

# ST. MONICA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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214-358-1453 • Fax: 214-351-1887  
[www.stmonicachurch.org](http://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](mailto: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](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

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](http://www.stmonicaschool.org)

## From the Pastor

Two young Mormon missionaries were going door to door. They knocked on the door of one woman who was not at all happy to see them.

The woman told them that she did not want to hear their message and slammed the door in their faces. To her surprise, however, the door did not close and, in fact, almost magically bounced back open. She tried again, really putting her back into it and slammed the door again with the same amazing result - the door bounced back open.

Convinced that one of the young religious zealots was sticking their foot in the door, she reared back to give it a third slam. She felt this would really teach them a lesson. But before she could, one of them stopped her and politely said, "Ma'am, before you do that again, you really should move your cat."

Today's gospel tells about the 72 sent by Jesus to prepare the people to receive his message when he came to their village. As they set out on this important journey, it would be expected that there would be a lot of planning. How much money to take, where to stay, the type of clothing that would be suitable - we worry about such things when we are only traveling to Fort Worth.

But Jesus challenges them to be more simple. In the end, he promises God will open the hearts of generous people to receive them and care for them and listen to their invitation. And it happened just as he said. As they returned to report to Jesus, they are overwhelmed that they have succeeded beyond their imagining. God has provided.

That is because, in its simplest form, the message of Jesus is not depending on programs and fundraising and experts. There are many hearts being prepared by God to receive his message of love. All that is needed is someone to speak it.

A young child can learn to say they are sorry so they do not get in trouble. But they learn about forgiveness as they are loved and given the chance to begin again without conditions or angry words. It is easy to declare that every person is important, but that troubling person we would prefer to ignore learns of their importance as we give them the gift of our welcome and attention. It is pretty obvious that there are problems in the world. But we have the power to be a peacemaker, to counteract selfishness with our little gifts, to point out the good in another instead of rejoicing in their failings.

The gospel does not say a thing about why those 72 were especially qualified for the task of preparing others to know Jesus. Perhaps that is because all of us are qualified to do that work in our own way. We know that some will close their heart, not be impressed by our words of encouragement, or the example of our life. But we cannot be discouraged even when someone turns away from the path of what is best for them, although we can see it so clearly. God is going to provide. He will bring them the message of his love. And if they are intent on closing the door - he will provide the cat to keep it open!

--Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk



## News & Events

Due to the 4th of July Holiday weekend, the **Baptism class** for the month of July will be held on Saturday, July 9th instead of July 2nd.

The **St. Monica Church offices will be closed** Sunday, July 3rd and Monday, July 4th in observance of the July 4th holiday. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, July 5th at 9 am.

In observance of the holiday, the **Blessed Sacrament** will NOT be exposed on Monday, July 4th.

**First Holy Communion Preparation** Preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion is for two consecutive school years and begins in the first grade for students who do not attend Catholic school. If your child does not attend Catholic school and you would like for him or her to receive First Holy Communion in the second grade, please come by the Church office to register in person. Documents needed at the time of registration are copies of the child's birth and Baptism certificate.

**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](mailto:healing@projectjosephdallas.org).

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.

**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.

St. Monica is seeking **first holy communion catechists** for the 3rd, 5th and 6th grade. Training is being held over the summer. Classes are from September through May on Sundays from 3:15 - 4:45. If interested in serving as a catechist, please contact Mariangela Byrne at: [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

### Stewardship

06-26-2016

Regular - \$33,403

Peter's Pence - \$4,930

**Total Mass Attendance**

06-26-2016

3,493

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, July 3

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, July 4

9:00 am ..... Alta Mitchell †

### Tuesday, July 5

6:45 am..... Faithful departed by Miguel Moon  
8:00 am..... For Our Priest

### Wednesday, July 6

6:45 am..... Stephanie Vance † by Kathy O'Donnell  
8:00 am..... Rose Granieri †  
by Daniel & Stefanie Constanzo

### Thursday, July 7

6:45 am..... Leahy & Jenkins Families  
by Terry Jenkins  
8:00 am..... Joe Cook † by Bill & Mary Sladek

### Friday, July 8

6:45 am..... Jorge Espinoza  
8:00 am..... Nancy Kervin † by The Kervin Family

### Saturday, July 9

8:00 am..... Marcia Kotzot † by Joan & Walter Minigutti  
5:00 pm..... Juliana Landa † by Virginia & Mark Filhiol

### Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for veterans.

### 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.

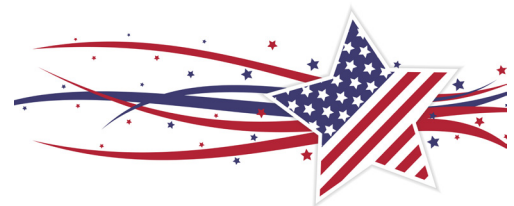
Eileen White<sup>1</sup>  
Freddy Flores<sup>1</sup>

Tyler Franks<sup>1</sup>  
Rudy Chavira<sup>2</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

James Trusheim  
George Vilfordi



## News & Events

Plan to begin your celebration of Independence Day on **JULY 4TH** by attending **MASS AT 9 AM** to thank God for the freedoms we enjoy and pray for those who protect it!



### St. Monica Grief Support Ministry

Have you suffered the loss of a loved one? St. Monica is now starting registrations for the Grief Support Ministry. Sessions will begin on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, 7pm-9pm. Meetings will be held once a week for 10 weeks and you will meet in small groups with others going through similar experiences. Sessions are led by trained lay facilitators. The support group is free, with only the cost of \$10 for the book. Sessions will also be offered in Spanish starting on Tuesday, September 27, 2016. Please contact either Maria Juarez-Plank at 214-366-7173 or [mplank@stmonicachurch.org](mailto:mplank@stmonicachurch.org) or Jim Einspanier at 214-914-2802 or [jeinspanier@navigationfinancial.com](mailto:jeinspanier@navigationfinancial.com) to register or for any questions.

**L1FT Youth Ministry** is back for the summer! So far, we've taken a group of 30 to a youth conference and joined forces with S.A.G.E. for a potluck with our seniors. Join us on Sundays at 6:00pm!

Guadalupe Radio Network presents the **8th Annual Summer Speaker Series** *Food for Thought* with Fr. Leo Patalinghug on Thursday, July 21st at the Frontiers of Flight Museum. To make reservations, visit [www.grnonline.com](http://www.grnonline.com).

Our parish will participate in the **Diocesan Mission Cooperative Program** by taking a second collection for Esperança next week. Esperança is a global health mission founded in 1970 by Franciscan priest and doctor, Fr. Luke Tupper, OFM. The organization supports health projects in Bolivia, Nicaragua, Mexico, Mozambique, Peru and Phoenix, AZ. Donations are used to support the surgical mission program and public health projects. Public health projects include: wells, home construction, agriculture, disease prevention, and health education. For more information about Esperança visit the website [wetransformlives.org](http://wetransformlives.org).

### 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](http://www.udallas.edu/dm).



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 information and to sign up.

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

## Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

**July 9 at 5:00 pm**  
Phil & Becky Ryan

**July 10 at 11:00 am**  
Jack & Pat Padian

**July 10 at 8:00 am**  
Berta Montes

**July 10 at 12:30 pm**  
Issy & Anne Perez

**July 10 at 9:30 am**  
Angela McGarry

**July 10 at 5:00 pm**  
Collette Corbin & Family



# Noticias y Eventos

*Retiro Familiar*

**Nuestra familia Crece  
Con el Amor de Dios**

*1 Tesalonicenses 3,12*



**9 y 10  
Julio 2016**

*Iglesia Católica Santa Mónica* *Sábado 8:00 a 8:00 pm*  
*4140 Walnut Hill Cafeteria* *Domingo 9:00 a 1:30 pm*  
*Dallas Texas 75229*

**Donación: \$25 adultos y adolescentes \$15 niños (+4)**

**Informes: (214) 815-3103**

**www.pastoralfamiliardallas.org**

Las oficinas Parroquiales estaran cerradas el domingo 3 de julio y lunes 4 de julio en observación por el día de Independencia. Se abriran el martes 5 de julio a las 9 am.

El lunes 4 de julio solo habra una sola misa, sera a las 9:00 am en Ingles.

**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.

## 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.  
INFORMES Y COMPRA DE BOLETOS:  
Oficina (214) 357-8549  
www.stmonicachurch.org



## 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!**

Jóvenes de  
12 a 17  
años

**Julio 07 del 2016 – 7:00 pm**

**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  
www.stmonicachurch.org



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

**Castos por Amor** Si eres una persona mayor de 18 años te invitamos a encontrar el verdadero sentido a la vida, aprendiendo sobre el plan de Dios para la humanidad a través de las enseñanzas impartidas todos los jueves a las 7 pm en el salón de la Biblioteca. Castos por Amor, es un ministerio de enseñanza de valor humano en la dimensión del sentido Cristiano. Dios te quiere liberar de las ataduras de la vida y hacerte libre para amar. Para más información llama a Cristina [214-845-2630](tel:214-845-2630).

**Conferencia para los ministerios de Dallas** 29 de Septiembre – 1 de Octubre, 2016 Únase a nosotros a la décima edición de la Conferencia para los Ministerios de Dallas y sea parte de la más grande conferencia para los ministerios católicos en el sur de la nación. ¡Este evento de tres días sólo cuesta \$66! Obtenga más información en nuestro sitio web [www.udallas.edu/dmc](http://www.udallas.edu/dmc).

## Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

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

**10 de Julio**

Familia Trejo

**17 de Julio**

Familia Mejia

**24 de Julio**

Familia Nila

**31 de Julio**

Familia Huerta



## De El Pastor

Dos jóvenes misioneros Mormones iban de puerta en puerta. Tocaron una puerta de una mujer que no estaba de la nada contenta de verlos.

La mujer les dijo que no quería escuchar su mensaje y les cerró la puerta en la cara. Para su sorpresa, la puerta no cerro por completo, de hecho, por casi obra de magia se volvió abrir. Lo intento de nuevo poniendo más y volvió a cerrar la puerta con el mismo resultado, la puerta se volvió abrir.

Convencida que uno de los jóvenes religiosos fanáticos estaba poniendo el pie en la puerta, se regresó a darle un tercer portazo. Sintió que esto les daría una gran lección. Pero antes que lo hiciera, uno de ellos la paro y amablemente le dijo, “Señora, antes que haga eso, debería mover su gato.”

El Evangelio de hoy nos habla de 72 personas enviadas por Jesús para preparar a las personas a recibir el mensaje de Jesús cuando llegara a su pueblo. Cuando se iban a esta jornada importante, se pensaría que habían planeado mucho. ¿Cuánto dinero llevarían, donde se quedarían, que tipo de ropa seria apropiada? Nosotros nos preocupamos por esas cosas cuando solo vamos a Fort Worth.

Jesús los reta a ser más simples. Al final, promete que Dios abrirá los corazones de gente generosa para recibirles, cuidarles, escuchar la invitación. Y sucedió tal como lo había dicho. Cuando regresaron a reportarse con Jesús, estaban abrumados que habían sobrepasado su imaginación. Dios había proveído.

Esto es porque, en esta forma simple, el mensaje de Jesús no depende de programas,

recaudación de fondos o expertos. Hay muchos corazones preparados por Jesús para recibir su mensaje de amor. Todo lo que se necesita es alguien que hable.

Un niño puede aprender a decir lo siento para no meterse en problemas. Pero aprender a perdonar cuando son amados y se les da la oportunidad de volver a comenzar sin condiciones o palabras de enojo. Es fácil declarar que todas las personas son importantes, pero esa persona problemática la cual preferimos ignorar aprende lo importante que es cuando le damos el regalo de nuestro tiempo y atención. Es obvio que hay problemas en el mundo. Pero tenemos el poder de ser personas de paz, contrarrestar nuestro egoísmo con nuestros pequeños regalos para señalar lo bueno de otro envés de alegrarnos de sus caídas.

El evangelio no dice nada sobre porque esos 72 fueron calificados para llevar esa tarea de preparar a que otros conocieran a Jesús. Probablemente es porque todos nosotros estamos calificados para hacer ese trabajo en nuestra forma personal. Sabemos que alguien cerrara su corazón, no se impresionara con nuestras palabras de motivación o nuestro ejemplo de vida. No podemos desanimarnos aun cuando alguien se va del camino que es mejor para ellos, aunque podamos verlo claramente. Dios proveerá. Les traerá el mensaje de amor. Si empeñan a cerrar la puerta, ¡Él les Dara el gato para que se mantenga abierta!

-- Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk