

ST. MONICA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

APRIL 16, 2017

Parish Staff

Fr. Stephen W. Bierschenk

Pastor - x 7107

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Parochial Vicar - x 7112

Fr. Edwin Leonard

Vocation Director (in residence)

Monsignor John F. Meyers

Pastor Emeritus

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St. Monica Church Office

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Hours: M-F 9:00-5:00 • Sunday 10:00-2:00

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Coordinator of Youth Evangelization x 7106

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Director of Communications x 7142

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Director of Music x 7101

Jeremy Wirths

Director Youth Music x 7103

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Organist (9:30 & 11:00 Mass)

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From the Pastor

The world-famous violinist Fritz Kreisler earned a fortune with his concerts and compositions. And he generously gave most of it away. So, when he discovered an exquisite violin on one of his trips, he wasn't able to buy it. Later, having raised enough money to meet the asking price, he returned to the seller hoping to purchase that beautiful instrument. To his great dismay, it had been sold to an antique collector.

Kreisler made his way to the new owner's home and offered to buy the violin. The rare instrument was proudly displayed behind a sealed and solid glass case. Resting in its velvet couch, the violin lay imprisoned in its climate controlled coffin. The collector said that it had become his prized possession, and he would not sell it.

Keenly disappointed, Kreisler was about to leave, when he had an idea. "Could I play the instrument once more before it's consigned to silence?" he asked. Permission was granted, and the great virtuoso released the violin from its fancy casket and filled the room with such heart-moving music that the collector's emotions were deeply stirred. "I have no right to keep that to myself," the collector exclaimed. "It's yours, Mr. Kreisler. Take it into the world and let people hear it."

A few months ago, as we celebrated Christmas, everywhere we looked there were lights and sparkling decorations and images of the Baby lying in the manger. Think how different things are today. We are celebrating the most important moment in human history – the rising of Christ from the dead – and if there are any decorations at all, they all strangely relate to bunnies and colored eggs filling a basket.

It would be difficult to imagine a way to turn the image of an empty tomb into a decorating theme. But, that empty tomb has changed our life.

If the tomb was not empty, the

words of Jesus would continue to inspire us, and his example of patient love would move us to be a better person. But, as he shared in the one human reality we have not yet experienced personally – death – and then returned to life as he had promised, he made it possible for us to imagine in every way that it is possible for us to also be returned to life.

If we are discouraged today because since last we celebrated Easter we have drifted away from God, or let something become more important than God in our life, we consider the powerful forgiving love of Jesus, and we know we can begin again today to grow closer to him. As we share the joy of this day with family and friends, if there is some offense that is a barrier between us and someone important, today we remember that anything can be forgiven if we invite the love of Jesus to enter into our heart. Today may renew our sense of loss because someone who was with us last year is no longer here, but Jesus continues to be true to his word, that his return from death will be shared by us and we will be with our loved ones again one day.

The death of Jesus on the Cross, and his departure from the tomb alive are not just ancient beliefs preserved like pieces in a museum. Easter reminds us that we are to be like that violin in the hands of the great virtuoso. We have the power to make beautiful music in the world, because Jesus lives with us, making it possible for us to be exactly the person God created us to be – filled with love, forgiven and so full of hope, courageous enough to accept a cross because we know we are not alone in the darkness. Today we declare that Jesus lives. Now, take that to the world and let people hear it!

–Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

News & Events

happy
easter
HE IS RISEN!
he is risen

The next **LEAF meeting** will be held on Tuesday, April 18th at 7 pm in the Family Center Lower Lounge. Speaker Melody Zucker, LPC/LSSP, will be presenting *Parenting your child while keeping their spirit intact!*

All women in the Dallas Diocese are invited to come and join 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 to May) at 11:00 am in the Family Center at St. Monica Catholic Church at the corner of Midway and Walnut Hill. The next meeting will be April 20. 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.

The **St. Monica Pro-Life Ministry** will be collecting your filled Baby Banks on April 22nd and 23rd at the church entrance or at Angel Hall, before and after all Masses. Or you can still drop them off at the church office. The moms and babies thank you for your generosity.

Be part of the **Museum of Biblical Art** tour, sponsored by SAGE, on Thursday May 4 at 1:00 pm at 7500 Park Lane, Dallas. Lunch prior to the tour is an option. Check out the MBA website at www.biblicalarts.org. For complete details contact Monica Noyes at 214-317-6925 or Elaine Scholly at 904-305-7078 by April 30.

St. Monica Works is the parish business and professional networking organization. Come connect and develop business together. This month the focus is on those in the energy industry. If you could use more business, come tell about your product, service or profession and learn what other faith-minded individuals offer. Join us on Thursday, April 20th in the lower lounge of the Family Center. Arrive for coffee, donuts, and networking at 7:31 AM. A lively information exchange begins at 8:01 AM and ends at 8:59 AM. Want more information - call [214-707-3726](tel:214-707-3726) or visit www.stmonicaworks.org.

Stewardship

04-09-2017

Regular - \$49,883

North Dallas Shared Ministries - \$5,126

Total Mass Attendance

04-09-2017

4,352

Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 16

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 17

6:45 am..... For Canary & Madden Families

8:00 am..... John Becan † by Jeraldine

Tuesday, April 18

6:45 am..... Greg Hultgren † by Family

8:00 am..... Senan & Tina Fitzmartin † by PTO

Wednesday, April 19

6:45 am..... Elizabeth DeMeo † by McMahon Family

8:00 am..... Bill Risinger † by Stephanie Meinhardt

Thursday, April 20

6:45 am..... For Madden & Canary Families †

8:00 am..... Senan and Tina Fitzmartin †
by Sladek Family

Friday, April 21

6:45 am..... Senan & Tina Fitzmartin †

by Joan Thompson

8:00 am..... PTO Mass

Saturday, April 22

8:00 am..... Anne Osifo † by Pat Patedeki

5:00 pm..... Helen Buckley † by Mr. & Mrs. Bart Vidal

Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for newly initiated Catholics .

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 Franks³

Lorenzo³

Erin Peart²

Jessica Martinez³

Yvonne Chaplin³

Esther³

Zach³

Alfred Marek³

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

Jane Spies





BEYOND BOUNDARIES

2016 ST. MONICA FAITH IN ACTION

Parishioners have logged

13,816 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

Short on time, but looking for a way to give back? We need volunteers to help prepare or buy menu items for the homeless who reside in **Austin Street Shelter**. Contact Derek Blake at dblake88@gmail.com to learn more.

Attention all Boy Scouts and Venturers

The Diocese of Dallas Committee on Scouting (DCCS) will hold its annual Scout Retreat at Camp Wisdom May 5-7, 2017. Cost is \$25.00 per person. For more information, visit www.catholicscouting-dallas.org or call 214-385-1328.

Corpus Christi Procession

Diocese of Dallas Office of Vocations will be sponsoring a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Dallas on Saturday, June 17, 2017 after the Corpus Christi Vigil Mass. The church hosting the Mass will be announced in May. All are welcome to join in this prayerful procession as we bring Jesus out into the streets. Save the date and check the Diocese of Dallas Vocations website for more details at www.DallasVocations.org.

On Sunday, April 23, the second collection will benefit the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. In the United States, more than 40% of the dioceses are considered "home missions" because they cannot cover the costs for the necessary pastoral work within their communities. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal provides grants for those dioceses to help them sustain and grow vibrant faith communities.

Our God has robbed the grave! Join us as we celebrate the joy and renewal that Easter brings at this **special edition of The 635**. Our mission is that young adults ages 18-40 from every walk of life encounter an authentic community and message of commitment to Jesus Christ. Please invite your friends to this free event, and get pumped for an awesome night featuring Dave Moore and Ennie Hickman as we remind Dallas that God's love is closer than we think. For more information, visit the635.org.

Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

April 22 at 5:00 pm
Michael & Sarah Ogden

April 23 at 8:00 am
Ron & Mary Ellen Caldwell

April 23 at 9:30 am
Peter & Jean Saliga

April 23 at 11:00 am
Eric & Amanda Schlumpf

April 23 at 12:30 pm
James & Melissa Carpenter

April 23 at 5:00 pm
Ernesto & Josey Espitia

Noticias y Eventos



La Diócesis Católica de Dallas te invita al retiro de

BUSQUEDA #108

para una Madurez Cristiana

Te invita a un fin de semana en donde tendras la oportunidad de experimentar el amor de Jesús, además podrás descubrir mediante la evangelización de joven a joven a lo que estás siendo llamado.

Mayo 5-7, 2017
Camp Copass
(Denton, Tx.)

REQUISITOS: 18 a 30 años, solteros, no divorciados y sin hijos.

REGISTRACION: Mayo 5 (4:30 a 6:30PM)
 Diócesis Católica de Dallas Texas
 3725 Blackburn St. Dallas TX 75219

Donación: \$60

Información:
 Diócesis de Dallas: (214) 379 3172
 Yessenia: (469) 571 6757
 Roy: (214) 938 8599
 cvillalobos@cathdal.org



¡Felices Pascuas!

El Señor Resucito, abre tu corazón a recibirle para que puedas percibir el amor y la gran misericordia que Dios tiene para ti. Disfruta este día de fiesta en alegría y gozo. ¡Aleluya, Aleluya el Señor Resucito!


Imagen de Dios

Este jueves 20 de Abril les invitamos a honrar la presencia de Jesus Sacramentado en el Santisimo Sacramento del Altar a las 7 pm. Sera una hora de bendición para ti y tus seres queridos. Dejate abrazar por el amor misericordioso de Dios.

El 27 de Abril habra una charla sobre la importancia de tener una "Nueva Vida". Jesus dio su vida por nosotros para salvarnos del pecado. Hoy dia necesitamos aprender a vivir en esa vida nueva que nos invita a vivir. La charla se llevara a cabo a las 7 pm en el salon de la Biblioteca.

Felicidades a los nuevos miembros de la Iglesia


La comunidad de Santa Monica esta de fiesta por los 70 nuevos integrantes de nuestra comunidad que recibieron sus sacramentos de iniciación esta Pascua. Les pedimos oren por ellos para que se mantengan siempre firmes en el camino del Señor.



MÁS ALLÁ DE LOS LÍMITES
 2016 SANTA MONICA FE EN ACCIÓN

¡Hasta hoy,
13,816 horas
 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.



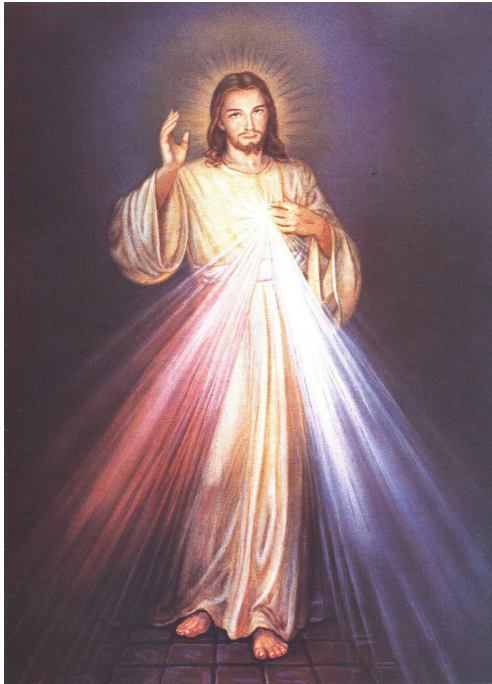
Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

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

23 de Abril
 Maria Ambriz

30 de Abril
 Antonio Veliz



Divina Misericordia

El domingo, 23 de Abril es Domingo de la Misericordia. “La humanidad no conseguirá la paz hasta que no se dirija con confianza a Mi misericordia” (Diario, 300)

La Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia tiene como fin principal hacer llegar a los corazones de cada persona el siguiente mensaje: Dios es Misericordioso y nos ama a todos ... “y cuanto más grande es el pecador, tanto más grande es el derecho que tiene a Mi misericordia” (Diario, 723).

En este mensaje, que Nuestro Señor nos ha hecho llegar por medio de Santa Faustina, se nos pide que tengamos plena confianza en la Misericordia de Dios, y que seamos siempre misericordiosos con el prójimo a través de nuestras palabras, acciones y oraciones... “porque la fe sin obras, por fuerte que sea, es inútil” (Diario, 742).

Con el fin de celebrar apropiadamente esta festividad, se recomienda rezar la Coronilla y la Novena a la Divina Misericordia; confesarse -para la cual es indispensable realizar primero un buen examen de conciencia, y recibir la Santa Comunión el día de la Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia. Los esperamos a las 3 de la tarde, tendremos Exposición del Santísimo, seguido por un convivio en el McManus.



De El Pastor

El mundialmente famoso violinista Fritz Kreisler ganó una fortuna con sus conciertos y composiciones. Y generosamente regalo la mayor parte. Así que, cuando descubrió un exquisito violín en uno de sus viajes, no pudo comprarlo. Después de haber recaudado suficiente dinero para satisfacer el precio solicitado, regresó al vendedor con la esperanza de comprar ese hermoso instrumento. Para su gran consternación, había sido vendido a un coleccionista de antigüedades.

Kreisler se dirigió al hogar del nuevo dueño y se ofreció a comprar el violín. El instrumento único se mostraba orgullosamente detrás de una caja de cristal sellada y sólida. Descansando en su sofá de terciopelo, el violín estaba aprisionado en su ataúd climatizado. El coleccionista dijo que se había convertido en su apreciada posesión, y que no la vendería.

Muy decepcionado, Kreisler estaba a punto de irse, cuando tuvo una idea. Preguntó “¿Puedo tocar el instrumento una vez más antes de que sea consignado al silencio?”. El permiso fue concedido, y el gran virtuoso liberó el violín de su ataúd de lujo y llenó la habitación con música tan alentadora que las emociones del coleccionista fueron profundamente conmovidas. “No tengo derecho a guardar eso para mí”, exclamó el coleccionista. -Es tuyo, señor Kreisler. Llévalo al mundo y deje que la gente lo escuche.

Hace unos meses, cuando celebramos la Navidad, en todas partes que mirábamos había luces y decoraciones brillantes e imágenes del Bebé acostado en el pesebre. Piensa en lo diferente que son las cosas hoy. Estamos celebrando el momento más importante de la historia de la humanidad -la resurrección de Cristo de entre los muertos- y si hay alguna decoración, todos ellos se relacionan extrañamente con conejos y huevos coloreados que llenan una canasta.

Sería difícil imaginar una manera de convertir la imagen de una tumba vacía en un tema de decoración. Pero esa tumba vacía ha cambiado nuestra vida.

Si la tumba no estuviera vacía, las palabras de Jesús seguirían inspirándonos, y su ejemplo de amor paciente nos impulsaría a ser una mejor persona. Pero, como él compartió en la única realidad humana que todavía no hemos experimentado personalmente - la muerte - y luego volvió a la vida como había prometido, hizo posible que nos imagináramos en todos los sentidos que es posible para nosotros también ser devueltos a la vida.

Si estamos desanimados hoy porque desde la última Pascua nos hemos alejado de Dios, o dejamos que algo se volviera más importante que Dios en nuestra vida, consideremos el amor poderoso y misericordioso de Jesús, y sabemos que podemos comenzar de nuevo hoy para acercarnos a él. Al compartir la alegría de este día con la familia y los amigos, si hay alguna ofensa que es una barrera entre nosotros y alguien importante, hoy recordamos que cualquier cosa puede ser perdonada si invitamos al amor de Jesús a entrar en nuestro corazón. Hoy puede renovar nuestra sensación de pérdida porque alguien que estuvo con nosotros el año pasado ya no está aquí, pero Jesús sigue siendo fiel a su palabra, que su retorno de la muerte será compartido por nosotros y estaremos con nuestros seres queridos una vez más.

La muerte de Jesús en la Cruz y su salida de la tumba vivo no son sólo creencias antiguas conservadas como piezas en un museo. La Pascua nos recuerda que debemos ser como ese violín en manos del gran virtuoso. Tenemos el poder de hacer una bella música en el mundo, porque Jesús vive en nosotros, haciendo posible para nosotros ser exactamente la persona que Dios nos creó para ser - llenos de amor, esperanza y perdonados, lo suficientemente valientes como para aceptar una cruz porque sabemos que no estamos solos en la oscuridad. Hoy declaramos que Jesús vive. ¡Ahora, lleva eso al mundo y deje que la gente lo escuche!

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk