

ST. MONICA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

Eldie Diaz

Marriage Ministry Coordinator x 7164

Coordinadora de Matrimonios

Martha Gonzalez

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

Director of Hispanic Ministry x 7131

Maria M. Gonzalez-Rocha

St. Monica School

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Phil Riley, Principal

www.stmonicaschool.org

From the Pastor

One day a priest went to visit a family that had just moved into the neighborhood. As he rang the doorbell, a dog jumped up on the porch and nearly knocked him over. When the woman came to the door, the dog nearly knocked both of them down as he raced into the living room. The woman invited the priest to sit, but it was hard for them to have a conversation, because the dog kept jumping on everyone, licking them, barking, and wanting to play. The priest became exasperated because no one in the family made any attempt to control the dog. As he walked out onto the porch to leave, he said, "I don't mean to be rude, but how in the world do you stand it with your dog jumping on everyone and licking them and barking so much?" The woman was dumbfounded. She said, "Our dog? We thought it was your dog."

Everyone made assumptions. The priest saw the dog on the porch and assumed it belonged to the family. The woman saw the priest come to her door with a dog and assumed it was his. In the end, no one knew where the dog belonged!

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord into heaven. It is hard for us to visualize the actual mechanics of it all, because modern science and our space programs have made it common knowledge that we can go up beyond the clouds in an airplane, and if a rocket is used, we can even break the hold of the earth's gravity. But after that, the vastness of the created universe lies ahead. We know that Jesus returned to his glory in heaven. Where and how will be explained when we get there in our own time. In the meantime, there are all those assumptions!

The apostles knew that they had been given the task of sharing the story of Jesus with the whole world, but they seemed to have assumed that Jesus would continue to appear to them from time to time as he had been doing since the Resurrection.

And so he made it clear. He was leaving the task to them, and he was returning to the Father. He ascended into heaven. They now had to get to work.

And of course, the work of sharing the story of Jesus continues to be ours, each of us in our own way and in our own place. But so often, the assumptions keep us from our task. We assume that everyone will understand the pressure and stress we are under and excuse us for being short-tempered or taking them for granted. But, we are to love one another as Jesus loves us.

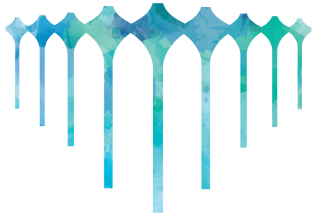
We assume that the way someone dresses, or the people with whom we see them, or their nationality helps us decide whether they are worthy of our attention, or to be ignored. But, whatever we do to the least, we do it to Jesus. All are to be welcomed and treated as our brother or sister in Christ.

We assume our family knows we love them, our friends will always be there when we need them, that we are to be accepted in our imperfections without judgment and condemnation. And so, simple things like saying our love out loud, or doing something special to express our appreciation are not meant to be saved for some special occasion.

Jesus says that he goes to prepare a place for us. The Ascension of the Lord is a reminder that we are destined for something greater than this world. One day we will share with Jesus in his glory in heaven. And we assume that there is plenty of time to prepare, plenty of opportunities to do the good things God expects. But, we can't sit around waiting for the Lord to appear and tell us to get busy. He has already sent us out to do the work of sharing his love. We can't assume it can wait until tomorrow. It's time to get busy today!

--Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

News & Events



Last Sunday as I celebrated forty years as a priest, I was deeply touched by the outpouring of love and appreciation from so many. Thanks for your prayers and well-wishes and gifts. I especially appreciate the church staff and volunteers who worked so hard to make the reception such an enjoyable and memorable event for all. I am deeply blessed to be part of such a wonderful parish family.

- Fr. Stephen Berschek

Online Directory & Mobile App Coming Soon! Need to contact a member of this congregation, but you don't have your Guide Book & Directory with you? New this year, we are working with Guide Book Publishing to launch a highly secure Online Directory & Mobile App!

Key Features will include: easy to use search features; one-touch calling; one-touch texting; one-touch emailing; one-touch directions & mapping; the ability to upload your own photos; the option to edit member & profile information; and bank-level password encryption.

If your contact information, including address, phone number or email, has changed within last year, please contact Melissa Franks at mfranks@stmonicachurch.org. St. Monica wants to ensure the contact information for all parishioners who will be listed is accurate and up to date.

If you associate yourself with St. Monica by attending Mass or participating in any of our ongoing ministries, we need you in our directory. However, should you choose not to be a part of the Online Directory or printed Guide Book & Directory, please contact our office, so we can remove you before uploading the information.

The **church offices will be closed** Sunday, May 8th in observance of Mother's Day. The offices will reopen on Monday, May 9th at 9 am.

The **St. Monica School Extended Day Program K-4** will be adding to its staff for the upcoming school year. If you would like to find out more about this opportunity to work with our children, either on a daily basis or as an occasional sub, contact Mary Ann Trotzuk [214-351-5688 ext. 5163](tel:214-351-5688) or mtrotzuk@stmonicaschool.org.

Catholic Daughters will meet on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30p.m. in the Lower Lounge of the Family Center. This month, we will introduce the new officers and discuss upcoming events. Please remember that we will accept your donations of unneeded greeting cards and religious articles at this meeting. All Catholic women over 18 years old are encouraged to join us. This ministry offers various ways to serve the community and make some lasting friendships along the way. Questions? Contact Mary Louise Ludt at marylouiseludt@mac.com or [214-335-3259](tel:214-335-3259).

St Monica Pro-Life Ministry Beginning May 14th on the second Saturday of every month come join the us for one hour starting at 10 am. Pray the Rosary to save the unborn at the Southwestern Surgery Center, located at 8616 Greenville Ave., Dallas 75243. Be part of making a difference in this year of Mercy.

Sponsor Couple Training Married couples interested in serving as a sponsor couple are invited to a training at the Diocesan Pastoral Center on Saturday, June 18th, from 8:30 - 3:30 p.m. and on Saturday June 25th from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. At these trainings, sponsor couples will be trained to facilitate a questionnaire called FOCCUS that all engaged couples take before getting married. If interested in learning more about being a sponsor couple, please contact Mariangela Byrne at [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).



Happy Mother's Day!

As we celebrate Mother's Day, our prayer is that God will continue to bless each mother, surround her with love, and reward her for the sacrifices she makes in caring for her family.

Stewardship

05-01-2016

Regular - \$48,706.50

Total Mass Attendance

05-01-2016

3,509

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 8

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, May 9

6:45 am..... Mother's Day Novena
8:00 am..... Amy Schiermann † by Ed Schiermann

Tuesday, May 10

6:45 am..... Mother's Day Novena
8:00 am..... Dorothy Kupersmith
by Bob & Helen Chisolm

Wednesday, May 11

6:45 am..... For Religious Vocations
8:00 am..... Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 12

6:45 am..... Mother's Day Novena
8:00 am..... Zachary Hoyle † by His Family

Friday, May 13

6:45 am..... Martha Gourley †
by Daniel & Stefanie Constanzo
8:00 am..... Mother's Day Novena

Saturday, May 14

8:00 am..... Mother's Day Novena
5:00 pm..... Mildred Grover † by Lori McGary

Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for all mothers.

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.

Lorenzo¹

Reginald Jones¹

Zach¹

Amalia Garza²

Tillie Rodriguez¹

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.

2ND ANNUAL ST. MONICA
**MULTICULTURAL
 CELEBRATION**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY
 MAY 15TH, 2016**

11 AM: MASS
 11 AM - 3:30 PM:
 RECEPTION IN FAMILY CENTER

For more information, contact Maria
 Rocha at 214-358-1453 or
 mrocha@stmonicachurch.org or
 Juliette Akagu at 214-791-4358 or
 julieakagu@yahoo.com.

Hallo! Salut! Hola!



Devotional Concert:

hymn reflections
 on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary

Friday, May 20th at 7:30 p.m.

featuring

St. Monica Choir & Guillermo Martinez, Organist

Please join us for this interactive musical
 experience, which will include congregational
 hymns, choral music, readings and prayers
 honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. A highlight
 of the concert will be the premiere of a new
 setting of the classic hymn *Hail, Holy Queen*,
 commissioned in honor of our Pastor, Father
 Stephen Bierschenk.

Free Admission. Reception following.

News & Events



CORPUS CHRISTI VIGIL & PROCESSION

SATURDAY, MAY 28

6:30 PM - PROCESSION

7:00 PM - 6:00 AM - VIGIL

L1FT Youth Ministry is taking a break until summer. We'll start up again with the Steubenville Youth Conference June 17-19. To join us for this and other events, sign up at www.L1FTministry.org/events. Good luck with finals!

Introduction to Natural Family Planning St. Monica will be offering an introductory class on fertility awareness using the Creighton Model of Fertility Care on May 17 at 7:30. in Family Center Room 201. This introductory class will help teach women how to chart her fertility signs to help achieve or postpone pregnancy. If interested in taking the class, please register online on our website under Marriage preparation.

Catechists for Kinder - 6th Grade Faith Formation Classes St. Monica is starting to look for catechists for Kinder - 6th grade for the 2016-2017 school year! A catechist is someone trained to help teach and give witness to the Catholic faith to the children in our parish who do not attend Catholic school. Kinder - 6th grade classes will be held next year from September to the beginning of May on Sunday afternoons from 3:15 - 4:45 p.m. Training will be held in June and July. If interested in serving as a catechist, please contact Mariangela Byrne at: 214-357-8549 or email mbyrne@stmonicachurch.org.

Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

May 14 at 5:00 pm
 Nando Arduini

May 15 at 8:00 am
 Don & Helen Timm

May 15 at 9:30 am
 Jeff & Raquel De Leon
 Claude & Kathy Caylor

May 15 at 11:00 am
 Mike & Ronelle Eddings

May 15 at 12:30 pm
 Nicholas & Dora Hademenos

May 15 at 5:00 pm
 Ken & Nathalie Anderson

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

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

El domingo pasado al celebrar mis cuarenta años como sacerdote, me tocó mucho el amor y aprecio de tanta gente. Gracias por sus oraciones, buenos deseos y regalos. Especialmente al personal de la parroquia y los voluntarios que trabajaron tanto para hacer que la recepción fuera agradable e inolvidable. Soy muy bendecido de ser parte de esta hermosa familia parroquial.

- Padre Stephen Bierschenk

El próximo domingo les invitamos a vestir sus trajes típicos de su país para representarlo en el **evento Multicultural** que se llevará a cabo en el gimnasio de la Escuela de 11am. a 4pm. Será un día colorido donde compartiremos con personas de diferentes nacionalidades. Habrá comida, música, bailables y mucho más. Con orgullo represente a su país! Para más información llame a María González-Rocha 214-357-8549.



Feliz día de las Madres!

En este Día de las Madres, nuestra oración a Dios es que continúe bendiciendo a cada una de ellas, cubriéndolas de amor y recompensándoles por los sacrificios que hacen para cuidar a su familia.



**CORPUS CHRISTI
VIGILIA & PROCESIÓN**

SÁBADO, 28 DE MAYO

6:30 PM - PROCESIÓN
7:00 PM - 6:00 AM - VIGIL

SANTA MÓNICA

**CELEBRACIÓN
MULTICULTURAL**

**DOMINGO DE
PENTECOSTÉS**

15 DE MAYO, 2016

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

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

Hallo! Salut! Hola!



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](tel:214-357-8549).

Redescubriendo nuestras raíces

Ministerio de danza Indígena para 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](tel:214-952-9139).

Servidores del Altar Si su hijo/a ya hizo la Primera Comunión, le invitamos a integrarlo al ministerio de Servidores del Altar. Ellos forman una parte muy importante durante la Santa Misa, representan los ángeles ayudando al Sacerdote en los momentos más importantes de la Santa Eucaristía; Están más cerca del Señor en el Altar. Animelos, motívelos a participar en este hermoso ministerio. Los próximos talleres de formación serán el 17 & 24 de Mayo de 6:30 pm a 8 pm. Para más información llame a Norma y Julio Peña, [940-799-1766](tel:940-799-1766); [469-803-9150](tel:469-803-9150).

Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

Para llevarse el Cáliz llame al [\(214\) 358-1453](tel:214-358-1453)

15 de Mayo
Montserrat Chavez
22 de Mayo
Tacho Dimas
29 de Mayo
Martha Reséndiz

**De El Pastor**

Un día un padre fue a visitar una familia que se habían mudado al vecindario. Cuando toco el timbre, le salto un perro en la terraza de su casa y casi lo tumba. Cuando la mujer fue a la puerta el perro casi los tumba a los dos para meterse a la sala. La mujer invito al sacerdote a que se sentara, pero fue difícil para ellos llevar una conversación, porque el perro seguía saltando sobre ellos, lambiéndolos, ladrando y queriendo jugar. El sacerdote se desesperó porque nadie de la familia hacia nada por controlar al perro. Al salir a la terraza dijo, “no quiero ser grosero, pero ¿cómo es que soportan que su perro brinque sobre todos, los lamba y ladre tanto?” La mujer se quedó pasmada y dijo, “¿nuestro perro? Nosotros pensamos que era su perro.”

Todos asumieron. El sacerdote vio al perro en la terraza y asumió que era de la familia. Cuando la mujer miro al sacerdote en la puerta con el perro asumió que era de él. En fin, nadie supo a quien pertenecía el perro!

Hoy celebramos la Ascensión del Señor al cielo. Es difícil visualizar el mecanismo de todo esto, porque la ciencia moderna y nuestros programas espaciales han hecho común que podemos subir a las nubes en un avión y si se usamos un cohete podemos romper el asimiento de la gravedad de la tierra. Después de eso la inmensidad del universo creado esta por venir. Sabemos que Jesus regreso a su gloria en el cielo. Donde y como se nos explicara en nuestro propio tiempo cuando lleguemos ahí. Mientras tantos, ¡hay todas esas suposiciones!

Los apóstoles sabían que se les había dado el trabajo de compartir la historia de Jesús con el mundo entero, pero ellos asumieron que Jesús continuaría apareciéndose de vez en cuando como lo había hecho desde la Resurrección. Lo hizo claro, les dejaría el trabajo a ellos y el regresaría con el Padre. Ascendió al cielo y ahora ellos tenían que ponerse a trabajar.

Por supuesto que el trabajo de compartir la historia de Jesús es de nosotros, cada uno en nuestra propia manera y lugar. Pero a menudo, las suposiciones nos separan de nuestro trabajo. Pensamos que todos entenderán la presión y estrés por lo que estamos pasando y nuestras excusas por ser tan cortantes y darlos por hecho. Sin embargo, debemos amarnos unos a otros como Jesus nos ama.

Asumimos que la manera que alguien viste, las personas con quien se juntan o su nacionalidad nos ayudan a decidir si son dignos de nuestra atención o debemos ignorarlos. Pero, todo lo que hagamos al menor de nosotros, lo hacemos a Jesús. Todos deben ser recibidos y tratados como nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo.

Asumimos que nuestra familia sabe que los amamos, que nuestros amigos siempre van a estar para cuando los necesitemos, que nos deben aceptar con nuestras imperfecciones sin ser juzgados o condenados. Entonces las cosas simples como mostrar nuestro amor, hacer algo especial para mostrar nuestro aprecio no debe ser guardado para ocasiones especiales.

Jesús dice que va a preparar un lugar para nosotros. La Ascensión del Señor es un recordatorio que estamos destinados para algo más grande que este mundo. Algún día compartiremos con Jesús en la gloria del cielo. Asumimos que hay mucho tiempo para prepararnos, muchas oportunidades para hacer cosas buenas que espera Dios. No podemos quedarnos sentados y esperar que el Señor aparezca y nos diga que nos pongamos a trabajar. El ya nos ha enviado compartir su amor. No podemos asumir que debemos esperar hasta mañana. ¡Es tiempo de ponerse a trabajar!

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk