



**St. Monica
Catholic Church**
210-658-3816

&

St. Monica Catholic School
Early Childhood - 8th Grade
210-658-6701

E-mail: office@saintmonica.net
Converse, Texas 78109



Thank you for your support!

Together, as one Church, we are called to open hearts and doors ensuring that every family who desires a Catholic education for their child can find a way forward. Let us accompany our families with joy and hope, confident that the Holy Spirit is guiding this effort.

*Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Patroness of the Americas,
pray for us.*

¡Gracias por su apoyo!

Juntos, como una sola Iglesia, estamos llamados a abrir nuestros corazones y nuestras puertas, asegurándonos de que cada familia que desee una educación Católica para su hijo pueda encontrar el camino a seguir. Acompañemos a nuestras familias con alegría y esperanza, confiados en que el Espíritu Santo está guiando este esfuerzo.

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Patrona de las Américas, ruega por nosotros.

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time / 3º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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, January 26th

Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
 Memoria de Santos Timoteo y Tito, Obispos

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

Tuesday/Martes, January 27th

Optional Memorial of Saint Angela Merici, Virgin
 Memoria Opcional de Santa Ángela Merici, Virgen

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

Wednesday/Miércoles, January 28th

Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Memoria de Santo Tomás de Aquino, Presbítero y Doctor de la Iglesia

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

Confessions / Confesiones 5:30 p.m.

Thursday/Jueves, January 29th

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

Holy Hour 7:00 p.m.

Friday/Viernes, January 30th

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

Saturday/Sabado January 31st

Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest
 Memoria de San Juan Bosco, Presbítero

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Sunday/Domingo, February 1st

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 p.m. (Español) Fr. Thumma



Mon	1/26	8:15 a.m.	(SI) St. Monica Parishioners
Tue	1/27	8:15 a.m.	† Mary Kirby † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed	1/28	8:15 a.m.	(SI) Conversion of Sinners (B) Adrian Rodriguez † Cruz Cerda III † Alan Pague
Thurs	1/29	8:15 a.m.	† Ricardo Villarreal
Fri.	1/30	8:15 a.m.	† Maria Del Refugio Montoya † Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	1/31	9:30 a.m.	(B)
		5:30 p.m.	† Leissa Sutton † Anita Estrada Kennedy
Sun.	2/1	7:30 a.m.	(SI) Rosita Payton † Linda Susan Kneupper † Martin & Suzie Garcia † Mike Juarez Jr.
		9:15 a.m.	† Max C. Cuellar Sr.
		11:00 a.m.	(SI) Ivanna Zinkeng & Family (B) Maria Rodriguez (A) Julio & Giselle Zamago † Irma Kotanan † Manuel & Lilia Ybáñez † Reynold & Alicia Gonzalez
		1:00 p.m.	(SI) Rafael Torres (B) Maria Lopez
		3:00 p.m.	(B) Lupita Miranda Medina † Max Lerma
		5:00 p.m.	(SI) Conversion of Sinners † Kyra Tyquiengco † Kapryna Lynn Tyquiengco † Jose S. Cruz † Ignacio Delgado † Holy Souls in Purgatory
		7:00 p.m.	(B) Lupita Ruiz

COLLECTIONS

for **January 25th** \$ 17,249.00

Online collection \$ 3,228.50

Second Collection for St. Monica School \$ 2,462.00

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 284.00

Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 165.50

February 1st - NO Second Collection



This week's sanctuary lamps are for the Birthdays of *Paddie Smith* and *Colbe Ohnheiser*

Welcome Back, Fr. Thumma!

We pray that your travels were peaceful and filled with many blessings. Please know that our prayers are with your sister as she celebrated her 50 years of religious life.

May our Dear Lord continue to walk alongside her, strengthening and blessing her always.

¡Bienvenido de nuevo, Padre Thumma!

Esperamos que su viaje haya sido tranquilo y lleno de bendiciones. Le recordamos que nuestras oraciones acompañan a su hermana en su 50.º aniversario de vida religiosa. Que nuestro Señor la acompañe, fortaleciéndola y bendiciéndola siempre.

“Pastor’s Voice”**St. Thomas Aquinas. Faith Seeking Understanding in Family Life**

Dearest St. Monica Family,

On January 28, the Church celebrates the Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, one of the greatest teachers and saints in the history of the Church. He is known as a brilliant theologian, a humble Dominican friar, and a man whose life shows us that faith and reason are not enemies but companions on the journey to God.

St. Thomas teaches families an important lesson that remains deeply relevant today. Loving God does not require us to stop thinking. True faith invites us to ask questions, to seek truth, and to grow in understanding. In a world where many voices confuse children and parents alike, St. Thomas reminds us that truth leads to freedom and peace.

He once wrote that grace builds on nature. This means God works through ordinary life. Family conversations, patient listening, honest questions, and daily responsibilities all become places where God’s wisdom can grow. Parents are the first teachers of faith. They may not have all the answers, but they give a powerful witness when they show their children that faith is thoughtful, joyful, and sincere.

St. Thomas also lived a life of deep humility. Despite his great intellect, he remained simple in spirit and devoted to prayer. Near the end of his life, after a profound experience of God, he said that everything he had written seemed small compared to what God had revealed to him. This teaches families that knowledge alone is not enough. Love of God must remain at the center.

In family life, this balance matters. Education is important. Success matters. Planning for the future matters. But wisdom begins when families place God first and seek His will together. A short prayer at home. A respectful conversation. Encouraging children to ask questions about faith. These simple practices reflect the spirit of St. Thomas Aquinas.

As we honor this great saint, may our families grow in wisdom and faith. May our homes become places where truth is loved, questions are welcomed, and God is sought above all. **God bless America. God bless your family.**

Yours truly,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

January 24 & 25, 2026

“Voz del Pastor”**Santo Tomás de Aquino. La Fe en Busca de Comprensión en la Vida Familiar**

Querida Familia de Santa Mónica,

El 28 de Enero, la Iglesia celebra la memoria de Santo Tomás de Aquino, uno de los más grandes maestros y santos de la historia de la Iglesia. Es conocido como un brillante teólogo, un humilde fraile Dominicano y un hombre cuya vida nos muestra que la fe y la razón no son enemigos sino compañeros en el camino hacia Dios.

Santo Tomás enseña a las familias una lección importante que sigue siendo profundamente relevante hoy en día. Amar a Dios no nos obliga a dejar de pensar. La verdadera fe nos invita a hacer preguntas, a buscar la verdad y a crecer en comprensión. En un mundo donde muchas voces confunden a niños y padres por igual, Santo Tomás nos recuerda que la verdad conduce a la libertad y la paz.

Una vez escribió que la gracia se construye sobre la naturaleza. Esto significa que Dios obra a través de la vida cotidiana. Las conversaciones familiares, la escucha paciente, las preguntas sinceras y las responsabilidades diarias se convierten en espacios donde la sabiduría de Dios puede crecer. Los padres son los primeros maestros de la fe. Puede que no tengan todas las respuestas, pero dan un testimonio poderoso cuando muestran a sus hijos que la fe es reflexiva, alegre y sincera.

Santo Tomás también vivió una vida de profunda humildad. A pesar de su gran intelecto, mantuvo un espíritu sencillo y se dedicó a la oración. Hacia el final de su vida, tras una profunda experiencia con Dios, dijo que todo lo que había escrito le parecía pequeño comparado con lo que Dios le había revelado. Esto enseña a las familias que el conocimiento por sí solo no basta. El amor a Dios debe ser la base.

En la vida familiar, este equilibrio importa. La educación es importante. El éxito importa. Planificar el futuro importa. Pero la sabiduría comienza cuando las familias priorizan a Dios y buscan juntos su voluntad. Una breve oración en casa. Una conversación respetuosa. Animar a los niños a hacer preguntas sobre la fe. Estas sencillas prácticas reflejan el espíritu de Santo Tomás de Aquino.

Al honrar a este gran santo, que nuestras familias crezcan en sabiduría y fe. Que nuestros hogares se conviertan en lugares donde se ame la verdad, se acojan las preguntas y se busque a Dios por encima de todo.

Dios bendiga a Estados Unidos. Dios bendiga a su Familia.
Atentamente,

Rev. Thumma Prathap

24 y 25 de Enero de 2026

2nd year Confirmation Students**Mandatory Confirmation Retreat: Next weekend
Jan, 30, 31, Feb. 1, 2026**

You need to turn in registration form included in your folder. (If you are unable to attend, please reach out to another parish to complete this requirement. Kindly note that the retreat must be completed prior to February 12.) **No charge for retreat Meals** will be provided: Friday: light dinner, Saturday: three meals, Sunday: light breakfast. **NO OVERNIGHT STAY:**

Pick up at 9:30 PM Fri., Jan. 30th: 5:00 – 9:30 PM: Sat., Jan. 31st: 7:30 am – 9:30 PM, Sun., Feb. 1st: 7:30 am – 12:00 PM, we will be attending 11:00 am Mass.

CONFIRMATION will be on Thurs. Feb 12th at 6pm

**Estudiantes de Confirmación de 2do año
Retiro de Confirmación Obligatorio
30 y 31 de Enero, y 1 de Febrero, 2026**

Debe entregar el formulario de registro incluido en su carpeta. (Si no puede asistir, por favor comuníquese con otra parroquia para cumplir con este requisito. Tome en cuenta que el retiro debe completarse antes del 12 de Febrero.) **Retiro es gratis Se proporcionarán comidas:**

Viernes: cena ligera, Sábado: tres comidas, Domingo: desayuno ligero. **NO SE QUEDARÁN LA NOCHE:**

LA RECOGIDA ES A LAS 9:30 P.M.
Viernes 30 de Enero: 5:00 – 9:30 PM: Sábado 31 de Enero: 7:30 am – 9:30 PM, Domingo 1 de Febrero: 8:00 am – 12:00 PM, estaremos atendiendo Misa 11: 00 am

CONFIRMACIÓN será el 12 de febrero a las 6 pm



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, Helen Arispe, Arthur Thomas, Lisa Lee, Luis M Vega, Barbara Cantley, Suzie Littrell, Alena Quintero, Irma Mendez, Brenda, Nildia Johnston, Manuel M., Lucy Barajas, Tim Knotts, Lisa Lee, Douglas, Tyler Acosta, Melissa, Diane Thatcher, Maria F., 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, 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 Rippy, 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, Rocio Martinez Ortiz, Derrick Hensley, Edith, Rocio Martinez, Hector Balderas, Diana Palomo, Christina S., Vicky Guevara, Mary Angel Garcia, Manuel Lozano, Sophia Pusateri, Sylvia Gonzales, John Baldwin, Maria Luisa Nieto, Anna Roberta Kotso, Manuel & Tenchia Trevino, Julie Martinez, Nicholas Kerwin, Nick Ramos, 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, Mike Say, Mark Rivera, Karen Margarita Gomez Roa, Jose & Rosa Haydee Soltero, Francisco Valenzuela, Vickie Rubio, Rafael Torres, Nicole Marie Mondani, Juan Pablo Torres, Reynaldo Ricky Yanong, Olivia Rodriguez, Raul Ramirez, Jorman Guerra George San Augustin, Dcn. Joel Castellanos, Richard Valentino, Matthew Chavez, Diana Villela, Miguel Rodriguez, Linda Olin, Rogelio Rodriguez, Rebeca Silva, Marilyn Luther, Michael Deriso, Linda Santillan, Iker Andre Ceja Marquez, Clemente Hernandez Orozco, Maria Ramirez Rodriguez, Linda Gomez, Jesus Garcia, Mauro Daniel Torres, Betty Chrisman, Wilson Washington, Christy Arriola, Agnes McKenzie, Nora Landin, Monica Martinez, Margie M.,

*Please
pray for
the sick*

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.

Planning a Quinceañera?

Here are the requirements:

-A parishioner of St. Monica - Has been baptized and has received the sacrament of first communion. - Has either made confirmation or is attending religious education. Contact the office at least 6 months in advance to secure date and time. Please be aware that there will be a rehearsal, a day or two before the event. Please contact Deacon David in the parish office for any other questions or concerns.



¿Está planeando una Quinceañera?

Estos son los requisitos: Feligrés de Santa Mónica. Ha sido bautizado y ha recibido el sacramento de la primera comunión. Ha hecho la confirmación o está en clases de educación religiosa. Póngase en contacto con la oficina con al menos 6 meses de anticipación para asegurar la fecha y la hora. Tenga en cuenta que habrá un ensayo, uno o dos días antes del evento. Por favor, póngase en contacto con el Diácono David en la oficina parroquial para cualquier otra pregunta o inquietud.

Weekly Contributions/Updates

Dear St. Monica Family,
 All contributions must have been received and processed by December 31st to be included in your 2025 year-end giving record.

If you would like a copy of your end-of-year contribution statement, please contact the parish office by Monday, January 27 by calling 210-658-3816 or emailing parish@saintmonicaconverse.net. We are working diligently to send all statements by January 30th.

For those who contribute online, you may access and print your statement directly through: ParishSOFT Giving | St. Monica Catholic Church.

We are sincerely grateful for your generosity and continued support of our parish community.

Yours Truly,
 Fr. Thumma



Contribuciones/Actualizaciones Semanales

Querida familia de Santa Mónica,
 Todas las contribuciones deben haber sido recibidas y procesadas antes del 31 de Diciembre para incluirse en su registro de donaciones de fin de año 2025.

Si desea una copia de su declaración de contribución de fin de año, por favor contacte a la oficina parroquial llamando al 210-658-3816 o enviando un correo electrónico a: parish@saintmonicaconverse.net antes del Lunes 27 de Enero. Estamos trabajando diligentemente para enviar todas las declaraciones antes del 30 de Enero. Para aquellos que contribuyen en línea, pueden acceder e imprimir su estado de cuenta directamente a través de: ParishSOFT Giving | Iglesia Católica de Santa Mónica. Estamos sinceramente agradecidos por su generosidad y su continuo apoyo a nuestra parroquia.

Atentamente,
 P. Thumma

A New Year, A New Opportunity to Serve

As we begin this New Year, we thank God for the many blessings He has poured out upon our parish community. A new year is also a beautiful time to reflect, renew our faith, and ask how we can more fully place our gifts at the service of the Lord and His Church.

Our parish is inviting you to prayerfully become more involved in the life of the Church by serving in our liturgical ministries. We are currently welcoming new volunteers for ministries such as Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, and other areas of service.

No experience is necessary—training will be provided. What is needed is an open heart, a willingness to serve, and a love for the Eucharist and our parish community. If you have been discerning a way to become more involved, we invite you to prayerfully consider saying “yes” this year. Your time and talents make a difference, and through your service, you help build up the Body of Christ.

All trainings will be held in the church at 6:30pm.

We look forward to having you joining us.

Let us begin this New Year by serving the Lord with joy.

Jan 26th Monday - Altar servers & now training for live-streaming Masses 9:15am & 1pm, Solemnity Masses along with other special events held in the church

Feb 2nd Monday - Eucharistic Ministers in English

Feb 3rd Tuesday - Eucharistic Ministers in Spanish

**Nuevo Año, Nueva Oportunidad para Servir**

Al comenzar este Año Nuevo, agradecemos a Dios por las muchas bendiciones que ha derramado sobre nuestra comunidad parroquial. Un nuevo año también es un momento hermoso para reflexionar, renovar nuestra fe y preguntarnos cómo podemos poner nuestros dones al servicio del Señor y de su Iglesia.

Nuestra parroquia los invita a participar más activamente en la vida de la Iglesia, sirviendo en nuestros ministerios litúrgicos. Actualmente damos la bienvenida a nuevos voluntarios para ministerios como Lectores, Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión, Ujieres y otras áreas de servicio.

No se necesita experiencia; se proporcionará capacitación. Lo que se necesita es un corazón abierto, disposición para servir y amor por la Eucaristía y nuestra comunidad parroquial. Si ha estado buscando la manera de involucrarse más, lo invitamos a considerar con oración dar su "sí" este año. Su tiempo y talento marcan la diferencia, y a través de su servicio, usted contribuye a la edificación del Cuerpo de Cristo.

Todas las capacitaciones son en la Iglesia a las 6:30 pm.

Esperamos contar con su presencia.

Comencemos este Año Nuevo sirviendo al Señor con alegría.

Lunes 26 de Enero - Monaguillos y capacitando para misas transmitidas en vivo de 9:15 am y 1 pm., Misas de Solemnidad, junto con otros eventos especiales en la Iglesia

Lunes 2 de Febrero - Ministros de la Eucaristía en Inglés

Martes 3 de Febrero - Ministros de la Eucaristía en Español

Get ready and Save the Date

Join us for a day of fun with family and friends!

Enjoy delicious food, lively music, local vendors, games for all ages, and best of all plenty of fellowship with your fellow parishioners.

More details coming soon.
We look forward to celebrating together!

**Prepárense y reserven la fecha**

¡Únase a nosotros para un día de diversión con su familia y amistades !!

Disfrute la comida deliciosa, música, vendedores locales, juegos para todas las edades y lo mejor de todo, mucha compañerismo con sus feligreses.

Más detalles muy pronto.
¡Esperamos celebrarlo juntos!

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Nazareth
Sea of Galilee

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James
Nets
Simon

Fishermen
John
Peter



THE PERFECT VALENTINE'S DAY PRESENT IS SPENDING YOUR TIME TOGETHER!

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE NEXT LOVESTRONG MARRIAGE RETREAT AT ST. MONICA!!

Come to this special weekend devoted
to all married couples!

The mission of the LOVESTRONG Marriage ministry is to support and strengthen married couples in our community by providing time together prioritizing their commitment to each other and deepening their Christ-centered bond. Spend the weekend celebrating the purpose of your marriage and the love you share.

This Retreat is being offered to all married couples and is filling up fast! 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.

The LOVESTRONG Marriage Retreat will start on Friday evening, February 13 and continue through Sunday afternoon, February 15. This is not an overnight retreat- so you get to sleep in your own comfy bed every night!

Register by visiting www.LOVESTRONGMarriage.com

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact: Lead Couple: Chris and Elizabeth Haaland (210) 379-2031 clhaaland@att.net



EL REGALO PERFECTO DE SAN VALENTÍN ES PASAR TIEMPO JUNTOS!

¡HAGA PLANES PARA ASISTIR AL PRÓXIMO RETIRO MATRIMONIAL LOVESTRONG EN ST. MONICA!

¡Vengan a este fin de semana especial dedicado
a todas las parejas casadas!

La misión del Ministerio Matrimonial LOVESTRONG es apoyar y fortalecer a las parejas casadas en nuestra comunidad brindándoles tiempo juntos, priorizando su compromiso mutuo y profundizando su vínculo centrado en Cristo. Pase el fin de semana celebrando el propósito de su matrimonio y el amor que comparten.

Este retiro será en Inglés, pero se recomienda encarecidamente que asistan las parejas bilingües, para que pronto se puedan ofrecer futuros retiros en Español en Santa Mónica. El costo del retiro es \$150. y hay asistencia financiera disponible! La inscripción cubre todas las comidas de los tres días y los materiales para el retiro. No proporcionamos cuidado de niños, por lo que deberá hacer arreglos para sus hijos. Todas las parejas del retiro deben comprometerse a asistir a todas las actividades durante el fin de semana de 3 días.

Este Retiro Matrimonial LOVESTRONG comenzará el Viernes 13 de Febrero por la tarde y continuará hasta el Domingo 15 de Feb por la tarde. ¡Este no es un retiro nocturno, por lo que podrá dormir en su propia cama cómoda todas las noches! Para más información visite:

www.LOVESTRONGMarriage.com

Si tiene alguna pregunta o necesita más información, comuníquese con: Pareja principal: Chrysta y Michael Colwell - mckc07@yahoo.com o (210) 912-9065

PRAISE TO YOU, CHRIST OUR HOPE!

Diverse Ministries Rebuilding the Church

Saturday, February 7, 2026
8:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

University of the Incarnate Word
4301 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209



Join fellow liturgical ministers from across the Archdiocese for a morning of reflection, formation, and community. The day will feature a keynote presentation by Dr. Dolores Martinez, followed by breakout sessions designed for specific ministries, including:

- Lectors
- Music Ministry
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Altar Servers and those who form them
- Hospitality Ministry
- Chapel Environment Ministry
- Media Ministry

This event is FREE, but registration is encouraged so we can prepare for you!



¡TE ALABAMOS, CRISTO, NUESTRA ESPERANZA!

Ministerios diversos, reconstruyendo nuestra Iglesia

Sábado, 7 de febrero de 2026
8:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

University of the Incarnate Word
4301 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209



Únete a otros ministros litúrgicos de toda la Arquidiócesis para una mañana de reflexión, formación y comunidad. El día incluirá una presentación principal a cargo de la Dra. Dolores Martinez, seguida de sesiones por ministerio, incluyendo:

- Lectores
- Ministerio de Música
- Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión
- Monaguillos y quienes los forman
- Ministerio de Hospitalidad
- Ministerio del Ambiente en la Capilla
- Ministerio de Medios

El evento es GRATUITO, pero se recomienda registrarse para ayudarnos a prepararnos para ti!



St Monica Catholic School



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	2	≤ 200%
3	200% - 500%	4	≥ 500% (20% cap of total awards) Public school students may have priority in this group.

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

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 Proof of Residency	2 Proof of Citizenship	3 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, prioritized, 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.



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Applications Open Soon!

A New Door is Opening for Catholic Families
Discover how Texas Education Freedom Accounts
(TEFA) can help your family choose a
Catholic Education

The Opportunity

**Your Child Deserves a Catholic Education.
Now It's Within Reach.**

For years, many Catholic families have wanted to send their children to a faith-filled, academically excellent Catholic school—but tuition made it feel out of reach. That's about to change.

Thanks to Senate Bill 2, the State of Texas will soon offer Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA)—public funds that help families cover private school tuition and educational expenses. This includes Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

You may also hear this opportunity referred to as an Education Savings Account (ESA). ESA is the general term used nationwide for programs that allow families to use public education funds for educational expenses. TEFA is simply the official name for Texas' ESA program. Both terms refer to the same opportunity designed to give families greater access to the education they choose for their children.

With \$1 billion in TEFA funding available for the 2026–2027 school year, now is the time to prepare to take the next step in your child's education and faith journey.

Why Families Choose Catholic Education:

- ♦ Catholic education provides safe, welcoming communities where your child can thrive.
- ♦ Prayer, Mass, and religious instruction are part of the rhythm of the school day.
- ♦ Families value a community that reinforces their Catholic values at school and home.
- ♦ Teachers and staff partner with you in forming both character and intellect.
- ♦ Catholic education emphasizes virtues like compassion, honesty, and service.

Aplicaciones Abren Pronto!

Se abre una nueva Puerta para las familias Católicas.
Descubra como las Cuentas de Libertad Educativa de
Texas (TEFA) pueden ayudar a su familia a elegir una
educación Católica.

La Oportunidad

**Tu hijo merece una educación católica.
Ahora está a tu alcance.**

Durante muchos años, muchas familias Católicas han deseado mandar a sus hijos a una escuela Católica de fe y con excelencia académica, pero la matrícula lo hacía parecer inalcanzable - Eso está a punto de cambiar.

Gracias al Proyecto de Ley Senatorial 2, el Estado de Texas pronto ofrecerá Cuentas de Libertad Educativa de Texas (TEFA), fondos públicos que ayudan a las familias a cubrir la matrícula de escuelas privadas y los gastos educativos. Esto incluye a las escuelas católicas de la Arquidiócesis de SA.

También es posible que escuche hablar de esta oportunidad como Cuenta de Ahorros para la Educación (ESA). ESA es el término general utilizado a nivel nacional para los programas que permiten a las familias utilizar fondos públicos de educación para gastos educativos. TEFA es simplemente el nombre oficial del programa ESA de Texas. Ambos términos se refieren a la misma oportunidad diseñada para brindar a las familias un mayor acceso a la educación que elijan para sus hijos.

Con \$1 mil millones en fondos de TEFA disponibles para el año escolar 2026-2027, ahora es el momento de prepararse para dar el siguiente paso en la educación y el camino de fe de su hijo.

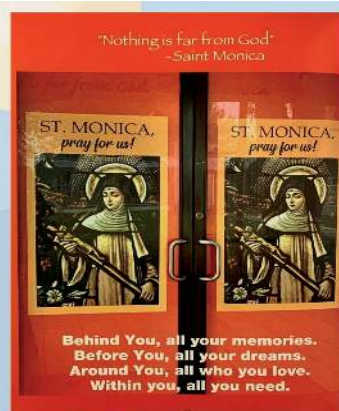
¿Por qué las familias eligen la educación Católica?

- ♦ La educación Católica ofrece comunidades seguras y acogedoras donde su hijo puede prosperar.
- ♦ La oración, la misa y la instrucción religiosa forman parte del ritmo de la jornada escolar.
- ♦ Las familias valoran una comunidad que refuerza sus valores Católicos en la escuela y en casa.
- ♦ Los maestros y el personal colaboran con usted en la formación de su carácter e intelecto.
- ♦ La educación católica enfatiza virtudes como la compasión, la honestidad y el servicio.

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Please see dates and times below.

Registration

Sunday

Feb 8: 10am -12:30pm
Feb 15: 12pm -2:30pm
Feb 22: 10am -12:30pm
Mar 1: 12pm -2:30pm

Wednesday

Feb 11: 6am-7:30pm
Feb 18: 6am-7:30pm
Feb 25: 6am-7:30pm
Mar 4: 6am-7:30pm



ELECCION DE ESCUELA

Se abrirán las aplicaciones el 4 de Febrero al 17 de Marzo

¿Necesita ayuda para registrarse? Tendremos computadoras en la cafetería de la escuela para ayudarle. Nuestro profesorado estará allí para brindarle apoyo.

Por favor, consulte las fechas y horarios a continuación.

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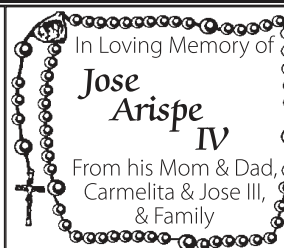
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Mass Schedule

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)

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Mollicone Rm 104 - Coordinator **Maria Cabigon**

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in the Goertz room **Dcn. Sean Dooley**

BIBLE STUDY (English): Timo Zepeda & Annette Winfield

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS:

Meet 3rd Sat. of the month 9a.m. NO MEETINGS June or July. Contact: **Melinda Vanderdrink**

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: (Spanish) Tues 6-7:30pm & Wed. 9 - 11am in the Parish Hall **Lupita Ruiz**

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

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER, LECTOR, USHER OR ALTAR SERVER:

Contact: **Anita Moreno** to join any of these ministries.

GUADALUPANAS: Meets 2nd Mon. 10:00 a.m. parish hall, **Joe Luera**

HEALING HEART: **Elsa Lopez**

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Meet Wednesday evening after religious education at 7:45pm in the Parish Hall

HOMEBOUND: **Barbara Ward**

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Steve Steele, Grand Knight

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