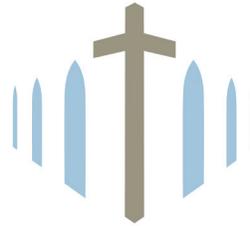


SEPTEMBER 25, 2016



# ST. MONICA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

9933 Midway Road, Dallas, Texas 75220

214-358-1453 • Fax: 214-351-1887

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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 • 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

Larry Lucido

Bob Marrinan

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

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**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

A man went to visit in a home where there were several children, and, trying to relate to the kids, he asked one of the girls about her doll collection. "Which is your favorite doll?" he asked. "Promise not to laugh if I tell you?" she questioned. He promised not to laugh, and the little girl got up, went into another room, and brought back a worn-out, tattered doll that looked like a refugee from the trash pile. There was a crack in the arm, a missing nose, marks all over the body and a bald head. The man did not laugh, but unable to hide his surprise, he asked, "Why do you love this one the most?" She replied, "Because she needs it most. If I didn't love her, nobody would."

The two men in the gospel parable were not total strangers. Since the poor man Lazarus sat at the rich man's gate, they had to have seen each other at least in passing. But, the rich man chose to be blind to the man there in front of him, suffering and in terrible need. To care for him would not involve much of his time or resources – he was rich, he could hire people to do it for him. He was not cruel to the man. He just pretended he was not there.

The part of the story that makes us all nervous is that God holds him responsible not for acts done, but for acts left undone. That is because God does not only present us with loveable people to be loved, with attractive people to draw our attention. He often places us in situations that are uncomfortable, with people we do not like or even with those we judge to not be worthy of our attention. It is easier to pretend we are not responsible, or that we do not see that there is something we can do to bless someone in need.

When our home has that uneasy atmosphere because we are angry over something someone did, we can just let them be uncomfortable, wondering what they can say or do

that will be worthy of our forgiveness. Or, we can make the first step, choose to forgive them, put the offense aside and move on.

There are times when someone needs to be the one to take leadership – it might be on a project at school or work, or in our organization, or in getting the family to take on helping a neighbor. It is easy to sit there silently and decide someone else can take care of it. But, as we decide to offer our time and energy, we open the door to allow others to join us in accomplishing something that would be left undone without us.

Life is hard to manage for many people. We all know someone who is lonely and wants to talk. We often have to deal with a person who thinks they are the wisest and most important. There are people down on their luck who cannot seem to take care of their needs without the kindness of others. Our temptation is to pretend we do not see these inconvenient people in need. But, if we don't love them, perhaps no one will. It doesn't cost us much to share some time, to give a few dollars, to respect the human need in them for understanding and attention that we also have.

We should not forget that this parable doesn't involve just the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man has five brothers still making the decisions in life on which they will one day be judged by God. And the point of the parable is that they don't need to be given dramatic signs and warnings in order to know what needs to be done. They, like us, already know what is expected. God is always presenting new opportunities to share his love with others, to care for others, to share the blessings he has given us. But only we can decide to give. And how we decide has eternal consequences!

– Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

# News & Events



The **2016 St. Monica Ministry Fair**, which was held on Sunday, September 18th. A big THANK YOU to our 60 participating ministries, Mi Camino Restaurant for the Mimosas and donations of delicious pan dulce and chips and salsa, maintenance and the numerous volunteers and student volunteers that helped throughout the day as greeters, passing out information, overseeing food and beverage tables, popcorn machine, brewing coffee, and set up and cleanup. This was a fantastic turn out of visitors! This is one for the records, with face painting, balloon artist, and record numbers of interested parishioners signing up as volunteers with numerous ministries such as Helping Hands, North Dallas Shared Ministries, Prison Ministry and Knights of Columbus, to name a few. God bless everyone for making this such a successful event!

On the occasion of his fortieth anniversary of ordination, the parish gave Fr. Bierschenk money for a trip. He is presently in Australia enjoying a train trip from Sydney to Perth on the Indian Pacific Railroad. He will return by next weekend.

The **St. Monica Church Offices will be closed** on Friday, September 30th.

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 Hal or calling Elida Muñoz at [214-563-4026](tel:214-563-4026). Come pray a Rosary with us to save lives.

St. Monica will host a **Blessing of the Animals** on Saturday, October 1 at 9 am by the statue of Mary between the church and McManus Hall. Leashed animals are welcome!

**A Woman on a Mission** Please join us in welcoming world renowned human rights activist, Reggie Littlejohn, to St. Monica on October 6, 2016 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Church. Influenced by her time working with St. Teresa of Calcutta, Littlejohn is the founder and president of Women's Rights without Frontiers, an organization that works to save women from forced abortion in China. Come listen to Littlejohn and learn how you can be of help in being a part of the *Save a Girl* campaign launched by Women's Rights without Frontiers. If you have any questions, contact Mariangela in the Church office at [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

**L1FT Youth Ministry** now has a weekly small group for teens who are seeking an opportunity to grow as disciples. Join us in the Youth Room from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm every Wednesday for *Unleashed!*

**Adorers are needed** to sit with Jesus at perpetual adoration on Sunday and Monday from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm and 11:00 am - 12:00 pm on Fridays. To sign up, contact Margie at [adore10397@sbcglobal.net](mailto:adore10397@sbcglobal.net).

**Stewardship**  
09-18-2016

Regular - \$38,924  
Renovation - \$84,508

**Total Mass Attendance**  
09-18-2016  
3,384

## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, September 25**

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 ..... Jose Natividad Cruz † by his children  
5:00 pm..... Priest's Intention

**Monday, September 26**

6:45 am..... Andres Roberto Paredes †  
by The Oliva Family  
8:00 am..... Edwin Guzman by Diaz Family

**Tuesday, September 27**

6:45 am..... For Holiness in Our Church  
8:00 am ..... Rev. Eric Schulze † by PTO Mass

**Wednesday, September 28**

6:45 am..... Benjamin Gomez † by Benedicto Gomez  
8:00 am..... Mary Daniels † by Frances Kervin

**Thursday, September 29**

6:45 am..... Gene Miller † by The Byrd Family  
8:00 am ..... Theresa Noyes † by Bob & Monica Noyes

**Friday, September 30**

6:45 am..... Carmen Parker †  
by Heinz & Mercedes Reuter  
8:00 am..... For Madden & Canary Families

**Saturday, October 1**

8:00 am..... Marie & Raymond Smith †  
by DeMetrovich Family  
5:00 pm..... Juliana Landa † by Virginia & Mark Filhiol

**Sanctuary Light**

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for Mike Christy †.

**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.

Marcella Weisbruch <sup>2</sup>	Jessica Martinez <sup>2</sup>
Lorenzo <sup>2</sup>	Elida Munoz <sup>3</sup>
Zach <sup>2</sup>	Ray Cormier <sup>2</sup>
Luis Cano <sup>2</sup>	Joe Chris Herrera <sup>3</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**

*Maria Gutierrez*  
*Theodore Green, III*



**A ST. MONICA TRADITION!**



**TODAY**  
**Sunday, September 25, 2016**  
**11:00 am To 7:00 pm**  
**SMS School Cafeteria**

- Dinner Includes:
- Fresh Spaghetti
  - Campisi's Savory Sauce & Meatballs
  - Salad & Garlic Bread
  - Drink & Dessert

Cost:  
 Kids - \$5.00  
 Adults - \$8.00

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**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).

Join us for **An Evening with Fr. Nathan Cromly, CSJ** on Saturday, October 1, from 6:30 - 9:00 pm in Family Center Room 109. We will start with dinner at 6:30 pm followed by a talk on the *Essence of Spiritual Direction* at 7 pm. The presentation will address the purpose behind receiving Spiritual Direction and how it can be focused to enhance the Spiritual life. Child care will be offered in Room 114. If you have any questions, please call Mariangela Byrne at the parish office at [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

Join us as we **gather with Fr. Nathan Cromly** to learn about the family's special mission from God. Fr. Nathan will provide practical tips on how to help family achieve sanctity. Fr. Nathan's talk will be on Sunday, October 2nd, from 3:00- 6:00 pm at Christ the King Catholic Church on Preston Rd. at their parish center.

**Chrysalis**, a program equipping seventh and eighth grade girls with the tools to fully understand their dignity as daughters of God, embrace their true beauty, and learn to make good choices will begin at St. Monica on October 7th at 7 pm in the Family Center. The cost is \$35 per girl. For more information or to register, call [817-371-6696](tel:817-371-6696).



Parishioners have logged **541.07 hours** of service beyond the boundaries of St. Monica since we launched Faith in Action!

You can log your hours online at [stmonicachurch.org/faithinaction](http://stmonicachurch.org/faithinaction) or by filling out a deposit slip and dropping it in the collection basket.

## Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

**October 1 at 5:00 pm**  
 Matt & Cecilia Martin

**October 2 at 11:00 am**  
 Pat & Lisa Madden

**October 2 at 8:00 am**  
 Bob & Mercy Daley

**October 2 at 12:30 pm**  
 John & Michelle Zaugg

**October 2 at 9:30 am**  
 Chris & Kristin Buehler

**October 2 at 5:00 pm**  
 John & Molly McHugh

# Noticias y Eventos



### Feria de Ministerios el domingo, 18 de Septiembre.

Muchísimas gracias a los 60 ministerios que asistieron en la Feria de Ministerios. También, gracias al restaurante de Mi Camino por las Mimosas y donación de pan dulce, chips con salsa, por la ayuda de mantenimiento y los voluntarios incluyendo los estudiantes que ayudaron durante ese día como hujieres, repartiendo información, en las mesas de comida y refrescos, haciendo el café y ayudando con la limpieza. El evento también fue un éxito con la pinta carita y globos para los niños.

Asistieron muchos visitantes después de cada Misa. Los resultados de personas que se anotaron a varios ministerios, fue más que el año pasado. Algunos de los ministerios fueron Proclamadores, Legión de María y Coro de Niños. ¡Que Dios continúe bendiciendo en su ministerio para el bien de Su Iglesia!

**HORA SANTA Infantil...**

¡Dios es tu amigo y quiere pasar tiempo contigo!

**Cada 5to. Viernes de mes - 7:00 pm**  
(Abril 29, Julio 29, Septiembre 30 y Diciembre 30 del 2016)

**Parroquia Católica Santa Mónica**  
(9933 Midway Rd. Dallas, Tx. 75220)

Informes: (214) 609-9344

**Acompáñanos...III**



¡Hasta hoy,  
**541.07 horas**  
de servicio se han reportado para el programa Más Allá de los Límites!

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.

**DEPÓSITO**

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## Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

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

**2 de Octubre**  
Juan Rangel

**9 de Octubre**  
Heydi Quintana

**23 de Octubre**  
Familia Ramirez

**30 de Octubre**  
Ybeth Montañez



**Pro Vida**

El Ministerio Pro-Vida de Santa Mónica 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 anotarse 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). ¡Vengan a rezar un Rosario con nosotros para salvar vidas!

**Caminando Juntos en la Fe**

El próximo 29 a 1 de Octubre, tiene la oportunidad de profundizar y/o aprender sobre la doctrina de la Iglesia Católica en una conferencia que incluirá mas de 80 ponentes y 170 sesiones. La Conferencia se llevara a cabo en el Centro de Convenciones Kay Bailey Hutchison. Inscribese antes del 25 de Septiembre. A [udallas.edu/dmc](http://udallas.edu/dmc); [dmc@udallas.edu](mailto:dmc@udallas.edu); [972-721-5105](tel:972-721-5105), [972-721-4077](tel:972-721-4077). No deje pasar esta oportunidad de convivir y aprender con miles de Católicos que caminan juntos en la Fe.

**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](tel:469-939-1803).

**Bendición de Animales – Día de San Francisco**

El 1 de Octubre es día de San Francisco y por tradición se les da una bendición a los animales. Les invitamos a traer a sus mascotas para ser bendecidos a las 9:00 am junto a la estatua de María.



# De El Pastor

Un hombre fue a visitar una familia que tenía varios hijos y tratando de relacionarse con los niños, le pregunto a una de las niñas sobre su colección de muñecas. Le pregunto, “¿Cuál es tu muñeca favorita?” “¿promete no reírse si le digo?” le pregunto. El prometió que no se reiría, la niña se levantó y fue a otro cuarto y trajo una muñeca vieja, rota que parecía que la hubiera sacado del basurero. Tenía un brazo roto, le faltaba la nariz, tenía marcado todo el cuerpo y estaba pelona. El hombre no se rio, pero no pudo contener preguntarle, “¿Por qué quieres más a esta?” ella le contesto, “porque ella lo necesita más, si yo no la amo, nadie lo hará.”

Los dos hombres del Evangelio no son completamente extraños. El pobre Lázaro se sentaba en el barandal del hombre rico, debían de haberse visto por lo menos de pasada. Pero el hombre rico escogió ser ciego ante el que sufría y tenía necesidades terribles. Al cuidarlo no le quitaba mucho tiempo o recursos pues era rico y podía ocupar alguien que lo hiciera por él. No era un hombre cruel. Solamente pretendía que no estaba ahí.

La parte de la historia que nos pone nerviosos es que Dios lo hace responsable por no los hechos, sino por los cosas que no se hicieron. Eso es porque Dios no solo nos pone personas que podamos amar, con personas atractivas que llaman nuestra atención. A menudo nos pone en situaciones que son incomodas, con personas que no queremos o inclusive con aquellos que juzgamos que no son dignos de nuestra atención. Es más fácil pretender que no somos responsables o que no podemos ver que hay algo que podamos hacer para bendecir alguien necesitado.

Cuando en nuestro hogar el ambiente esta inestable porque estamos enojados por algo que nos hicieron, podemos dejarlos incomodos

o pensando en lo que pueden decir o hacer para que sea digno de nuestro perdón. O podemos dar el primer paso y perdonarlos y dejar la ofensa a lado y seguir adelante.

Hay veces que alguien necesita tomar el liderazgo, puede ser un proyecto en la escuela, trabajo o en nuestra organización o hacer que la familia ayude a un vecino. Es fácil sentarse y decidir que alguien puede hacerlo. Pero cuando decidimos dar de nuestro tiempo y energía, abrimos las puertas a que otros se unan a nosotros para lograr algo que pudo haberse quedado sin hacer.

La vida es difícil de manejar para muchas personas. Todos conocemos alguien que está solo y quiere hablar. A menudo tenemos que tratar con personas que piensan que son las más inteligentes y más importantes. Hay personas que pasan malos ratos que no pueden cubrir sus necesidades sin la bondad de otros. Estamos tentados a no ver las inconveniencias de estas personas. Pero si no los amamos, probablemente nadie lo hará. No nos cuesta mucho compartir tiempo, dar un poco de dinero, respetar la necesidad humana de comprensión y atención al igual que nosotros tenemos.

No debemos olvidar que esta parábola no solamente involucra el hombre rico y Lázaro. El hombre rico tiene cinco hermanos que aun toman decisiones de las cuales un día también serán juzgados por Dios. El punto de la parábola es que no se tiene que dar signos dramáticos o advertencias para saber lo que se debe hacer. Ellos al igual que nosotros sabemos lo que es esperado. Dios siempre da nuevas oportunidades de compartir su amor con otros, cuidarlos, bendecirlos con lo que nos ha dado. Pero solamente nosotros podemos decidir darlo. ¡Como lo decidamos tiene consecuencias eternas!

– Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk