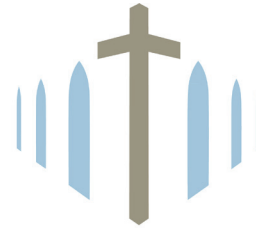




SEPTEMBER 04, 2016



# 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 • 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](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

**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

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

Maria M. Gonzalez-Rocha

### St. Monica School

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Phil Riley, Principal

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

## From the Pastor

William Willimon, the chaplain of the Methodist Church's Duke University, remembers this happening. A very angry parent phoned him. "I hold you personally responsible for this," he said. "I have spent an enormous amount of money for my daughter to get a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering and now she wants to throw it all away and do mission work for the Presbyterians in Haiti. Can you imagine! A trained engineer digging ditches." "Now how is that my fault?" the minister responded. "What did I do?" "I'll tell you what you did," the now shouting father answered. "You ingratiated yourself with her, filled her head with all that religion stuff. She likes you. That's why she is doing this. I hold you personally responsible."

"Now look," the increasingly defensive college chaplain responded. "You had her baptized in the church. You read her Bible stories. You took her to Sunday school. You were the one who paid for her to go skiing with the youth group. It's your fault that she took that stuff so seriously she now wants to go into the ministry." "I know, I know," the once-angry and now-grieving father lamented. "But we didn't want her to be a minister. All we wanted was for her to be a Presbyterian!"

Large crowds followed Jesus, and even those on the fringes felt that they were part of something special because they were with the great teacher. And suddenly Jesus turns to address them all with some serious words. Are they ready to pay the cost of following him?

Things would be simpler if we could show our allegiance to Jesus simply by wearing a medal around our neck or knowing how to make the sign of the Cross. But the attitude of Jesus could not be clearer. As we listen to the words of today's gospel, he challenges us to sit down and

calculate whether we are up to the task. Are we as serious about our relationship with Jesus as Jesus is about his relationship with us?

Jesus wants to be most important in our human relationships, especially those most dear to us. When we speak angrily, or point out failures, Jesus is not found in that moment. When we demand to have things as we like, the humble servant Jesus is forgotten. As we let our work or activities outside the home consume so much time that there's no energy left to give our attention to those most near to us, there is no community of love being built around Jesus.

Jesus tells the crowd that each of them must carry their own cross. Soon enough he would embrace his Cross, suffer terribly and give away everything he had so that we would never doubt how much we are loved or that all our failures are forgiven. But, each of us has our own cross, by which we prove our love and our willingness to accept the will of God. As we make our plans and have everything set exactly as we want it and someone else will not go along, or circumstances are out of our control; when suffering touches us, it is easy to become discouraged or angry. But, in those moments, we are invited to renew our trust in our Father's love, for he is bringing us to the place he knows is best for us.

We cannot be content with sitting in church only being a Catholic. Jesus expects more. And it takes planning – training our self to see the hand of God at work in the difficult parts of life, opening our eyes to an opportunity in front of us to welcome a brother or sister in Christ. Following Jesus is not always easy, because love is not always easy. But it has the power to make our life more wonderful than we could have imagined.

–Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

# News & Events

Dear friends and parishioners,  
 Thank you for your kind donations to the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** at St. Monica Catholic Church. Your generous gifts help us to reach out and give hope to those in need in our area. A Mass will be offered in honor of our generous benefactors on September 14th at 6:45 am at St. Monica.

Marguerite Trapp  
 President

Come join the **Tuesday Bible Study!** Our study of *The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation* takes you on a journey through the entire Bible and deep into each period of salvation history to discover the amazing story of our faith. We meet on Tuesdays from 1:30-3:00 pm in the Family Center, beginning September 13. Contact Karen Jones at 972-803-1262 or [jonesotra@bellsouth.net](mailto:jonesotra@bellsouth.net) for more information.

The Baptism class for September will be held on Saturday, September 10th. Contact Mariangela Byrne at [mbyrne@stmonicachurch.org](mailto:mbyrne@stmonicachurch.org) for questions.

The **Monday afternoon Bible study** will begin its study of the twelve minor prophets of the Old Testament on September 19. The group meets Mondays at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Center room 217. Classes last about one hour. We offer an informal study of Sacred Scripture. Being a relatively small group this class encourages open discussion. A class schedule and study material will be available at the first class and costs \$15. Contact Phyllis Conces at 214-546-6287 or at [pconces@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pconces@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

**L1FT Youth Ministry** is accepting registrations for students not preparing for sacraments at [www.L1FTministry.org](http://www.L1FTministry.org)! We're kicking off the year with our 2nd annual L1FT Lip Sync Battle on September 11 at 6 pm.

Last weekend, L1FT hosted the inaugural **Shift Conference** featuring nearly 400 teens and leaders. Thank you so much for your prayers and support!

**The Church offices** will be CLOSED Sunday, September 4th and Monday September 5th in observance of Labor Day. The offices will also close at 3 pm on Friday, September 9th.

**LEAF**, Learning difference Education and Assistance for Families, is hosting its Speaker Series kickoff on Tuesday, September 13th at 7 pm in the the Family Center Upper Lounge. The speaker will be Dr. Melanie Wells and her presentation is *Gearing up for a new SUCCESSFUL school year*.

**Stewardship**  
**08-28-2016**  
 Regular -\$47,162  
 Youth Ministry - \$4,966  
**Total Mass Attendance**  
**08-28-2016**  
 3,562

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, September 4

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, September 5

6:45 am..... Leopoldo Figueredo † by Soledad Paredes  
 8:00 am..... Victor Corrales † by Simons Family

### Tuesday, September 6

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

### Wednesday, September 7

6:45 am..... Edward Mitchell †  
 by The Ryans & Maddens Families  
 8:00 am..... Bonnie Galyean Ables †  
 by Bill & Leanne Galyean

### Thursday, September 8

6:45 am..... Tillie Rodriguez † by The Madden Family  
 8:00 am ..... Jerry Sponburgh † by Petrikas Family

### Friday, September 9

6:45 am..... Pedro Rodriguez †  
 8:00 am..... Jerry Sponburgh † by Petrikas Family

### Saturday, September 10

8:00 am..... Joanne E. Fritz †  
 by Walter & Joan Minigutti  
 5:00 pm..... Byron Thompson by Simons Family

### Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for Amy Manriquez †.

### For Our Sick

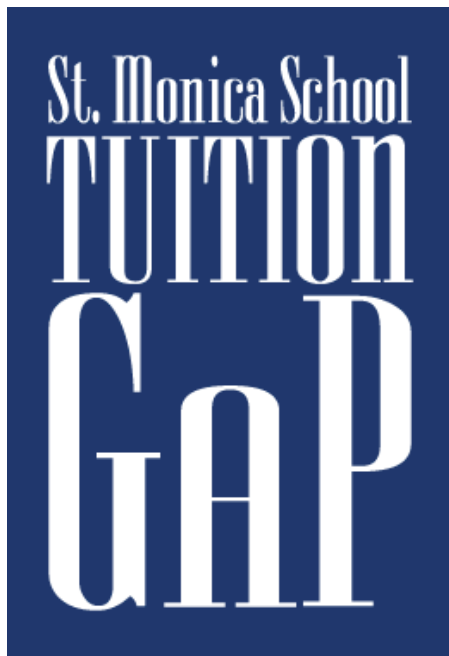
To request a name to appear, please contact the parish office or complete a green prayer request card (found on tables at the back of church) and place the card in an offering basket.

Lorenzo <sup>1</sup>	Jessica Martinez <sup>1</sup>
Zach <sup>1</sup>	Franco Miramontes <sup>2</sup>
Rudy Chavira <sup>1</sup>	Chris Hedgepeth <sup>3</sup>
Tony Chavira <sup>1</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.



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**Ministries**  
 with  
**Mimosas**  
 2016 MINISTRY FAIR  
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18  
 8 AM - 4 PM



Support Our Parish School:  
**GIVE TO THE GAP!**

Please support our parish school by pledging to the 18th Annual Tuition Gap Campaign. Every year, SMS operates with a 15% gap between what is actually paid per student in tuition and fees and what it actually cost to educate each child. Help fill the gap by pledging your donation today or online at [stmonicaschool.org](http://stmonicaschool.org). Click on GAP Drive under the Support SMS tab through September 9th, when the Gap Drive ends.

Brochures and pledge cards are located on the tables in the back of the church. The Gap Coordinator will be available in Angel Hall to answer questions and accept your pledge cards. For more information, please email Judy Curtis at [jjmcurt@aol.com](mailto:jjmcurt@aol.com).

**Every gift matters.  
Make yours today.**

## News & Events

**Little Rock Scripture Study** begins Sunday, Sept. 11! If you haven't registered, there is still plenty of time. This fall we will be studying the Gospel according to John and the Johannine Letters. We meet after the 9:30 Mass every Sunday (10:35-12:15 p.m.) in the Lower Lounge of the Family Center, Room 109. Whether you are a veteran or a beginner, Bible study is a rewarding way to deepen your faith and understanding of the Word of God. The fee for the class is \$15, which includes study materials. To register, or for more information, please contact Dan and Sally Cook at [sallycook@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sallycook@sbcglobal.net), or at 214-794-6575. We take a break for the holidays and will start the spring semester in mid-January. We invite you to come and join us!

**St. Monica's Faith Formation** is still currently needing catechists in the 3rd, 5th and 6th grade. Classes start September 11th and are held on Sunday afternoons from 3:15- 4:45 pm. There is still time to be trained as a catechist. For more information, please call Mariangela Byrne at 214-357-8549.

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](mailto:jwirths@stmonicachurch.org).

You can help the Franciscans in the Holy Land do their work by attending the **Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land benefit dinner** on September 17th at the Ritz Carlton in Dallas. Call Susan at 214-521-8779 for details.



Parishioners have logged  
**200.5 hours**  
of service beyond the  
boundaries of St. Monica in the  
last week!

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!

North Dallas Shared Ministries needs volunteers to help in the food pantry on Fridays, both in the morning (8 to 12 noon) and especially in the afternoon (12 to 3:30-4:00). Commitment may be for all or a portion of the times listed. Duties involve helping fill food orders for those being helped by the ministry, including many senior citizens. Contact Caroline Gallaway at 214-357-3152 or [jebbie@swbell.net](mailto:jebbie@swbell.net) or Hazel Anderson at 214-352-9142 or [turtlekey@att.net](mailto:turtlekey@att.net).

Log hours at [www.stmonicachurch.org/faithinaction](http://www.stmonicachurch.org/faithinaction) or use a deposit slip, located at the back of the church, and drop it in the collection basket!

## Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

**September 10 at 5:00 pm**  
Bill & Darlene Kassen

**September 11 at 11:00 am**  
Mason & Crystal Murphy

**September 11 at 8:00 am**  
Dan & Pam Fete

**September 11 at 12:30 pm**  
Tony & Paula Leonard

**September 11 at 9:30 am**  
Jacob & Alice Totah

**September 11 at 5:00 pm**  
Raja Sidhom

# Noticias y Eventos

  
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## La llevaré al desierto y le hablare al corazón

Oseas 2:16

*El Amor Conyugal | Retiro de Parejas*

**23 al 25 de Sep 2016**

**Casa de Retiros Mount Lebanon**

Descubran cuál es el rumbo que ha tomado su relación y si esa relación los lleva a la felicidad plena.

Dios nos indica cómo llevar una vida conyugal a la luz de la verdad y encontrar la plenitud del amor y felicidad.

El amor conyugal solo se entiende en Dios, la cuerda de tres hilos no se rompe.



  
APOYO FAMILIAR  
"Dios y amor a la familia"

**Mas Informacion:**  
**214.609.9344**

  
ST. MONICA  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

## 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

## Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

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

- 11 de Septiembre**  
Familia Banda
- 18 de Septiembre**  
Familia Diaz
- 25 de Septiembre**  
Familia Trejo



### Portadora Del Amor Tierno y Misericordioso De Dios



Santa Madre Teresa de Calcuta es un icono de la misericordia del Padre, sus palabras y ejemplo nos impulsan a ser generosos servidores y a reflejar el "rostro" de la misericordia de Dios a todos los que nos rodean, comenzando por nuestras propias familias. Así como el rostro de Santa Madre Teresa de Calcuta irradiaba el amor tierno y misericordioso de Dios, le pedimos que interceda por nosotros para también poder ser cada vez más un reflejo de su tierna misericordia a través de nuestras obras de amor.

**Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial** Atrévete a vivir una experiencia de cambio y invierte 48 horas de tiempo en tu relación. Mejora tu relación y recupera tus ilusiones! Para más información por favor contactar a: Luis y María Soto 972-533-3766 Carlos y Carmen Gallegos 214-355-0373.





### Más allá de los Límites – Fe en Acción

Arranquemos con todo esta primer semana de ir “Más Allá de los Límites” sirviendo o dando de nuestro valioso tiempo a los más necesitados. Esta semana siguiendo los pasos de la Santa Madre Teresa de Calcuta, les invitamos a darse el tiempo de visitar algún enfermo, anciano o alguien que este solo. Converse con ellos, muéstreles compasión, amor y misericordia. A través de su compañía les mostrara el rostro de la Misericordia de Dios. La siguiente semana, recuerde de tomar una hoja de depósito localizadas en las puertas principales y comparta con nosotros su experiencia, deposítelo en las canastas de la colecta.

### Matachines

¿Te gustaría danzarle a la madre de Dios? La Danza Milagro Del Tepeyac, te hace la más cordial invitación a ser parte de este ministerio. Comenzamos desde las edades de 6 años en adelante. El único requisito es que tengan muchas ganas de danzar a nuestra madre Santa María de Guadalupe. Anímense a dejar todas sus preocupaciones en manos de nuestra Virgencita para que ella interceda por ti, ante su hijo JESUS. ¡Dios te Bendiga! ¡VEN TE ESPERAMOS! Para más información puedes comunicarte con Laura Suarez: (469) 939-1803

### Reliquias de Santa Faustina y San Juan Pablo II

El miércoles 15 de Septiembre, la comunidad de Santa Mónica se honrara con las reliquias de dos grandes Santos, Santa Faustina y San Juan Pablo, II. La Santa Misa se celebrara a las 7 pm en la Iglesia. Seguido por momentos de oración, alabanza y meditación. Venga a recibir gracias especiales y pedir a estos dos santos que intercedan por sus necesidades.

### Jornada Juvenil

Me buscaran y me encontraran cuando me busquen de corazón. Jeremías 29,13. Muchos buscan la felicidad en el mundo exterior cuando la verdadera felicidad esta de la mano de Dios. Retiro para Jovenes Adultos de 18 a 30 años de edad. Solteros, no viviendo en unión libre. Próximo 16, 17 y 18 de Septiembre. Para más información llama Ariadna 469-644-0434 o con Daniel 214-749-

## De El Pastor

El capellán William Willimon de la Iglesia Metodista de la Universidad de Duke, recuerda esto que paso. Un padre muy molesto le habló por teléfono. “Lo responsabilizo de esto,” dijo. “He gastado una cantidad enorme de dinero para que mi hija reciba una licenciatura de Ingeniería mecánica y ahora quiere echar eso a la basura e irse de misión para los presbiterianos en Haití. ¡Puede imaginarse! Un ingeniero escarbando hoyos.” “¿Como es esta mi culpa?” respondió el ministro. “¿Que he hecho yo?” “dejeme le digo que hizo,” respondió el padre gritando. “Se congriacio con ella, llenandole la cabeza de esas cosas de la religión. Ella lo aprecia. Es por eso que lo esta haciendo. Le hago completamente responsable.”

“Mira,” dijo el capellan defendiendose rapidamente. “usted la bautizo en la iglesia. Le leyó historias de la Biblia. La llevo al Catecismo. Usted fue el que le pago para ir a esquiar con el grupo de jovenes. Es su culpa que ella tomo todo eso tan enserio y ahora quiera irse a ese ministerio.” “Yo se, yo se,” dijo el padre que estaba molesto pero ahora se estaba lamentando. “No queríamos que fuera un ministro, solo queríamos que fuera una presbiteriana!”

Grandes multitudes seguían a Jesús, inclusive aquellos marginados sentían que eran parte de algo especial, porque estaban con un gran maestro. De repente, Jesús les hablo con palabras serias. ¿Están dispuestos a pagar el costo por seguirle?

Las cosas serian mas simples si pudieramos mostra nuestra alianza con Jesús simplemente al ponernos una medalla en nuestro cuello o saber hacer la señal de la Cruz. Sin embargo la actitud de Jesús no pudo ser más clara. Al escuchar las palabras del Evangelio de hoy, nos reta a sentarnos y calcular si estamos listos para la tarea. ¿Tomamos en

serio nuestra relación con Jesús, al igual que Él lo hace con nosotros?

Jesús quiere que le demos importancia a nuestras relaciones humanas especialmente con los que más queremos. Cuando hablamos con enojo o señalamos las fallas, en ese momento no mostramos a Jesús. Cuando demandamos tener cosas que nos gustan, se nos olvida el humilde siervo de Jesús. Cuando dejamos que nuestro trabajo o actividades fuera del hogar consuman la mayoría de nuestro tiempo, que ya no tenemos energía para aquellos que amamos, no hay una comunidad de amor fundada por Jesús.

Jesús le dice a la multitud que cada uno debe cargar su cruz. Pronto el tomaría su propia Cruz, terriblemente sufriría y daría todo para que nunca dudemos de lo mucho que nos ama y que nuestras fallas son perdonadas. Cada uno de nosotros tenemos nuestra propia cruz, con la cual probamos nuestro amor y nuestra voluntad de hacer la voluntad de Dios. Cuando hacemos nuestros planes, tenemos todo exactamente como queremos y alguien no va al par de nosotros o las circunstancias están fuera de nuestro control, cuando nos llega el sufrimiento es fácil enojarnos o desanimarnos.

En esos momentos se nos invita a renovar nuestra confianza en el amor del Padre, porque nos lleva al lugar que sabe que es mejor para nosotros.

No podemos estar contentos con tan solo sentarnos en la iglesia y decir que somos Católicos. Jesús espera más. Requiere planeación, capacitarnos para ver la mano de Dios en los momentos difíciles de nuestra vida, abriendo nuestros ojos a las oportunidades que están frente a nosotros para recibir al hermano o hermana en Cristo. Seguir a Jesús no es siempre fácil, porque el amor no es siempre fácil. Pero tiene el poder de hacer nuestra vida mejor de lo que podemos imaginar.

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk