben presentarse antes del 31 de enero.

Atentamente,

P. Thumma

*****Thrift Store Holiday Hours*****

Thrift Store will be closed and
NO donations will be accepted beginning
December 20, 2025 till January 5, 2026

Last Saturday to shop for the 2025 Sat. December 20th

Donations may be dropped off Monday - Friday
9 am - 5pm

Open for customers Wednesday & Saturday
9 am to 12 Noon

****Horario Festivo de la Tienda de Segunda****

Estará cerrada y **NO** se aceptarán DONACIONES a
partir del **20 de Diciembre hasta el**
Lunes, 5 de Enero, 2026.

Ultimo Sábado para hacer compras será el 20 de Dic.

Se pueden dejar donaciones Lunes - Viernes
9 am - 5 pm

Abierto para clientes Miércoles y Sábado.
9 am a 12 del medio Día

A GUIDE TO TEFA

PRE-K, Siblings & Students with Disabilities



PRIORITY GROUP #1 BASED ON THE FPL (FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL)

≤ 500% +
Children with qualifying
disabilities

FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS

Household Size	200% of FPG Yearly Income	500% of FPG Yearly Income
2	\$42,300	\$105,750
3	\$53,300	\$133,250
4	\$64,300	\$160,750
5	\$75,300	\$188,250
6	\$83,920	\$215,750
7	\$108,300	\$270,750

\$10,800* - \$30,000

Award per student
(85% of public funding).
Additional IEP-based funding for
disabilities-
up to \$30,000 total.

*TEA currently estimates this amount to be \$10,800, and the final amount will be released in January 2028.

PRE-K ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

PK ages 3-5 qualify if they meet Texas public PK eligibility criteria
(emergent bilingual, economically disadvantaged, homeless, military, foster, child of district employee, or Star of Texas).

TEFA QUALIFYING DISABILITIES EXPLAINED

A student with special needs (Tier 1) is defined as a child age 21 or younger with a disability listed in Texas Education Code §29.003 that requires special services to be adequately or safely educated in a public school. Eligible conditions include visual or auditory impairment, physical disability, intellectual or developmental disability, emotional disturbance, learning disability, autism, speech disability, or traumatic brain injury.

SIBLING PRIORITY

Siblings as defined by Education Code, §29.351(9), are: A brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, or a foster brother or sister who is a dependent of the participating parent and has been placed with the participating parent by an authorized placement agency or by judgment, decree, or other order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

One of the following documents is needed to prove a child with disabilities:

- A letter verifying the child's eligibility to receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), or
- A written diagnosis from a licensed physician verifying one of the listed disabilities, or
- An Individualized Education Program (IEP) issued by a Texas public school district or open-enrollment charter school.

IMPORTANT:

A licensed professional evaluation can place your child in the top priority group, but the state can only calculate additional disability-based funding if your child has an IEP.

Families without an IEP will still be reviewed in the disability priority group but may receive the standard ESA funding amount.



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FEB 4TH 2026

Applications open

MID MARCH 2026

Expected Application Close Date

A GUIDE TO TEFA

FOR FAMILIES



Senate Bill 2 established TEFA to help families access funds for approved educational expenses starting in 2026–27. With final rules released on November 25, 2025, families now have clarity on how the program will work.

ELIGIBILITY

Any Texas resident **eligible for public school (PK–12)** may apply.

This includes:

- Children entering PK3–PK4 who meet Texas eligibility
- Students currently in public, private, or homeschool settings
- Students with TEFA qualifying disabilities

There is no income limit to apply, but awards are offered based on State priority groups.

PRIORITY GROUPS

BASED ON THE FPL (FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL)

1	≤ 500% + Children with disabilities	≤ 200%	2
3	200% – 500%	≥ 500% (20% cap of total awards) *Public school students may have priority in this group	4

FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS

Household Size	200% of FPG Yearly Income	500% of FPG Yearly Income
2	\$42,300	\$105,750
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7	\$108,300	\$270,750

ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

Tuition/Fees	Books/Materials	Tutoring	Therapies	Meals	Assessments	Technology	Transportation
Participating Private Schools			Therapies not covered by government or private insurance.	Provided at school for a fee		10% Cap	Commercial Only
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*All purchases must be through the TEFA portal from approved providers.

\$10,800*

Award per student (85% of public funding).

Additional funding may be awarded based on a student's IEP for disabilities – up to \$30,000.

*TEA currently estimates this amount to be \$10,800, and the final amount will be released in January 2026.

PARENT: As defined by Education Code, §29.351(5), a resident of this state who is a natural or adoptive parent, managing or possessory conservator, legal guardian, custodian, or other person with legal authority to act on behalf of a child.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITY

Families must:

- Use funds only for approved expenses
- Not withdraw cash or request reimbursement
- Keep receipts
- Ensure annual testing (Grades 3–12)
- Report public school enrollment
- Follow all TEFA rules

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Choose **ONE** item from each column:

1	2	3
Proof of Residency	Proof of Citizenship	Proof of Income
• Lease, mortgage, or utility bill • Texas ID/driver's license • Voter registration • Government agency letter • Notarized affidavit	• Birth certificate • U.S. passport • Naturalization certificate • DHS documents	• IRS transcript (if available) • Most recent tax return (2024) • Texas Workforce Commission income data

WHAT IF FUNDS RUN OUT?

If funds run out, eligible students go on a state waitlist.

If more funds become available, awards may be offered mid-year, prorated, and begin the month after approval.

WHAT'S NEXT?

When applications open on the Texas Comptroller Website, you will apply and select one approved school. Upon completion, eligibility will be determined. Awarding is expected to go out mid-April. If your child is selected, you'll receive instructions to accept the award in the TEFA portal. Your child's TEFA account is then created so you can choose approved schools, providers, and services.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

— ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO —



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A GUIDE TO TEFA

FOR LEADERS



TEFA FINAL RULES — KEY UPDATES & NEW REQUIREMENTS

A high-level summary of what changed, what was clarified, and what leadership must know.

DISABILITY PRIORITY & DOCUMENTATION (DEFINED)

Understanding from Proposed Rules: Doctor's notes might qualify; unclear whether an IEP was required.

Final Rules:

- A child qualifies for disability priority with any ONE of the following:
 - Individualized Education Program (IEP)
 - Full Individual & Initial Evaluation (FIE)
 - Licensed professional evaluation (must match 19 TAC §89.1040 categories)
 - IEP required only for enhanced funding, not for priority.

Leadership takeaway:

Families can enter Priority Group 1 without a district IEP, but disability-based funding requires one.

WHAT TEFA COVERS (POTENTIALLY)

Understanding from Proposed Rules: Therapies are likely covered but not explicitly listed.

Final Rules:

- Uses broad category: "educational therapies or services" (not listed individually).
- This category may cover speech, OT, PT, dyslexia therapy, behavioral supports, counseling, etc.
- All purchases must be through the TEFA portal from approved providers.

Leadership takeaway:

We may give examples, but must phrase them as "such as..." because TEFA intentionally uses broad language.

TECHNOLOGY & TRANSPORTATION (SPECIFICATIONS RELEASED)

Understanding from Proposed Rules: Tech limits unclear; transportation rules undefined.

Final Rules:

- Tech capped at 10% of the annual award; must be required by a provider or prescribed by a physician.
- Transportation only covered if provided by a private commercial, fee-for-service provider.
- No gas reimbursement or personal vehicle use.

Leadership takeaway:

Technology spending and transportation are more restricted than originally assumed.

PRE-K ELIGIBILITY (CLARIFIED)

Understanding from Proposed Rules: PK eligibility unclear.

Final Rules:

PK ages 3–5 qualify if they meet Texas public PK eligibility criteria ([Eligibility can be found here](#)).

Leadership takeaway:

PK participation is broader than initially assumed—schools should be ready for PK-specific questions.



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PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES (DETAILS RELEASED)

Understanding from Proposed Rules: Basic compliance expected; limited detail.

Final Rules:

Parents must

- Use funds only for approved expenses
- Not withdraw cash or seek reimbursement
- Not sell ESA-funded items
- Ensure norm-referenced testing (Grades 3–12)
- Maintain receipts
- Notify the state within 30 days if child enters public school
- Cooperate with audits

Leadership takeaway:

Responsibilities are strict and enforceable; families must understand these before accepting funds.

WAITLIST & MID-YEAR AWARDS (DEFINED)

Understanding from Proposed Rules: Wait list likely; mid-year funds unclear.

Final Rules:

- If funds run out, eligible students move to a state-managed waitlist.
- If funds increase mid-year:
 - students admitted in lottery order
 - awards prorated
 - funding starts the first day of the month after approval

Leadership takeaway:

Families can apply with confidence – waitlist movement and applicable prorated funds are now defined.

INCOME PRIORITY & 20% CAP (CLARIFIED)

Understanding from Proposed Rules: Priority groups known; cap unconfirmed.

Final Rules:

- Priority parameters remain the same. Priority Group #4 (highest-income group) has the following clarification:
 - Public school transfers will be prioritized in Priority Group #4 only.
 - No more than 20% of the total allocation can come from Priority Group #4 (≥500% FPL).

Leadership takeaway:

Income structure consistent, but cap is now officially binding.



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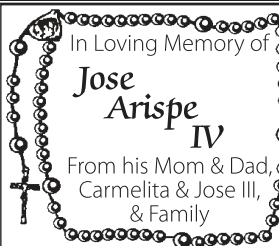
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Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm (English)

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