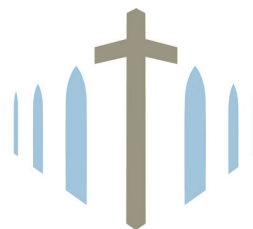




JANUARY 15, 2017



ST. MONICA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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

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

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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

John the Baptist had always known he had a special part to play in God's plan. He knew the stories of his birth – his parents being old enough to be grandparents and still childless; his father seemingly by luck being chosen to be the one to enter the Holy of Holies in the Temple and remaining; his father being struck dumb because he could not believe when the angel said he would have a son.

Things did not change when he grew to adulthood. He had been inspired by God to prepare the people because someone special was near. The Messiah the people had longed for, for generations, was already among them. John did not yet know where or when his presence would be revealed, but he would see the sign clearly – the spirit descending upon him and remaining. And then it happened. Jesus came to join the crowd one baptism day and the sign was given.

Once he saw the sign and recognized the presence of the One for whom he waited, his message took a new direction. His certainty that the Messiah was here enabled him to be able to point to Jesus. "There he is. He is the One."

A group of young students were asked by their school teacher to make a list of what they thought were the present-day Seven Wonders of the World. Although there were some disagreements, the following seven things received the most votes: 1. The Great Pyramids of Egypt; 2. The Taj Mahal; 3. The Grand Canyon; 4. The Panama Canal; 5. The Empire State Building; 6. St. Peter's Basilica; 7. China's Great Wall.

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one quiet student had not turned in her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many." The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have – read your list and maybe we can help." Hesitantly, shyly, the girl

stood up and then read her paper out loud to the class. She said, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are: 1. to be able to see; 2. to be able to hear; 3. to be able to touch; 4. to be able to feel; 5. to be able to taste; 6. to be able to laugh; 7. to be able to love." The room was so quiet you could hear a pin drop.

We are people of faith just like John. But we have been given even more than John could ever imagine. We don't have to wait for a special sign. We hear the words of Jesus at every Mass and can read them any time from our personal Bible. We can receive Jesus personally in our Communion. And we believe that Jesus is personally present in every situation and personally identifies himself with every person we meet.

That is why we have to be careful to recognize the "wonders of the world" that his presence with us reveals. Our challenge is to make sure we are pointing to him in our life. When we feel offended, our willingness to admit that we too are imperfect and decide to put aside our anger, instead of looking for payback, points to the gentle forgiveness Jesus so often gives us. Someone may be difficult or different and we would prefer to pretend they are not there. But we point to Jesus as we welcome them and choose to give the gift of our full attention to our brother or sister in Christ. When things are not going as we expected, or when we are not feeling well, it's only natural to be in a bad mood and make sure others know it. But patience and grace and courage when life is difficult points to Jesus who has shown us how to deal with the Cross.

The greatest "wonder" of our world is that God sent his Son to be with us. And as we become more careful in pointing to his presence in our life, the more we will be able to see the world around us is filled with the wonders of God at work in our life.

– Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

News & Events

Even though it's a Brand New Year, we didn't change a thing about our always delicious **Breakfast Burritos** and yummy **Sausage On A Stick** goodies. So after Mass, be sure to stop by and pick up a bag or two—don't forget your neighbors. Your Knights of Columbus wish you all a happy, healthy and faith-filled 2017!

The **St Monica Pro-Life Ministry** thanks all those that participated in the Epiphany Baby Shower, to benefit pregnancy centers in Dallas. Those that were not able to bring your gifts last week, can still drop them off at the church office during the next week. The mothers and babies who will benefit from your donations thank you for your generosity.

Catholicism: The Pivotal Players Join us every Wednesday from January 18th through March 8th from 7:00 pm - 8:45 pm in the Family Center Upper Lounge as we discover the figures who shaped the Church and changed the world! Join us as we follow Bishop Robert Barron on a new journey to unlock the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people. The Pivotal Players is a multi-part film series that illumines the lives of six saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only impacted the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization. The fee is \$25 and includes a study guide. Register today at stmonicachurch.org.

St. Monica Works Ministry is a business and professional networking organization. Connect and develop business together on Thursday, January 19 in the lower lounge of the Family Center. Come tell about your product, service or profession and learn what other faith-minded individuals offer. Arrive for coffee, donuts, and networking at 7:29 am. A lively information exchange begins at 7:59 am and ends at 8:59 am. Want more information? Call 214-707-3726 or visit www.stmonicaworks.org. If your business can stand improvement, join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month!

Adorers are needed to sit with Jesus for one hour on Thursday from 10:00 am - 11:00 am Thursdays and Fridays from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. To sign up, contact Margie at adore10397@sbcglobal.net.



February 4, 2017

The **St. Monica Fine Arts Annual Pop Show** will be held on Saturday, February 4th in the school cafeteria. A matinee performance with drinks and desserts will begin at 2:30 pm and a dinner show will begin at 6:30 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm). Tickets for the matinee show are \$15. Individual tickets for the dinner show are \$30 or a table for 10 people may be purchased for \$300. Tickets will be sold after all weekend Masses on January 14-15th and January 21-22nd. Tickets can also be purchased online at stmonicachurch.org or at the parish office.

Stewardship

01-08-2016

Regular - \$51,441

Renovation - \$94,492

Total Mass Attendance

01-08-2016

3,541

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 15

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, January 16

6:45 am..... Adrienne Krutilek † by Foley Family
8:00 am..... PTO Mass

Tuesday, January 17

6:45 am..... Juan Jimenez by Evanjelina Jimenez
8:00 am..... Charlotte Bozarth † by St. Monica School

Wednesday, January 18

6:45 am..... Myriam Padilla † by M. Henry
8:00 am..... Edward Nelzi †
by Father of Jackie Strempek

Thursday, January 19

6:45 am..... For Canary & Madden Families
8:00 am..... Jean Wilson †
by Deacon Bryan & Karen Mitchell

Friday, January 20

6:45 am..... Howard Hauger † by Joanna's Grandpa
8:00 am..... PTO Mass

Saturday, January 21

8:00 am..... Nancy St. Romain †
by Walter & Joan Minigutti
5:00 pm..... Jordan Elizabeth Burger †
by The Watts Family

Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for Carolyn & Bill Donahue.

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 ¹	Ester ¹
Zach ¹	Amy Perez-Joyner ³
Jesse Martinez ¹	Ma. Guadalupe Aguinaga 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.

For Our Departed

Dr. Peter Gailiunas, Jr.
Lucia Flotte



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 starting registrations
for the Grief Support Ministry.

Sessions begin
Wednesday, February 1, 2017
7pm-9pm.

For more information or to register,
contact Bill Pratt at 214-728-3532
or Pam Fete at 210-218-5777.



BEYOND BOUNDARIES

2016 ST. MONICA FAITH IN ACTION

Parishioners have logged
7,688 hours
of service beyond the boundaries of
St. Monica since we launched
Faith in Action!

Log hours at
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 Church Offices will be closed** on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 17th at 9 am.

This is an invitation to all women in the Dallas Diocese to come and join us in the **Dallas Vocation Guild**. The DVG is a spiritual, charitable, educational non-profit Catholic organization of women dedicated to the promotion and sustaining of religious vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The next meeting will be held on January 19th at 11:00 am in the Family Center Lower Lounge at St. Monica. The rosary is prayed, Mass is celebrated by our Chaplain and lunch is served. For more information or to make luncheon reservations, contact Shirley Vilfordi at [214-369-7724](tel:214-369-7724) or shirleygvilfordie@gmail.com or Mary Marchand at mmarchand@allsaintsdallas.org.

Healing with Hope: A Catholic Divorce Ministry

St. Monica is hosting a 15 week program designed to help Catholics heal from the emotional and spiritual pain of separation and divorce. The program will be led by trained lay facilitators to guide participants along a path of hope and healing. Regular weekly sessions will begin on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 and continue through May 9th. The cost of the program is \$25. To register, visit stmonicachurch.org and click on the "Healing with Hope" banner image. For more information, contact Erin Cooper at [214-366-7142](tel:214-366-7142) or ecooper@stmonicachurch.org.

GEMS Coach Training

Project Gabriel/Gabriel Education Ministry and Support (GEMS) is an outreach ministry for women facing unexpected pregnancies. Want to make a difference in the lives of moms and babies? Join us for a life skills training class and be assigned a Project Gabriel mother who needs your compassion and love. Our PG/GEMS coach training will prepare you for a rewarding experience while helping a woman become the mother God intended her to be. Training will be held at St. Rita on January 28th in Room D-248 from 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Register by calling Alison Ferren at [214-986-1411](tel:214-986-1411).

Join Fr. Loyd Morris, KCHS on a **pilgrimage to Marian Shrines** in Europe in April 2017! Pilgrims will be visiting Marian Shrines in France, Spain and Portugal. This pilgrimage is certain to be an experience of a lifetime! This pilgrimage will be benefitting Birth Choice of Dallas. For more information and specific dates, contact Tekton Ministries at [\(317\) 574-4191](tel:317-574-4191) or email pilgrimage@tektonministries.org.

Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

January 21 at 5:00 pm
Jim & Sheila Madden

January 22 at 8:00 am
Robert & Helen Chisolm

January 22 at 9:30 am
Charles & Karen Brophy

January 22 at 11:00 am
Gary & Amy Melle

January 22 at 12:30 pm
Tom & Kristine Primrose

January 22 at 5:00 pm
Roberto & Helen Vega

Noticias y Eventos



Jornada 189

Si eres un joven soltero de entre 18 y 30 años de edad, te invitamos a que vengas a disfrutar de este tiempo de intimidad con Dios...

*La Fe mueve montañas,
el amor mueve fronteras,
la pasión mueve voluntades
y la oración mueve las
manos de Dios...*

FECHA: 10, 11 y 12 de Febrero del 2017
LUGAR: 5605 Bernal Dr. Dallas, Tx. 75212
HORA: 7:00 pm
DONACION: \$50.00
INFORMES: Nelson Loredo (972) 391-9742
Jorge Rico (214) 672-3227

Mente Sana, Cuerpo Sano Este 2017, establece tu condición física y mental, para recobrar o seguir viviendo lleno de paz y felicidad. La consejera Shavanna Lopez dirigirá una charla con dinámicas para mostrar formas fáciles y efectivas para cuidar nuestro cuerpo y nuestra mente. Este evento es para jóvenes adolescentes y padres. El 27 de Enero en la parroquia de Santa Mónica, a las 7pm. en el Centro Familiar, salón 201. Gratis!... Se regalara material para que pueda hacerlo en sus hogares y con toda la familia. Para más información llame a Dolores Vielma, [214-609-9344](tel:214-609-9344).

Clases de Planificación Familiar para facilitadores Necesitamos personas interesadas en ser facilitadores para enseñar a otras parejas a planificar su familia de una manera natural, para que la relación de pareja mejora, la mujer conoce su cuerpo y el hombre aprende a respetar a su pareja. Para más información llame a Marta Osegura [972-979-6331](tel:972-979-6331).



¡Hasta hoy,
7,688 hours
de servicio se han reportado para el
programa Más Allá de los Límites!

Anote sus horas en
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		ST. MONICA	
FECHA DE NDI	FECHA DE SERVICIO	HORAS	
NOMBRE	FECHA DE SERVICIO	HORAS	
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Nombre del lugar donde fue voluntario		TOTAL	
"2016-17 SANTA MONICA" "FE EN ACCIÓN"			

Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

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

22 de enero
Familia Palos

29 de enero
Familia Ramirez

5 de febrero
Jaime Morales



Bodas en Comunidad

¿Le gustaría recibir el sacramento de Matrimonio? Le invitamos a considerar las bodas en comunidad, una manera sencilla, económica pero llena de gracia de Dios para la pareja. La celebración se llevara a cabo el 1 de Abril del 2017. La pareja debe de asistir unas clases de preparación el 18 Marzo, 9-5pm. y 19 de Marzo, 9am. a 1:30pm. Es importante que se inscriba con Martha González al [214-358-1453](tel:214-358-1453).

Ministerio Imagen de Dios

Este 2017, te invitamos a evaluar tu caminar bajo la mirada de Dios en nuestra Hora Santa mensual el 19 de Enero a las 7pm. en la capilla. También el jueves, 26 de Enero les invitamos abrir su corazón a tener un encuentro consigo mismo y descubrir el llamado que Dios le hace a vivir una vida en libertad y en el amor. Nos acompañara el Padre Iñigo. La reunión es para mayores de 18 años en todo estado de vida, en el salón de la Biblioteca. Habrá cuidado de niños. Para más información llame a Elvia Cruz, [214-998-5886](tel:214-998-5886).

Retiro Bíblico Espiritual

¿Le gustaría aprender a leer la Biblia, a conocer el mensaje de vida que tiene para usted y su familia? Venga al retiro Bíblico Espiritual que se llevara a cabo el sábado 28 de enero de 9 a 5pm. y domingo 29 de Enero de 9 a 1:30pm. En la Cafetería de Santa Mónica. El retiro será dirigido por los Misioneros de la Palabra. Es un retiro familiar con un donativo de \$10 por adulto. Habrá cuidado de niños. Para más información comuníquese con Eva Ramírez [972-855-7165](tel:972-855-7165), Sergio Meza [469-650-3683](tel:469-650-3683).

Talleres de Oración y Vida para Hombres

¿Te gustaría aprender a orar? Te invitamos a participar de las próximas sesiones de los Talleres de Oración y Vida para aprender a tener una relación con Dios a través de la Oración. Los talleres iniciaran el 30 de Enero a las 7pm. en el salón de Arte, para más información llame a Luis [214-530-7372](tel:214-530-7372).

Clases de Evangelización Guadalupeana

El Instituto Superior de Estudios Guadalupeños y la Universidad Pontificia de México los invitan a cursar el Diplomado I – La Verdad de Guadalupe impartido por el Sr. Cango. Dr. Eduardo Chávez, postulador de la causa de canonización de San Juan Diego, iniciando el 28 de Enero al 22 de Julio, todos los sabados de 9am. a 1pm. en el salón de la Biblioteca. Para más información comuníquese con Nelda Hernandez al [214-952-9139](tel:214-952-9139).

De El Pastor

Juan el Bautista siempre supo que tenía una parte importante en el plan de Dios. Conocía la historia de su nacimiento, sus padres siendo grandes de edad como para ser abuelos y aun sin hijos; su padre tuvo la suerte de haber sido escogido para entrar al lugar más Sagrado del Templo; su padre enmudeció porque no creyó cuando el ángel le dijo que tendría un hijo.

Las cosas no cambiaron cuando se hizo un adulto. Dios le inspiró a preparar a la gente porque alguien especial estaba cerca. El Mesías que esperaban por tantas generaciones ya estaba entre ellos. Juan no sabía cuando o donde se revelaría su presencia, pero miraría una clara señal, el Espíritu Santo descendiendo sobre El y quedando en El. Fue entonces cuando sucedió, Jesús, se unió con la multitud a un bautismo y se dio la señal.

Una vez que se dio la señal y se reconoció la presencia Del que estaban esperando, su mensaje tomo una nueva dirección. Su certitud que el Mesías estaba ahí le permitió señalar a Jesús. "Ahí está, Él es".

Una maestra les pidió a un grupo de estudiantes jóvenes que hicieran una lista de lo que pensaban que eran las Siete Maravillas del Mundo en este momento. Aunque hubo muchos desacuerdos, las siguientes siete cosas recibieron más votos: 1. Las Gran Piramides de Egipto; 2. El Taj Mahal; 3. El Gran Cañón; 4 El Canal de Panamá; 5 El Edificio Imperial del Estado; 6. La Basílica de San Pedro; 7. La Muralla China.

Cuando estaban juntando las nominaciones, la maestra noto que un estudiante serio no había entregado su papel. Entonces le pregunto a la niña si estaba teniendo problemas con su lista. La niña contesto, "Si, un poco. No pude decidirme porque son muchos. Dijo la maestra, "Bueno dinos lo que tienes, lee tu lista y probablemente podemos ayudarte." Vacilante y con pena la niña se puso

de pie y comenzó a leer su papel en voz alta. Dijo, "Creo que Siete Maravillas del Mundo son: 1. Poder ver, 2.poder escuchar; 3 poder tocar; 4 poder sentir; 5 poder probar; 6 poder reír; 7 poder amar." El salón estaba tan silencio que se podía escuchar si caía un alfiler.

Somos personas de fe tal y como Juan. Se nos ha dado más de lo que Juan puede imaginar. No debemos esperar por una señal especial. Escuchamos las palabras de Jesús en cada Misa y podemos leerlas en cada momento en nuestra Biblia personal. Podemos recibir a Jesus personalmente en nuestra Comunión. Creemos que Jesús está presente en cada situación que una persona se encuentra con alguien.

Es por eso que debemos ser cuidadosos en reconocer las "maravillas del mundo" donde su presencia se nos revela. Nuestro reto es asegurarnos que apuntamos hacia su dirección. Cuando nos sentimos ofendidos, nuestra voluntad para admitir que somos imperfectos y decidimos poner nuestro enojo a lado en vez de buscar puntos al perdón gentil que nos ofrece Jesús. Alguien puede ser difícil o diferente y preferimos pretender que no que no estamos ahí. Pero apuntamos hacia Jesús cuando los recibimos y damos nuestra completa atención a nuestro hermano y hermana en Cristo. Cuando las cosas no van como esperamos o cuando no nos sentimos bien, es natural estar de mal humor y asegurarnos que otros lo sepan. La paciencia, gracia y fortaleza cuando la vida es difícil apunta hacia Jesús quien nos muestra como cargar con la Cruz.

La gran "maravilla" de nuestro mundo es que Dios envió a su Hijo a estar con nosotros. Cuando somos más cuidadosos en apuntar hacia Su presencia en nuestra vida, más podemos ver como el mundo está lleno de las maravillas de Dios.

--Fr Stephen W Bierschenk

