



# ST. MONICA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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).

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

## 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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Hours: M-F 9:00-5:00 • Sunday 10:00-2:00

**Parish Secretary** ..... x 7453

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**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

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**Director of Faith Formation** ..... x 7132

Mariangela Byrne

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**Coordinadora de Matriomonios**

Martha Gonzalez

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## From the Pastor

Today is the fifteenth anniversary of the most devastating terrorist attack on the United States. For many, the images of the towers collapsing in New York and the Pentagon building with a huge gaping hole in its side and the crash site of Flight 93 in Pennsylvania have not been forgotten. We remember where we were, and the uncertainty of the days that followed, and the sense that this tragedy drew us together as a nation in a manner we don't often experience.

After fifteen years, there are now many young people who only know this as a historical event. And the patriotism and sense of national unity that spread through the nation in those months after the attacks often seem to be a distant memory amid the rhetoric of this political season. But, the horror of that day and the heroism and courage shown by so many continues to offer us inspiration and hope.

It was just an ordinary day for the small group of people there on the subway car. They would soon arrive at the Transportation Center and go off to their work in the World Trade Center or one of the other nearby office buildings. Then suddenly, just two stops before their destination, the car stopped abruptly and they were plunged into darkness as the electricity was cut off. Soon people began to panic as they could smell smoke coming through the tunnel. They were far below street level, and no one was sure how to get to safety.

But then, amid the panic and confusion, they heard a calm voice. He told them he knew the way out, and in the darkness, one-by-one, he took their hand and led them through the darkness up the stairs to the street level. And then he returned to help the next person,

and the next, until all were out of danger.

They had seen him sitting there every day on their commute into the city. They didn't know his story and never paid him much attention. No one ever spoke with him. But, after that terrible morning, they had a new appreciation for this man who had put aside his own safety to assure that each of them was rescued from danger. They now called that blind man and his guide dog the Angel of the Subway.

There were countless stories of heroism and tragedy on that terrible day. Firefighters and police officers and medical personnel streamed into the buildings as others ran for their lives. And many were lost. Over three thousand persons left their home, left their loved ones, headed out on a normal workday never to return. And we all were reminded that the world is a dangerous and uncertain place, and every day is a precious gift that we need to appreciate.

As we remember that fateful day, perhaps it is time again to refocus on what is most important. Finishing that project at work or watching another show on TV is not as important as making time to enjoy the company of those we love. Holding a grudge and giving the silent treatment is going to be such a waste of time as we realize the moment to speak our love is now lost. We can be an "angel" to another without putting our self in any danger at all simply by choosing to do something, to give our attention, to focus on someone else. We only have to do it. And today is the day.

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

## News & Events

**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*.

The **St Monica Pro-Life Ministry** invites you to participate in the 40 days for Life campaign. Our parish will be covering Saturday October 1st from 6 am-6 pm at a new location - Planned Parenthood 7989 West Virginia Dr, Dallas 75237. You can sign up at the clip board located by the Pro-Life display at Angel Hall, by visiting the Pro-Life booth at the Ministry Fair Sept.18th or calling Elida Muñoz at [214-563-4026](tel:214-563-4026). Come pray a Rosary with us to save lives.

The **PAIN** group will be holding our monthly meeting from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm on September 14th in the Family Center Room 211. If you are in pain and would like us to pray with you, please come. If you would like to pray with people who are in pain, please come.

**St. Monica Works Ministry** - the Business and Professional Networking organization is where people connect to develop business together. The next meeting is on Thursday, September 15th in the Lower Lounge of the Family Center. Come tell about your product, service or profession and learn about those of others. Meet with other faith-minded individuals from 7:29 am to 7:59 am for coffee, donuts and networking. The lively meeting follows from 8:01 to 9:01 am. Want more information - call [214-707-3726](tel:214-707-3726) or visit [www.stmonicaworks.org](http://www.stmonicaworks.org). If your business can stand improvement, come and join us.

**Take Steps To Preserve Your Legacy!** You're invited to attend an informative presentation by Leu & Peirce Elder Law Attorneys. Learn the difference between a will and trust, what is probate and questions about Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid eligibility. If you have questions about veteran's benefits, guardianships or estate planning there will be answers. Sponsored by SAGE, the meeting is, Tuesday September 27 from 7:00 -8:30 pm in the Family Center Room 109. RSVP is requested and can be made by calling Elaine at [904-305-7078](tel:904-305-7078).



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

### Stewardship

09-04-2016

Regular \$38,531

### Total Mass Attendance

09-04-2016

3,072

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, September 11

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 12

6:45 am..... Leahy & Jenkins Families by Terry Jenkins  
 8:00 am..... Kate Wilson † by DeMetrovich Family

### Tuesday, September 13

6:45 am..... Tillie Rodriguez † by Ilda Manriquez  
 8:00 am ..... Julian Alcantar † by Simons Family

### Wednesday, September 14

6:45 am..... For all benefactors  
 by St. Vincent de Paul Society  
 8:00 am..... Vivian Jo Duke Stone †  
 by Petrikas Family

### Thursday, September 15

6:45 am..... Al LaMacchia †  
 by Daniel & Stefanie Constanzo  
 8:00 am..... For Religious Vocations

### Friday, September 16

6:45 am..... Rose Saraceno †  
 by Claudia Rosa-Bienenfeld  
 8:00 am..... Dr. Enrique Borrego † by E. Prince

### Saturday, September 17

8:00 am..... Sgt. Michael Smith †  
 by Joan & Walter Minigutti  
 5:00 pm..... Morgan Filhiol † by Virginia & Mark Filhiol

### Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for Tillie Rodriguez †.

### 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.

Franco Miramontes<sup>1</sup> Chris Hedgepeth<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

Clara Rubio Hernandez





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

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!**  
 Bread Ministry

The volunteers in this ministry collect donated bread, rolls, cakes and desserts, and pastries from five Tom Thumb stores, one Kroger, one Central Market, and from two local restaurants (Olive Garden and the Grand Lux Café). They distribute the donations to areas of need in the community (Missionaries of Charity, Family Gateway Center, Dallas Life Foundation, Union Gospel Church, North Dallas Shared Ministries, Youth Believing in Change, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help). To volunteer, contact Tony Cardillo at 214-714-6452, or at [tonycar1@tx.rr.com](mailto:tonycar1@tx.rr.com).

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!

# News & Events

The **St. Monica Men's Study Group** will begin a new Bishop Barron's Word on Fire Study Program on *Catholicism—The Pivotal Players* beginning on Tuesday Morning, September 20th. To register please advise Deacon Mitchell at [bjmitch37@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjmitch37@sbcglobal.net) or text 214-263-5398. Details will be sent to you by email.

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 **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 \$20. Contact Phyllis Conces at 214-546-6287 or at [pconces@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pconces@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

**Married Couples Ministry** If you are interested in meeting with other married couples to enrich your marriage over monthly dinner and discussion evenings, contact Patty Tomaso at [pattyktomaso@gmail.com](mailto:pattyktomaso@gmail.com) or register on the St. Monica Parish website. Groups will meet beginning in October, 2016.

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.

Support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul by participating in the **Every Mile Counts 5K** on September 24, 2016 at the University of Dallas. The Every Mile Counts 5K starts at 8 am and the Vincentian Friends of the Poor Walk starts at 10:30 am. For more information, or to register, visit [www.svdpdallas.org/5krace](http://www.svdpdallas.org/5krace).

**You Can Teach Your Children Thomistic Philosophy. Yes, You Can!** Please join us in welcoming Mr. Dave Palmer, author of *St. Thomas Aquinas for Everyone: 30 Quick and Fun Lessons, Activities and Outdoor Adventures Based on the Summa Theologica*. His presentation will be given on Saturday, September 24th, at 10 a.m. in Family Center Room 201. His presentation is for all parents, grandparents, and educators to children of all ages. Dave has a Masters Degree in Theology from the University of Dallas and serves as Executive Director of the Guadalupe Radio Network's Catholic Radio Station. For more information, call the Parish office at 214-357-8549.

## Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

**September 17 at 5:00 pm**

Mary Burgess  
 David & Pat McCain

**September 18 at 8:00 am**

Bob & Helen Chisholm

**September 18 at 9:30 am**

Josie Toogood

**September 18 at 11:00 am**

Marge & Kathleen Foley

**September 18 at 12:30 pm**

Antonio & Regina Rivera

**September 18 at 5:00 pm**

Diana Romagnoli

## Noticias y Eventos



**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.




Mas Información:  
**214.609.9344**

### 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.

**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  
2016 SANTA MONICA FE EN ACCIÓN

¡Hasta hoy,  
**321.5 horas**  
de servicio han reportado  
en el programa Ir Más Allá  
de los Limites!

**¡OPORTUNIDAD PARA SERVIR!**  
Ministerio de Pan

Los voluntarios recogen pan, pasteles, postres de cinco supermercados: Tom Thumb, Kroger, Central Market y dos restaurantes locales (Olive Garden y Gran Lux Café). Luego llevan las donaciones a diferentes comunidades necesitadas. Para ser voluntariado en este ministerio por favor llame a Tony Cardillo al 214-714-6452 o a [tonycar1@tx.rr.com](mailto:tonycar1@tx.rr.com)

Anote sus horas en [www.stmonicachurch.org/faithinaction](http://www.stmonicachurch.org/faithinaction) o use una forma de depósito que ese encuentra en las mesas por las entradas principales de la Iglesia y póngala en la canasta de colecta.

## Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

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

18 de Septiembre  
Familia Diaz

25 de Septiembre  
Familia Trejo



**Reliquias de Santa Faustina y San Juan**

**Pablo II** El jueves 15 de Septiembre, la comunidad de Santa Mónica se honrará con las reliquias de dos grandes Santos, Santa Faustina y San Juan Pablo, II. La Santa Misa se celebrará 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 busquen y me encontrarán cuando me busquen de corazón. Jeremías 29:13. Muchos buscan la felicidad en el mundo exterior cuando la verdadera felicidad está de la mano de Dios. Retiro de jóvenes 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](tel:469-644-0434) o con Daniel [214-749-8813](tel:214-749-8813).

**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 Arciniega al [214-854-1676](tel:214-854-1676) o Minerva Holmes al [469-733-3925](tel:469-733-3925).

**¡Noche Mexicana!** Este sábado 17 de Septiembre te esperamos a la Noche Mexicana en la Cafetería de la Escuela de Santa Mónica. Todo inicia a las 6pm. , habrá antojitos, kermes, concierto de trajes típicos, baile y canto. La entrada es GRATIS! Organiza Pastoral Familiar Hispana, para más informes llama al [214-815-3103](tel:214-815-3103).

**El Ministerio Pro-Vida de Santa Monica** les invita a participar en la campaña 40 Días por la Vida. Nuestra parroquia está participando el sábado 1 de octubre desde las 6 de la mañana hasta las 6 de la tarde. Nueva localidad Planned Parenthood 7989 West Virginia, Dallas 75237. Pueden firmar en la tableta localizada en la vitrina de Pro-Vida que se encuentra en el Angel Hall, ó llamar a Elida Muñoz [214-563-4026](tel:214-563-4026).

## De El Pastor

Hoy es el quinceavo aniversario del ataque terrorista más devastador de los Estados Unidos. Para muchos la imagen de las torres cayéndose, el Pentágono con un hoyo enorme a lado, el vuelo 93 en Pensilvania no se les ha borrado de la mente. Recordamos donde estábamos y la incertidumbre en los próximos días, que esta tragedia nos unió como nación de una forma que no experimentamos tan seguido.

Después de quince años, hay muchos jóvenes que solo saben de esto como un evento histórico. El patriotismo y el sentido de unidad nacional que se propagó a través de la nación meses después de los ataques, a menudo parecen ser solo un recuerdo lejano en medio de la retórica de nuestra temporada política. Pero, el horror de ese día, el heroísmo y valor demostrado por tantos sigue ofreciéndonos inspiración y esperanza.

Era un día ordinario para un grupo pequeño de personas en el metro. Pronto arribarían al Centro de Transportación e irán a trabajar al Centro Mundial de Comercio o algún edificio cercano. De repente, a dos paradas antes de su destino se paró el carro abruptamente y todo se oscureció por que se cortó la electricidad. Las personas se aterrorizaron cuando comenzaron a oler humo que venía del túnel. Estaban debajo de la superficie y nadie sabía cómo llegar a un lugar seguro.

Pero, entre el pánico y la confusión escucharon una suave voz. Les dijo que él conocía la salida y en la oscuridad uno a uno tomó su mano y los sacó de la oscuridad hacia unas escaleras que les llevaban a la calle. Así regreso para auxiliar a una persona y a otra

hasta que todos estaban fuera de peligro.

Lo habían visto todos los días en camino a la ciudad. No sabían su historia y nunca le pusieron atención. Nunca nadie habló con él. Después de esa horrible mañana, tuvieron una nueva apreciación por este hombre, quien puso a lado su propia seguridad para asegurarse que cada uno de ellos fuera rescatado del peligro. Hoy le llaman a ese hombre ciego y a su perro guía, el Ángel del Metro.

Hubo innumerables historias heroicas y de tragedias de ese terrible día. Bomberos, policías, personal médico corriendo hacia los edificios mientras otros corrían para salvar sus vidas. Muchos murieron. Más de tres mil personas dejaron sus hogares, sus seres queridos al salir a un día normal de trabajo y nunca regresaron. A todos se nos recordó que el mundo es peligroso e incierto, cada día es un hermoso regalo que debemos apreciar.

Al recordar ese día fatídico, probablemente es tiempo de reenfoarnos en lo que es importante. Terminar ese proyecto en el trabajo, mirar otro programa de televisión no es tan importante como disfrutar la compañía de aquellos que amamos. Guardar rencor e implementar la ley del silencio es un desperdicio de tiempo al darnos cuenta que el tiempo de hablar con nuestros seres queridos se ha perdido. Podemos ser un "ángel" para alguien sin ponernos en peligro, simplemente optando por hacer algo, ya sea dar de nuestra atención y enfocarnos en alguien más. Simplemente tenemos que hacerlo y hoy es ese día.

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk