



ST. MONICA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

MAY 28, 2017

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

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Shavana Lopez

Bookkeeper x 7102

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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 Matrimonios

Martha Gonzalez

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Maria M. Gonzalez-Rocha

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Phil Riley, Principal

www.stmonicaschool.org

From the Pastor

Dr. Mordecai Johnson, the African-American educator, once told of a colleague of his. He tried to interest his friend in Christ, but he was always met with polite refusals. Finally, Johnson got the man to talk. It seems that when the man was growing up in a small southern town, an evangelist visited for a week of meetings in a tent. The little boy had gone, drawn by the excitement of it all, and sat in the back of the tent reserved for Negroes. At the end of the week it was announced that Sunday morning would climax the week when all those who were ready to receive Christ would be baptized in the river. Those wanting baptism were to appear on the bank dressed in white. So, the little boy had hurried home to tell his mother what he wanted. His poor mother had to take a sheet off one of the beds to make him a little robe. Proudly, yet somewhat frightened, the child made his way to the river on Sunday morning. It was quite a meeting with singing masses of folks, Scripture reading, testifying, and preaching. One by one, many were baptized into Jesus Christ, the king of love. When the service was over and the crowd dispersed, a little black boy stood alone on the riverbank in a white robe that was all dry. He was still waiting for someone to notice him, to talk to him, to baptize him.

As we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, we realize that his focus was not on returning to his glory in heaven. Even in the last moments, as we remember today, he knew the work was far from completed. He was speaking to a small group who believed in a world with clear distinctions. All had been raised in the Jewish faith. They knew that they were part of the Chosen People, and by being faithful to God and following the rules, and dressing properly, and eating the correct diet, they would be pleasing to God and worthy of heaven. But, in their mind there were still all those other people, the gentiles, who were cut off from God and lost. They would never have considered them to be invited to share in the message of Jesus.

But, Jesus challenges them to broaden their vision. He sends them into all the world, to explain to all how much they

are loved by God, to share God's life with them through baptism, and to teach them how to live in harmony with God by following what Jesus has commanded. Jesus does not focus on one group of people, one place in time. His message of God's love has no restrictions and no limitations. They are to go everywhere, speak to everyone.

Theologians call the final words of Jesus the Great Commission. It is not a challenge only for church leaders or those working to bring the message of Christianity to persons in foreign lands. It is actually the task given each of us, a challenge with which we are presented every day. All around us, there are the little ones, dressed in a white robe, waiting to be noticed, and talked to, and brought to a new relationship with the Lord.

When we are confronted by a cranky child or a loved one who has offended us, we are being invited to make the gentle patience and unflinching forgiveness of Jesus present through the way we react to that moment. When someone wants our attention or needs our help and we feel too busy or too tired or too uninterested to actually do anything for them, that very moment Jesus is inviting us to forget our self and make a small gift of our time and attention because we want to love as he does. As we treat a stranger with courtesy, and seek out someone new to us in our church community to welcome them, we are by our example making the Lord present without having to preach a single word of religion.

The angel reminded the disciples that they could not stand there contemplating the departure of Jesus from this world as he ascended. There was work to be done. And the same is true for us. As we come here to reflect on all God's blessings and receive his inspiration and be strengthened for what is ahead, we always have to remember there is work to be done. As we leave church, we set out to do our part to bring the message of the love of Jesus to each person we meet. And we always have to keep our eyes open, because if we are not careful, we might just miss the little one who most needs to hear about that love.

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

News & Events

Bishop Edward Burns is **transferring Fr. Stephen Bierschenk** from St. Monica to be the Rector (Pastor) of the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe in downtown Dallas. The Bishop has appointed Fr. Michael Guadagnoli, currently Pastor of St. Pius X in Dallas, to be the Pastor at St. Monica. These changes will take place on July 1.

Mary Ann Trotzuk, Director of St. Monica Catholic School's Extended Day Program for 25 years, is retiring. Join us for a **reception honoring Mrs. Trotzuk** on Tuesday, May 30 from 2 - 6 pm in the Family Center Lower Lounge. Light snacks and refreshments will be served. Stop by and thank Mrs. Trotzuk for her many years of dedication to St. Monica.

Join us for an **evening honoring Our Lady of Fatima** by coming to St. Monica on June 11th from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. A statue from Fatima will be present while we pray the rosary, venerate a relic of St. Jacinta, and view a documentary on Our Lady of Fatima. Confessions will also be available.

The **church offices will be closed** today, Sunday, May 28th, and Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

Updates for Printed Directory

St. Monica is preparing to produce its annual printed parish directory. If you have a change of address or updated contact information, please email Melissa Franks at mfranks@stmonicachurch.org.

Volunteers are needed to spend an hour with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel from Noon - 1 pm on Wednesday. To sign up, or for more information, contact Margie Giangiulio at adore10397@sbcglobal.net.

LIFE TEEN

LONE STAR

STEBENVILLE

Register at www.L1FTministry.org/retreats
Irving, TX / June 23-25, 2017 / SteubenvilleLoneStar.com

Stewardship

05-21-2017

Regular - \$31,698

Renovation - \$10,449

Total Mass Attendance

05-21-2017

3,255

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 28

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, May 29

6:45 am..... Carolyn Noyes Worswick †

by John & Marilyn Roppolo

8:00 am..... John DiFrancesco †

by John & Barbara Hanna

Tuesday, May 30

6:45 am..... For Holiness in Our Church

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

by Becky & Phil Ryan

Wednesday, May 31

6:45 am..... Dr. Mike White † by Raph Flood & Family

8:00 am..... Jo & Bill Risinger Anniversary

by John & Joan Haba

Thursday, June 1

6:45 am..... Kara & Jorge Rivas by Raph Flood Family

8:00 am..... Ophelia Palacol †

by John & Marilyn Roppolo

Friday, June 2

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

by Josie Toogood

8:00 am..... Leahy & Jenkins Families by Terry Jenkins

5:30 pm..... Howard Crow † by Diane Crow

7:00 pm..... Ascencion Gonzalez by Maria Gonzalez

Saturday, June 3

8:00 am..... Carolyn Noyes Worswick †

by Joan & Walter Minigutti

5:00 pm..... Lew McEver † by Joane & Jeff Jackson

Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning in honor of Dorothy Batteas' 79th birthday.

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.

Luke Blank¹

Jose Saenz²

Maureen Wijeweera¹

Lorenzo²

Lonnie Franks¹

Zach²

Michelle Franks¹

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

Gabriel Ramirez

2ND ANNUAL ST. MONICA
**MULTICULTURAL
 CELEBRATION**

PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH, 2017

You're invited to wear your native attire.

11 AM: MASS
 11 AM - 2 PM: RECEPTION IN FAMILY CENTER

For more information, contact Juliette Akagu
 at 214-791-4358 or julieakagu@yahoo.com.



News & Events

Mark your calendars - Registration for CCD and Family Religious Education begins soon!

St. Monica will be having registration for Religious Education classes for students Kinder - 12th grade for the 2017-2018 school year June 1st - 30th. Registration will be in the Church office on Sundays from 10 am - 4:00 pm and Monday through Friday from 9 to 5 pm. If you have any questions, please call the Church office at [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

Women's ACTS Retreat June 1st-4th

Come join us for an opportunity to form a deeper relationship with our Lord through Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. Come experience an amazing weekend of renewal, friendship and the Love of the Lord. We look forward to enjoying the weekend with you! Feel free to contact Theresa Sulak: sulakt22@gmail.com for more information or sign up on the St. Monica website.

Corpus Christi Procession

St. Monica is hosting a Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, June 18th after the 5 pm Mass. The procession will begin in the church and lead around the entire campus. Children who made their First Holy Communion this year are asked to participate in this event by throwing rose petals during the procession. If your child would like to participate, contact Mariangela Byrne at mbyrne@stmonicachurch.org or call [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

The 12:30 pm and Sunday 5 pm Masses are looking for someone to help run the sound and lyrics during the Masses. They must be available an hour prior to each Mass, and they will rotate weeks with a flexible schedule. Experience is preferred, but not a necessity. Training is available and a small stipend is given. If interested, contact Emmanuel Espiritu at eespiritu@StMonicaChurch.org.

St. Monica is currently **recruiting Faith formation catechists** for grades Kinder - 6th grade for the 2017-2018 school year. Kindergarten will meet on Sunday mornings from 11 am to 12 pm and first- sixth grade will meet from 3:15 - 4:45 pm on Sundays. Training classes will be held during June, July and August. We are also looking for catechists who want to help with our Family Religious Education program that meets only once a month. If interested in volunteering, contact Mariangela Byrne at mbyrne@stmonicachurch.org.

Join the 635 on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at the Granada Theater. Happy Hour starts at 6:35pm at Sundown at Granada and at 7:15pm the doors open at Granada Theater. Invite your friends to this **free event for young adults**, and get pumped for an awesome night featuring Dave Moore & Ennie Hickman.



Parishioners have logged

15,840 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

June 3 at 5:00 pm
 Valentino & Iona Fernandes

June 4 at 11:00 am
 Sid & Stephanie Blache

June 4 at 8:00 am
 Christina Neria

June 4 at 12:30 pm
 Brandon & Mariangela Byrne

June 4 at 9:30 am
 Glen & Gina Robinson

June 4 at 5:00 pm
 Gaspar & Hope Lopez

Noticias y Eventos

No Tengas Miedo RETIRO FAMILIAR

GAMINEMOS DE LA MANO con JESÚS...

9,10 y 11 de Junio del 2017.

Viernes: 6:00 a 9:00 pm - Sábado: 8:00 a 4:00 pm - Domingo: 8:00 a 2:00 pm

Parroquia Católica Santa Mónica.

(9933 Midway Rd. Dallas, Tx. 75220)

Expositores:

Padre Iñigo López y Padre Henry Erazo

Informes:

Dolores Vielma: (214) 609-9344

Noe Vielma: (469) 767-2861

Willy León: (469) 682-4143

Donación: \$40.00 por familia.



Misa de Primer Viernes de Mes

Este viernes 2 de Junio es primer viernes de mes, y tendremos la Santa Misa en honor al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús a las 7pm. seguido por una Noche de Adoración. Venga a iluminar su alma en la Presencia del Señor.

Actividades de Verano

Este junio y julio tendremos una variedad de actividades de verano para los niños y adolescentes. Tendremos clases de Biblia, Ballet Folklórico, danzantes, talleres de oración. Estas clases se impartirán durante la semana de 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. La próxima semana habrá más información detallada sobre las actividades y contactos.

SANTA MÓNICA

CELEBRACIÓN MULTICULTURAL

DOMINGO DE PENTECOSTÉS, 4 DE JUNIO

Lo invitamos a vestir su traje típico.

11 AM: MISA

11 AM - 2 PM: RECEPCION EN EL CENTRO FAMILIAR

Para más información llame a María Rocha al
214-358-1453 o mrocha@stmonicachurch.org.



PENTECOSTES

Y todos quedaron llenos del Espíritu Santo

Hechos 2,4

Horario :

8:00 am a 7:00 pm

Domingo

8:00 am a 1:30 pm

Lugar:

Iglesia Santa Monica Cafeteria
4140 Walnut Hill Dallas TX. 75229

Donacion \$ 10 dls. No niños

Informes : (214) 815-3103

Invita:

Pastoral Familiar Hispana Dallas TX.

SABADO y DOMINGO

17 Y 18
JUNIO 2017


MÁS ALLÁ DE LOS LÍMITES
2016 SANTA MONICA FE EN ACCIÓN

¡Hasta hoy,

15,840 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.

Las oficinas parroquiales estarán cerradas hoy, domingo, 28 de mayo, y lunes, 29 de mayo en observancia al Día Conmemorativo.

Misioneras Catequistas de los Pobres

El próximo 19 de Junio se llevara a cabo una despedida a la congregación religiosa de las Catequistas Misioneras Catequistas de los Pobres, ellas sirvieron en la Diócesis de Dallas por más de 57 años. La comunidad de Santa Mónica fue una de sus misiones para iniciar la evangelización con el Ministerio Hispano. La Misa de Agradecimiento se llevara a cabo el lunes 19 de Junio del 2017 a las 7 pm., en la Iglesia de Santa Cecilia en Oak Cliff. Les invitamos acompañarles para mostrar nuestro agradecimiento y desearles buena suerte en su próxima misión.

Acompañenos a una velada **honrando a Nuestra Señora de Fátima** asistiendo a Santa Mónica el 11 de junio de 6:30 pm a 9:30 pm. Una estatua de la virgen de Fátima estará presente mientras rezamos el rosario, veneramos una reliquia de Santa Jacinta y vemos un documental sobre Nuestra Señora de Fátima. También tendrá la oportunidad de confesarse.

Procesión de Corpus Christi

Santa Mónica esta organizando una procesión de Corpus Christi el domingo 18 de junio después de la Misa de las 5 pm. La procesión comenzará en la iglesia y se hará un recorrido por todo el campus. Los niños que hicieron su Primera Comunión este año son invitados a participar en este evento lanzando pétalos de rosas durante la procesión. Si su hijo/a quisiera participar, comuníquese con Mariangela Byrne a mbyrne@stmonicachurch.org o llame al 214-357-8549.

Circulo Juvenil Agape

Eres un Joven de 18 años en adelante, soltero y sin hijos? Ven a conocer a más jóvenes que tienen las mismas inquietudes y deseos de vivir una vida de acuerdo al plan de Dios. Nuestras reuniones son todos los domingos de 12 pm a 1:30 pm en el salon 211 del Centro Familiar. Para más información llame a Monserrat Chavez, 214-607-3425.

De El Pastor

El doctor Mordecai Johnson, el educador afroamericano, contó una vez sobre un colega suyo a quien intentaba motivarle en sobre las cosas de Cristo, pero siempre le rechazaba cortésmente. Finalmente, Johnson consiguió que el hombre hablará. Parece que cuando el hombre creció en un pequeño pueblo del sur, un evangelista lo visitó durante una semana en una tienda de campaña. El niño había ido, atraído por la emoción y se sentó en el fondo de la tienda reservada para los negros. Al final de la semana se anunció que el domingo por la mañana culminaría todo, con aquellos que estaban dispuestos a recibir a Cristo en el bautismo en el río. Aquellos que desearan ser bautizados debían vestir color banco. De modo que el niño se apresuró a contarle a su madre lo que quería. Su pobre madre tuvo que quitar la sábana de una de las camas para hacerle un pequeño manto. Con orgullo, aunque algo asustado, el niño se dirigió al río el domingo por la mañana. Fue una gran reunión con una multitud de gente cantando, lecturas de la Escritura, testimonios y predicaciones. Uno a uno, varios fueron bautizados en el nombre de Jesucristo, Rey del amor. Cuando el servicio terminó y la multitud se dispersó, un pequeño afroamericano se quedó solo en la orilla del río con su bata blanca seca. Todavía estaba esperando que alguien lo notara, le hablara, lo bautizaría.

Al celebrar la Ascensión de Jesús al cielo, nos damos cuenta de que su enfoque no era en regresar a su gloria en el cielo. Incluso en los últimos momentos, como lo recordamos hoy, sabía que el trabajo estaba lejos de ser terminado. Estaba hablando con un grupo pequeño de personas que creían en un mundo con claras distinciones. Todos habían sido criados en la fe judía. Sabían que eran parte del Pueblo Elegido y que siendo fieles a Dios, siguiendo las reglas, vistiendo apropiadamente y comiendo la comida correcta, agradecerían a Dios y serían dignos del cielo. Pero en su mente seguía habiendo otro tipo de personas, los gentiles, que fueron rechazados por Dios. Ellos nunca serían invitados para compartir el mensaje de Jesús.

Pero, Jesús los desafía a una amplia visión. Los envía a todo el mundo, para explicar a todos cuánto son amados por Dios, para compartir la vida de Dios con ellos a través del bautismo, y para

enseñarles a vivir en armonía con Dios siguiendo lo que Jesús ha mandado. Jesús no se concentra en un grupo de personas, un lugar en el tiempo. Su mensaje del amor de Dios no tiene restricciones ni limitaciones. Deben ir a todas partes, hablar con todos.

Los teólogos llaman a las últimas palabras de Jesús la Gran Comisión. No es un desafío sólo para los líderes de la iglesia o aquellos que trabajan para llevar el mensaje del cristianismo a personas en tierras extranjeras. En realidad, es la tarea de todos, un reto que se nos presenta todos los días. A nuestro alrededor están los pequeños vestidos con una túnica blanca, esperando ser tomados en cuenta, que se les hable y llevados a una nueva relación con el Señor.

Cuando nos enfrentamos a un niño malhumorado o un ser querido que nos ha ofendido, somos invitados a tener la paciencia y el perdón infalible de Jesús presente a través de la forma en que reaccionamos a ese momento. Cuando alguien quiere nuestra atención o necesita nuestra ayuda y nos sentimos demasiado ocupados, cansados o desinteresados para realmente hacer algo por ellos, ese mismo momento Jesús nos está invitando a olvidarnos a nosotros mismos y hacer un pequeño regalo de nuestro tiempo y atención porque queremos amar como El lo hace. A medida que tratamos a un extraño con cortesía y buscamos a alguien nuevo en nuestra comunidad para darles la bienvenida, por nuestro ejemplo hacemos que el Señor esté presente sin tener que predicar una sola palabra de religión.

El ángel recordó a los discípulos que no podían estar allí contemplando a Jesús mientras ascendía. Había trabajo por hacer. Y lo mismo es cierto para nosotros. Cuando venimos aquí para reflexionar sobre todas las bendiciones de Dios y recibir su inspiración y ser fortalecidos para lo que está por delante, siempre debemos recordar que hay trabajo por hacer. Al salir de la iglesia, nos proponemos poner de nuestra parte para traer el mensaje del amor de Jesús a cada persona que encontramos. Y siempre tenemos que mantener los ojos abiertos, porque si no tenemos cuidado, podríamos olvidar al pequeño que más necesita oír hablar de ese amor.

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

