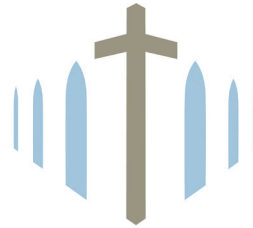




JANUARY 22, 2017



ST. MONICA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 • 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

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Volunteer Coordinator x 7173

Maria E. Juarez-Plank

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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

From the Pastor

Jesus was preparing to begin his public ministry. The gospels tell us that he stood up in the synagogue in his home town and read the familiar words of the prophet. The people were all ears. When the Messiah came, the deaf would hear, the blind would see, the poor would hear the Good News announced to them. And then he rolled up the scroll and told them that he was the one. The people who knew him best found it hard to accept. In fact, they threw him out of town.

So, he had to leave his shop behind, and set out for a new start. He went to the seaside town of Capernaum, and there he began his planning. First of all, he needed someone to share his vision and to help with the work. And so, he invited some local fishermen, Peter and Andrew. And the next day, two other brothers were invited to leave their father and their boat behind. And James and John accepted. It was a small beginning, but Jesus had big plans – he would make them fishers of men.

It's interesting to consider why these fishermen were so well suited for the work ahead. They had to be patient, because that is the nature of what they did – looking for a good fishing spot, casting their net, pulling it in empty and then beginning again in another location. Every day went like that, because the fish did not gather in one spot waiting to be scooped up.

They had to be clever – making repairs to their boat and nets far out from shore, looking for signs in the wind and the flight of the birds to discover where the fish might be schooling.

They had to be people of faith, in tune with God. Every day they saw the beautiful work of God's hand painted across the sky in the sunrise and sunset. And it would have been

natural for them to renew their trust in God as a storm blew up on the sea, or to offer a prayer of gratitude when the net came up with a good catch.

Most of all, they had to be people ready to take a risk, to leave everything behind and follow Jesus, to learn from him, and in the end to change their lives forever.

A man applied for a job with a transport company. During the training course the instructor said, "Suppose you are going down a mountain road and your truck is out of control. Your brakes have failed. A car is in front of you, and another truck is coming up the mountain in the other lane. What would you do?" He replied, "First thing I would do is wake up my partner, Leroy." The instructor asked, "Why would you do that?" And the man said, "Because Leroy is just an old country boy, and he's never seen a wreck like that before."

Peter, Andrew, James and John had never seen anyone like Jesus before. He invited them to come along and they stepped off the boat and left it behind. They were simple people of faith, and there was no way for them to imagine what was coming – the miracles, the crowds, then the opposition by the powerful, and a torturous death for their friend. Being with Jesus was enough for now.

The same thing happens to us every day. Jesus sees our unique talents and he places us in the right place, with the right person. Sometimes it all seems so random, often our situation seems to be out of control. But, Jesus is there, inviting us to come walk with him. He will take care of everything, and show us things we cannot even imagine. All we have to do is make a simple act of faith and accept the invitation

– Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

News & Events



DEACON LUCIDO & DEACON MARRINAN

Congratulations

ON YOUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE DEACONATE

Thank you to our Helping Hands Volunteers

St. Monica Helping Hands Ministry offers lunches following a funeral for the family and friends. This involves preparing meals, setting up serving areas and the cleanup after the luncheon. All of this helps reduce the stress and worry of a family already burdened by the loss of a loved one. The faithful and tireless support of our volunteers makes it possible for us to serve our families in their time of need. We are truly grateful for those who have dedicated their time and talents to our Helping Hands Ministry. If you are interested in participating in this ministry as needed, please call Maria Juarez-Plank at [214-366-7173](tel:214-366-7173).



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 this weekend! Tickets can also be purchased online at stmonicachurch.org or at the parish office.

Stewardship

01-15-2016

Regular - \$37,696

Texas Catholic - \$3,916

Total Mass Attendance

01-15-2016

3,439

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 22

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 23

6:45 am..... Gabrielle Nicole Goodwin †
 by Joseph Miller
 8:00 am..... Andrea Haba-Gose †
 by John Haba Family

Tuesday, January 24

6:45 am..... For Madden & Canary Families †
 8:00 am..... Nancy St. Romain †
 by Deacon Bryan & Sharon Mitchell

Wednesday, January 25

6:45 am..... Delfina Galvan 90th Birthday
 by Carey & Judy Schulten
 8:00 am..... Mia Rich † by Bill & Leane Galyean

Thursday, January 26

6:45 am..... For Holiness in Our Church
 8:00 am..... Mary Burgess by Ryan & Madden Families

Friday, January 27

6:45 am..... Teresa Marquez † by Mary Ann Palacios
 8:00 am Nancy St. Romain by Phil & Becky Ryan

Saturday, January 28

8:00 am..... Wilma Kuykendall by Marjorie Haba
 5:00 pm..... Genevieve Lodowki † by Her Children

Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for Rudy Guerra, Sr. †

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. Amy Perez-Joyner²

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.



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 taking 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.

News & Events

The Big Game is on Sunday, February 5th and the Knights are firing up their smoker to bring you their famous **pulled pork**. It's the perfect meal - whether you are hosting a party or just need to feed your family. Knights will be taking orders this weekend and will have the pulled pork ready for pickup after 8 am, 9:30 am, and 11am Mass on Sunday, February 5th. We sold out early last year, so get your orders in ASAP. Pulled pork is \$10/pound and sausage is \$2/link. You can also reserve your order by emailing michael@burns.net.

Lent is coming and so are the **Lenten dinners!** Once again the Knights of Columbus will be offering their delicious Lenten dinners beginning the first Friday of Lent, March 3. So save the date and plan to dine with your fellow parishioners this Lent!

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.

SAGE, St. Monica's Senior Outreach, is hosting a presentation, **Communication with Dementia Patients**, on Tuesday, January 31 at 7 pm in Family Center Room 109. A representative from the Alzheimer's Association will review the progression of dementia and give suggestions on how to deal with each stage of the disease. This program is open to all interested. For more information, contact Elaine Scholly at [904-305-7078](tel:904-305-7078).

St. Monica Dads Club is hosting a **Gala Underwriting Sponsorship Party** on Saturday, February 11th at 7 pm to provide details about sponsorship opportunities for St. Monica School's annual gala, which is scheduled for April. Contact Russ Oonk at [214-549-9932](tel:214-549-9932) or roonk@acs-repair.com to RSVP.

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.

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. 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).



Parishioners have logged

8,236 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!

Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

January 28 at 5:00 pm
Derek & Jeanne Howell

January 29 at 11:00 am
David & Lynn Griffin

January 29 at 8:00 am
Susan Webb

January 29 at 12:30 pm
Issy & Anne Perez

January 29 at 9:30 am
Brian & Denise Hunt

January 29 at 5:00 pm
Collette Corbin & Family

Noticias y Eventos

Retiro Bíblico

Cafetería de la
Parroquia Católica Santa Mónica
(9933 Midway Rd. Dallas, Tx. 75220)

28 de Enero de 9:00 am a 5:00 pm
29 de Enero de 9:00 am a 1:30 pm

Este retiro es la iniciación para un curso bíblico que le seguirá por varios meses, y esta dirigido a personas mayores de 16 años en todo estado de vida.

INFORMES:

Eva Ramírez (972) 855-7165
Sergio Meza (469) 650-3683

DONACION:

\$10.00 por persona
- Habrá cuidado de niños -


ST. MONICA
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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).

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).



Diplomado
LA VERDAD DE GUADALUPE
Impartido por
SR. CANGO, DR. EDUARDO CHÁVEZ
Director del Instituto Superior de Estudios Guadalupeños
Postulador de la causa de canonización de San Juan Diego
Del 28 de Enero al 22 Julio del 2017
Todos los Sábados de 9:00 am a 1:00 pm
El Diplomado consta de (120 hrs.), se impartira en las instalaciones de la Universidad Pontificia de México, podrá ser tomado en línea o diferido.

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Sábados 9:00hrs
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Libérate de tu dolor..

ES UN NUEVO DÍA

Ministerio de Apoyo para Luto y Duelo Parroquia Santa Mónica

Se inciará el martes 7 febrero 2017.

Llame al 469-733-3925 o 214-366-7131.

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).

Clases de Evangelización Guadalupana

El Instituto Superior de Estudios Guadalupanos 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).



MÁS ALLÁ DE LOS LÍMITES
2016 SANTA MONICA FE EN ACCION

¡Hasta hoy,
8,236 hours
de servicio se han reportado para el programa Más Allá de los Límites!

Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

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

29 de enero
Familia Ramirez

5 de febrero
Jaime Morales



De El Pastor

Jesús se estaba preparando para iniciar su vida pública. Los evangelios nos cuentan que se paró en la sinagoga de su pueblo y leyó palabras de los profetas. Toda la gente escuchaba. Cuando venga el Mesías, los sordos oirán, los ciegos verán, los pobres escucharán las Buenas Nuevas. Entonces enrolló el pergamino y les dijo que Él era el que había de venir. Las personas que le conocían tuvieron dificultad en creerle. De hecho, lo arrojaron afuera.

Tuvo que dejar su tienda atrás e iniciar de nuevo. Fue a las orillas de Cafarnaúm y ahí inicio a planear. Antes que nada, necesitaba alguien que compartiera su visión y le ayudara en el trabajo. Entonces invito a pescadores locales, Pedro y Andrés. Al siguiente día otros dos hermanos fueron invitados a dejar a su padre y su barca. Santiago y Juan aceptaron. Era un inicio pequeño pero Jesús tenía grandes planes. Los haría pescadores de hombres.

Es interesante pensar porque estos pescadores eran apropiados para el trabajo que se aproximaba. Tenían que ser pacientes, era la naturaleza de lo que hacían- buscar por un lugar bueno para pescar, tirar sus redes sacarlas vacías y volver a iniciar en otro lugar. Todos los días era así, porque los pescados no se juntaban en un solo lugar esperando a que los pescaran.

Tenían que ser inteligentes- reparar el barco y las redes lejos del puerto, buscar señales en el viento y el vuelo de los pájaros para descubrir donde los pescados se reunirían.

Tenían que ser personas de fe, en sintonía con Dios. Todos los días miraban la maravillosa mano de Dios pintada en el cielo en la puesta y caída del sol. Era natural para ellos renovar su confianza en

Dios cuando llegaba la tormenta en el mar, u ofrecer oraciones de agradecimiento cuando recogían las redes y era una buena pesca.

Ante todo, debían ser personas dispuestas a tomar riesgos, dejar todo y seguir a Jesús, aprender de Él y al final cambiar su vida para siempre.

Un hombre aplico para un trabajo en una compañía de transportes. Durante su entrenamiento el instructor dijo, “Supongan que van de bajada en la montaña y su camioneta esta fuera de control. Sus frenos han fallado. Un carro esta frente a ustedes y otra camioneta viene para arriba de la montaña en la otra línea. ¿Qué harías? El respondió, “La primera cosa que haría sería despertar a mi compañero, Leroy.” El instructor dijo, “¿Por qué harías eso?” respondió el hombre, “Porque Leroy es un muchacho de pueblo y nunca ha visto un choque así.”

Pedro, Andrés, Santiago y Juan nunca antes habían visto alguien como Jesús. Les invito a que lo acompañaran, salieron de su barco y dejaron todo atrás. Eran personas sencillas de fe, y no había manera de imaginar lo que vendría – los milagros, las multitudes, las oposiciones de los poderosos, la horrible muerte de su amigo. El estar con Jesús era suficiente por ahora.

La misma cosa nos sucede todos los días. Jesús ve nuestros talentos y nos pone en el lugar perfecto con la persona correcta. Hay veces que parece raro, algunas situaciones suelen estar fuera de control. Pero, Jesús está ahí, invitándonos a caminar con Él. Se encargara de todo mostrándonos cosas que no podemos imaginar. Todo lo que debemos hacer son pequeños actos de fe y aceptar la invitación.

–Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk