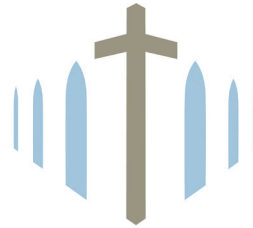




AUGUST 14, 2016



ST. MONICA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

9933 Midway Road, Dallas, Texas 75220

214-358-1453 • Fax: 214-351-1887

www.stmonicachurch.org



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WELCOME TO ST. MONICA CHURCH!

We are pleased to have visitors join us in worship and we invite you to become active registered parishioners. Registration forms can be found in the vestibule, at the Parish Office, and online.

Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am,
11:00 am, 12:30 pm,
2:00 pm (español), 5:00 pm

Weekday Mass Times

6:45 am, 8:00 am M-F
8:00 am Saturdays
First Fridays 5:30 pm
Primer viernes del mes 7:00 pm

Childcare for 11:00 am Mass

Ages: 12-months to 4-years
No Cost
Room 114 Family Center
St. Monica Women's Ministry

Reconciliation • Reconciliación

Saturday/Sábado
3:30-4:30 pm • 6:30-7:00 pm

Baptism • Bautismo

Third Saturday of each month at 10:00 am
Parents and godparents are required to attend a preparation class offered on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 am. Call the Faith Formation Office to register.

Tercer sábado de cada mes a las 3:00 pm
Padres y Padrinos deben asistir a una clase de preparación que se ofrecen los primeros sábados de mes a la 1:00 pm. Llame a la Oficina de Ministerio Hispano.

Marriage • Matrimonio

Contact a priest or deacon at least six months before the planned marriage date. Llame a un Sacerdote o Diacono por lo menos seis meses antes de la fecha de la boda.

Helplines • Línea de Ayuda

St. Vincent de Paul serves the poor or distressed on an emergency basis. 972-994-1121 (confidential) Volunteers contact: info@stmonicasvdp.org

Stephen Ministry helps those experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or another life crisis. 214-914-2802 (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

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

Coordinator of Youth Evangelization x 7106

Maria Jones

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 Matriomonios

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 Baptist pastor fresh out of seminary was assigned to a small church in the hills of Kentucky. In his first sermon, he condemned gambling, especially betting on the horses. The sermon was not well received. "You see, Reverend," a parishioner explained, "this whole area is known for its fine horses. Lots of our members make their living breeding race horses." The next Sunday the pastor spoke on the evils of smoking, and again, his sermon was not well received – for many of his members also grew tobacco. The third week the pastor preached on the evils of drinking, only to discover after that a major distillery was one of the town's largest employers.

Chastised for his choice of sermon topics, the frustrated pastor exclaimed, "Well, then, what can I preach about?" A kindly, older woman spoke up and said, "Pastor, preach against those godless Chinese communists. There isn't a Chinese communist within 4,000 miles of here!"

The message of Jesus is so powerful because he speaks of wonderful possibilities. No matter how we have sinned or how far we are from God, he speaks of welcome and the warm embrace of a loving, forgiving Father. When we are discouraged by the struggles of life, he promises us that we are not alone and faithfulness in carrying our cross will be rewarded. We even have the ability to forgive one who harms us and welcome a stranger as if they were part of the family, because our love for Jesus overflows to those around us.

So, how are we to take to heart his words in today's gospel? "I have come to set the world on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" The message seems dark and threatening, speaking of division and families torn apart and loved ones betrayed. We are tempted to suggest that Jesus consider a subject with which we will be more comfortable.

The challenge of this gospel passage is to consider our level of

commitment to following the Lord. He wants to be the most important – more important than human relationships, more important than any and all the other things we treasure in this world. We know he burns with that kind of love for us. We see the proof of his personal love for us each time we look at the crucifix. And he asks that we have the same love for him.

But, consider how much time we spent in prayer last week, or the way we spoke to someone when we were angry, or the opportunities to do good that we saw and chose to ignore, or the thoughts and attitudes we held because we knew no one else would be able to read our mind. In so many ways we do not provide much fuel for that fire of love with which Jesus wants to engulf us.

The gospel challenges us to be serious. We cannot be content to excuse our faults and little sins because we are a weak human being. Brittle iron is purified by intense heat and becomes hardened steel. And the fire of our love for Jesus makes us more sensitive to all the things we accept that are not worthy of the one we love – and we grow holier.

When we let the fire of love for Jesus burn within us, the light of truth fills those dark places in which we judge others and we begin to recognize our own imperfections and grow in patience and generosity in dealing with the faults of others. Our love for the Lord warms our heart and helps us to see each person as a brother or sister, one loved just as powerfully as we are.

The love of Jesus is a powerful force. It can make anger melt away. It brings peace to one whose world is falling apart, for we are not abandoned, but only invited to fall into the strong arms of God. It can transform any sinner into a true saint. And today, if we have to admit we are not on fire with love for the Lord, perhaps it is time to be more serious. Jesus invites us today to love him just as much as he loves us.

–Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

News & Events

Father Bierschenk seeks parishioners to serve 3-year terms on the **Parish Council** beginning in September. If you are interested in serving, please submit the application that can be found on the church website under Advisory Councils.

Consider joining our adult choir!

Choir is a great way to make new friends and serve the St. Monica community. Our choir is a friendly, inviting group and we hope to welcome you this fall. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. New singers are needed in all sections. Our first week of regular rehearsal will be Wednesday, August 17 at 7:30 pm in the Church. Join us! Questions? Contact Jeremy Wirths at jwirths@stmonicachurch.org.

St. Monica Works Ministry is the parish Business and Professional Networking organization where people connect to develop business together. This month's meeting is on Thursday, August 18th in the lower lounge of the Family Center. Come tell others about your product, service or profession and learn about theirs on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Meet with other faith minded individuals between 7:30 am and 8:00 am for coffee, donuts and networking. A lively meeting follows from 8:00 to 9:00 am. For more information, call **214-707-3726** or visit www.stmonicaworks.org. Come and improve your business.

Calvary Hill Cemetery is hosting a **FREE seminar** titled **Your Life. Your Legacy.** on Saturday, August 27 at 11 am in the Family Center Upper Lounge (Room 201). The presentation will discuss four simple steps to planning final arrangements; bring peace of mind to you and your family; conversation and helpful advice; and a free Personal Planning Guide. Seating is limited. RSVP to Deanna Dickerman at **214-357-5754**.



WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT
September 15-18

Register at stmonicachurch.org/ministries/spiritual-growth
For more information, contact Minerva Holmes at
469-733-3925 or lafamiliaholmes@aol.com.

Stewardship
08-07-2016
Regular - \$50,698
Total Mass Attendance
08-07-2016
3,489

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 14

- 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 Gardenia Guzman by Diaz Family
- 5:00 pm..... Priest's Intention

Monday, August 15

- 6:45 am..... Marylou Fife † by Catholic Daughters
- 8:00 am..... Kevin L. Wachsman †
by Wachsman Family

Tuesday, August 16

- 6:45 am..... Frances Miramontes †
by Catholic Daughters
- 8:00 am..... For Madden & Canary Families

Wednesday, August 17

- 6:45 am..... Antonio Rebuquio † by Aida Dominguez
- 8:00 am..... Frederick Beebe † by Janel Cooper

Thursday, August 18

- 6:45 am..... Maureen Wijeweera by Her Family
- 8:00 am..... Victor Corrales † by DeMetrovich Family

Friday, August 19

- 6:45 am..... Connie Connors †
by Celeste & Howard Guren
- 8:00 am..... Ray Redlingshafer † by Simons Family

Saturday, August 20

- 8:00 am..... Claire Smith † by Bill & Leanne Galyean
- 5:00 pm..... Manuel & Estella Prince † by Daughter

Sanctuary Light

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

For Our Sick

To request a name to appear, please contact the parish office or complete a green prayer request card (found on tables at the back of church) and place the card in an offering basket.

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| Lorenzo ¹ | Jessica Martinez ¹ |
| Zach ¹ | Victor Hurtado ² |
| Rudy Chavira ¹ | Jeanie Wilson ³ |
| Tony Chavira ¹ | |

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

Release your Grief...
IT'S A NEW DAY

St. Monica Grief Support Ministry

Have you suffered the loss of a loved one?
 St. Monica is now registering for the Grief Support Ministry.

Sessions begin
 Wednesday, September 14, 2016
 7pm-9pm.

For more information or to register, contact Maria Juarez-Plank at 214-366-7173 or mplank@stmonicachurch.org or Jim Einspanier at 214-914-2802 or jeinspanier@navigationfinancial.com.

News & Events

A **FREE Singing Class** for adults will be offered on Wednesdays from 7:00-7:45 pm in the Church, beginning September 7th. Anyone interested in improving singing skills is invited to join the class to learn about singing and music-reading. You are not obligated to join the choir to participate in the class. Meetings will run from September 7th until October 26th. Questions? Contact Jeremy Wirths at jwirths@stmonicachurch.org.

Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

Being Catholic takes more than simply believing in God or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer - he wants you to be his disciple and friend. To help you answer this call to deeper friendship with Christ, St. Monica will begin: Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John September 7th - October 26th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in Family Center Room 201. For more information or to register, visit www.stmonicachurch.org.

New Handbell Ringers Needed!

We need new ringers for our Adult Handbell Choir. Training is provided and will be scheduled with you either individually or in a group. Rehearsals are held Sunday afternoons at 5:00 pm. The first rehearsal is Sunday, September 11th. Trainings will be scheduled before the first rehearsal. Questions? Contact Jeremy Wirths at jwirths@stmonicachurch.org.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is? If so, invite them to sign up for RCIA, the process of becoming Catholic. RCIA classes will be held on Monday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 pm starting September 12th. Our classes are for those who have not been baptized, were baptized in another faith tradition, or were baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Participants may also audit the class. If interested, visit our website or call the parish office at: [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

A Prayer Shawl Ministry is coming to St. Monica! A prayer shawl is a gift of love, prayer, and friendship; it is an expression of caring, encouragement and peace. The handmade shawl is a tangible gift that brings the message that a particular person is in your thoughts and prayers. Made with compassion and affection, there is no charge for any shawl. The ministry is open to any volunteer who has the desire to knit, crochet knot or quilt a shawl. Lessons are available for beginners. Donations of yarn, fabrics, gift cards for materials, or money is greatly appreciated. Your charitable time is valuable to make this mission succeed. For more information, contact Margaret Schwab at [214-384-2209](tel:214-384-2209).

Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

August 20 at 5:00 pm
 Mesio & Juanita Juarez

August 21 at 11:00 am
 Kent & Cynthia Warren

August 21 at 8:00 am
 Susan Webb

August 21 at 12:30 pm
 Gloria Hinojoso

August 21 at 9:30 am
 Michael & Debbie Boone

August 14 at 5:00 pm
 Dolores Longoria

Noticias y Eventos

Un Momento para Dos....
 Hora Santa para Hombres...

Fe Templanza
 Sabiduría Consejo
 Comprensión Fortaleza
 Piedad Justicia
 Esperanza Prudencia

Cada Segundo Sábado de Mes - 7am. | Padre Iñigo López
 Al final de la Hora Santa se pasara al salon #109 para un refrigerio

469.672.7190
 infocatolico08@gmail.com
 Parroquia Católica Santa Mónica
 9933 Midway Rd, Dallas, TX 75220

Talleres de Oración y Vida

“El Señor, que te ama, le habla a tu corazón, El sana y reconforta tu alma, te inunda de Amor, de Paz y de Bien.” Talleres de Oración y Vida serán todos los lunes de 6:30 pm a 8:30 pm en el Salón de Arte del edificio McManus. Vengan aprender a orar para que en su diario vivir lleve un continuo dialogo con el Señor. Las clases no tienen costo, son solo para personas mayores de 18 años. Para más información por favor comuníquese con Juan Martínez al [214-240-3913](tel:214-240-3913).

Libérate de tu dolor...

ES UN NUEVO DÍA

Ministerio de Apoyo
 para
 Luto y Duelo
 Parroquia Santa Mónica

Las sesiones de grupo le apoyan para seguir con su vida después de la pérdida de un ser querido.

El programa se iniciara el martes 27 de septiembre 2016.

Para más información comuníquese al 214-854-1676 o 469-733-3925.

Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

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

21 de Agosto
 Familia Mireles

28 de Agosto
 Familia Catalan



Retiro para estudiantes de Confirmación

Si su hijo/a esta inscrito en las clases de confirmación y está en grado escolar séptimo en adelante, debe de asistir al retiro de iniciación que se llevara a cabo del 26 al 28 de Agosto. Este retiro es importante para la formación de su confirmación. Por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial para más detalles, [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

Curso de Duelo y Luto ¿Ha sufrido la pérdida de un ser querido? Les invitamos a considerar asistir a las próximas sesiones del grupo de Apoyo de Luto y Duelo. Las sesiones inician el martes, 27 de Septiembre a las 7 pm. Las reuniones son semanalmente de 7 pm a 9 pm, por 10 semanas. Estará con otras personas que han pasado por situaciones similares y en grupos pequeños. Asistir al grupo es gratis, lo único que tiene que hacer es comprar su libro por \$10 dólares. Para más información llame a Betsy Solis al [214-854-1676](tel:214-854-1676) o Minerva Holmes al [469-733-3925](tel:469-733-3925).

Reunion Padres de Estudiantes de Primera Comunión y Confirmación

Este Sábado, 20 de Agosto habrá una reunión para los padres de estudiantes que recibirán el sacramento de Primera Comunión y/o Confirmación en este próximo año escolar. Por lo menos un padre debe de asistir a la reunión. La reunión es solo para los Padres, no para los estudiantes. Se llevara a cabo en la Cafetería de la Escuela. Inicia a las 9 de la Mañana y termina a medio día. Para más información por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial, [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

¿Esta en busca de Empleo? La compañía Complete Landsculpture, está buscando personal para varias posiciones. Ofrecen varios beneficios a sus empleados tales como: vacaciones, bonos, entrenamientos, oportunidad de avance y mucho más. Hoy domingo 14 de Agosto estarán dando información en el Edificio McManus después de la Misa de 2 pm o llame al [214-358-5296](tel:214-358-5296).

RICA ¿Qué es Rica? RICA – Rito de Iniciación para Cristianos Adultos. 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).

De El Pastor

Un pastor Bautista recién salido de seminario fue asignado a una iglesia pequeña en las montañas de Kentucky. En su primer sermón, condeno las apuestas, especialmente apostar a los caballos. No recibieron bien el sermón. "Mire Reverendo," le explico un parroquiano, "toda esta área es conocida por sus caballos finos. Muchos de nuestros miembros viven de la crianza de caballos de carreras." La próxima semana el pastor hablo sobre el mal de fumar, y nuevamente su sermón no fue bien recibido. Porque muchos de sus parroquianos también sembraban tabaco. La tercera semana el pastor hablo sobre el mal de tomar, solo para descubrir que la más grande destilería empleaba a la mayoría de la gente del pueblo.

Castigado por su elección de temas para sus sermones, el pastor frustrado exclamo, "Bueno, entonces de que puedo hablar" una mujer viejita y noble hablo y dijo, "párroco hable sobre esos Chinos comunistas que no tienen un dios. No hay un comunista chino como hasta 4,000 millas de aquí!

El mensaje de Jesús es tan poderoso porque habla de maravillosas posibilidades. No importa cuánto pequemos o que tan lejos estemos de Dios, nos habla de la bienvenida y caloroso abrazo de un Padre amoroso y clemente. Cuando nos desanimamos por las dificultades de la vida, nos promete que no estamos solos y si fielmente cargamos nuestra cruz seremos recompensados. También, tenemos la habilidad de perdonar al que nos lastima, recibir a un extraño como si fuera parte de la familia, porque nuestro amor por Jesús sobrepasa todo lo que nos rodea.

¿Cómo debemos de tomar apecho estas palabras del evangelio de hoy? "He venido a traer fuego a la tierra ¡y cuanto desearía que ya estuviera ardiendo!" Este mensaje es oscuro y amenazante, hablando de divisiones, familias separadas y traiciones de algún ser querido. Somos tentados sugerirle a Jesús que considere temas con los cuales estemos más cómodos.

Nuestro reto de este pasaje del Evangelio es considerar nuestro nivel de compromiso para seguir al Señor. El quiere ser el más importante, más importante que nuestras relaciones

humanas, más importante que cualquier y todas las otras cosas que atesoramos en el mundo. Sabemos que el arde con ese tipo de amor por nosotros. Miramos la prueba de su amor por cada uno de nosotros cada vez que miramos un crucifijo. Nos pide que le demos ese mismo tipo de amor.

Consideremos cuanto tiempo oramos la semana pasada, o la forma que le hablamos alguien cuando estábamos enojados, o las oportunidades que tuvimos de hacer cosas buenas y no lo hicimos, o los pensamientos o actitudes que tuvimos porque sabíamos que nadie más puede leer nuestra mente. De muchas maneras no proveemos el combustible para el fuego de ese amor del cual Jesús quiere que nos envuelva.

El Evangelio nos reta a ser serios. No podemos estar satisfechos en excusar nuestras fallas y pecadillos porque somos humanos débiles. El hierro frágil es purificado a través del calor y se convierte en acero. El fuego de nuestro amor por Jesús nos hace más sensibles a las cosas que aceptamos que no son dignas del que amamos y crecemos en santidad.

Cuando dejamos que el fuego del amor a Jesús viva dentro de nosotros, la luz de la verdad llena los lugares oscuros en los cuales juzgamos a otros y empezamos a reconocer nuestras propias imperfecciones, nuestra paciencia crece al igual que nuestra generosidad en enfrentar los errores de los demás. Nuestro amor por el Señor ablanda nuestro corazón y nos ayuda a vernos como hermanos y hermanas, un ser que es amado tan poderosamente como uno mismo.

El amor de Jesús es una fuerza poderosa. Puede dispersar el coraje. Puede traer paz alguien que se le está acabando el mundo. Porque no estamos abandonados, pero invitados a dejarnos caer en los brazos fuertes de Dios. Puede transformar a cualquier pecador en un verdadero santo. Hoy, tenemos que admitir que no estamos ardiendo con amor por el Señor, probablemente es tiempo de ser más serios. Hoy Jesús nos invita a que le amemos tal como Él nos ama.

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk