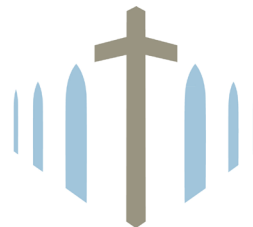




JUNE 5, 2016



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 • Linea 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

Ministerio Hispano

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

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 woman was going through the check-out lane in a grocery store. She noticed that the bag boy was eyeing her two adopted children curiously.

That was not unusual. They often drew attention, since her son was a blond Russian and her daughter had the dark skin of a Haitian.

The boy continued staring as he carried the groceries to the car. Finally, he asked, "Those your kids?" She replied proudly, "Yes, they are." "They adopted?" he asked. "Yes, they are," she replied. She was ready for him to say something insulting about her children.

"I thought so," he concluded. "I figured you're too old to have kids that young."

The woman had the right answers all figured out, but the conclusions of the questioner took her to an unexpected place.

It would be hard to imagine a more discouraging scene than the one we read in today's gospel. The poor woman had lost her husband, and now she walked behind her dead son as he was being carried to his place of burial. In a patriarchal society such as hers, a woman depended on a man to provide for her, and everyone wondered what was she going to do now. The answer seemed clear. She and her friends knew her future would only hold desperate poverty and suffering. But, then, she was taken to an unexpected place. Coming toward the sad parade was Jesus. And the way she had imagined it would be was changed as Jesus gave her back her son alive.

We know that life sometimes

sends us burdens which we cannot understand or accept. Someone we love dies, a marriage is struggling, a child is suffering, we lose our job or cannot be sure our money will last. And even when the problems are not as terrible, and we struggle to forgive someone who hurt us, or find that our carefully laid plans are not going as we expected, we begin to come to the same conclusion. It would appear that God is not listening to our prayers, that he is unhappy with us, that we have been forgotten.

The scene in the gospel reminds us of a simple unchangeable truth. God is for us, not against us. Jesus did not restore every dead person to life, but he was there at that very moment to bless the widow in a way she could never have thought. Unlike many others, she did not seek him out – Jesus was simply there in her time of greatest need.

When things seem dark, we are tempted to focus only on our self – deciding that since we have a problem, life no longer has a purpose or direction. We cannot see that God is moving us in a new direction, giving a new way to renew our commitment to following the will of God. But, God is for us, not against us. He loves us more than we can imagine. And when things seem most hopeless, Jesus is already walking toward us, coming to assure us that things will not always be as difficult as they are at this moment. God has an answer to our problems that we do not expect. He will love us.

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

News & Events

Religious Articles Give-Away is TODAY in Angel Hall. New and gently-used religious articles in need of new homes will be available for free. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas has collected religious items such as rosaries, prayer books, bibles, statues, pictures, picture frames throughout the year and will offer them to the St. Monica community for free next Sunday.

Faith Formation Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is now open through July 29th. Families must come to the parish office to register. Registration will be held on Sunday's from 10 am - 3:30 pm Monday's from 9 am - 7:00 pm and Tuesday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. Documents needed at the time of registration are a copy of the child's birth and Baptism certificate. Our Faith Formation program is for students who do not attend Catholic school and would like to receive sacramental preparation or ongoing faith formation. First - 6th grade classes will be held on Sunday afternoons from 3:15 - 4:45 pm. Seventh - 12th grade students will be attending L1FT Youth Ministry and Confirmation on Sunday evenings from 6:15 - 8:15 pm. Students may also register for a home schooling option that meets once a month at the parish on Saturday mornings. All programs will begin after Labor day weekend in September. For more information, please call the Church office at [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

Biographies for our **2016 St. Monica Ministry Volunteer Nominees** are now posted on www.stmonicachurch.org under the "Volunteer Nominees" tab. Take a moment to read about the outstanding contributions in serving for each of our 51 nominees. Our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for the dedication and commitment from our volunteers.

Come join **St. Monica's Pro-Life Ministry** and help save the unborn. On Saturday, June 18, 2016 the ministry will pray the rosary at the Southwestern Women's Surgery Center, located at 8616 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75234 at 10:00 am.

Catechists (Teachers) needed for First- Sixth Grade St. Monica needs approximately 16 volunteer catechists and 16 substitutes for the 2016-2017 school year. Classes are held on Sunday afternoons from 3:15- 4:45 p.m. starting in September and ending in May. Training is held over the summer. If interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact the Church office at [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

The **Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas** will host a talk by Peter Wickman on *Conscience Protection for Catholic Health Professionals* on Tuesday, June 7th at 7 pm in the Room 109 of the Family Center. The meeting is not exclusive to physicians – all are invited. A light dinner will be provided. Visit www.cathmeddallas.org for more details.

St. Monica's Adult Education Ministry will offer another Father Gallagher course from St. Ignatius, beginning Sunday, June 12th at 9:15 am. Titled *Discerning God's Will For Your Life*, the course will discuss how you can make sense of your major life decisions. This summer session will be conducted by Ed Holmberg, as he did the last three summers, and will be held in Room 217 in the Family Center. For more information, visit our literature rack in Angel Hall or send an email to Chuck Suter at chuck.suter@sbcglobal.net to register for the class. If you are not currently participating in the Adult Education Ministry, please provide your email address.

Did you know that our **Parish has a nursery** during the 11:00 am Mass each Sunday in Room 114 in the Family Center for children from 18 months to 4 years old? This nursery is coordinated by St. Monica Women's Ministry but we need your help. Please consider donating an hour so our young families can attend Mass and their child can play in the nursery. You must have your Safe Environment Badge to volunteer. To volunteer, contact at sally.goebel@sbcglobal.net.

Stewardship

05-29-2016

Regular - \$36,409

Total Mass Attendance

05-29-2016

3,000

Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 5

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, June 6

6:45 am..... Chester Lockrey †
by Chetlee Reyes-Thixton
8:00 am Mary Fitzpatrick †
by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Melle

Tuesday, June 7

6:45 am..... For Our Priests
8:00 am..... Stephanie Vance † by PTO

Wednesday, June 8

6:45 am..... Anacleto Fernandes † by Fernandes Family
8:00 am..... Chris Bird † by The McMahan Family

Thursday, June 9

6:45 am..... Roger O'Neill † by Chris & Jim McCabe
8:00 am..... Francine Myers † by John Mullen

Friday, June 10

6:45 am Berta Montes by Carey & Judy Schulten
8:00 am PTO Mass

Saturday, June 11

8:00 am Guadalupe & Alfredo Miramontes
100th Anniversary by Miramontes Family
5:00 pm Manuel & Estella Prince † by Daughter

Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for those mourning the loss of a loved one.

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.

Paloma Cashat¹ Reginald Jones¹
Lorenzo¹ Isabella Rodriguez²
Zach¹

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

Frances Miramontes
Marjorie Louis



SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHOP

FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

June 8, 2016

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Family Center Upper Lounge

Want to talk to your kids openly about social media and the internet? Join us for an interactive workshop for BOTH parents and students!

Reserve your spot today!

Cost is \$20.00, payable to St. Monica Church to cover materials and refreshments.

RSVP required to
slopez@stmonicachurch.org.

News & Events

Updates for Printed Directory St. Monica is preparing to produce its annual printed parish directory. If you have a change of address or updated contact information, please email Melissa Franks at mfranks@stmonicachurch.org.

Hiring for PreSchool Stay & Play Staff

We are looking for individuals who love children and would enjoy spending their afternoons taking care of our precious little ones! We have two openings in our Stay & Play staff next year. Must be 18 and go through Safe Environment training. Hours are: 2:45 pm to 4:30/5 pm or 2:45 pm to 5/5:30 pm. If you or someone you know may be interested, please have them email Mrs. Woodard at dwoodard@stmonicaschool.org.

World Refugee Day

Join in celebrating refugees' homelands with live performances, vendors selling handmade goods, and food from around the world. Kids' activities include face painting, soccer, and crafts. The event will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic School at 9635 Ferndale Rd. in Dallas on Saturday, June 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more info, contact Rebeca Cisneros at [469-801-8101](tel:469-801-8101). You can also visit catholiccharitiesdallas.org/wrd.



With such positive feedback, we return...

TOBET SEMINARS

June 6th-8th
Mon.-Wed.
8:30am-4:00pm

EDUCATING THE EDUCATORS

Theology of the Body for Teachers, Youth Leaders, and Parents

TOBET offers Continuing Education of 21 Hours with a Certificate. Check your diocese or archdiocese for approval of hours.

June 13th-15th
Mon.-Wed.
8:30am-4:00pm

DEEPEST DESIRES OF OUR HEARTS

Theology of the Body for Everyone, ages 18 and up

Understanding TOB for your own growth and sharing it in every day life, in family relationships, & in how to respond lovingly to various people.

Seminars will be held on the grounds of the serene Nazareth Retreat Center at 1814 Egyptian Way in Grand Prairie, TX.



Register Now! (Seating is Limited!)

tobet.org/tobet-seminars-2016 -OR- 501.545.9502

\$500 fee for each 3-day conference includes seminars, meals, snacks and materials.

*Visit our website to view our **discounted group pricing***



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FRIDAY, JUNE 17

ST. MONICA FOOTBALL FIELD

MOVIE STARTS AT SUNSET

BRING A PICNIC OR BUY CONCESSIONS

MOVIE TBD

Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

June 11 at 5:00 pm
Paul & Genevieve Figel

June 12 at 11:00 am
Nicholas & Angela Rago

June 12 at 8:00 am
Julie Haba

June 12 at 12:30 pm
Joel & Maria Flores

June 12 at 9:30 am
Glen & Gina Robinson

June 12 at 5:00 pm
Jim & Laura Einspanier

Noticias y Eventos



Tengo Alzheimer's



Cuido a alguien con Alzheimer's



Perdí a alguien con Alzheimer's



Apoyo la Causa de Alzheimer's

alzheimer's association®
PRESENTA:

TU CEREBRO IMPORTA



UNA PLÁTICA INFORMATIVA SOBRE LAS 10 SEÑALES DE ALZHEIMER'S

Conozca las señales que podrían ser síntomas de la enfermedad de Alzheimer's u otras formas de demencia y eduquese sobre la importancia de visitar a su médico con tiempo para descartar condiciones tratables que podrían ser la causa de estos síntomas.

Presentadora, Dr. Irene Prather

Maestro de Ceremonia, Invitado de Telemundo

10 de Junio, 2016 / 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Parroquia de Santa Mónica Centro Familiar, Salón 201
9933 Midway Road, Dallas, TX 75220



PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN LLAME A DOLORES VIELMA
214-609-9344, 1-800-272-3900 O VISITE LA PAGINA DE
WWW.ALZ.ORG/GREATERTDALLAS

Actividades de Verano No deje pasar la oportunidad de inscribir a sus hijos a las actividades que tendremos durante el verano. Serán divertidas, interactivas y educativas. Esta es una buena oportunidad de ayudar a su hijo/a interactuar con otros niños sin uso de los electrónicos. Por favor inscriba a sus hijos con los encargados de las actividades que están en el volante. Para información general puede llamar a la Oficina al 214-357-8549.

10 Señales de Alzheimers La comunidad Hispana sabemos muy poco sobre las causas de Alzheimers y cómo cuidar a nuestros familiares que sufren de esto o de otras formas de demencia. Les invitamos a una sesión informativa sobre esta materia. Tendremos a la Doctora Irene Prather, que nos hablara de las 10 señales que debemos estar al pendiente. La conferencia es gratis, nos acompañara un periodista de Telemundo y recibirá algunos regalos. Para más información comunícate con Dolores Vielma 214-609-9344. ¡Recuerda que Tu Cerebro Importa!

Castos por Amor
Dallas, Tx.



La salvación de la persona y de la sociedad humana y cristiana está estrechamente ligada a la prosperidad de la comunidad conyugal y familiar"

- San Juan Pablo II -

HORA SANTA DE SANACIÓN
JUNIO 16, 2016 – 7:00 PM.

Parroquia de
Nta. Sra del Perpetuo Socorro.
(7817 Cortland Ave, Dallas, TX 75235)

CONFERENCIA:
"SEXUALIDAD HUMANA"
JUNIO 17, 2016 – 7:00 PM.

Centro Familiar - Salón 201
Santa Mónica

RETIRO:
"UNO A UNO CON JESÚS"
Teología del amor responsable



Con el Hno. Victor Evins
Conductor del programa
"Creciendo en el amor" de EWTN

JUNIO 18, 2016 – 8:00 AM. A 5:00 PM.
Cafetería de Santa Mónica

Donación: \$10.00 por adulto
Cuidado de niños: \$5.00

**Parroquia Católica
Santa Mónica**

(9933 Midway Rd. Dallas, Tx. 75220)

Informes:

Cristina: (214) 845-2630

Oficina: (214) 357-8549



Actividades de Verano SM 2016

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

<p>DANZA FOLKLORICA</p> <p>Niños y niñas de 6 a 8 años. Lunes - 6:30 pm - Cafetería Iniciamos el 06 de Junio. Inf. e Inscripciones: Tacho Dimas (214) 642-9791</p> <p>Niños y niñas de 9 a 12 años. Martes - 6:30 pm - Cafetería. Iniciamos el 07 de Junio. Inf. e Inscripciones: Sra. Nelda Hdz. (214) 952-9139</p> <p>Donación: \$30.00 por Inscripción (La recaudado será para apoyar a nuestros hermanos cristianos perseguidos en Medio Oriente.)</p>	<p>CLASES BIBLICAS</p> <p>Niños y niñas de 6 a 12 años Miércoles - 6:30 pm - Salón 201 CF. Iniciamos el 15 de Junio. Inf. e Inscripciones: Sra. Verónica Pinón (469) 855-6242</p> <p>CLASES DE PINTURA</p> <p>Niños y niñas de 7 a 12 años Jueves - 6:30 pm - Salón de Arte. Iniciamos el 02 de Junio. Inf. e Inscripciones: Oficina Parroquial (214) 357-8549</p> <p>Donación: \$30.00 (La clase será impartida por el Pbro. Inigo López)</p>	<p>DIAS DEPORTIVOS</p> <p>18 de Junio y 30 de Julio 8:00 am - 5:00 pm (Valley Ball, Soccer y Basket Ball) Donación: \$20.00 por equipo. Inf. e Inscripciones: Willy León (469) 682-4143</p> <p>CAMPAMENTO DE VERANO</p> <p>Niños y niñas de 6 a 11 años. 6 y 7 de Agosto. Donación: \$20.00</p> <p>Niños y niñas de 12 a 17 años. 5, 6 y 7 de Agosto. Donación: \$30.00</p> <p>Inf. e Inscripciones: Willy León (469) 682-4143</p>
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Parroquia Católica Santa Mónica
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Las biografías de los Voluntarios

Nominados del 2016 ya están en la página de la parroquia, bajo www.stmonicachurch.org en "Volunteer Nominees." Por favor tome un momento para leer la gran contribución de nuestros 51 voluntarios en el servicio a la comunidad. Nuestro más grande aprecio y gratitud por la dedicación y compromiso de nuestros voluntarios.

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).

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 libretto con oraciones para que rece con su familia. Por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

Misión Castos por Amor Ven aprender sobre el valor de un amor verdadero que te lleva a glorificar a Dios a través de tu vida. El hermano Victor Evins, fundador de Castos por Amor, nos visitara desde la Republica Dominicana para impartir enseñanzas de la Teología del Cuerpo del Santo Juan Pablo II. La misión se llevara a cabo el jueves, 16 de Junio con una Hora Santa en Perpetuo Socorro, 17 de Junio con un tema sobre la castidad en el Matrimonio y el sábado 18 de Junio con un retiro para adultos, donde se abordaran temas de la doctrina de la Iglesia sobre la castidad, pornografía, aborto, homosexualidad y otros temas controversiales que afectan la dignidad del hombre. Para más información por favor llame a Cristina, [214-845-2630](tel:214-845-2630).

Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

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

12 de Junio
Familia Villagran
19 de Junio
Amparo Mejia
26 de Junio
Familia Marroquin



De El Pastor

Una señora estaba en la caja registradora en el supermercado. Miro que el niño que embolsaba miraba con forma curiosa a sus dos hijos adoptados.

Esto no era inusual. A menudo llamaban la atención, pues su hijo era de Rusia y su hija era piel morena como de Haití.

El niño los seguía mirando cuando llevaba el mandado al auto. Finalmente, le pregunto, "¿ellos son sus hijos?" Orgullosamente respondió, "Si, lo son." "¿Son adoptados?" pregunto. "Si, lo son," respondió. Estaba lista para escucharlo decir algo ofensivo sobre sus hijos.

"Así lo creí," concluyo. "pensé, que estaba muy vieja para tener hijos tan jóvenes."

La mujer ya tenía todas las respuestas descifradas, pero la conclusión del que preguntaba la sorprendió.

Es difícil imaginar una escena tan desalentadora como la que leemos en el evangelio de hoy. La pobre mujer había perdido a su esposo y ahora caminaba tras el ataúd de su hijo muerto cuando le llevaban al lugar de entierro. En una sociedad patriarca como en la de ella, una mujer depende de un hombre para que la mantenga, todos se preguntaban qué haría ahora. La respuesta era clara. Ella y sus amigos pensaban que su futuro sería una pobreza irremediable y de sufrimiento. Pero, pronto fue llevada a un lugar inesperado. Al final del triste desfile estaba Jesús. La manera que ella imagino que sería cambio cuando Jesús le dio vida a su hijo.

Sabemos que a veces la vida nos trae cargas las cuales no entendemos o aceptamos.

Alguien que amamos muere, luchas en un matrimonio, un niño que sufre, perdemos un trabajo o no podemos saber si nuestro dinero rendirá. Aun cuando los problemas no son tan terribles, y luchamos para perdonar alguien que nos lastima, o nos damos cuenta que nuestros planes no van como los esperábamos, llegamos a la misma conclusión. Pareciera que Dios no escucha nuestras oraciones, que no está contento con nosotros, que nos ha olvidado.

La escena del evangelio nos recuerda de una verdad inalterable. Dios está con nosotros, no contra nosotros. Jesús no devolvió la vida a cada persona muerta, pero estaba ahí en ese preciso momento para bendecir a la viuda en una forma que no podría ni imaginar. Como muchos otros, ella no lo busco, Jesús simplemente estaba ahí en el momento que más le necesitaba.

Cuando las cosas parecen oscuras, somos tentados a enfocarnos solo en nosotros mismos- decidiendo que si tenemos un problema, la vida ya no tiene un propósito o dirección. No podemos ver que Dios nos mueve a un nuevo camino, dándonos una nueva forma de renovar nuestro compromiso para seguir la voluntad de Dios. Cuando las cosas parecen inútiles, Jesús ya viene hacia nosotros, para asegurarnos que no todo el tiempo las cosas serán así de difíciles como son en este momento. Dios tiene una respuesta a nuestros problemas que no esperamos. Él nos amara.

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk