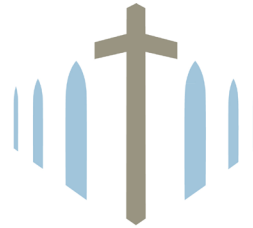




APRIL 24, 2016



ST. MONICA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

9933 Midway Road, Dallas, Texas 75220

214-358-1453 • Fax: 214-351-1887

www.stmonicachurch.org



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WELCOME TO ST. MONICA CHURCH!

We are pleased to have visitors join us in worship and we invite you to become active registered parishioners. Registration forms can be found in the vestibule, at the Parish Office, and online.

Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am,
11:00 am, 12:30 pm,
2:00 pm (español), 5:00 pm

Weekday Mass Times

6:45 am, 8:00 am M-F
8:00 am Saturdays
First Fridays 5:30 pm
Primer viernes del mes 7:00 pm

Childcare for 11:00 am Mass

Ages: 12-months to 4-years
No Cost
Room 114 Family Center
St. Monica Women's Ministry

Reconciliation • Reconciliación

Saturday/Sábado
3:30-4:30 pm • 6:30-7:00 pm

Baptism • Bautismo

Third Saturday of each month at 10:00 am
Parents and godparents are required to attend a preparation class offered on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 am. Call the Faith Formation Office to register.

Tercer sábado de cada mes a las 3:00 pm
Padres y Padrinos deben asistir a una clase de preparación que se ofrecen los primeros sábados de mes a la 1:00 pm. Llame a la Oficina de Ministerio Hispano.

Marriage • Matrimonio

Contact a priest or deacon at least six months before the planned marriage date.
Llame a un Sacerdote o Diacono por lo menos seis meses antes de la fecha de la boda.

Helplines • Línea de Ayuda

St. Vincent de Paul serves the poor or distressed on an emergency basis.
972-994-1121 (confidential) Volunteers contact: info@stmonicasvdp.org

Stephen Ministry helps those experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or another life crisis. 214-290-0803 (confidential)

Bulletin Deadline

Monday at 12:00 noon • Submit notices in writing to
ecooper@stmonicachurch.org.

Parish Staff

Fr. Stephen W. Bierschenk
Pastor - x 7107

Fr. Iñigo Lopez
Parochial Vicar - x 7112

Fr. Edwin Leonard
Vocation Director (in residence)

Monsignor John F. Meyers
Pastor Emeritus

Deacons

Abel Cortes Bob Marrinan
Larry Lucido Brian Mitchell

St. Monica Church Office

Main: (214) 358-1453 • Fax: (214) 351-1887
Hours: M-F 9:00-5:00 • Sunday 10:00-2:00

Parish Secretary x 7453

Faby Gomez

Business Manager x 7176

Debbie Diaz

Database Manager x 7111

Melissa Franks

Volunteer Coordinator x 7173

Maria E. Juarez-Plank

Safe Environment Director x 7144

Shavana Lopez

Bookkeeper x 7102

Jared Wirths

Director of Youth Ministry x 7106

Jason Trujillo

Director of Communications x 7142

Erin Cooper

Music Ministry

Director of Music x 7101

Jeremy Wirths

Director Youth Music x 7103

Emmanuel Espiritu

Organist (9:30 & 11:00 Mass)

Guillermo "Will" Martinez

Faith Formation

Main: (214) 357-8549 • Fax: (214) 351-1887

Director of Faith Formation x 7132

Mariangela Byrne

Administrative Assistant x 7549

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Marriage Ministry Coordinator x 7164

Coordinadora de Matrimonios

Martha Gonzalez

Ministerio Hispano

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Director of Hispanic Ministry x 7131

Maria M. Gonzalez-Rocha

St. Monica School

Main: (214) 351-5688 • Fax: (214) 352-2608

Phil Riley, Principal

www.stmonicaschool.org

From the Pastor

A minister was doing the *Children's Conversation* in the worship service and asked the youngsters this question: "If you were drowning, would you rather see walking by on the shore a very loving person who couldn't swim, or an unloving, uncaring person who could swim?" One small boy thought intently about it for a moment and answered, "A loving and good person". "Why?" he asked. "Because," the boy replied, "that person would go and get someone who had a boat."

It is interesting that at the Last Supper Jesus tells the apostles, "I give you a new commandment. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Since his entire message was about love, what was new? Previously, Jesus had summarized the entire Law by saying we must love God with our whole heart and mind and soul and strength. And we must love our neighbor as we love our self.

Loving our neighbor as we love our self is the perfect formula for peace and harmony. It is similar to how we learned to behave in kindergarten. We share so others will share with us. We don't hit anyone because we don't want them to hit back. We say "Thank you" and "May I" so that everyone will feel appreciated and not be taken advantage of. The world would be a pretty nice place if we would only love everyone else the same way we love our self.

But, Jesus challenges us to love in a new way. We don't have to do things out of self-interest. He invites us to be like him, to forget our self and give the gift of love simply for the sake of loving as he does. It is not enough to have a good heart and generous spirit. Jesus wants his followers to be someone who will do something to put love into practice –

to go find someone who has a boat!

So, being patient and tolerant of the imperfections of others is important, but Jesus invites us to love our enemies, not simply decide that we will forgo seeking revenge. He asks us to pray that they be blessed, that their heart be changed, that our relationship with them be healed and made right again. We may never change their heart, but our heart can echo the words of Jesus, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do."

Jesus isn't satisfied if we simply leave everyone alone and hope that they leave us alone. He invites us to be his ambassador – welcoming a stranger, so that we can be given a new friend; putting aside our shyness and sharing our faith with someone who needs to be encouraged and consoled; praying daily for someone we know is suffering, confident that the Lord will bless them in ways that are beyond our ability.

His new commandment of love leads us to the Cross. It was there that Jesus proved how much he loves us personally, offering himself in our place, obtaining for us pardon for all our sins. We can't earn such love, we don't deserve such love, it is a gift.

It is never enough to only have good will and a pleasant demeanor as we walk through life. We are followers of Jesus. He invites us to love one another as he has loved us. We have to do the things that prove our love. When someone's drowning, we may not be able to swim out to rescue them, but we can go for the boat. The love of Jesus will take care of the rest.

–Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

News & Events

The use of the Narthex

The liturgical norms of the United States Bishops suggest that the Narthex (main entrance) of the church be a place of welcome, where the people make the transition from the world outside and enter into the place of worship. Over the years, the Narthex of our church has come to be used for many other purposes. Often it is crowded with representatives of groups seeking members, or organizations involved in fundraising. At the suggestion of the Parish Council and after consulting the church staff, Fr. Bierschenk has decided that the Narthex area is too small to support uses other than welcoming those who enter and leave, greeting the clergy after Mass, and providing information for parishioners and guests at the Connection Point. Beginning May 1, fundraising efforts, signing up for events, and information tables will be in Angel Hall or on the breezeway outside the church. Two groups per weekend may occupy the space, which must be scheduled on the facilities calendar (email Melissa Franks mfranks@stmonicachurch.org).

The **Adoration Chapel** is in need of adorers for the following times: Tuesday from 10:00 pm - 11:00 pm and Monday from 11:00 pm to Midnight. Contact Marge Giangliulo at [214-769-4407](tel:214-769-4407) to sign up.

L1FT Youth Ministry is taking signups for two summer events: our Six Flags trip on May 14 and the Steubenville Lone Star Conference being held in Downtown Dallas June 17-19. Head to www.L1FTministry.org/events to signup and find more information.

SAGE, Senior Adults Growing and Exploring, will host Claire Turner, Director at The Senior Source of Dallas, on Tuesday April 26 from 7:00-8:00 in the lower lounge of the Family Center. "Learn the Benefits of Senior Source and What It Can Do For You". Claire will discuss and answer questions about, senior finances and social security. Free computer training, LinkedIn classes, resume reviews and interview training. These are only a few of the programs and free resources offered at the center. For more information and if you plan to attend, contact Elaine Scholly at [904-305-7078](tel:904-305-7078) or elaine.rwts@gmail.com.

Adults wanting to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** are invited to attend upcoming classes on April 26th and May 2nd from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in Family Center Room 217. Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th, at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Those interested in the class should register online on our website under the tab for Adult Confirmation. If you have any questions, please contact: Mariangela Byrne at [214.357.8549](tel:214.357.8549).

Angels of Charity Luncheon – Compassion in Action The 15th Annual Angels of Charity Mass and Spring Luncheon will be held Tuesday, April 26, beginning with Mass at 10:30 at the Cathedral. The event continues across the street at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center with lunch, drawings, the Angel of the Year presentation to Vicky Lattner and an inspirational program. Dr. Alessandra Comini, a University Distinguished Professor of Art History Emerita at SMU, author and lecturer, is this year's vibrant speaker. Underwriting opportunities and reservations are available at www.CCDallas.org or by calling [214-520-6590](tel:214-520-6590), Ext. 1105.

The **Dominican community of St. Albert Priory** invites the public to participate in its Solemn Vespers in honor of St. Catherine of Siena. The event will take place on Friday, April 29, at 7 p.m., in the Dominican Priory, located at 3150 Vince Hagan Dr. in Irving. Refreshments will be served afterwards. The Vespers service is part of a series of celebrations the Priory is hosting during the Dominicans' eighth centennial year. Future Vespers liturgies are planned for Monday, August 8, and Thursday, November 3. All are welcome.

Stewardship

04-17-2016

Regular - \$44,852

SVDP - \$6,640

Total Mass Attendance

04-17-2016

3,023

Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 24

8:00 am..... Priest's Intention

9:30 am..... Priest's Intention

11:00 am..... Priest's Intention

12:30 pm Priest's Intention

2:00 pm Priest's Intention

5:00 pm..... Priest's Intention

Monday, April 25

6:45 am..... For Holiness in Our Church

8:00 am..... Lawrence Berend † by Wachsmann Family

Tuesday, April 26

6:45 am..... Marjorie Halborson † by Joan Thompson

8:00 am..... James M. Aitken, Jr. †
by Theresa C. Aitken

Wednesday, April 27

6:45 am..... Winifrede Morgan † by Jose Toogood

8:00 am..... Gene Vifordi † by Phil & Becky Ryan

Thursday, April 28

6:45 am..... Joe Brogan † by Pat & Jack Padian

8:00 am..... Fr. James Balint †
by the Ryans & the Maddens

Friday, April 29

6:45 am..... For Madden & Canary Families †

8:00 am..... Irma Gossage by Simons Family

Saturday, April 30

8:00 am..... Carl Ponzio †

by Daniel & Stefanie Constanzo

5:00 pm..... Chester Lockrey, Jr. †

by Chetlee Reyes-Thixton

Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for those seeking employment.

For Our Sick

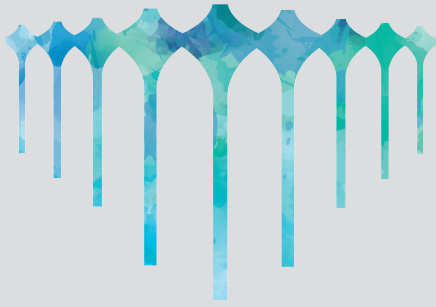
To request a name to appear, please contact the parish office or complete a green prayer request card (found on tables at the back of church) and place the card in an offering basket.

Alejandro Ruiz de Velasco ¹	Maureen Wijeweera ²
George Vifordi ¹	Lorenzo ³
Lloyd Shelby ¹	Zach ³
Ilda Manriquez ¹	Tillie Rodriguez ³
Betsy Solis ¹	Reginald Jones ³
Peggy Martin ¹	

Names will appear for 3 weeks. The numbers after the names begin at 3 and count down and are intended to help those who make requests.

For Our Departed

Rosa Olivas



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE 40 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD FOR

Fr. Stephen W. Bierschenk

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST

11 AM
MASS

9 AM - 3:30 PM
RECEPTION AND PRESENTATION
IN THE FAMILY CENTER

THE 18TH ANNUAL ST. MONICA DADS' CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 13th, 2016
The Tribute at the Colony

Individual players starting
at \$100 & sponsorships
starting at \$300.

For more information,
contact Russ Oonk at
roonk@acs-repair.com or
visit www.smsdadsclub.org.



News & Events

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, located in Keller, and the Theocentric Guild and Outreach are hosting a **Women's Health Conference, Restoring the Dignity of Womanhood**, on Saturday, April 30th. Speakers and presenters include Diane Schwind, Lexi Meleski, DC, CD, John Andrew Sustaita, Andrew Gill, ThPsyD, FCPI, and Jenee Ohrvall, LM, CPM. The registration fee is \$30 and includes attendance to four sessions of your choice and the keynote speaker's presentation. Lunch is also provided. To register, visit www.regonline.com/womensdignity.

Volunteer for Catholic Charities of Dallas/Justice AmeriCorps Join the Catholic Charities of Dallas/Justice AmeriCorps team: Interested in working with immigrant children who have crossed the U.S. border without a parent or guardian as they navigate complex immigration court proceedings? Justice AmeriCorps is a new program that will help these children. If you are a paralegal interested in working with these children, click on joinjusticeamericops.org to learn about employment opportunities through AmeriCorp.



**YOUNG ADULT NIGHT OF WORSHIP
FIRST TUESDAYS AT 7 PM IN THE CHURCH**

Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

April 30 at 5:00 pm
Dan & Pam Fete

May 1 at 8:00 am
Jim & Estrelle Lara

May 1 at 9:30 am
Peter & Jean Saiga

May 1 at 11:00 am
Darren & Sally Smith

May 1 at 12:30 pm
Carl & Margaret Schwab

May 1 at 5:00 pm
Troy & June Cooper

Noticias y Eventos



RETIRO DE PENTECOSTÉS
'Y todos quedaron llenos del Espíritu Santo' Hechos 2,4

Sábado y Domingo 21 y 22 Mayo 2016

Horario:
 8:00 am a 7:00pm
 Domingo 8:00am a 1:30pm

Invita Pastoral Familiar Hispana Sta. Monica

Iglesia Santa Monica
 Walnut Hill 4140 Cafetería
 Dallas Tx. 75029

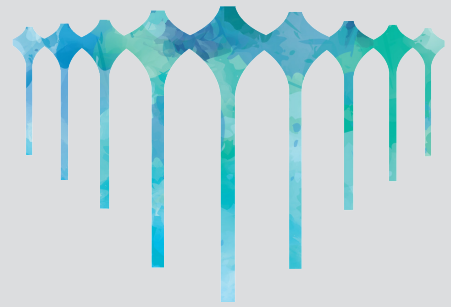
Donación: 10 dls.
Informes: No niños
(214) 815-3103

Mayo Mes de María

Durante el mes de Mayo, todos los domingos los niños participaran en el ofrecimiento de flores a María después de la Comunión. Les invitamos a traer un ramo de flores para honrar a nuestra madre del cielo. Cultivemos el amor a María a nuestros hijos!!!

RICA

Si es una persona adulta y le gustaría recibir los sacramentos de Bautismo, Primera Comunión y/o Confirmación les invitamos considerar las clases de RICA (Rito de Iniciación para Cristianos Adultos). Este programa inicia el mes de septiembre y termina en Pascua del 2017. Las clases también son para aquellos adultos que quieran seguir creciendo y conociendo más de la fe católica. Para más información por favor comuníquese a las Oficinas Parroquiales 214-357-8549.



CELEBRANDO EL CUARENTA ANIVERSARIO SACERDOTAL DE
Padre Stephen W. Bierschenk
 DOMINGO, 1 DE MAYO
 9 AM - 3:30 PM EN EL CENTRO FAMILIAR

SANTA MÓNICA CELEBRACIÓN MULTICULTURAL

DOMINGO DE PENTECOSTÉS
15 DE MAYO, 2016

11 AM: MISA
 11 AM - 3:30 PM:
 RECEPCION EN EL CENTRO FAMILIAR

Para más información llame a
 María Rocha al 214-358-1453 o
 mrocha@stmonicachurch.org.



HOLA QUERIDO AMIGUITO
¿Te gustaría pasar un tiempo con Jesús?
Pues tenemos una invitación especialmente para tí...

HORA SANTA Infantil...

Ven a pasar un momento en la presencia de Jesús Escarista junto a otros niños de tu edad, para recibir todo el amor y las maravillas que Jesús está guardando para tí.

Cada 5to. Viernes de mes 7:00 pm
(Abril 29, Julio 29, Septiembre 30 y Diciembre 30 del 2016)

Parroquia Católica Santa Mónica
(8983 Midway Rd. Dallas, Tx. 75240)

Después de la Hora Santa tendremos una sorpresa para tí... **Acompáñanos...!!!**

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Redescubriendo nuestra raíces

Próximamente se iniciara un ministerio de danza de niños de edades entre 5 a 8 años. Las danzas indígenas son una forma de redescubrir las raíces de nuestros antepasados. Ellas poseen un carácter sagrado y reflejan hechos históricos y de la fe religiosa, constituyendo en la actualidad una riqueza espiritual. Para más información o para inscribir a sus niños llame a Nelda Hernández al 214-952-9139.

40 Aniversario de vida Sacerdotal

El próximo domingo venga a celebrar los 40 años de vida sacerdotal de nuestro párroco Stephen Bierschenk. La celebración será después de todas las Misas en el Centro Familiar. En la Misa de 11 am le acompañaran la mayoría de sus 13 hermanos. Oremos por el y celebremos en el amor de Cristo por su vida religiosa.

Día de las Madres El 7 de Mayo, venga a festejar a su Mamá en una hermosa celebración que estamos preparando para ellas. Iniciará a las 5pm. en la Cafetería de la Escuela. Tendremos comida, música, ballet folclórico, y otras sorpresas. El evento es familiar y gratis. Les esperamos!

Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

Para llevarse el Cáliz llame al (214) 358-1453

1 de Mayo Jose Manuel Ramirez
22 de Mayo Tacho Dimas

8 de Mayo Martha Gonzalez
29 de Mayo Martha Resendiz

15 de Mayo Monserrat Chavez

De El Pastor

Un ministro estaba haciendo la *Conversación de los Niños* en un evento de alabanza, les pregunto a los jóvenes: “si te estuvieras ahogando, ¿preferirías ver caminando junto a la playa a una persona amorosa que no puede nadar o a una persona insensible que sabe nadar? Un joven pequeño pensó intensamente sobre el asunto y respondió, “Una persona buena y amorosa.” “¿Porque?” pregunto. “Por qué” respondió el niño, “esa persona llamaría alguien que tenga un bote.”

Es interesante como en la Ultima Cena Jesús le dice a los apóstoles, “Les doy un mandamiento nuevo, así como los ame yo, así mismo ámense unos a los otros.” Como su mensaje era sobre el amor, ¿Qué hay de nuevo? Previamente, Jesús había resumido la Ley diciendo que debemos amar a Dios con todo nuestro corazón, mente y alma y fuerzas. También, debemos amar a nuestro hermano como a nosotros mismos.

Amar a nuestro hermano como nos amamos a nosotros mismos es la fórmula perfecta para la paz y armonía. Es similar a cuando aprendimos a comportarnos en el jardín de niños. Compartimos para que otros compartan con nosotros. No le pegamos a nadie porque no queremos que nadie nos regrese el golpe. Decimos, “Gracias” y “Me permite” para que todos se sientan apreciados y no tomen ventaja. El mundo sería un lugar hermosos si tan solo amaramos a todos de la misma manera que nos amamos a nosotros mismos.

Pero, Jesús nos reta amamos de una manera nueva. No tenemos que hacer cosas con interés propio. Nos invita a ser como el, olvidamos de nosotros mismos y amar como él lo hace. No es suficiente con tener un buen corazón y un espíritu generoso. Jesús quiere que sus seguidores sean alguien que hará algo para poner en

práctica el amor, ir a encontrar alguien que tenga un barco!

Ser pacientes y tolerantes de las imperfecciones de los otros es importante, Jesús nos invita amar a nuestros enemigos, no simplemente que decidamos ir buscando maneras de vengamos. Nos pide que recemos para que sean bendecidos, que se convierta su corazón y que nuestra relación con ellos sane y hagan el bien. Nunca cambiaremos su corazón, pero nuestro corazón pueden resonar las palabras de Jesús, “Padre, perdónalos porque no saben lo que hacen.”

Jesús no se satisface si simplemente dejamos a las personas y esperamos que nos dejen en paz. Nos invita a ser sus embajadores, dar la bienvenida al extranjero, para darnos un nuevo amigo; poner de lado nuestra timidez y compartir nuestra fe con alguien que necesite motivación y consuelo; orar todos los días por alguien que sabemos que está sufriendo, confiando que el Señor le bendecirá en formas que están fuera de nuestras habilidades.

Su Nuevo mandamiento de amor nos lleva a la Cruz. Ahí fue donde Jesús nos mostró cuanto nos ama, dándose en nuestro lugar, obteniendo el perdón por todos nuestros pecados. No podemos ganar tal amor, no merecemos tal amor, es un regalo.

No es suficiente solo tener buena voluntad y una agradable conducta en la vida. Somos seguidores de Jesús. Nos invita a amarnos unos a otros como él nos ha amado. Tenemos que hacer cosas que prueben nuestro amor. Cuando alguien se está hundiendo, tal vez no podamos nadar para rescatarlo, pero podemos ir por un bote. El amor de Jesús se encargara del resto.

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk