



# St. Monica Catholic Church

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†  
*Lord,*  
 let your *mercy*  
 be on us,  
 as we place our *trust*  
 in you.

Señor,  
 que tu  
*misericordia*  
 sea sobre nosotros,  
 mientras ponemos nuestra  
*confianza* en ti.

We hope in the Lord;  
 he is our help and our shield.  
 Psalm 33:22

Nuestra esperanza está en el Señor;  
 él es nuestra ayuda y nuestro escudo.  
 Salmo 33:22

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**Mass Time:** Daily Mass Mon., to Fri. 8:15 am English  
Saturday Daily Mass - 9:30 am Rosary at 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Sunday Masses in English: 7:30, 9:15, 11 am and 5 pm

Domingo Misas en Español: 1, 3 & 7 pm

Confession/Confesión: Wed. 5:30pm & Sat. 3:30pm

**Parish Office Hours:** Mon., Tue., Thur., & Friday 9:00 am-5:30 pm  
& Wed. 9 am—7pm Closed for lunch 12:30—1pm  
Open Saturday 10am - 2pm & Sunday 10am - 3pm

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.saintmonicaconverse.net/saint-monica-catholic-school)



**Fifth Sunday of Easter / V Domingo de Pascua**



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, Brenda, Helen Arispe, Arthur Thomas, Lisa Lee, Luis M Vega, Barbara Cantley, Suzie Littrell, Alena Quintero, Irma Mendez, Nildia Johnston, Manuel M., Lucy Barajas, Tim Knotts, Lisa Lee, Douglas, Tyler Acosta, Melissa, Diane Thatcher, Paul D., Ernesto Sosa, Jennifer Sanchez, Irene Cantu, Leo Cantu, Jose Martinez, Vanessa P., John Cortez, Velma Duran, Maria F. Jan Beland, Felix Davila, Rob Wick, Agnes McKenzie, Ernie & Sally Gonzales, Kenia Aguilar, Maria Luisa Nieto, Dolores Vaquera & Family, Sara Chase, Navarro, Catarina Garza, Debbie Garcia, Armando Aguero, Rose, Angel Cantu, Barbara Garza, Evan Pesek, Pawlick family, Laura Cynthia Peters, Bill Eastman, Robert, Adam Thomas, Gabriel M., Michael Burgos, Barbara Rials, Trini & Jackie Cantú, Tony Rippy, Eduardo Guevara, Blanca, Christina S., Becky Cortez, Donelia Jimenez, Janet Hillson, Pablo Martinez, Aleda, Lucy Zamora, Emma Phillips, Lee Myers, Linda Olin, Francis, Mary Gutierrez, Ariel & Clara Casiano, Jeannie & Paul, Maria Ramos, Anna Cortez, Ignacio Urabazo, Mary Angel Garcia, Judy Gutierrez Kahn, Juan Esquivel, Andrew, Edith, Alfredo Covarrubias & Family, Sergio Martinez Ortiz, Vicky Guevara Rocio Martinez Ortiz, Derrick Hensley, Rocio Martinez, Hector Balderas, Diana Palomo, Mike Say, Manuel Lozano, Sophia Pusateri, Sylvia Gonzales, John Baldwin, Rafael Torres, Daniela Basulto, Nick Ramos, Margie M., Julie Martinez, Donna Ann Salinas, Anna Roberta Kotso, Vickie Rubio, Manuel & Tenchia Trevino, Nicholas Kerwin, Ginobili Villa, Joann & Sebastian, Carlos Alberto Garcia, Gil Chagoya, Michael Thompson, Marissa Rubio, Mark Rivera, Raul Ramirez, Melquiades Cardenas, Mary Lou Thompson, Farzad Farzan, Camelia Pineda, Martha Cuevas, Ceci Nieto, Jorman Guerra, Jose & Rosa Haydee Soltero, Francisco Valenzuela, Nicole Marie Mondani, Juan Pablo Torres, Dcn. Joel Castellanos, Reynaldo Ricky Yanong, Olivia Rodriguez, George San Augustin, Iker Andre, Miguel Rodriguez, Richard Valentino, Clemente Hernandez Orozco, Matthew Chavez, Rogelio Rodriguez, Diana Villela, Rebeca Silva, Marilyn Luther, Michael Deriso, Linda Santillan, Linda Gomez, Ceja Marquez, Maria Ramirez Rodriguez, Wilson Washington, Nora Landin, Mauro Daniel Torres, Monica Martinez, Eulalio Lopez Anasatacio, Raymond S. Gonzales, Paul Simonson, Heriberta Ricardez Vazquez, Robert Trevino, Adalene Marquart, Juanita Daniels, Leslie Ryan, Nicole Leann Teixeira, Campbell Blackie, Darinka Michelle Gallardo, Claudia Anguiano Soltero, Maria Saucedo, Meagan Cantu, Linda Rassmassan, Heather Reyes, George Quinter0, Teresa Payne

*Please pray for the sick*

**Robert Gentner**



With deep sorrow, we announce that Robert Genter, a devoted member of our parish, entered into his heavenly home on Wednesday April 22nd. He was called by the Lord, surrounded by love, with his devoted wife, Okhui (Okee) by his side.

**Visitation:** Tuesday May 5, 2026 at 2 pm  
**Rosary:** Tuesday May 5, 2026 at 3:30 pm  
**Mass:** Tuesday May 5, 2026 at 4:30 pm  
 St. Monica Catholic Church

**Internment: Date and time to be determined**  
 Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery  
 1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd, San Antonio, TX 78209



**Otilia Morales Arguello**



It is with deep sorrow to inform you that Otilia M. Arguello was called to her heavenly home on Thursday April 16th with her loving husband and family by her side.

**Rosary:** Thursday May 7, 2026 at 10 pm  
**Mass:** Wednesday April 29, 2026 at 10:30 am  
 St. Monica Catholic Church,  
 501 North St. Converse, Texas 78109  
**Internment:** Thursday May 7, 2026 1:45pm  
 Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery Sh  
 1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd, San Antonio, TX 78209

It is never too late to serve the Lord at Sunday Mass. Serving in the liturgy is a beautiful ministry and a meaningful way to be part of the celebration of the Mass.

**Serve at Sunday Mass**  
 Join a Sunday Mass Ministry



Nunca es demasiado tarde para servir al Señor en la Misa dominical. Servir en la liturgia es un ministerio hermoso y una manera significativa de ser parte de la celebración de la Misa.

Todas las sesiones de capacitación se llevarán a cabo a las 6:30 PM en la iglesia

All training sessions will be held at 6:30 PM in the church

- Mon., May 4** – Lectors (English)
  - Tues., May 5** – Altar Servers
  - Wed., May 6** – Lectors (Spanish)
  - Mon. May 11 – Eucharistic Ministers (English)
  - Tues, May 12 – Eucharistic Ministers (Spanish)
- We invite you to prayerfully consider joining one of these ministries.*

- Lun., 4 de Mayo** – Lectores (Inglés)
  - Mar., 5 de Mayo** – Monaguillos
  - Mié., 6 de Mayo** – Lectores (Español)
  - Lun., 11 de mayo – Ministros Eucarísticos (Inglés)
  - Mar., 12 de mayo – Ministros Eucarísticos (Español)
- Le invitamos a considerar en oración unirse a uno de estos ministerios.*

**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, May 4th**

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

**Tuesday/Martes May 5th**

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

**Wednesday/Miércoles, May 6th**

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

Confessions / Confesiones 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday/Jueves, May 7th**

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

**Friday/Viernes, May 8th**

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

**Saturday/Sabado May 9th**

Rosary 9:00 a.m.

Mass/Misa 9:30 a.m. Fr. Lubin

Confessions / Confesiones 3:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass/ Misa Vigilia 5:30 p.m. Fr. Thumma  
 & Dcn. David

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**VI Domingo de Pascua**

**Sunday/Domingo, May 10th**

MASSES in a.m. 7:30 a.m. Fr. Thumma  
 & Dcn. David

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

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

MASSES in p.m. 1 p.m. (Español) Fr. Lubin  
 & Dcn. Luis Mata

3 p.m. (Español) Fr. Lubin  
 & Dcn. Joel

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

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

**COLLECTIONS**

**April 26th** \$ 14,039.00

Online collection \$ 4,117.00



Second Collection Assumption Seminary \$ 2,727.00

Online Collection for St. Vincent de Paul \$ 40.00

Online Collection for St. Monica School \$ 449.00

**May 10th Second Collection:**  
*Catholic Home Missions*



<b>Mon</b>	<b>5/4</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	(SI) Hector Sanchez † Melissa Ann Thomas † Ildefonso Barraza
<b>Tue</b>	<b>5/5</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	† Souls in Purgatory † Jaime Pérez Niño
<b>Wed</b>	<b>5/6</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	(SI) Conversion of Sinners (SI) Madres del Cenáculo de la Divina Misericordia
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>5/7</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	(SI) St. Monica Parishioners
<b>Fri</b>	<b>5/8</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	(B) Sophia Clouse † Karyna Giselle Flores † Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5/9</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	(SI) James Sutton
		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	(SI) Rob Wick † Leissa Sutton † Donald Sackrider
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>5/10</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	(SI) Rob Wick † Viola Reid † Glen Fisher
		<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	(SI) Rob Wick (B) Renee Silk
		<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	(SI) Rob Wick (SI) Fred Hernandez (SI) Edwige Boyode (B) Irma Perrill † Lupe Chagoya † Irma Kotanan † Modesta Cruz † Alberta Gomez † Rosemary Sosa † Virginia Gomez
		<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	(SI) Rafael Torres (SI) Rob Wick (SI) Maria Gutierrez (B) Jose Pacheco (B) Adriana Pacheco † Oscar Rodriguez † Erick Parrilla † Uvaldo Cantu
		<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	(SI) Rob Wick (SI) Rosa Haydee Soltero
		<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	(SI) Rob Wick (SI) Christina Henk (SI) Conversion of Sinners † Tyra & Kapryna Lynn Tyquiengco † Souls in Purgatory
		<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	(SI) Rob Wick † Jose Carmen Lazo Hernandez



This week's sanctuary lamp is for the  
 repose of the soul of *Jamie Perez Niño* &  
 the Birthday of *Paul Finch*

This weeks altar flowers are for the  
 Birthdays of  
*Gwen Atterberry & Paul Finch*



**“Pastor’s Voice”**

**A Letter of Gratitude for Our Parish Festival**

Dear Beloved St. Monica Parishioners, what a breathtaking day the Lord made for our 11th Annual Parish Festival. As the Psalmist reminds us, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." And rejoice we did. Our festival was not merely a celebration; it was a living witness to the Gospel call to "go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News." For one beautiful Sunday, our parking lots, our fields, and our beloved St. Monica grounds became that world. We laughed, we ate, we prayed, and we built community.

**A Grateful Welcome to Our Honored Guests**

We were deeply honored to have with us our dynamic Mayor Al Suarez, whose support for community building is truly appreciated. We also extend our gratitude to Sheriff Salazar for his service and support. A special thank you to our Archdiocesan Vocations Director, Father Ed Gonzalez, for joining us on Good Shepherd Sunday as we prayed for vocations to arise from this very soil.

**A Story of Seeds Planted in Faith**

Our history teaches us something profound about festivals and community. On March 6, 1958, over sixty-five years ago, a woman named Ida Kneupper donated four and a half acres of land. That seed grew. A small church was built with a \$10,000 grant. The first Mass was celebrated on October 1, 1960, with just two hundred families. Today, almost eighteen hundred families call St. Monica home. Out of eight Masses, 5 Masses are crowded, and we continue to pray and work toward a larger church. From surplus military barracks for a school, to a gymnasium, to Stuebben Hall, to Mollicone Middle School, to a memorial garden with the Stations of the Cross, every brick, every classroom, every parking lot represents people like you saying, "I will give my time, my talent, and my treasure." That is what this festival is about.

**The Heart of the Festival: Community and Ministry**

Eleven years ago, we started this festival with one simple purpose: community building. Not fundraising first, but community. Because when we know each other's names, we can carry each other's burdens. Look at what our ministries have done. The Altar Society, the Knights of Columbus, our school volunteers, the CDA, the Youth Group, the Ushers, the Lectors, the Music Ministry, and every single ministry in our parish, all of you worked so hard. You grilled, baked, set up, decorated, and welcomed.

**A Special Thank You** I wish to express my deepest gratitude to each and every person who contributed to the success of our festival. Thank you to all the volunteers and organizers who dedicated countless hours behind the scenes. Thank you to every parishioner who brought food, staffed a booth, or simply showed up with a joyful heart. I want to offer a particular word of thanks to Bertha Castellanos, whose extraordinary efforts and leadership were instrumental in making this celebration so memorable. Your dedication, Bertha, is a gift to our entire community. As St. Peter wrote in the first reading that same weekend: "Clothe yourselves with humility... Cast all your anxieties on him because he cares for you." You have done that. You worked humbly, and God has blessed it abundantly.

**Looking Forward** Our parish mission, which we fulfilled so beautifully on festival day, is this: to be a welcoming, living, and growing community of faith. That does not happen in a vacuum. It happens when we laugh together, eat together, and pray together. May the Lord continue to bless each one of you and your families. May He multiply the seeds of faith, hope, and love that were sown on that joyful day. And may we always remember that we are not just a parish, we are a family.

With heartfelt gratitude and pastoral blessing,

*Rev. Thumma Prathap*

May 2nd & 3rd 2026

Saint Monica School and the Knights of Columbus will host a Mother’s Day Breakfast Sunday May 10th from 8:30 am through 12:30pm in the School Cafeteria.

The meal will include Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage or Bacon, fruit and drink. The meal will be free for all Mothers, \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Enjoy a nice meal while giving Mom a break from the cooking and cleaning.



La Escuela de Santa Mónica y los Caballeros de Colón organizarán un Desayuno del Día de la Madre el Domingo 10 de Mayo de 8:30 a.m. a 12:30 p.m. en la cafetería de la escuela.

La comida incluirá panqueques, huevos, salchicha o tocino, fruta y bebida. La comida será gratuita para todas las madres, \$7.00 para adultos y \$5.00 para niños de 12 años o menos. Disfrute de una buena comida mientras le da a mamá un descanso de la cocina y la limpieza.

*St. Monica, pray for us.*



*Santa Mónica. ruega por nosotros.*

**“Pastor’s Voice”****Carta de Gratitud por Nuestro Festival Parroquial**

Queridos y amados feligreses de Santa Mónica:

¡Qué día tan maravilloso nos regaló el Señor para nuestro 11.º Festival Anual Parroquial! Como nos recuerda el salmista: “Este es el día que hizo el Señor; alegrémonos y regocijémonos en él.” Y ciertamente nos alegramos.

Nuestro festival no fue simplemente una celebración; fue un testimonio vivo del llamado del Evangelio a “ir por todo el mundo y proclamar la Buena Nueva.” Por un hermoso Domingo, nuestros estacionamientos, nuestros campos y los terrenos de nuestra querida Santa Mónica se convirtieron en ese mundo. Reímos, compartimos alimentos, oramos y fortalecimos nuestra comunidad.

**Una Cálida Bienvenida a Nuestros Invitados de Honor**

Nos sentimos profundamente honrados de contar con la presencia de nuestro dinámico alcalde, Al Suarez, cuyo apoyo a la construcción de comunidad es verdaderamente apreciado. También extendemos nuestro agradecimiento a Sheriff Salazar por su servicio y apoyo. Un agradecimiento especial a nuestro Director Arquidiocesano de Vocaciones, el Padre Ed Gonzalez, por acompañarnos en el Domingo del Buen Pastor mientras oramos por vocaciones que nazcan de esta misma tierra.

**Una Historia de Semillas Sembradas en la Fe**

Nuestra historia nos enseña algo profundo sobre los festivales y la comunidad. El 6 de Marzo de 1958, hace más de sesenta y cinco años, una mujer llamada Ida Kneupper donó cuatro acres y medio de terreno. Esa semilla creció. Se construyó una pequeña Iglesia con una donación de \$10,000. La primera Misa se celebró el 1 de Octubre de 1960, con apenas doscientas familias.

Hoy, casi mil ochocientas familias llaman hogar a Santa Mónica. De ocho Misas, cinco están llenas, y seguimos orando y trabajando por una iglesia más grande. Desde los barracones militares reutilizados como escuela, hasta el gimnasio, el Stuebben Hall, la escuela intermedia Mollicone, y el jardín memorial con el Vía Crucis, cada ladrillo, cada salón, cada espacio representa a personas como ustedes que dijeron: “Ofreceré mi tiempo, mi talento y mi tesoro.” De eso se trata este festival.

**El Corazón del Festival: Comunidad y Ministerio**

Hace once años comenzamos este festival con un propósito sencillo: construir comunidad. No primero recaudar fondos, sino comunidad. Porque cuando conocemos los nombres de los demás, podemos cargar juntos nuestras cargas.

Miren todo lo que han hecho nuestros ministerios: la Sociedad del Altar, los Caballeros de Colón, los voluntarios de nuestra escuela, la CDA, el grupo juvenil, los ujieres, los lectores, el ministerio de música, y cada uno de los ministerios de nuestra parroquia. Todos ustedes trabajaron con gran dedicación. Cocinaron, hornearon, organizaron, decoraron y dieron la bienvenida con alegría.

**Un Agradecimiento Especial** Deseo expresar mi más profunda gratitud a cada una de las personas que contribuyeron al éxito de nuestro festival. Gracias a todos los voluntarios y organizadores que dedicaron incontables horas detrás de escena. Gracias a cada feligrés que trajo comida, atendió un puesto o simplemente se hizo presente con un corazón alegre.

Quiero ofrecer un agradecimiento muy especial a Bertha Castellanos, cuyos extraordinarios esfuerzos y liderazgo fueron fundamentales para hacer de esta celebración algo tan memorable. Tu dedicación, Bertha, es un regalo para toda nuestra comunidad.

Como escribió San Pedro en la primera lectura de ese mismo fin de semana: “Revístanse de humildad... Depositen en Él todas sus preocupaciones, porque Él cuida de ustedes.” Ustedes han hecho eso. Han trabajado con humildad y Dios lo ha bendecido abundantemente.

**Mirando Hacia el Futuro** Nuestra misión parroquial, que vivimos tan hermosamente el día del festival, es esta: ser una comunidad de fe acogedora, viva y en crecimiento. Eso no sucede por sí solo. Sucede cuando reímos juntos, compartimos la mesa y oramos unidos. Que el Señor continúe bendiciendo a cada uno de ustedes y a sus familias. Que multiplique las semillas de fe, esperanza y amor que se sembraron en ese día tan lleno de alegría. Y que siempre recordemos que no somos solo una parroquia, somos una familia.

Con sincera gratitud y bendición pastoral,

*Rev. Thumma Prathap*

2 y 3 de Mayo 2026

**Presented by  
Knights of Columbus  
Council 9681**

**The 4th Annual  
Car Show**

**Now accepting  
vendors and  
sponsors!  
KofC-9681.org**

**Contact Larry  
(210) 867-0567  
or Tony  
(210) 857-0789**

**8am - 3pm**

**Sat. May 16, 2026 St. Monica Catholic Church**

**501 North Street, Converse, Texas 78109**



## Dear St. Monica Family:

*"I thank my God every time I remember you.  
In all my prayers for all of you,  
I always pray with joy."*

Philippians 1:3-4

I have nothing but words of gratitude for allowing me to serve you as one of your deacons during these past ten months. Without a doubt, your openness, generosity, and willingness have left a profound mark on my life and on my priestly ministry.

I want you to know that I will always keep you in my prayers. Please continue praying for your priests, especially for me and for my newly ordained brothers, as we begin our priestly ministry.

May God bless you and accompany you always. Thank you very much for celebrating with me and accompanying me on such a special day as my ordination. Words fall short of expressing all the emotions we shared.

In Christ,  
*Rev. Luis Horacio Gómez*



## Querida familia de Santa Mónica:

*"Doy gracias a mi Dios cada vez que me acuerdo de ustedes. En todas mis oraciones por todos ustedes, siempre oro con alegría."*

Filipenses 1, 3-4

No me quedan sino palabras de agradecimiento por haberme permitido servirles como uno de sus diáconos durante estos últimos diez meses. Sin lugar a duda, su apertura, entrega y disposición han dejado una huella profunda en mi vida y en mi ministerio sacerdotal.

Quiero que sepan que siempre los tendré en mis oraciones. Les pido, por favor, que sigan orando por sus sacerdotes, especialmente por mí y por mis hermanos recién ordenados, mientras iniciamos nuestro ministerio sacerdotal.

Dios los bendiga y los acompañe siempre. Muchas gracias por haber celebrado conmigo y por acompañarme en una fecha tan especial como lo fue mi ordenación. Las palabras se quedan cortas para expresar todas las emociones compartidas con ustedes.

En Cristo,  
*Pbro. Luis Horacio Gómez*

## THE MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT

Monthly gatherings for those who are considering a call to the priesthood.



### Is Jesus Christ calling me to become a priest?

SAN ANTONIO VOCATIONS

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH  
SEPTEMBER - MAY  
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM




Are you, or someone you know, a young man between the ages of 16 and 35 who is open to discovering God's plan for your life? Have you ever felt a stirring in your heart towards the priesthood? SA Vocations invite you to join the Melchizedek Project, a monthly discernment group for those considering the priesthood at Assumption Seminary. Grow in your faith, and receive guidance on discerning God's call. Explore this sacred vocation alongside other young men who are also discerning. For more information, call the Vocation Office, at (210) 735-0553. Gathering for those considering a call to the Priesthood:


Melchizedek Project Thurs., May 7, 6 to 8:30 p.m., at Assumption Seminary 2600 W Woodlawn Ave, San Antonio, TX 78228


¿Eres tú, o conoces a algún joven entre las edades de 16 y 35 años que esté abierto a descubrir el plan de Dios para su vida? ¿Has sentido alguna vez una inquietud en tu corazón hacia el sacerdocio? SA Vocaciones te invita a unirse al Proyecto Melchizedek, un grupo mensual de discernimiento para aquellos que están considerando el sacerdocio en el Seminario Assumption. Crece en tu fe y recibe orientación para discernir el llamado de Dios. Explora esta vocación sagrada junto a otros jóvenes que también están en proceso de discernimiento. Para más información, llama la Oficina de Vocaciones al (210) 735-0553. Reunión para quienes están considerando el llamado al sacerdocio: Proyecto Melchizedek, Jueves, 7 de Mayo, de 6:00 a 8:30 pm. Seminario Assumption 2600 W Woodlawn Ave, SA, Tx 78228

# YOUTH MINISTRY Bible Classes


GROW IN FAITH. BUILD COMMUNITY. ENCOUNTER CHRIST.


 Our Youth Ministry is excited to offer **Bible Classes for high school students**, providing a meaningful opportunity for our youth to grow deeper in their faith and relationship with Christ.

 These sessions are designed to help teens better understand Sacred Scripture, reflect on God's Word, and apply it to their daily lives. Through guided discussion, prayer, and fellowship, students will be encouraged to ask questions, strengthen their spiritual foundation, and build a supportive faith community with their peers.


 **All high school students are warmly invited to participate.** Come and encounter the living Word of God in a way that is engaging, relevant, and transformative.

 Nuestro Ministerio Juvenil se complace en ofrecer **Clases Bíblicas para estudiantes de preparatoria**, brindando una oportunidad significativa para que nuestros jóvenes crezcan en su fe y en su relación con Cristo.

 Estas sesiones están diseñadas para ayudar a los jóvenes a comprender mejor la Sagrada Escritura, reflexionar sobre la Palabra de Dios y aplicarla a su vida diaria. A través de diálogo guiado, oración y convivencia, los estudiantes serán motivados a hacer preguntas, fortalecer su formación espiritual y construir una comunidad de fe con sus compañeros.

 **Todos los estudiantes de preparatoria están cordialmente invitados a participar.**

Ven y encuentra la Palabra viva de Dios de una manera dinámica, relevante y transformadora.

 *Bring your Bibles!!*

 *¡Trae tu Biblia!*



CLASSES WILL BEGIN  
**May 13<sup>th</sup>**  
& WILL END  
**June 17<sup>th</sup>**



TIME / HORA:  
**6:00 – 7:00 PM**



WHERE / LUGAR:  
**Parish Hall:  
Goertz Room**

*Join us and grow in faith, friendship, and the love of Christ!*  
*¡Acompáñanos y crece en la fe, la amistad y el amor de Cristo!*

## UPDATED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Program Update

ACTUALIZACIÓN DEL PROGRAMA DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who made this year possible—our dedicated Catechists, aides, Confirmation Retreat Team, Traffic Control, Hall Monitors, Liturgy Choirs, Sacristans, and all volunteers. Your generous gift of time and talent is a true blessing to our parish community.



Registration for the **2026–2027 Religious Education Program** will begin on **June 15, 2026**.

Additional information will be posted on our website and in the parish bulletin.

Extendemos nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a todos los que hicieron posible este año—nuestros dedicados catequistas, ayudantes, Equipo de Retiro de Confirmación, Control de Tráfico, Monitores del Salón, Coros Litúrgicos, Sacristanes y todos los voluntarios. Su generoso don de tiempo y talento es una verdadera bendición para nuestra comunidad parroquial.



La inscripción para el Programa de Educación Religiosa **2026–2027** comenzará el **15 de junio de 2026**.

Información adicional se publicará en nuestro sitio web y en el boletín parroquial.



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- When?** June 22 -26, Monday - Friday, 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm
- Who?** Children entering first – fifth grade in fall of 2026
- Where?** St Monica parish hall and grounds
- How do I register?** In the foyer May 2nd & 3rd , parish website or parish office
- Can I help?** Teens entering 8th grade in fall through adult – Mandatory meeting May 18, 6 pm in the parish hall
- Who do I contact?** Annette Winfield at [annetthecatechist@gmail.com](mailto:annetthecatechist@gmail.com) or Adriana Perez at [padri1210@gmail.com](mailto:padri1210@gmail.com)
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## SACRAMENTS

**ANOINTING OF SICK:** Contact the church office to setup an appointment with a priest.

**INFANT BAPTISMS:** 3rd Saturday of the month in English & 4th Saturday of the month in Spanish. Please contact the parish office to register.

**MARRIAGE & QUINCEAÑERA MASS:** At least 6 months notice is required. Contact **Deacon David** at the parish office.

**OCIA:** Adult converts or those needing sacraments are invited. Please contact **Timo Zepeda** for more information.

**RECONCILIATION:** Wed. 5:30 p.m. & Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & EDGE:** Includes preparation for **First Communion and Confirmation** Grades K– High School. Email: RE@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 de inglés se llevará a cabo el primer sábado del mes y la clase de español el segundo sábado del mes.

*Por favor llame a la oficina para inscribirse.*

### **Homebound Ministry**

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

Please be advised that if you are not able to attend Mass due to long term physical impediment, call the office so an Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion may be scheduled to visit you.

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### **Ministerio para los Confinados en Casa**

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**ART & ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY:** Alma Castillo

**BALLET FOLKLORICO:** Meet Mon & Thurs 5-9 pm Mollicone Rm 104 - Coordinator **Maria Cabigon**

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY:** Meet every other Thurs. 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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Meets 2nd Tues 7:00 p.m. **Steve Steele**, Grand Knight

**LOVESTRONG:** Tony & Isabel Canez

**MILITARY MINISTRY :** Meet 2nd Thurs. of the month 6:30-8:30 pm Mollicone Rm 101 **Jourard Daep**

**PERPETUAL ADORATION:** Christian Zunino

**PLANIFICACION FAMILIAR NATURAL:**

Meet 3rd Wed 1-2 pm: **Reyna Vazquez**  
**POWER POINT MINISTRY:** **Claudio Corrales & Courtney Sheehan**

**ST. KIZITO'S HOPE MINISTRY** Meets 2nd Sunday of the month after the 11am Mass - Mollicone building.

**SPANISH PRAYER GROUP:** Meet every Fri. 7:00 p.m.

**STRIVE:** Meet 1st & 3rd Friday— Mollicone building. Contact: **Gabe & Diana Canez**

**VOCATIONS:** Elvia Armenta

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY-STRIVE:** Contact - **Gabe & Diana Canez**

**WELCOME MINISTRY:** Tony Canez

**Contact the parish office for more information on any of the above ministries.**

Answers to page 7: 1 & 2 Today is Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus entry into Jerusalem. 3. Two Gospels are from Matthew 4. The first gospel reading talks about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, people waving palm branches and calling Hosanna. 5. Judas betrayed Jesus 7. The apostles did not stay awake in the garden. 8. Peter denied Jesus 3 times. 9. Simon helped Jesus carry his cross.

