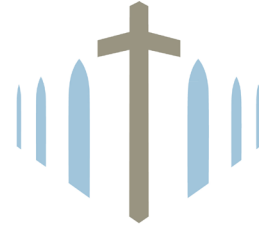


# WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM



JUNE 19, 2016



## ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

9933 Midway Road, Dallas, Texas 75220  
214-358-1453 • Fax: 214-351-1887  
[www.stmonicachurch.org](http://www.stmonicachurch.org)



Search for "St. Monica Church Dallas" in the app store.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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**Director of Hispanic Ministry** ..... x 7131

Maria M. Gonzalez-Rocha

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Phil Riley, Principal

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## From the Pastor

A doting father used to sing his little children to sleep. He even learned a few lullabies to lend some variety to the task. This was something he could do at night to help his wife out after a busy day. And he kept up this task until one night he overheard his four-year-old give her younger sibling this advice, "If you pretend you're asleep," she said, "he stops." That was the end of the lullabies.

As we celebrate Father's Day, it is a wonderful opportunity to pause and reflect on how powerfully and wonderfully our life has been impacted by our father. Few of us can say we had a father who was perfect in all things. There were probably many times when they were saying or doing something when we wanted to discover a way to stop them. But, truly there are things we learned that continue to influence the type of person we are today.

My father loved to find a new purpose for something old and worn out. We had moved to a small farm and raised much of our food. And my father wanted to smoke our home-made sausage. He was a carpenter, and could have easily built a smokehouse. But, he had recently replaced the 1949 Dodge sedan that had been the family car for many years. He managed to detach the body of the car from its chassis and removed all the seats and lining from the interior. He placed some poles to hold the racks of sausage links in the passenger compartment. He would build a fire in the trunk of the car and open the small ventilation windows on the front doors and he was in business! I still remember the delicious results we enjoyed for many years. To this day, I still find myself reusing something in a way for which it wasn't intended, because that's what Daddy did.

My father was a skilled carpenter. He managed a plant that created doors and windows and fine cabinetry. At work he had all the tools close at

hand to do his work. And at home he had many tools as well. But, it seemed that every time something as simple as a hammer or a screwdriver was needed, none could be found, because one of his many sons had used it somewhere and forgot to put it back where it belonged. We always knew he was aggravated, but his usual response was to send a troop of us out looking until the tool that was needed was discovered. And then he would tell us for the hundredth time to put things back after we used them. He did not demand we be like a responsible adult. He was teaching us that we were more important to him than an organized toolbox.

As a newly-ordained priest here at St. Monica, I once had my parents come for Mass and stay for lunch. After a nice visit and a good meal, they were leaving to go home. I walked with them out to the Midway Road parking lot. As I came back in, the lady who cooked was standing at the window watching my parents head to the car. She said, "Look at that – fourteen kids and still holding hands!" That was the greatest gift my father gave to his children. We never doubted that he loved our mother and that she was the center of his life. It made our home a safe haven from all the troubles real and imagined in the world outside. And we never doubted his pride in every accomplishment of his children, and the family circle of love continues to grow in grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Today, as we honor our fathers, we pray that God will continue to bless our fathers for their sacrifices, surround them by those who love them, and inspire them each day to be a reflection of our heavenly Father's love. And if our father has gone home, we thank God for their example, and look forward to that wonderful reunion with them being prepared for us by our Father in heaven.

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

# News & Events

The **St. Monica Annual Patriotic Picnic and Concert** will be held Saturday, July 2nd, 2016. The concert will include a slide show and video recognizing the veterans and military personnel in our parish. We will also include pictures of police officers, fire fighters, and first responders. If you would like to contribute photographs, please drop them at the parish office or email scans to [eespiritu@stmonicachurch.org](mailto:eespiritu@stmonicachurch.org) by Monday, June 27th. Photographs contributed in past years will be included and do not need to be sent again.

**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).

The St Monica Pro-Life Ministry is hosting a **Movie Night** on Friday, July 8th at 7 pm in Room 109 of the Family Center. The movie is *Alison's Choice* by Christian Cinema. Come join us for popcorn and refreshments.

St. Monica is **seeking 19 catechists (teachers)** for grades PK3-6th grade for the 2016-2017 school year. Training is being offered this summer and now is a great time to sign up. Classes begin in September. PK3- Kinder will meet on Sundays at 11 am. First - 6th grade classes will be meeting at 3:15 - 4:45 pm. If interested in serving as a catechist, please contact the Church office at [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

**Adorers are needed** for Thursday night from 11 pm to midnight. Please contact Margie at [adore10397@sbcglobal.net](mailto:adore10397@sbcglobal.net) to sign up.

## 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](mailto:mfranks@stmonicachurch.org) in the church office by July 1: Name of Group; Short Group Description; Names of Members; and a Group Profile Image.

Is your ministry or group doing something great at St. Monica? Send your event information to Erin Cooper at [ecooper@stmonicachurch.org](mailto:ecooper@stmonicachurch.org) to place it in the bulletin, online or on social media.

We are in need of volunteers to help make or buy food items to provide meals for the homeless. Each month, St. Monica serves the **Austin Street Homeless Shelter** by providing a meal of sandwiches, hard boiled eggs, bananas and more. Have a few extra minutes to help out once a quarter? Contact Derek Blake at [dblake88@gmail.com](mailto:dblake88@gmail.com) to learn more.

## Stewardship

06-12-2016

Regular - \$44,750

## Total Mass Attendance

06-12-2016

3,014

# Mass Intentions

## Sunday, June 19

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 20

6:45 am..... Father's Day Novena  
8:00 am..... Chris Byrd † by Zally Family

## Tuesday, June 21

6:45 am..... Father's Day Novena  
8:00 am..... For Madden & Canary Families

## Wednesday, June 22

6:45 am..... Joe Aguilera by Estelle Smith  
8:00 am..... Father's Day Novena

## Thursday, June 23

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

## Friday, June 24

6:45 am..... Mary Meyers † by Mary & Gerry Geisler  
8:00 am..... Father's Day Novena

## Saturday, June 25

8:00 am..... Father's Day Novena  
5:00 pm..... Jim Thixton † by Chetlee Reyes-Thixton

## Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for victims and their families of the Orlando shooting.

## 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.

Lorenzo <sup>2</sup>	Eileen White <sup>3</sup>
Zach <sup>2</sup>	Freddy Flores <sup>3</sup>
Barbara Miller <sup>2</sup>	Tyler Franks <sup>3</sup>

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

*William Bell*



L1FT  
COFFEE TALK

The young church at St. Monica is growing, and we need your help! We are looking for adults to mentor the youth as small group leaders.

Visit [www.L1FTministry.org/volunteercentral](http://www.L1FTministry.org/volunteercentral) for more info and to sign up.

"Whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."  
Proverbs 11:25

## News & Events

### Dine & Donate

Everyone has to eat, right? St. Monica PTO is hosting a Spirit Night at Mi Camino Restaurante on Tuesday, June 21st and Wednesday, June 22nd. Ten percent of evening food sales go to St. Monica Catholic School from 4 pm to Close for dine-in customers. Mi Camino is located at the intersection of Northwest Highway and Marsh Lane.

St. Monica will be starting an **early childhood Sunday school program** called Allelu for children ages 3 -5 starting in September. The class will be held from 11 to noon starting September 11th. If you would like to register your child for the class, come by the Church office to register.

### Peter's Pence Collection (Works of the Holy Father)

The Peter's Pence Collection, which will be taken the weekend of June 25-26, enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world--those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. It likewise provides the faithful with a tangible opportunity to not only empower the weak, defenseless, and voiceless, but also sustain those who suffer.

**John Paul II High School** will host an information night for families wishing to learn more about joining the Cardinal Family. Join us on campus at 900 Coit Rd in Plano, on July 27 at 6:30 pm. Come meet students, parents, and staff members, and discover all that a JPIIHS education has to offer.

**Spes Gregis Seminarian Dinner with keynote speaker, Cardinal Timothy Dolan** Please join Bishop Kevin Farrell and Holy Trinity Seminary at the Spes Gregis Seminarian Dinner on Friday, September 23rd. The evening will kick-off the 50th anniversary celebration and will bring the community together to celebrate the Spes Gregis, the hope of the flock. The night will include musical performances and reflections from seminarians, and an elegant reception and dinner with a keynote address by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York. The proceeds from this year's dinner will go towards the Seminarian Center, a new building which will provide seminarians a central, updated space to learn, study, exercise, and enjoy each other's company.

To purchase tickets, volunteer, sponsor a seminarian, learn about underwriting or simply make a donation, please visit [www.holytrinityseminary.org](http://www.holytrinityseminary.org). Please also like Holy Trinity Seminary on Facebook [www.facebook.com/htseminary](http://www.facebook.com/htseminary).

## Independence Day Concert

6th annual St. Monica  
Patriotic Picnic & Concert  
**SATURDAY, JULY 2ND, 2016**  
6:00 p.m. Picnic  
7:00 p.m. Concert



## Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

**June 25 at 5:00 pm**  
Jim & Sheila Madden

**June 26 at 8:00 am**  
Molly Gondolf

**June 26 at 9:30 am**  
Mark & Lynn Roppolo

**June 26 at 11:00 am**  
Alana Strother

**June 26 at 12:30 pm**  
Brandon & Mariangela Byrne

**June 26 at 5:00 pm**  
Roberto & Helen Vega



# Noticias y Eventos

## Desafíos en el hogar Conferencia para Padres y Jóvenes

La relación entre padres e hijos se vuelve tensa por la falta de dialogo, comprensión y respeto. Vengan a escuchar como mejorar estos y otros desafíos que se viven en el hogar.

¡No se arrepentirán!

**Julio 07 del 2016 – 7:00 pm**

Jóvenes de  
12 a 17  
años

Templo principal de la  
**Parroquia Católica Santa Mónica**

9933 Midway Rd. Dallas, Tx. 75220

DONACION: \$10.00 por persona.

INFORMES Y COMPRA DE BOLETOS:

Willy León (469) 682-4143

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

## EDIFICANDO SOBRE LA ROCA

CONFERENCIA PARA HOMBRES MAYORES DE 18 AÑOS

**Agarra tu vida de Aquél  
que tiene el control de todo...**

**Julio 08 del 2016 – 7:00 pm**

Cafetería de la Parroquia Católica  
**Santa Mónica**

9933 Midway Rd. Dallas, Tx. 75220

DONACION: \$10.00 por persona.

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## Concierto de Independencia

**SÁBADO, 2 DE JULIO, 2016**

6:00 p.m. Picnic  
7:00 p.m. Concierto



### Inscripciones de Catecismo

Las inscripciones para las clases de Catecismo están abiertas hasta el 29 de Julio. Deben pasar a las Oficinas parroquiales para inscribir a sus hijos. Los horarios de Oficina son los domingos de 10 am a 3:30 pm; Lunes de 9 am a 7 pm y martes a viernes de 9am. a 5 pm. Los documentos que deben traer son: el acta de nacimiento y fe de Bautismo. Las clases son los domingos e inician el 11 de Septiembre. Las clases para los estudiantes de pre-kinder a 6to grado serán los domingos de 3:15 pm a 4:45 pm; las clases para estudiantes de 7o y 12o grado serán los domingos de 6:15 pm a 8 pm. Son dos años para recibir sacramentos. Para más información por favor llame a las Oficinas Parroquiales 214-357-8549.



### Rosario

Los invitamos todos los martes a venir a rezar el rosario con el grupo de Jóvenes adultos, Círculo Juvenil Ágape. El rosario es recitado al punto de las 7 pm en la capilla de María. Venga a honrar a nuestra madre del cielo, pedir su intercesión y su protección. "El camino para llegar a Cristo es acercarse a María; los que de Ella huyen no encontrarán la paz." – San Buenaventura

## Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

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

26 de Junio  
Familia Marroquin



## De El Pastor

Un padre cariñoso solía cantarles a sus niños pequeños antes de dormir. Incluso aprendió algunas canciones de cuna para darle variedad a su tarea. Esto era algo que podía hacer por las noches para ayudar a su esposa después de un día ajetreado. Continúo haciendo esto hasta que un día escucho a su hija de cuatro años decirle a su hermanito, "si pretendes que estas dormido, parara." Esto fue el final de las canciones de cuna.

Al celebrar el día de los Padres, tenemos la maravillosa oportunidad de parar y reflexionar en el poderoso y maravilloso impacto que hemos tenido de nuestro papá. Algunos podemos decir que tuvimos unos padres perfectos en todas las cosas. Probablemente hay tiempos cuando dijeron o hicieron algo que descubrimos y queríamos frenarlos. Pero, verdaderamente hay cosas que aprendimos que continúan influenciando el tipo de personas que somos hoy.

A mi papa le gustaba encontrar nuevos propósitos para algo viejo o desgastado. Nos habíamos movido a una pequeña granja y producíamos la mayoría de nuestra comida. A mi padre le gustaba humear nuestras salchichas. Era carpintero, fácilmente pudo construir un horno. Pero, recientemente acaba de remplazar la Dodge sedan del 1949 que habíamos tenido en la familia por muchos años. Se las ingenuo para desarmar el cuerpo del carro de su molde y quitar todos los asientos y el interior del carro. Le puso unos palos para que se sostuvieran las salchichas al lado del pasajero. Prendía el fuego en la cajuela del carro y habría las ventanas de enfrente para que hubiera ventilación, ¡entonces ya estaba en negocio! Todavía recuerdo los deliciosos resultados que disfrutamos por muchos años. Hasta hoy, me encuentro usando las cosas para algo que no fue hecho, porque eso fue lo que hacia mi Papá.

Mi padre era un carpintero experto. Era gerente de una empresa que hacia puertas, ventanas y lujosos

gabinets. En su trabajo tenía toda la herramienta para hacer su trabajo. En la casa también tenía varias herramientas. Parecía que cada vez que se necesitaba un martillo o desarmador, nunca lo podía encontrar porque alguno de sus muchos hijos lo había usado para algo y nunca lo devolvió a su lugar. Sabíamos que le molestaba, sin embargo su respuesta usual era envía a una tropa de nosotros a buscarlo hasta que lo encontráramos. Luego nos decía por la milésima vez que devolviéramos las cosas a su lugar después de usarlas. No nos exigía que fuéramos responsables como los adultos. Nos enseñaba que nosotros éramos más importantes que una caja de herramientas organizada.

Recién ordenado, vinieron mis padres a Misa aquí a Santa Mónica y se quedaron a comer. Después de su agradable visita y una buena comida, se retiraban a su casa. Salí con ellos al estacionamiento de la calle Midway. Cuando regresaba, la señora que preparo la comida estaba en la ventana mirando a mis padres ir hacia su carro y dijo, "¡Mira eso- Catorce niños y aun se agarran de la mano!" Ese fue el mayor regalo que mi padre dio a sus hijos. Nunca dudamos que nuestro padre amara a mi madre y que ella era el centro de su vida. Hacía de nuestro hogar un refugio seguro de todos los problemas reales e imaginables del mundo exterior. Nunca dudamos del orgullo que sentía en cada logro de sus hijos, y el círculo de amor en la familia continua creciendo en los nietos y bisnietos.

Hoy, al honrar a nuestros padres, le pedimos a Dios que continúe bendiciendo sus sacrificios, que estén rodeados por aquellos que los aman y que los inspire todos los días a ser el reflejo del amor celestial del Padre. Si nuestro padre se ha marchado al cielo, le pedimos a Dios por su ejemplo y que esperemos por esa maravillosa reunión con ellos que Dios ha preparado en el cielo.

–Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk