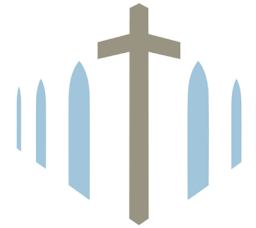


MAY 15, 2016



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

Eldie Diaz

Marriage Ministry Coordinator x 7164

Coordinadora de Matrimonios

Martha Gonzalez

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Director of Hispanic Ministry x 7131

Maria M. Gonzalez-Rocha

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Phil Riley, Principal

www.stmonicaschool.org

From the Pastor

A wealthy oilman once commissioned Pablo Picasso to paint a portrait of his wife. When the work was completed, the oilman was shocked to see the image that had been created. "Why that looks nothing like my wife! You should have painted her the way she really is!" Picasso took a deep breath and said, "I'm not sure what that would be." Without hesitation, the man pulled out his wallet and removed a photograph of his wife saying, "There, you see, this is a picture of how she really is!" Picasso, bending over, looked at it and replied, "She is rather small and flat, isn't she?" The man was so clear in his vision of what his wife looked like that he could not accept someone else's way of seeing her.

The 120 people gathered in the Upper Room that day thought they had a clear idea of what God expected. They had learned from Jesus and they had his commission to spread his message to the entire world. But, for the time being, they were praying over it, and supporting each other, and everything seemed to be going along pretty well. But God did not see things as they did. The building shook, the sound of roaring winds filled the house, and tongues of flame appeared, making it clear that something unexpected and never before seen was happening. They received the Holy Spirit that Jesus had promised to pour out upon them. The universe of what they were to accomplish had seemed rather small and flat. But, now they could not look at the world around them in the same way ever again.

Peter, filled with the Spirit, was bold enough to preach to a huge crowd and 3,000 people came to follow Jesus that day. But their ministry was not to be limited to the people familiar with the Jewish faith who now accepted Jesus as the Messiah. Soon Paul and Barnabas would undertake missionary journeys to a world that knew nothing about the Jewish history. And the Spirit would make their words so powerful that those who accepted their message became the majority of Christian believers. The world of God's kingdom was not small and flat. It was meant to be taken to every person who needed to

know that God loves them and that God saves them through Jesus. And even though weak, imperfect human beings were the messengers, the power of the Spirit would accomplish God's will.

It is our faith that the Holy Spirit came to dwell within us on the day of our Baptism. And when we received the Sacrament of Confirmation, we were given the same gifts that transformed those first timid Christians into powerful witnesses to Jesus who changed the world. So, why is our influence on the world so small and flat? Perhaps we only want to see things as we wish, not as the Spirit would have them be.

Think how different the world would be if we were to begin to be careful to only speak the truth, to only say good things about others, to turn aside anger by words of forgiveness. The Spirit offers us the power to do so.

The people around us, especially the children, are always observing our attitudes and decisions about what is important, and who is important. Preaching about goodness and values is not necessary. Our way of life, the attitudes we value in our home life, the way we react to people with whom we are uncomfortable, all display whether our commitment to Jesus is important, or simply words. The Spirit is there to help us be a more effective witness.

If God wanted us to have such power in our words that thousands found their lives changed by our speaking, it would happen. If God had plans for us to be a remarkable missionary like Paul, we would be doing so. We cannot deny that God has a part for us in his plan to transform the world. And it will not depend on our efforts alone. The Holy Spirit dwelling within us will inspire us, strengthen us, and give us the courage to speak and act in a way which we would not expect. For the Spirit helps us to be more like Jesus. The Holy Spirit open our eyes to a new way of seeing the world around us. The possibilities for goodness and greatness are without end!

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

News & Events

2ND ANNUAL ST. MONICA MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION TODAY!

11 AM: MASS

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



Say goodbye to Breakfast Burritos and Sausages... for the summer that is. So be sure to load up this week end with those yummy burritos and those great "lip smacking" sausages sold by those always smiling Knights of Columbus folks. Remember to take some home to your neighbors, they'll love you for it. Thanks for supporting the Knights of Columbus and we'll see you in August.

On Saturday, June 4th, St. Monica will celebrate the **60th anniversary of priesthood for Msgr. John Meyers** at 5 pm Mass followed by a reception from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the Cafeteria. Be sure to stop by and thank Msgr. for his dedication and service to St. Monica.

Online Directory & Mobile App Coming Soon! The new Online Directory & Mobile App has the ability to create groups, much like Facebook and other social media programs. If you are the leader of a group that would like to have a group set-up on the Online Directory & Mobile App, please deliver the following information to Melissa Franks at mfranks@stmonicachurch.org in the church office by July 1: Name of Group; Short Group Description; Names of Members; and a Group Profile Image.

St. Monica Works Ministry is the Business and Professional Parish Ministry where parishioners meet and develop business together. Come tell other parishioners about your product, service or profession and learn about theirs. Get to know other faith minded individuals on Thursday May, 19th in the lower lounge of the Family Center. Arrive between 7:30 am and 8:00 am. Enjoy coffee and donuts while getting to know other parishioners. Stay for the business development meeting from 8:00 to 9:00 am. Want more information? Call [214-707-3726](tel:214-707-3726) or visit www.stmonicaworks.org. Hope to see you there!

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](tel:214-351-5688) ext. 5163 or mtrotzuk@stmonicaschool.org.

Stewardship

05-08-2016

Regular - \$43,158.50

CCC - \$3,049

Total Mass Attendance

05-08-2016

3,427

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 15

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 16

6:45 am..... Ed Toogood † by Josie Toogood
8:00 am Mary Ann Gallagher †
by Tina & Senan FilzManlin

Tuesday, May 17

6:45 am..... For Madden & Canary Families
8:00 am..... Kevin L. Wachsman
by Wachsman Family

Wednesday, May 18

6:45 am..... Martin Sullivan †
by Tina & Senan FilzManlin
8:00 am Dr. Enrique Borrego † by E. Prince

Thursday, May 19

6:45 am..... Leahy & Jenkins Families
by Terry Jenkins
8:00 am..... Elizabeth Dumas † by Prejeans

Friday, May 20

6:45 am..... Andreina Henao de Otero
by The Oliva Family
8:00 am..... Mark Engleman †
by The Petrikas Family

Saturday, May 21

8:00 am..... Carmen Juarez †
by Maria Juarez-Plank
5:00 pm..... Morgan Filhiol †
by Virginia & Mark Filhiol

Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for the Wachsman Family.

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.

Amalia Garza¹

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

Anacleto Fernandes

News & Events



CORPUS CHRISTI VIGIL & PROCESSION

SATURDAY, MAY 28

6:30 PM - PROCESSION

7:00 PM - 6:00 AM - ADORATION

Your Life. Your Legacy. Calvary Hill Cemetery is hosting a planning seminar on Saturday, May 28th at 11:30 am in the Family Center Lower Lounge. The seminar will discuss: four simple steps to planning final arrangements; bringing peace of mind to yourself and your family; an opportunity to receive a FREE Personal Planning Guide; and refreshments, conversation and helpful advice. Seating is limited. Reserve your spot by contacting Deanna Dickerman at [214-357-5754](tel:214-357-5754).

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](tel:214-357-8549) or email mbyrne@stmonicachurch.org.

Corpus Christi Procession and Prayer Vigil St. Monica will be a having a liturgical procession for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, on Saturday, May 28th, at 6:30 pm. The procession will start in the Church and will continue around the perimeter of the Church and stopping at four different altars. We will sing hymns in English and Spanish during the procession. First Holy Communicants are invited to come in their First Holy Communion attire and strew rose petals lining the way before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome to come and participate. Following the procession, there will be an all night Eucharistic Adoration prayer vigil from 7:00 pm - 6:00 am in the main Church. All parishoners are encouraged to attend.

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.

Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

May 21 at 5:00 pm
George & Chris Conkey

May 22 at 11:00 am
Mike & Mitchell Bausch

May 22 at 8:00 am
Bob & Monica Noyes

May 22 at 12:30 pm
Bobby & Kathy Porter

May 22 at 9:30 am
Juan & Esperanza Rodriguez

May 22 at 5:00 pm
Erika Louis

Noticias y Eventos

SANTA MÓNICA

CELEBRACIÓN MULTICULTURAL

HOY

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



Celebración Multicultural

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

Mayo Mes de María

Durante el mes de Mayo, todos los domingos los niños participarán 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.

Servidores del Altar

Si su hijo/a ya hizo la Primera Comunión y está en 5to grado en adelante, le invitamos a integrarlo al ministerio de Servidores del Altar. Ellos forman con un instrumento valioso durante la Santa Misa, ayudando al Sacerdote en los momentos más importantes de la Santa Eucaristía. Anímelos, 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; 469-803-9150.

RETIRO DE PENTECOSTÉS

'Y todos quedaron llenos del Espíritu Santo' Hechos 2,9



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

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

Iglesia Santa Monica
Walnut Hill 4140 Cafetería
Dallas Tx. 75029



CORPUS CHRISTI

VIGILIA & PROCESIÓN

SÁBADO, 28 DE MAYO

6:30 PM - PROCESIÓN
7:00 PM - 6:00 AM
VIGILIA NOCTURNA

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

Atrévete a vivir una experiencia única que ayudara a mejorar tu matrimonio invirtiendo 48 horas en tu relación. ¡Mejora tu relación y recupera tus ilusiones! El próximo encuentro es del 26 al 29 de Mayo. Para más información por favor contactar a: Luis y María Soto [972-533-3766](tel:972-533-3766) o Carlos y Carmen Gallegos [214-355-0373](tel:214-355-0373). ¡Esta podría ser una de las mejores decisiones que haces para tu familia!

Cáliz Familiar

Únase a orar por las vocaciones sacerdotales y religiosas a través del programa del Cáliz Familiar. Se llevara un cáliz a su hogar por una semana para rezar por las vocaciones. También se les dará un libreto con oraciones para que rece con su familia. Por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

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

22 de Mayo
 Tacho Dimas
29 de Mayo
 Martha Reséndiz

De El Pastor

Un día un petrolero millonario le encargo a Pablo Picasso que pintara un retrato de su esposa. Cuando termino el trabajo, el petrolero estaba sorprendido de la imagen que había creado. “¿Eso no se parece nada a mi esposa? Debería de haberla pintado tal como es!” Picasso dio un suspiro y dijo, “No estoy seguro que sería eso.” Sin dudarlo, el hombre saco de su cartera una fotografia de su esposa diciendo, “Aquí tiene, vea, este es un retrato de como realmente es!” Picasso se agacho lo miro y dijo, “¿Esta más chica y plana, verdad?” El hombre tenía tan claro la manera que miraba a su esposa que no podía aceptar la manera que otros la miraban.

Se reunieron 120 personas en el Cuarto de arriba, pensando que sabían que tenían una idea clara de lo que esperaba Dios. Aprendieron de Jesús que tenían su comisión de esparce su mensaje a todo el mundo. Pero, por el momento estaban orando sobre ello y apoyándose unos a otros y todo parecía ir bien. Pero, Dios no miro las cosas como ellos las miraban. Tembló el edificio, los vientos se llenaron la casa, aparecieron lenguas de fuego, haciendo claro que algo inesperado y que nunca había pasado estaba sucediendo. Recibieron el Espíritu Santo que Jesús les había prometido dejar sobre ellos. El universo de lo que ellos esperaban lograr parecía más pequeño y plano. Ahora, ya no podían mirar al mundo de la misma manera.

Pedro, lleno del Espíritu Santo fue valiente y predico a una multitud y ese día 3,000 personas llegaron a seguir a Jesús. Su ministerio no era limitado solamente a las personas que estaban familiarizadas con la fe Judía, quien ahora aceptaba a Jesús como el Mesías. En seguida, Pablo y Bernabé llevarían la misión a un mundo que no sabía nada sobre la historia Judía. El Espíritu hacia sus palabras tan poderosas que aquellos que aceptaban su mensaje se convirtieron en Cristianos creyentes. El mundo del reino de Dios no era chico y plano. Debería ser llevado a todas las personas que necesitaban saber que Dios les ama y que Dios les salva a través de Jesús. Aunque los humanos imperfectos y débiles eran los mensajeros, el poder del Espíritu lograría completar la voluntad de Dios.

Esta es nuestra fe, que el Espíritu Santo se derramó en nosotros el día de nuestro Bautismo. Cuando recibimos el Sacramento de la Confirmación, se nos dieron los mismos dones que transformaron aquellos primeros cristianos tímidos en testigos poderosos de Jesús, quien cambió el mundo. Entonces, ¿Por qué es nuestra influencia en el mundo tan chica y plana? Probablemente solo queremos ver las cosas que queremos, no como lo haría el Espíritu.

Piensa que diferente seria el mundo si comenzáramos a tener cuidado y solo dijéramos la verdad, dijéramos solo cosas buenas de los otros, dejáramos el enojo y dijéramos palabras de arrepentimiento. El Espíritu nos da el poder para hacerlo.

Los personas a nuestro alrededor especialmente los niños, siempre están mirando nuestras actitudes y decisiones sobre lo que es importante y quien es importante. Predicar sobre la bondad y valores no es necesario. Nuestra manera de vivir, las actitudes que valoramos en el hogar, la manera que reaccionamos con las personas que nos incomodan, muestran si nuestro compromiso con Jesús es importante o son simplemente palabras. El Espíritu esta ahí para ayudarnos a ser mejores testigos.

Si Dios quisiera que nuestras palabras tuvieran tanto poder para que miles de personas cambiaran sus vidas cuando habláramos, esto sucedería. Si Dios tuviera planes que fuéramos misioneros extraordinarios como Pablo, lo estuviéramos haciendo. No podemos negar que Dios tiene un plan para nosotros para cambiar el mundo. No sería solo nuestro esfuerzo. El Espíritu Santo que habita en nosotros nos inspirara, fortalecerá y nos dará el coraje para hablar y actuar de una manera que no imaginamos. Porque el Espíritu nos ayuda a ser más como Jesús. El Espíritu Santo abre nuestros ojos a una manera nueva de ver el mundo que nos rodea. ¡Las posibilidades de bondad y grandeza no tienen fin!

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk