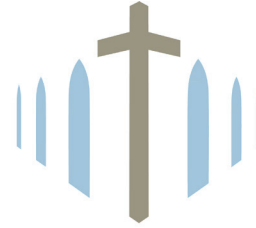


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ARE THE
POOR IN SPIRIT
THOSE WHO MOURN
THE MEEK
HUNGRY &
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THE MERCIFUL
PURE
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THE PEACEMAKERS
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JANUARY 29, 2017



ST. MONICA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

9933 Midway Road, Dallas, Texas 75220
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

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

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Business Manager x 7176

Debbie Diaz

Database Manager x 7111

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Volunteer Coordinator x 7173

Maria E. Juarez-Plank

Safe Environment Director x 7144

Shavana Lopez

Bookkeeper x 7102

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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

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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

Ministerio Hispano

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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

There was a symphony concert held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and one of the pieces featured a flute solo. This solo was to be played offstage so that it would sound as if it were coming from a great distance. The flutist would count the measures of the music precisely in order to come in at the exact time. There could be no visual contact between the conductor and the performer.

On the night of the performance, when the time came for the flute solo, the flutist came in precisely at the right time. The light, lilting notes floated out beautifully across the theater. Suddenly, however, there was a terrible shrieking noise and then the flute went silent. The conductor was outraged. At the end of the piece he rushed off stage to find the poor flutist.

"Maestro," the flutist said, "Before you say anything let me tell you exactly what happened. You're not going to believe it. As you are aware I came in precisely on time and everything was going beautifully. Then suddenly – this enormous stagehand ran up and grabbed away my flute. Then he pushed me back and snapped at me, "Shut up, you idiot! "Don't you know there's a concert going on out there?"

The stagehand knew that it was his job to keep everything in order backstage, behind the scenes. But, no one had thought to share with him the bigger picture of what was being orchestrated by the conductor and the flutist. And so, things were put right backstage – but everything was wrong!

The work of Jesus began as he sat down on the mountainside and explained his message in the simple statements that we now call the Beatitudes. As we listen to the familiar words in today's gospel, we may be like the stagehand. We know the way things are supposed to be.

God gives the blessings – it is not for us to demand them or earn them. God's goodness and overflowing love for us blesses us more than we can even imagine. And so, if God blesses the poor or the meek or the clean of heart it seems reasonable – that is what God does, give blessings.

But, Jesus is not calling us to be passively waiting to receive God's blessings. As we choose to open our heart and mind to the working of God in our life, and wonderful, powerful transformations begin to occur. The Greek word in the gospel that is translated "blessed" is actually speaking more of a state of blessedness, or an attitude, rather than the act of giving something good to another.

When we begin to see the larger picture of what Jesus expects us to be like as we live with him, remarkable things begin to happen. We see the blessedness that is ours as we admit we depend entirely on God, because we discover he is at work every day caring for all we need. We discover the blessedness present in our times of great sorrow, because God can comfort us and fill us with hope as he brings us through the darkness. We can experience the blessedness of God's peace and forgiveness as we turn aside from anger and invite the power of God's love into a broken relationship.

We have our part to play in God's plan. It is so important that no one else can take our place. But, God is the one conducting, guiding, opening the way for us. And when there is someone who does not understand, or who tries to stop us, we know that Jesus assures us that we are living already in a state of blessedness. It is ours as we let God be in control of our life.

– Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

News & Events

Members of the **St. Monica JCDA** are hosting a **Bake Sale** next weekend, Saturday, February 4th and Sunday, February 5th, after the 5 pm Masses in Angel Hall.

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. Weekly sessions begin 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 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.

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 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.



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 can be purchased online at stmonicachurch.org or at the parish office.

Stewardship

01-22-2016

Regular - \$40,737

Total Mass Attendance

01-22-2016

3,470

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 29

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 30

6:45 am..... Rhoda Boudreaux
by Carolyn & Gerry Schlak
8:00 am..... Mia Rich O'Malley †
by John & Marilyn Roppolo

Tuesday, January 31

6:45 am..... Nancy St. Romain †
by Mary & Gerry Geisler
8:00 am..... Jean Prachyl † by Anita Pezzimenti

Wednesday, February 1

6:45 am..... For Our Priests
8:00 am..... Ruth Bordelon † by Mercedes Reuter

Thursday, February 2

6:45 am..... Ruth Bordelon † by Maria Doskey
8:00 am..... Bryan Woods † by Jason Abshire

Friday, February 3

6:45 am..... Dr. Frederick Bonte † by Maria Doskey
8:00 am..... Dr. Frederick Bonte † by Mercedes Reuter
5:30 pm..... Dan & Ellenore Flynn † by Melva Gates
7:00 pm..... Lidia Diaz by Flores Family

Saturday, February 4

8:00 am..... Ben Stull † by Maria Doskey
5:00 pm..... Helen Cordes Buckley †
by Maureen & Joe Hafertepe

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-Joyner ¹	Zack ³
Ramon Horta ³	Esther ³
Jose Rangel ³	Jessica Martinez ³
Lorenzo ³	

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.



News & Events

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.

All couples engaged to be married are invited to a day workshop focused faith and finances, communication, Church's teachings on sexuality in Marriage, and the Sacramentality of marriage. This workshop will be provided by the Theology of the Body Evangelization Team and will be held on Saturday, February 11, from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. in Family Center Room 201. To register, visit our website under Marriage Preparation.

Catholic Radio on the **Guadalupe Radio Network is hosting a raffle!** Enter for a chance to win a 2017 Chevy Camaro by purchasing raffle tickets for \$25 each or 5 for \$100. The drawing will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017. A representative from the GRN will be present at St. Monica Parish on February 12th, and have tickets for sale after all Masses. For more information, email davepalmer@grnonline.com.

International best-selling author, Susan Conroy, author of numerous books on the life of St. Mother Teresa, will be presenting at St. Monica on Monday, February 27 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Church. Conroy is also the host of her own television show on EWTN, "Speaking of the Saints". There is no cost to attend the event and Susan will be available after the presentation to sign books. For more information, please the Office of Faith Formation at: [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

Women's Retreat Day: Walking the Path of Faith, presented by Sr. Bridget Haas, OSU, popular author and retreat leader, will be held on Saturday, February 18. The retreat will be held from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm at Prince of Peace Catholic Community in Plano. Register before February 3 to receive the early registration of \$35. Registration afterwards is \$45 and will close on February 13. Registration includes lunch and a lite breakfast. Registration is required, walk-ins are not accepted. Seating is limited and registrations are filling up! Details and online registration can be found at www.popplano.org.

Contemplative Outreach presents a one-day conference on *The Divine Relationship: Far Away, So Close* on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at St Joseph Catholic Church in Richardson. A paradox of the divine relationship we all have with God is that it's typically far away and so close at the same time. Kess Frey, lecturer and author, will discuss three types of consciousness in which we may experience the divine relationship. Join us for this fascinating lecture where he explores the how and why of this paradox and how we may grow closer to God through our practice of contemplative prayer. Early registration is \$25. Program details and online registration are available at www.cellofpeace.com/workshops. Additional information available at [972-722-6029](tel:972-722-6029) or CPDallas@CellOfPeace.com.



Parishioners have logged
8,505 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

February 4 at 5:00 pm
Bill & Darlene Kassen

February 5 at 11:00 am
John & Marilyn Roppolo

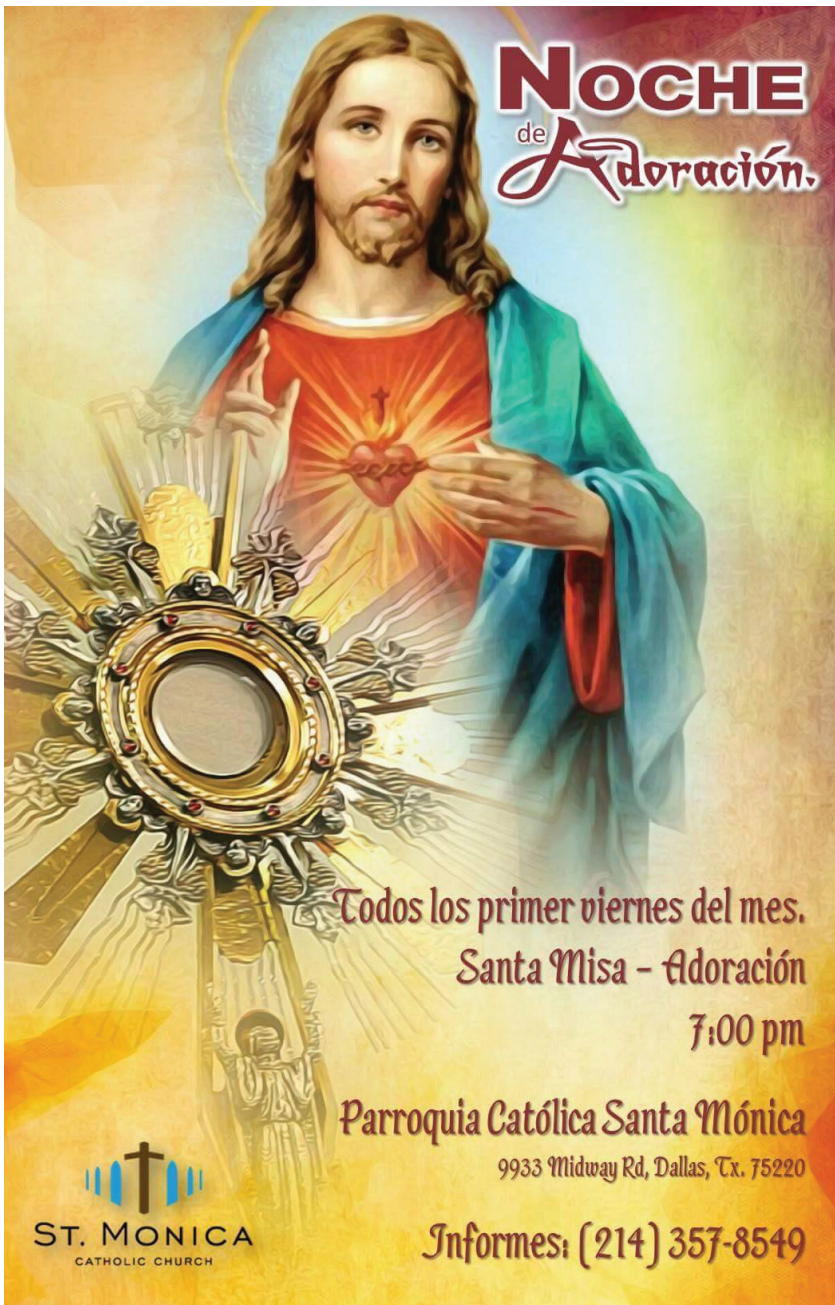
February 5 at 8:00 am
Guadalupe & Lupe DelAngel

February 5 at 12:30 pm
Nicolas & Laura Gutierrez

February 5 at 9:30 am
Matt & Qeanell McClure

February 5 at 5:00 pm
Richard & Jeanne Joubert

Noticias y Eventos



NOCHE
de Adoración.

Todos los primer viernes del mes.
Santa Misa - Adoración
7:00 pm

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

Informes: (214) 357-8549

ST. MONICA
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Bodas en Comunidad

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

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 7 pm en el salón de Arte, para más información llame a Luis [214-530-7372](tel:214-530-7372).



¡Hasta hoy,
8,505 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

FECHA DE HOY _____ FECHA DE SERVICIO ► [Calendar grid]

NOMBRE _____ HORAS ► [Calendar grid]

X PRIME AGUI _____ FECHA DE SERVICIO ► [Calendar grid]

Nombre del lugar donde fue voluntario _____ HORAS ► [Calendar grid]

TOTAL [Calendar grid]

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Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

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

5 de febrero
Jaime Morales

12 de Febrero
Familia Alvizo

19 de Febrero
Familia Resendiz

26 de Febrero
Familia Miranda





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. Todavía tiene tiempo para asistir. Las clases se llevan a cabo todos los sábados de 9 am. a 1 pm. en el salón de la Biblioteca. Para más información comuníquese con Nelda Hernandez al [214-952-9139](tel:214-952-9139).

Misa de Primer Viernes

Este 3 de Febrero, les esperamos a la Santa Misa en honor al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús a las 7 pm. Seguido por la Noche de Adoración para adorar, alabar y glorificar a Jesús Sacramentado.

Liberate de tu dolor..

ES UN NUEVO DÍA

Ministerio de Apoyo para Luto y Duelo Parroquia Santa Mónica

Se iniciara el martes 7 febrero 2017.

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

De El Pastor

Hubo un concierto sinfónico en Filadelfia, Pensilvania y una de las piezas fue un flautista. Este solista tocaría abajo del escenario para que la música se escuchara como si viniera de lejos. El flautista midió muy bien la música para entrar en el momento exacto. No había contacto visual entre el conductor y el flautista.

El día de evento, cuando era tiempo que entrara el flautista, lo hizo en el momento exacto. La luz, sonido de la flauta hermosamente se escucharon por todo el teatro. Pero, de repente, se escuchó un ruido terrible y la flauta callo. El conductor estaba indignado. Al final de la pieza bajó del escenario para encontrar al pobre flautista.

“Maestro” dijo el flautista, “antes que diga nada permítame decirle lo que realmente sucedió. No lo va a creer. Como usted sabe yo entraba precisamente a tiempo y todo se escuchaba hermoso. De repente, una enorme persona corrió hacia mí y me quito mi flauta. Luego me empujo y me comenzó a gritar, “¡cállate, idiota! ¿Qué acaso no sabes que hay un concierto?”

El Tramoyista sabía que era su trabajo mantener todo en orden en los vestidores detrás del escenario. Pero nadie pensó en compartirle sobre lo que presentaría el conductor y el flautista. Por eso puso control en los vestidores, pero todo estaba mal!

El trabajo de Jesús inicio cuando se sentó en la montaña y comenzó a explicar su mensaje sobre lo que ahora llamamos bienaventuranzas. Al escuchar las conocidas palabras del Evangelio, no debemos exigir las o ganarlas. La bondad de Dios y Su amor rebosante nos bendice más de lo que podemos imaginar. Por eso es razonable cuando Dios bendice los pobres, humildes o limpia los

corazones. Eso es lo que Dios hace, nos bendice.

Pero, Jesús no nos llama a esperar pasivamente para recibir sus bendiciones. Cuando elegimos abrir nuestra mente y corazón para que Dios trabaje en nuestra vida, una transformación maravillosa y poderosa comienza a suceder. La palabra Griega en el evangelio se traduce a “bendecido” realmente está hablando de un estado de Bienaventuranza, una actitud, en vez de un acto de dar algo bueno alguien más.

Cuando comenzamos a ver el retrato de lo que Jesús espera que seamos al vivir con El, cosas extraordinarias comienzan a suceder. Miramos las bienaventuranzas que son nuestras y admitimos que dependemos completamente de Dios, porque sabemos que El, es el que obra todos los días cuidando nuestras necesidades. Descubrimos nuestras bienaventuranzas en momentos de sufrimiento, porque Dios nos consuela y nos da esperanza en los momentos oscuros. Podemos experimentar las bienaventuranzas de la paz y el perdón de Dios cuando ponemos a lado nuestro enojo e invitamos el poder del amor de Dios en la relación que esta dañada.

Tenemos nuestra parte en el plan de Dios. Es tan importante que nadie más puede tomar nuestro lugar. Dios es el que conduce, guía y nos abre el camino. Cuando hay alguien que no entiende o que intenta frenarnos, sabemos que Jesús nos asegura que estamos viviendo un estado de bienaventuranzas. Es nuestro al dejar que Dios este en control de nuestra vida.

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk