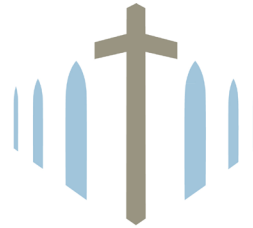




JUNE 26, 2016



ST. MONICA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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214-358-1453 • Fax: 214-351-1887
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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. 214-914-2802 (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
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Parish Secretary x 7453
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Volunteer Coordinator..... x 7173
Maria E. Juarez-Plank
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Shavana Lopez
Bookkeeper x 7102
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Director of Youth Ministry x 7106
Jason Trujillo
Director of Communications x 7142
Erin Cooper

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Jeremy Wirths
Director Youth Music..... x 7103
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Martha Gonzalez

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Phil Riley, Principal
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From the Pastor

An expert on time management was speaking to a group of business students. He stood before a room full of over-achievers with an empty gallon jar on the table before him. He carefully placed a dozen fist-sized rocks, one at a time, into the jar. When no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "Is this jar full?" Everyone in the class said, "Yes."

Then he reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. He dumped some gravel in and shook the jar. Pieces of gravel worked themselves down into the spaces between the big rocks. Then he smiled and asked once more, "Is the jar full?" By this time the class was onto him. "Probably not," one of them answered.

He reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in, and it went into all the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?" "No!" the class shouted.

Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked up at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?" One eager student raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard, you can always fit some more things into it!"

"No," the expert replied, "that's not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is this: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all."

Today's gospel passage ends with three persons reflecting on their willingness to follow Jesus. It is a dilemma we all face. Every Sunday we profess, "I believe . . ." And it's true. We are here because we know God is important in our life, and we seek a deeper union with Jesus, and we want to find meaning and strength as we face the challenges of daily living. We have a good idea of the type of life we should lead if we are going to be a Catholic. Following the rules and saying the prayers and doing good

things fills in a lot of the spaces in our life. But, we have to make sure the big rocks of our life with the Lord are in place so that we are not only believing in him, but truly following him.

When we enter the church, we have a sense that we are entering into the presence of God. We listen to his words, we bring before him our concerns and remember our loved ones. We sit before the one who loves us completely, and ask him to fill up what is lacking in our love for him. But, that one hour of worship is not sufficient. We are invited to follow Jesus more personally in our daily life. We fill up the spaces of our day with television, and conversation, and social media. But, we also need to put into place in our life a time every day to quietly sit in the presence of the Lord and focus only on him. He will inspire us in those moments to know our relationship with him better and to follow him more closely.

We look at our riches. We are blessed with a family that loves us. We have opportunities that provide us with a home, and food on the table, and more that we can ever use. All these are signs of God's blessings. But, if we are going to be followers of Jesus, we cannot be satisfied with enjoying what we have accomplished. There are people in need in our neighborhood, and schools in crisis because they lack the funds to operate, and people who will not know how much God loves them unless we give the gift of our time as a volunteer and use our financial resources to bless others.

There is an old saying that our life is not meant to be governed by the clock, but by the compass. We know that every day is busy and we can fill it up with things that are not important in the end. That is why we have to think about the big things first – love, service, generosity, sacrifice. If our life is pointed toward following Jesus, he will always lead us where we need to be.

–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 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.

Project Joseph Men's Breakfast The St Monica Pro-Life Ministry invites you to join the men of Project Joseph for breakfast, featuring a presentation and testimony on *How Abortion Affects the Family*, including pathways to healing and reconciliation on Saturday, July 9 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 109 of the St. Monica Family Center. Whether for yourself, your family or others you may know or want to help, all men are welcome to learn more about this topic. RSVP to [469-416-2101](tel:469-416-2101) or healing@projectjosephdallas.org.

Endowment Trust Scholarships Awarded

The St. Monica School Endowment Trust is pleased to announce that twenty-six St. Monica School students have been awarded scholarships for the 2016-2017 school-year. A total of **\$54,000** was awarded to help with tuition costs for the students. Congratulations to all the recipients. The Endowment Trustees are honored to play a role in helping families afford a Catholic education. The Endowment Trust Fund has been supporting St. Monica Catholic School since 1997. If you would like to learn more about the St. Monica School Endowment Trust and how you can play a role in continuing the legacy, please contact Nancy Poinsette by phone at [214-893-5710](tel:214-893-5710) or at Endowment@stmonicaschool.org.

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).

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

Stewardship

06-19-2016

Regular - \$31,446

Renovation - \$8,538

Total Mass Attendance

06-19-2016

3,020

Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 26

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 27

6:45 am..... For Holiness in Our Church
 8:00 am Kathleen Diaz by Diaz Family

Tuesday, June 28

6:45 am..... Mary Ryan by Patrick & Gene Ryan
 8:00 am..... Andres Roberto Paredes †
 by the Oliva Family

Wednesday, June 29

6:45 am..... For Madden & Canary Families †
 8:00 am..... Gene Vifordi † by Bill & Mary Sladek

Thursday, June 30

6:45 am..... Virgen Maria by Jenner Hidalgo
 8:00 am..... For Marrianan & Buhler Families †
 by Bob & Mary Ann Marrinan

Friday, July 1

6:45 am..... Mary Meyers † by Mary & Gerry Geisler
 8:00 am Maddie Sladek by Mom & Dad
 5:30 pm Lucien Corcicchiato †
 by the Petit Family
 7:00 pm Jorge Espinoza

Saturday, July 2

8:00 am..... Mary Haba † by Marjorie Haba
 5:00 pm..... Pauline Lockrey † by Chetlee Reyes-Thixton

Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for Daniel Carey †.

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 ¹	Freddy Flores ²
Zach ¹	Tyler Franks ²
Barbara Miller ¹	Rudy Chavira ³
Eileen White ²	

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.



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 for more information and to sign up.

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



Independence Day Concert

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



News & Events

Adorers are needed for Thursday night from 11 pm to midnight. Please contact Margie at adore10397@sbcglobal.net to sign up.

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.

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 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. Please also like Holy Trinity Seminary on Facebook www.facebook.com/htseminary.

Walking Together in Faith Dallas Ministry Conference
 Join us at the 10th annual UD Ministry Conference from Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2016 and be a part of the South's largest annual Catholic ministry conference opened to the public. Attend some of over 170 breakout sessions in English, Spanish and Vietnamese, presented by national, local and international known speakers. Participate in Mass and prayer services, peruse the exhibits, admire the liturgical art display, and listen to Catholic musical performances. This three-day event only costs \$66! Find out more at our website: www.udallas.edu/dm.

Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

July 2 at 5:00 pm
 Cris & Cristy Garza

July 3 at 8:00 am
 Christina Neria

July 3 at 9:30 am
 Dan & Sally Cook

July 3 at 11:00 am
 Joseph & Elida Munoz

July 3 at 12:30 pm
 Tom & Kristine Primrose

July 3 at 5:00 pm
 Richard & Jeanne Joubert

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 9 am 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](tel:214-357-8549).

Misa en honor al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús Cada primer viernes de mes, se celebra la Santa Misa en honor al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús. El Señor ha prometido grandes gracias aquellos que reciban la Sagrada Comunión durante nueve primeros viernes en forma consecutiva y sin ninguna interrupción; honrar al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús; ofrecer cada Comunión como acto de expiación por las faltas cometidas. Entre algunas de las gracias recibidas son: paz en sus familias, consuelo a sus penas, refugio seguro durante la vida, y, sobre todo, en la hora de la muerte, abundantes bendiciones sobre todas sus empresas, bendición en las casas en que la imagen de mi Corazón sea expuesta y venerada. Los esperamos todos los primeros viernes de mes a las 7 pm en la Iglesia.

Noche de Adoración Adoremos a Jesús Eucaristía, en una hermosa Noche de Adoración seguida de la Santa Misa del primer viernes de Mes. Contemplemos su amor, su Majestad y su Presencia Santa. Los esperamos.

Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

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

3 de Julio
Familia Ruan



De El Pastor

Un experto en manejo del tiempo estaba hablando a un grupo de estudiantes de negocios. Estaba parado en un cuarto lleno de triunfadores con un frasco de galón vacío frente a él. Cuidadosamente una a una puso en el frasco una docena de piedras grandes. Cuando ya no cupieron más piedras, pregunto, “¿El frasco está lleno?” Todos en el salón dijeron, “Si.”

Busco bajo la mesa y saco una cubeta con grava. Le hecho grava y sacudió el frasco. La grava llenó los espacios entre las rocas grandes. Entonces sonrió y nuevamente pregunto, “¿El frasco está lleno?” Para este tiempo la clase estaba con el. “Probablemente no,” respondió uno de ellos.

Busco bajo la mesa y saco una cubeta de arena. Comenzó a echarle arena, la cual se fue a los espacios entre las piedras y la grava. Una vez más les pregunto, “¿El frasco está lleno?” “¡No!” respondió la clase.

Entonces tomo una jarra de agua y comenzó a echarla al frasco hasta que llego al tope. Entonces vio a la clase y les pregunto, “¿Cuál es el punto de esta demostración?” Un estudiante ansioso levanto su mano y dijo, “El punto es, que no importa que tan lleno este tu horario, si en verdad tratas, siempre podrás poner más cosas!”

“No,” contesto el experto, “ese no es el punto. La verdad que nos enseña esta demostración es que si no ponemos las rocas grandes primero, nunca lograran poner lo demás.”

El Evangelio de hoy termina con tres personas reflexionando en su voluntad de seguir a Jesús. Es un dilema que todos enfrentamos. Cada domingo profesamos, “Creo...” y es verdad. Estamos aquí porque sabemos que Dios es importante en nuestra vida y buscamos tener una relación más profunda con Jesús y queremos encontrar el sentido y la fuerza al enfrentar los retos de todos los días. Tenemos una buena idea del tipo de vida que debemos vivir si nos llamamos Católicos. Seguir las reglas, decir nuestras oraciones y hacer cosas buenas llenan un gran espacio en nuestra vida. Pero

debemos asegurarnos que las piedras grandes de nuestra vida con el Señor estén en su lugar para que no solamente creamos en el, sino que verdaderamente le seguimos.

Cuando entramos a la iglesia, sentimos que hemos entrado a la presencia de Dios. Escuchamos sus palabras, le traemos nuestras preocupaciones y recordamos a nuestros seres queridos. Nos sentamos ante aquel que completamente nos ama y le pedimos que llene los vacíos que tenemos para amarle. Pero esa hora de adoración no es suficiente. Estamos invitados a seguir a Jesús de una forma más personal en nuestra vida diaria. Llenamos los espacios de nuestro día con la televisión, conversaciones y los medios sociales. Pero también debemos poner en un lugar de nuestra vida, todos los días un tiempo de silencio en la presencia del Señor y concentrarnos solo en él. Nos inspirara en esos momentos para mejorar nuestra relación con él y seguirle más de cerca.

Miramos nuestras riquezas. Somos bendecidos con una familia que nos ama. Tenemos oportunidades que nos permiten tener un hogar, comida en la mesa y más de lo que podemos usar. Todo esto son señales de las bendiciones de Dios. Pero si vamos a ser seguidores de Jesús no podemos conformarnos con lo que hemos logrado. Hay gente necesitada en nuestra vecindad, escuelas en crisis por falta de recursos para funcionar, personas que no sabe lo mucho que Dios les ama al menos que les demos voluntariamente el regalo de nuestro tiempo y usar nuestros últimos recursos para bendecirles.

Hay un viejo refrán que dice que nuestra vida no fue hecha para ser manejada por el tiempo, sino por la brújula. Sabemos que todos los días están ocupados y podemos llenarlos de cosas que no son importantes. Es por eso que debemos pensar en las cosas grandes primero – el amor, generosidad, sacrificio. Si nuestra vida apunta a seguir a Jesús, siempre nos guiará a donde debemos estar.

–Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk