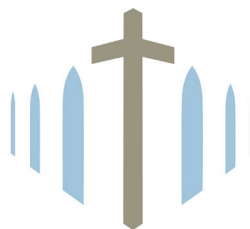




FEBRUARY 12, 2017



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

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

Main: (214) 357-8549 • Fax: (214) 351-1887

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

Sam and Jacqueline Pritchard, a British couple, started receiving mysterious phone calls to their home in the middle of the night. The person on the other end never said anything. After a long pause, he would hang up. The Pritchard's changed their phone number to stop the harassing night calls.

The stalker changed his tactic. He started sending them obscene and threatening anonymous letters in the mail. Then the problems escalated. The couple discovered their house had been splashed with paint, and their tires were slashed. The Pritchard's became prisoners in their own home. And they had no idea what they had done to deserve such cruel treatment.

After four months of unexplained terrorism, Mr. Pritchard caught James McGhee, a 53-year-old man, while he was damaging their car. As they looked at each other, Pritchard asked McGhee, "Why are you doing this to us?" McGhee responded, "Oh no! I've got the wrong man!" McGhee thought he was terrorizing a different man named Pritchard, who had been spreading rumors about him. He found these Pritchard's whom he had tormented for months, in the telephone directory. He got the wrong Pritchard. (Kent Crockett, *I Once Was Blind, But Now I Squint*)

In the time of Jesus, bringing a gift before the Altar was done for a special purpose. Sacrifices were offered in the Temple to thank God for the blessing of the birth of a child, or in appreciation for a good harvest or a special blessing received. And they were offered to ask God for forgiveness. It was a solemn moment to stand before God and offer a gift and to in turn expect to be blessed by God.

Jesus suggests in today's gospel that there is an important matter to be taken care of before we approach God with our special needs. He says even when everything is prepared and a person is already on their way to the Temple, if they recall that someone has something against them, they should turn back and get that matter straightened out before they come before God.

Most often when we are thinking about the need for forgiveness, we put the attention on our self. We look for peace in our heart as we decide to put aside what someone said or did that hurt us or someone we love. We sometimes ask God to help us have a superhuman strength to be able to love as he does and give our true pardon to another. But this is not the situation that Jesus is suggesting must be dealt with before we approach God. When we think the biggest problem we have is how we will deal with the offenses that often come our way, we are like Mr. McGhee in the story – we have the wrong Pritchard!

If someone has something against us, it is we who have done the offending. And Jesus says that needs to be addressed before we come before God. Hurting a loved one's feelings because we were quarreling does not excuse us from needing to apologize and assure them that they are more important than whatever caused the friction. Pretending we did not notice someone who was left standing ignored and alone does not set up the pattern by which we should treat them the next time we meet. Reliving what someone said or did may remind us why we feel offended, but the challenge remains for us to be willing to forget our self and imitate the gentle patience of Jesus.

We are more comfortable coming before God than the people in the time of Jesus. But, feeling closer to God does not always make us holier. It is important to remember that we are all delicate in so many ways. It only takes a word spoken in anger to break a heart, and a thoughtless action to break another's feeling that we can be trusted. And, as we stand before God and his powerful love for us, if we remember we have offended another, we cannot just hope they will get over it. Jesus invites us to make the first step to make things better.

— Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

News & Events

Get sweets for your sweetie at the **Catholic Daughters annual Bake Sale!** The Catholic Daughters are hosting a bake sale after all Masses this weekend! You don't want to miss it! There are cakes, pies, breads, brownies, cookies and candies in all flavors and sizes.

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 here today (Sunday, February 12) and have tickets for sale after all Masses. For more information, email davepalmer@grnonline.com.

The **St. Monica History Project** kicks off on Tuesday, February 14th at 11:00 am in Family Center 109! SAGE, St. Monica's Senior Ministry, in conjunction with Ms. Herrin's 8th grade class, will begin preparation to collect parishioners histories & memories of St. Monica. To succeed, volunteers are needed to share their memories of "growing up" with St. Monica. Early school memories and pictures are a natural, but not to forget athletic accomplishments, fall festivals, weddings, Bible studies, confirmations, baptisms and choirs. Individuals who have worked in or volunteered for the parish office are also wanted to share their memories. ANY memories parishioners would like to share are welcome. If you're unable to attend the initial meeting in February but would like to participate, contact Elaine at [904-305-7078](tel:904-305-7078) or elaine.rwts@gmail.com or Aimee at aherrin@stmonicaschool.org.

The **St Monica Pro-Life Ministry** invites you to join its monthly meeting on Tuesday February 14th at 7:00 pm in the JCLC Conference Room in McManus Hall. Join us to be part of this life saving ministry! For questions or additional information, contact Elida Munoz at lordnsavior@yahoo.com or [214-563-4026](tel:214-563-4026).

St. Monica Works Ministry: Business and Professional Networking organization Connect and develop business together on Thursday, February 17 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](tel:214-707-3726) or visit www.stmonicaworks.org. If your business can stand improvement, join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

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 DVG meets on the third Thursday of every month (September through May) at 11:00 am in the Family Center at St. Monica. The next meeting will be February 16. The Rosary is prayed, Mass is celebrated by our Chaplain and lunch is served. Lenten and Advent reflections are also offered during these seasons. 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.

Prices for the upcoming Friday Night Lenten meals, brought to you by The Knights of Columbus. Adults: \$10 each & Children 12 and under: \$5 each. A Season Pass, good for 6 weeks, are \$50 each. Pre-Sales for Season Passes begins after all Masses on Sunday February 19th. So plan now, beat the crowd - You'e gonna love what the Knights are cooking up for the Friday Night Lenten "get togethers." Thanks for supporting your Knights of Columbus.

Stewardship 02-05-2016

Regular - \$50,187
Renovation - \$7,566

Total Mass Attendance

02-05-2016
3,181

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 12

9:30 am..... Priest's Intention
11:00 am..... Priest's Intention
12:30 pm..... Priest's Intention
2:00 pm..... Maria Chiquira Urdañeta de Nava
5:00 pm..... Priest's Intention

Monday, February 13

6:45 am..... Eddy Mitchell † by O'Brien Family
8:00 am..... August Doskey † by Maria Doskey

Tuesday, February 14

6:45 am..... Michele Wilson † by Bryan Family
8:00 am..... Jim Thixton † by Chetlee Thixton

Wednesday, February 15

6:45 am..... For Madden & Canary Families †
8:00 am..... Nancy St. Romain †
by Mary & Gerry Geisler

Thursday, February 16

6:45 am..... Guadalupe Barrera † by Jana Rebore
8:00 am..... Patricia Rodriguez by Marjorie Haba

Friday, February 17

6:45 am..... Pat Donelon † by Bill & Leanne Galyean
8:00 am..... Ruth Bordelon † by Geisler Family

Saturday, February 18

8:00 am..... Greg Hultgren † by Family
5:00 pm..... Margaret Baum † by The Watts Family

Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for Susan Longoria.

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.

Ramon Horta ¹	Jessica Martinez ¹
Jose Rangel ¹	Audrey Townsend ³
Lorenzo ¹	Maria E. Gonzalez ³
Zack ¹	Jose Gonzalez ³
Esther ¹	Antonio Gonzalez 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.

For Our Departed

Brenda Rojas
Margaret Eidt



MY JOURNEY TO GOD WITH ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA

FEATURING AUTHOR

Susan Conroy

FEBRUARY **27** | 7-9 PM
IN THE CHURCH | ADMISSION IS **FREE**

For more information, call the Office of
Faith Formation at 214.357.8549.



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News & Events

First Communion and Confirmation Dress/Suit Resale

The event will be held on Saturday, February 18 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Cafeteria. Second grade and 8th grade parents are invited to shop the resale and buy gently used (likely worn twice) dresses and suits at a discount. To sell a First Communion or Confirmation dress or suit (proceeds will be donated), drop off Friday, February 17 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Cafeteria. Questions? Contact Melinda at melinda@hartnettlawfirm.com or call 214-557-7948.

The next **LEAF meeting** will be held Tuesday, February 21 at 7 pm in the Family Center Upper Lounge. The topic is *Social Thinking & Developing Skills*. Social thinking is the process by which we interpret the thoughts, beliefs, intentions, emotions, knowledge and actions of another person along with the context of the situation to understand that person's experience. A person's social thinking ability has a considerable affect on his or her relationships and success in school and at work. It affects the person's social skills, perspective taking, self-awareness, self-regulation, critical thinking, social problem solving, play skills, reading comprehension, written expression, ability to learn and work in a group, organizational skills, etc.

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.

Family Vocation Chalice Program

This year three men will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Dallas. Next year, 2018, five more men are expected to be ordained as priests for the Dallas Diocese. At the present time sixty-six men are in formation for ordination to the priesthood for our diocese. Our prayers for an increase in vocations are being heard. Presently there are over 295 families participating in the St. Monica Chalice Program. More prayers are needed. More prayers - more vocations. To join the program, call Don Wetzel at 214-368-3640.

Save the Date for Mission: Rally's Camo Carnival! Join the Bishop Lynch community for food, games, prizes, horseshoe tournaments, 3-on-3 basketball, bounce houses and much, much more on Saturday, February 26th from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm. All events will take place on the BL campus and admission is FREE! Proceeds benefit the Bishop Lynch High School Tuition Assistance Fund. Questions? Contact MissionRally@bishophlynch.org.



Parishioners have logged
10,838 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!

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"2016-17 ST. MONICA" : FAITH IN ACTION

Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

February 18 at 5:00 pm
Brian & Sharon Mitchell

February 19 at 8:00 am
Weldon Claire

February 19 at 9:30 am
Dick & Theresa Martter

February 19 at 11:00 am
Dave & April Steinbach

February 19 at 12:30 pm
Felipe & Rebecca Guerra

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Noticias y Eventos

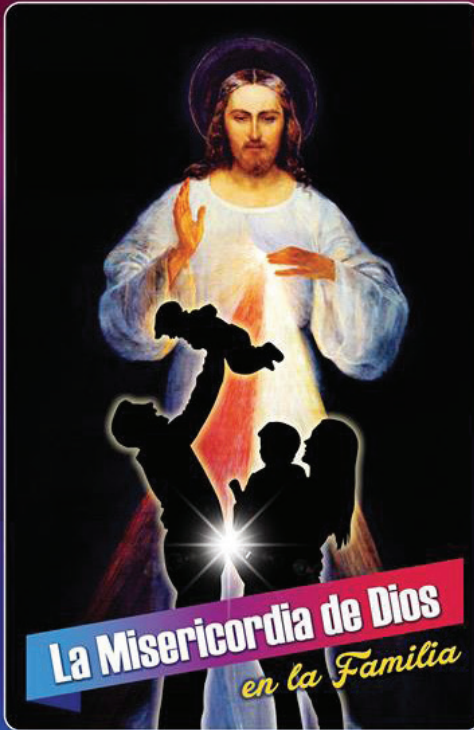
GRAN CONGRESO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

4 y 5 de Marzo, 2017

CENTRO DE CONVENCIONES DE MESQUITE
1818 Rodeo Dr. Mesquite, TX. 75149

Cupo Limitado

CONFERENCISTAS

Padre
Carlos CanceladoPadre
Ricardo GiraldoPadre
Ernesto TorresAlba Iris y
Jose Juan Valdez
Consejeros Familiar

ALABANZA

BEATRIZ
"VOZ DE ANGEL"

Ministerio Alas

JOVENI

Ven a buscar
el tesoro que Dios
tiene para ti!Temas y dinámicas
por separado
para niños y jóvenes
TE ESPERAMOS!

Sábado, 4 de Marzo 2017 de 8:00 AM a 8:00 PM

Alabanzas - Temas - Santa Misa - Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia - Confesiones - Hora Santa

Domingo, 5 de Marzo 2017 de 8:00 AM a 6:00 PM

Alabanzas - Temas - Hora de sanación - Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia - Santa Misa

Donación: Niños 5-12 años \$5 · Jóvenes 13-17 \$15 · Adultos \$20 (\$25 el día del evento)

Para más Información: Oficina. 972.591.5294 Otros contactos: 214.760.0535 / 214.563.2031

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 se imparten a las 7 pm. en el salón de Arte, para más información llame a Luis 214-530-7372.

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. Congo. 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 9am. a 1pm. en el salón de la Biblioteca. Para más información comuníquese con Nelda Hernandez al 214-952-9139.

Hora Santa de Hombres Ese sábado 11 de Febrero se llevará a cabo la Hora Santa para Hombre a las 7 am. en la Capilla. Seguido por una reflexión en el salón de la biblioteca. Para más información llame a Luis Uribe 214-530-7372.

APOYO FAMILIAR ST. MONICA SATURDAY SCHOOL

REUNIONES - FEBRERO 2017

3 de Febrero
MISA Y HORA SANTA (Iglesia)

10 de Febrero
DANDO TESTIMONIO DE VIDA CRISTIANA (Padre Iñigo López)

24 de Febrero
EL HOMBRE NECESITA LUZ (CER. Misioneros Servidores de la Palabra)

7:00 a 9:00 pm
Centro Familiar – Salón 201

Parroquia Católica Santa Mónica
(9038 Midway Rd. Dallas, Tx. 75220)

Informes:
(214) 609-9344 – (469) 767-2861

MÁS ALLÁ DE LOS LÍMITES
2016 SANTA MONICA FE EN ACCIÓN

¡Hasta hoy,
10,838 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 DEPÓSITO: _____

FECHA DE SERVICIO: _____

HORA: _____

FECHA DE SERVICIO: _____

HORA: _____

Nombre del lugar donde fue voluntario: _____

TOTAL: _____

*2016-17 SANTA MONICA® FE EN ACCIÓN

Retiro de Cuaresma “Esfuézate, pues y se valiente” Jos. 1,9 ¡Aparta la fecha! Sábado 25 de Febrero de 8:30 am a 4pm. Expositor, Padre Víctor López de la Diócesis de Guerrero. La Cuaresma (cuarenta días antes de la Semana Mayor) está cerca, la Iglesia nos invita a preparar nuestro corazón para vivir con intensidad este hermoso tiempo y la comunidad de Santa Mónica, tendrá varias actividades para ayudarles a recobrar la paz y caminar junto a Jesús estos días de Sacrificio, Ayuno, Oración y Abstinencia. El retiro es completamente Gratis y para toda la familia. ¡Anímense a vivirlo, no se arrepentirán!. Para más informes comuníquese a la Oficina Parroquial **214-357-8549**.

Tu eres “Imagen de Dios” El ministerio Imagen de Dios te invita a fortalecer tu misión de ser imagen de Dios en el mundo que te rodea. El próximo, jueves 16 de Febrero habrá una Hora Santa a las 7pm en la capilla. El Jueves 23 de Febrero una hermosa reflexión, “llamados al Amor”, 7pm. en el salón de la Biblioteca. Para más información comunícate con Elvia Cruz **214-998-5886**.

Felicidades a Robbi Luxbacher y Alejandro Suarez, voluntarios que recibieron el reconocimiento del Obispo por su Servicio este sábado, 4 de febrero en la Catedral Santuario de Guadalupe. Alejandro y Robbi fueron los dos finalistas seleccionados entre 50 nominados del programa de Reconocimiento de Voluntarios del 2016. Nos enorgullece tener a Alejandro y a Robbi como nuestros representantes en este honorable premio y reconocimiento.

Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

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

19 de Febrero
Familia Resendiz

26 de Febrero
Familia Miranda



De El Pastor

Sam y Jacqueline Pritchard, una pareja Británica comenzaron a recibir llamadas misteriosas a su hogar por la noche. La persona nunca decía nada. Después de un largo tiempo colgaba. Los Pritchard cambiaron su número telefónico para acabar con las llamadas amenazadoras de la noche.

El acosador cambio su táctica. Comenzó a enviarles cartas anónimas obscenas y amenazadoras por correo. El problema se empeoro. La pareja encontró su casa manchada de pintura y sus llantas ponchadas. Los Pritchard eran prisioneros en su propio hogar. No tenían idea alguna de lo que habían hecho para merecer ese trato tan cruel.

Después de cuatro meses de terrorismo inexplicado, el señor Pritchard descubrió a James McGee un hombre de 53 años de edad, cuando estaba dañando su carro. Al mirarse el uno al otro, Pritchard le pregunto a McGhee, “¿Por qué nos estás haciendo esto?” respondió McGhee, “¡Oh no! Tengo al hombre equivocado!” McGhee pensó que estaba aterrizando a un hombre diferente llamado Pritchard, quien había estado hablando mal de él. Encontró a los Pritchard a quienes estaba atormentando por meses en el directorio telefónico. Pero eran las personas equivocadas. (Kent Crockett, I Once Was Blind, But Now I Squint)

En el tiempo de Jesús, ofrecer un regalo ante el Altar era hecho por un motivo especial. Se hacían sacrificios en el Templo para agradecer a Dios por las bendiciones del nacimiento de un niño, agradecimiento por su cosecha o una bendición especial que haya recibido. Se les pedía que le ofrecieran a Dios para que les perdonara. Era un momento solemne estar ante Dios y ofrecerle un regalo y esperar las bendiciones de Dios.

En el Evangelio de hoy hay un asunto importante que se debe considerar antes de aproximarse a Dios con una necesidad especial. Dice que aunque todo esté preparado y una persona está lista para acercarse al Templo, si recuerda que ha ofendido alguien, debe regresarse y arreglar la situación antes de estar ante Dios.

A menudo cuando pensamos en

la necesidad de perdonar, ponemos la atención en nosotros mismos. Buscamos la paz en nuestro corazón al decidir poner a lado lo que alguien dijo o hizo que nos lastimo a nosotros o alguien que amamos. Hay veces que le pedimos a Dios que nos dé una fuerza sobre natural para amar como Él lo hace y realmente perdonemos. Pero esta no es la situación que Jesús nos está pidiendo antes de llegar ante su Presencia. Cuando pensamos en el mayor problema que tenemos es como manejamos las ofensas que se aproximan en nuestro camino, somos como Mr. McGhee en la historia, tenemos al Pritchard equivocado!

Si alguien tiene algo contra nosotros, somos nosotros los que hemos ofendido. Jesús dice eso debe de ser resuelto antes que venir delante de Dios. Lastimar los sentimientos de un ser querido porque estábamos discutiendo no es excusa para no pedir disculpas y asegurarles que son más importantes que lo que causó la fricción. Fingiendo que no miramos a alguien que fue ignorado y estaba solo, no es el patrón que debemos tener la próxima vez que nos reunamos. Reviviendo lo que alguien dijo o hizo puede recordarnos por qué nos sentimos ofendido, pero el desafío sigue siendo que nosotros estemos dispuestos a olvidarnos de nosotros mismos e imitemos la amable paciencia de Jesús.

Nosotros estamos más cómodos cuando venimos ante Dios que las personas del tiempo de Jesús. Al sentirnos cerca de Dios no nos hace más santos. Es importante recordar que todos somos muy delicados en varias formas. Solamente toma una palabra con enojo para romper un corazón, una acción áspera para terminar con los sentimientos de alguien a quien confiábamos. Al estar ante Dios y su amor poderoso, si recordamos que hemos ofendido alguien, no podemos esperar que se le pase. Jesús nos invita a dar el primer paso para hacer las cosas mejores.

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk