

# ST. MONICA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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[www.stmonicachurch.org](http://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](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

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 Matriomonios**

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](http://www.stmonicaschool.org)

## From the Pastor

A young man studying for the ministry was working at a Protestant church as a summer intern. He went over to the chapel one Sunday morning to serve communion. He had never served communion alone before and he was scared. The communion ritual was printed on a laminated card. The service proceeded well until just before the people would come forward to receive communion. At that moment the card said he would face the congregation and say, "Hear these words of comfort from the scriptures." A blank was there on the communion card so the minister in charge could at that point quote a favorite verse. When they got to this point in the service, the young ministerial student stood and said, "Hear these words of comfort from the scriptures..." And then he went absolutely blank. There was a long pause, and then he blurted out the only verse he could think of at the moment: "Jesus wept." Later he told how awful he felt about that at first, but then one of the church members, after the service, said to him, "When you quoted that verse, 'Jesus wept,' that was so meaningful to me. It made me suddenly realize that the Healer of our pain is also the feeler of our pain!"

As we listen to the dramatic account of the raising of Lazarus from the dead in today's gospel, we know the ending so well that we may just let that little detail slip our notice – Jesus wept. It is one of only two times the gospels tell us that Jesus cried. And his crying tells us so much, because he already knew that in only a short time he would give Lazarus back to his sisters alive. Yet, in that moment when he saw Mary at his feet overcome with grief, he so closely shared her grief that he cried with her.

During this fifth week of Lent, we have an opportunity to reflect on the deep understanding Jesus has of

our human nature. He truly is one of us. When we feel discouraged because people do not understand our motives or appreciate our goodness, Jesus understands, for he was rejected by his own people and accused of being a troublemaker. He understands our physical pain, a migraine that hits us like a crown of thorns; the constant ache of arthritis or cancer that burns like a whip; the weakness that makes it hard to go on because of the burden of our years weighs us down like a cross. He sympathizes when our heart is broken by someone we love more than our self. He feels our pain, for he has known it himself.

And his promise is that we need never give up hope. When Martha said, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died," Jesus reminded her of the theological reason to go on – death is only a temporary separation, for Jesus gives eternal life. When Mary repeated the same charge, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died," Jesus responded to her terrible emotion by crying with her. But, it was more than sympathy. He then proceeded to heal the pain of Martha and Mary – he gave them back their brother Lazarus – alive!

Jesus continues to weep – with an abused child, with a misunderstood teen, with the spouse who is now left alone, with the sinner who wonders if they can be forgiven, with the one who cannot find their way in the darkness that life can bring. And he reminds us that we are not alone, and we are never abandoned. He will heal our troubles, give us strength, see us through to the end. And he will heal everything that breaks our heart, because in the end, death and sorrow and suffering will disappear. Jesus invites us today to respond as did Martha, for he says to each of us, "Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord, I believe."

–Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk



## News & Events

The Knights of Columbus are hosting **Lenten Dinners** every Friday during Lent. The menu includes fried fish, french fries, hush puppies, cole slaw and cheese pizza. The specials for Friday, April 7th are seafood gumbo, baked fish and mac and cheese.

The Diocese of Dallas will once again offer **The Light is On for You**, two special evenings set aside for a diocesan-wide celebration of the sacrament. On Wednesday, April 5th and Wednesday, April 12th, St. Monica will host Light Is On confessions from 7 pm - 9 pm. Join us in celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation during this Lenten season!

The **Catholic Physicians Guild of Dallas** will be presenting a talk titled *The Metaphysics of Gender* by Dr. Catherine Nolan, Professor of Philosophy from the University of Dallas. She will analyze from a philosophical perspective on the various conditions and criteria that are currently being proposed to distinguish manhood from womanhood, and how this applies to the current controversy on transgender issues. The meeting will take place on April 4th at 7 pm in the Lower Lounge of St. Monica's Family Center. Food will be served. See [www.cathmeddallas.org](http://www.cathmeddallas.org) for more details.


The St. Monica Women's Ministry is hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt** on Sunday, April 9, Palm Sunday, after the 11 am Mass on the football field.

Volunteers are needed for the **Cleaning of the Palms** on Friday, April 7 starting at 8:30 a.m. in Room 109 of the Family Center. If you would like to volunteer, call Faby at 214-358-1453.

The **St. Monica Pro-Life Ministry** invites you to attend our monthly meeting on Tuesday April 11th at 7 pm in the JCLC Conference Room in McManus Hall. For additional information, call Elida Munoz at 214-563-4026.

**Adorers are needed** to sit with Jesus for one hour on Thursday from 2 pm to 3 pm. To sign up, contact Margie at [adore10397@sbcglobal.net](mailto:adore10397@sbcglobal.net).

LIFT



A free night of worship, inspiration, and adoration on April 9 at St. Monica in the church at 6:30pm. Dinner will be provided in the gym at 5:45pm.

### Stewardship

03-26-2017

Regular - \$40,933  
Catholic Relief Services - \$ 5,149

### Total Mass Attendance

03-26-2016

3,507

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, April 2

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..... Priest's Intention  
5:00 pm..... Priest's Intention

### Monday, April 3

6:45 am..... For Our Priests  
8:00 am..... Michelle Shelton †  
by Bob & Helen Chisolm  
5:30 pm..... Joseph Penn Hudson † by Pat Chebino

### Tuesday, April 4

6:45 am..... Sandy Fernandes † by Frendo Family  
8:00 am..... Frank Halovanic † by Flo Halovanic  
5:30 pm..... Phyllis Ann Messina † by Audrey Monlezun

### Wednesday, April 5

6:45 am..... Rosemary Kennedy † by Marilyn & John Roppolo  
8:00 am..... Tim & Linda Byrd by Carolyn Zuniga  
5:30 pm..... James & Clara Vilani † by Audrey Monlezun

### Thursday, April 6

6:45 am..... Linton D. Campbell †  
by Bob & Monica Noyes  
8:00 am..... Jean Kalis † by Pat & Jean Ryan  
5:30 pm..... Ruth Iva Tate Swofford † by Bourdin Family

### Friday, April 7

6:45 am..... Paredes-Cassino Family  
8:00 am..... Bill Walker, Sr. † by Troy & June Cooper  
5:30 pm..... Holy Souls † by Miguel Moon  
7:00 pm..... Azelea Meza by Flores Family

### Saturday, April 8

8:00 am..... Timothy Piazza † by Jim & Karen Watts  
5:00 pm..... Carolyn Bowen † by Jean Hasselschwert

### Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for Brenda Rivera.

### 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.

Michelle Franks<sup>2</sup> Jeanette Gabbert<sup>1</sup>  
Carlos Marquez<sup>1</sup> Frances Olinger<sup>2</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

Fred Sietzinger



## LENT AT ST. MONICA

### WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
6:45 AM, 8 AM & 5:30 PM  
SATURDAY 8 AM

### CONFESSIONS

TUESDAYS 12-12:30 PM & 5-5:30 PM  
SATURDAYS 3:30-4:30 PM & 6:30-7 PM

### LIGHT IS ON CONFESSIONS

APRIL 5: 7 - 9 PM  
APRIL 12: 7 - 9 PM

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS AT 6:30 PM  
7 PM (SPANISH)

## News & Events



## SEVEN CHURCHES. ONE NIGHT.

APRIL 13 | 9 P.M. TO 12:30 A.M.

### **Holy Thursday Pilgrimage- Visiting 7 Churches**

Join us on Holy Thursday, April 13th, as we visit 7 different Churches in the Dallas area after 7 p.m. Mass. Buses will be available or people may caravan to visit the various Churches. We will be praying at the altar of repose at each Church. Bus tickets are 5 dollars and can be purchased on our website at [www.stmonicachurch.org](http://www.stmonicachurch.org) or in the Church office.

**Registration for 2017 Vacation Bible School** is now open. VBS, presented by the St. Monica Women's Ministry, will be held June 12-16 from 9 am-12 pm in the Family Center. The program is open to children 4 years old (by 6/6/2017) through the 5th grade. Student and parent volunteers are also needed. Register your child online at [www.stmonicachurch.org/2017-vacation-bible-school/](http://www.stmonicachurch.org/2017-vacation-bible-school/).

**Six monstrances** were blessed by St. John Paul II to travel the six continents to facilitate eucharistic adoration for vocations. The one designated for North America has been scheduled by the Serra Club to be at St. Monica from April 9th through April 11th in the Adoration Chapel. Come and pray for vocations.

The seminarians of Holy Trinity Seminary will present the **Living Stations of the Cross** on Palm Sunday, April 9th at 7:30 pm in the seminary chapel. All are invited to attend this visual, prayerful experience of the Passion of Christ. The celebration includes meditation on our Lord's Passion and death, congregational singing and music by the seminary schola. A reception will follow. Visit [holyltrinityseminary.org](http://holyltrinityseminary.org) for more information and a schedule of Masses open to the public.

Take time for yourself, be renewed and draw closer to God; come to a retreat at **Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House**. A Women's Retreat *Doubt and Hope* with Carol Ackels will be held April 6-9th and a Holy Week Men's Retreat, *No Greater Love*, with Fr. Anthony Borrow, S.J. will be held April 9-12th. Register at [www.MontserratRetreat.org](http://www.MontserratRetreat.org) or call calling us at 940-321-6020.



Parishioners have logged  
**13,312 hours**  
of service beyond the boundaries of  
St. Monica since we launched  
Faith in Action!

## Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

**April 8 at 5:00 pm**  
Mesio & Juanita Juarez

**April 9 at 8:00 am**  
Don & Helen Timm

**April 9 at 9:30 am**  
Rich & Sandy Haas

**April 9 at 11:00 am**  
Talley & Patty Daniel

**April 9 at 12:30 pm**  
Bianca Marquez & Grandsons

**April 9 at 5:00 pm**  
Gil & Gail Marmol



# Noticias y Eventos



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## Cuaresma 2017

SANTA MÓNICA

**JORNADA CUARESMAL: "JUNTO A JESÚS"**

Todos los viernes de Cuaresma.  
Dirigido por Rev. Iñigo López  
7:00 a 9:00 pm. - Iglesia.

**MISAS Y CONFESIONES**

SANTA MISA de Lunes a Viernes (Cuaresma)  
6:45 am — 8:00 am — 5:30 pm

CONFESIONES los Martes de Cuaresma  
12:00 a 12:30 pm y 5:00 a 5:30 pm  
5 y 12 de Abril — 7:00 a 9:00 pm

ABRIL 7: Vía Crucis  
Eucaristía — Adoración.



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## La Misericordia revelada en el misterio pascual.

08 de Abril del 2017  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Cafetería de la  
Parroquia Católica Santa Mónica.  
(9833 Midway Rd. Dallas, Tx. 75220)



Pedro de Acevedo



Pbro. Roberto Mena



Jorge Graña

DONACION (+12 años):  
\$15.00 preventa  
\$20.00 en la puerta.  
\*\*No habrá cuidado de niños\*\*

INFORMES Y COMPRA DE BOLETOS:  
Parroquia Santa Mónica (214) 357-8549  
Radio Guadalupe (214) 653-1515  
www.stmonicachurch.org

**Vía Crucis Y Misa en Honor al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús**

Caminemos junto a Jesús el camino del Calvario este viernes a las 7pm. en la Iglesia, seguido por la Santa Eucaristía de Primer Viernes de Mes honrado el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y una Hora Santa frente a Jesús Sacramentado para recibir sanación espiritual y corporal. Será una tarde llena de la presencia del Señor en su Cuerpo, Sangre, Alma y Divinidad. Jesús quiere sanarte y prepararte a vivir una Semana Santa liberado de las opresiones del mundo.

**Confesiones y Misas durante la Cuaresma**

Durante este tiempo de conversión es recomendable asistir al sacramento de la Confesión para que la intención de cambio de fruto. Habrá confesiones todos los martes de Cuaresma de 12pm. a 12:30pm. y 5pm. a 5:30pm. También, el Miércoles, 5 y 12 de Abril habrá confesiones a las 7pm. en la Iglesia. Aprovechemos estas oportunidades para limpiar nuestra alma en estos días santos que se aproximan.



MÁS ALLÁ DE LOS LÍMITES  
2016 SANTA MONICA FE EN ACCIÓN

¡Hasta hoy,  
**13,312 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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### Retiro de la Misericordia

Es tu oportunidad de preparar tu corazón para celebrar la Semana Santa con un corazón limpio y liberado de ataduras del mundo. Déjate abrazar por la Misericordia de Dios. Habrá reflexiones, Santa Eucaristía, Reconciliación y mucha sanación. Los predicadores son Pedro de Acevedo del programa de Radio "Jesús en ti confió"; Jorge Graña del programa de radio "Oración y Vida" y el Padre Roberto Mena, "Misionero de la Misericordia". Aparte la fecha, no deje pasar esta oportunidad de llenarse del gran amor que Dios tiene para usted. La donación \$15 preventa y \$20 en la puerta. Puede obtener sus boletos en línea [www.stmonicachurch.org](http://www.stmonicachurch.org) o en las Oficinas Parroquiales. Para más información llame al [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

### Visita a las 7 Iglesias

El Jueves Santo continuaremos la tradición de visitar 7 Iglesias después de la Santa Misa de 7 pm. en la Iglesia. Habrá autobuses disponibles o pueden ir en caravana. La donación por persona es \$5. El cupo es limitado. ¡Aparte su lugar! Los boletos estarán disponibles en línea [www.stmonicachurch.org](http://www.stmonicachurch.org) o en las Oficinas Parroquiales iniciando el 29 de Abril.

### Misión de Semana Santa

Lunes, Marte y Miércoles Santo (Abril 10 al 12) personas de la comunidad de Santa Mónica saldrán a las periferias a evangelizar. Si gustaría que visitáramos su vecindad o su hogar para compartir el Evangelio, rezar un rosario, hacer oración por su familia o le gustaría acompañarnos, por favor comuníquese con María González-Rocha al [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

## Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

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

**9 de Abril**  
Familia Lopez

**16 de Abril**  
Eva Flores

**23 de Abril**  
Maria Ambriz

**30 de Abril**  
Antonio Veliz



## De El Pastor

Un joven que estudiaba para ministro, durante el verano estaba haciendo su práctica en una iglesia Protestante. Un domingo por la mañana fue a la capilla a distribuir la comunión. Nunca antes había distribuido la comunión solo y estaba asustado. El ritual de la comunión estaba impresa en una tarjeta laminada. El servicio iba bien hasta que inicio a formarse la gente para recibir la comunión. En ese momento la tarjeta decía que tenía que estar frente a la congregación y decir, "Escuchen estas palabras de consuelo de las escrituras." Después de esto estaba en blanco en la tarjeta de la comunión para que el ministro encargado dijera su frase favorita. Cuando en el servicio llegaron a este punto, el joven estudiante se paró y dijo, "Escuchen estas palabras de consuelo de las Escrituras..." entonces se quedó en blanco. Hubo una pausa larga y solo se le vino a la mente este verso: "Jesús lloro" Después conto lo horrible que se había sentido, pero después del servicio uno de los miembros de la iglesia le dijo, "Cuando dijo ese verso, 'Jesús lloro', fue muy significativo para mí. Rápidamente hizo darme cuenta ¡El que sana nuestro dolor también siente nuestro dolor!"

Al escuchar la dramática historia de la resurrección de Lázaro en el Evangelio de hoy, conocemos el final tan bien que podemos dejar pasar este pequeño detalle, Jesús lloro. En solo dos tiempos la Sagrada Escritura nos dice que Jesús lloro. Su llanto nos dice tanto, porque Él ya sabía que en tan corto tiempo lo devolvería vivo a sus hermanas. Sin embargo en ese momento que miro a María llorar de dolor sobre sus pies, compartió su dolor y lloro con ella.

Durante esta quinta semana de Cuaresma, tenemos la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre el profundo entendimiento que Jesús tiene de nuestra naturaleza humana.

Verdaderamente es uno de nosotros. Cuando nos desanimamos porque las personas no nos entienden o aprecian nuestra bondad, Jesús entiende, porque fue rechazado por su propia gente y acusado de ocasionar problemas. Entiende nuestro dolor físico, una migraña que nos pega como una corona de espinas; el dolor constante del artritis o el cáncer que quema como un latigazo; la debilidad que dificulta para seguir adelante por el peso de los años nos pesan como una cruz. Se compadece cuando nuestro corazón está roto por alguien que amamos más que a nosotros mismos. Siente el dolor porque el mismo lo ha conocido.

Su promesa es que nunca perdamos la esperanza. Cuando dijo Marta, "si hubieras estado aquí, mi hermano no hubiera muerto," Jesús le recordó teológicamente el motivo de morir- la muerte es solo una separación temporal, porque Jesús nos da la vida eterna. Cuando María repitió lo mismo, "Si hubieras estado aquí, mi hermano no hubiera muerto," Jesús respondió emotivamente llorando con ella. Fue más que simpatía. Sano el dolor de Marta y María, ¡les regreso a su hermano Lázaro con vida!

Jesús continua llorando- con un niño abusado, un joven incomprendido, una esposa abandonada, con un pecador preguntándose si puede ser perdonado, con aquel que no encuentra salir de la oscuridad que ha vivido. Nos recuerda que no estamos solos, nunca somos abandonados. Sanara nuestras heridas, nos dará fuerzas para mirar el final. Sanara todo lo que rompa nuestro corazón, porque al final el dolor, la pena y el sufrimiento desaparecerán. Jesús nos invita a responder como lo hizo Martha, porque nos dice a cada uno, "¿Crees en esto?" "Si, Señor, Si creo."

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk