



# ST. MONICA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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214-358-1453 • Fax: 214-351-1887  
[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).

JUNE 4, 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

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**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

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**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

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

## From the Pastor

Bishop Desmond Tutu was leading worship in the St. George cathedral in South Africa during the days of apartheid when his sermon was interrupted. South African security police filed into the church with weapons, tape recorders, and cameras. Their mission was to intimidate Bishop Tutu so he would not speak out boldly against the apartheid government.

Bishop Tutu stared them down. He said to them, "You are powerful. Very powerful. But I serve a God who will not be mocked." Then with a dazzling warm smile he said to them, "Since you have already lost, I invite you today to join the winning side." Immediately, the cowering congregation was transformed. They began to dance. They danced their way into the streets where even more security forces waited to intimidate them. The security forces ended up standing aside and letting the people dance. (Jim Wallis, editor of *Sojourners* magazine)

Jesus had big plans. He had come to offer salvation to everyone, in all places, in all ages, without any distinction. He wanted each person to know how much God loved them and that they had a part to play in God's plan for the world that no one else could accomplish. Jesus began in a small way, traveling mostly through the tiny villages of his native Galilee, and only going to the big city of Jerusalem on a few occasions.

Even after Jesus rose from the dead, the most common emotion ascribed to his followers was fear. They were not able to step outside their ordinary routine. They simply waited until Jesus suddenly appeared in their midst again. They were an essential part of the next phase of the plan to go out to all the world with the message. But something needed to happen.

And then, like a bolt of lightning, the Holy Spirit was poured forth by Jesus. And the effect was startling. Even an hour before, Peter, a simple fisherman, would not have imagined that he would be able to stand before a huge crowd of people and speak so eloquently that thousands would be moved to change their life. Yet it happened. And the crowd of people who came to see what all the

commotion was about did not start their day looking for a religious conversion. But, it happened. The Holy Spirit worked a miracle of speaking in Peter, and a miracle of hearing as people from all the known world could understand his words in their own language. The sound of rushing wind and the tongues of flame were soon shown to be only the beginning of the transforming work of the Holy Spirit in our world.

We should never forget the same Holy Spirit is at work today. When we are with a group of friends who are sharing the latest gossip about another, we fear speaking out to say something good about the person, or perhaps say nothing at all. But the Holy Spirit is offering us the courage to do what is right. We don't insist on a time of prayer to be included in our family routine, because we don't want to hear complaints. But, the Holy Spirit gives us courage to trust that a miracle of speaking will occur as we invite our loved ones to join us in inviting God into our home.

We do not begin the day expecting to be a messenger of the Kingdom of God. But, we hear about someone whose life has been struck by tragedy, and we are being given the opportunity to reach out to be a source of comfort and support. We meet a stranger, and we are being given the opportunity to remember that the Lord loves them as his sister or brother and so we treat them with respect, like a friend. When our plans are not working as we expected and we are frustrated, the Spirit offers us the strength to embrace our struggles as the will of our loving Father, and suddenly we cannot complain or feel sorry for our self.

Jesus continues to have big plans because the work of spreading his message of love and service is not finished. And the Holy Spirit always helps us to say exactly the right things, and to hear the invitations of God to love and serve him every day in new ways. And when we allow the Spirit to lead us, the effects will be dramatic, for the Kingdom of God will break into our world in ways we never expected.

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

# News & Events

Join us TODAY, Sunday, June 4th, for **St. Monica's annual Multicultural Celebration** from 11 am - 2 pm in the Family Center. Parishioners will be celebrating their heritage from all corners of the world with native attire, food and sharing customs.

## Registration for CCD and Family Religious Education is open!

Registration for Religious Education classes for the 2017-2018 school year has started. The last day to register is June 30th. Families must register their children in person. The office is open from Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm and on Sundays from 10 to 4 p.m. Families may register their children for Family RE (home school) or traditional religious education classes held on Sunday afternoons or Sunday evenings for High School students. Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is also at this time. For more information, please call the parish office at [214.357.8549](tel:214.357.8549).

The **church offices will be closed** on Monday, June 5th from 11:30 am to 2 pm for a staff planning session.

**Morning Masses will not be celebrated** from Tuesday, June 6th through Thursday, June 8th as priests attend an annual meeting with the Bishop. Communion service will be held at both 6:45 am and 8 am each morning.

**YA | XLT, a night of prayer and reflection** for young adults, will meet on Tuesday, June 6 at 7:00 pm in The Enclave (Family Center, Room 220). We will wrap up the Miraculous series then head out for fellowship. Visit [www.L1FTministry.org](http://www.L1FTministry.org) for more info.

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.

**Organ Recital with Monica Czausz** St. Monica will host an organ recital featuring concert organist Monica Czausz on Tuesday, June 13, at 1:30 p.m. This recital is sponsored by the American Guild of Organists as part of their 2017 convention, and is free and open to the public. Monica Czausz is an internationally famous concert organists and currently serves as organist of Christ Church Cathedral (Episcopal) in Houston.

## Corpus Christi Procession

St. Monica is hosting a Corpus Christi Procession and all night Eucharistic prayer vigil on Saturday, June 17th. The Corpus Christi procession will start at 6:30 p.m. after the 5 p.m. Mass and will start in the Church and go 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. After the procession is over, Eucharistic adoration will be held in the Church throughout the night and all are invited to adore the Blessed Sacrament.

## Healing Service with Frank Kelly

A Mass and Healing Service with Frank Kelly will be held on Monday, June 19 at 7 pm. Frank Kelly travels throughout the country, sharing his life changing experience and apostolic gifts. For more information, visit [www.frankkelly.org](http://www.frankkelly.org).

**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](mailto:mfranks@stmonicachurch.org).

## Stewardship

05-28-2017

Regular - \$37,090

Catholic Communications - \$3,537

## Total Mass Attendance

05-28-2017

3,223

# Mass Intentions

## Sunday, June 4

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, June 5

6:45 am..... Greg Hultgren † by Family  
8:00 am..... Aurora Garza by Rosie

## Tuesday, June 6

6:45 am..... Communion Service ONLY  
8:00 am..... Communion Service ONLY

## Wednesday, June 7

6:45 am..... Communion Service ONLY  
8:00 am..... Communion Service ONLY

## Thursday, June 8

6:45 am..... Communion Service ONLY  
8:00 am..... Communion Service ONLY

## Friday, June 9

6:45 am..... Tillie Rodriguez † by Debbie Noblitt  
8:00 am..... PTO Mass

## Saturday, June 10

8:00 am..... Senan & Tina Fitzmartin †  
by Walter & Joan Minigutti  
5:00 pm..... Bill & Jo Risinger † by Joane & Jeff Jackson

## Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning Natalia Montano, Martin Hernandez & Yolanda Gutierrez.

## 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.

Brandon Gillett <sup>3</sup>	Zach <sup>1</sup>
Jose Saenz <sup>1</sup>	Yvonne Chapman <sup>3</sup>
Lorenzo <sup>1</sup>	Michelle Franks <sup>3</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.



JOIN US AS WE SAY

# Thank you

TO FATHER BIRSCHENK  
FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE  
ST. MONICA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH**  
**6 PM - 8 PM**  
**FAMILY CENTER**



Parishioners have logged

## 16,895 hours

of service beyond the boundaries of St. Monica  
since we launched Faith in Action!

Log hours at  
[www.stmonicachurch.org/faithinaction](http://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

**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](mailto:adore10397@sbcglobal.net).

### Endowment Trust Scholarships Awarded

The St. Monica School Endowment Trust is pleased to announce that twenty-five St. Monica School students have been awarded scholarships for the 2017-2018 school-year. A total of \$62,000 was awarded to help with tuition costs for the students. Congratulations to all the recipients. The Trustees are honored to play a role in helping families afford a Catholic education. The Endowment Trust Fund has been supporting St. Monica Catholic School since 1997. If you would like to learn more about the St. Monica School Endowment Trust and how you can play a role in continuing the legacy, please contact Nancy Poinatte by phone at [214-893-5710](tel:214-893-5710) or at [Endowment@stmonicaschool.org](mailto:Endowment@stmonicaschool.org).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:mbyrne@stmonicachurch.org).

A **Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat** is a life-changing opportunity for any person who struggles with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The weekend is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help those suffering from abortion experience the mercy and compassion of God. For more information and to register, visit [www.racheldallas.org](http://www.racheldallas.org) or contact [healing@racheldallas.org](mailto:healing@racheldallas.org) or [214-544-CARE \(2273\)](tel:214-544-CARE) in English or [972-679-4760](tel:972-679-4760) or [sanacion@racheldallas.org](mailto:sanacion@racheldallas.org) in Spanish. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential. For information about healing opportunities specifically for men, visit [www.projectjosephdallas.org](http://www.projectjosephdallas.org) or join us for the Project Joseph Men's Breakfast on July 8 at St. Monica Family Center (Rm. 211). Project Joseph will also offer a Day of Healing in English on July 22 by men and for men who have experienced abortion.

## Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

**June 11 at 5:00 pm**  
Paul & Genevieve Figel

**June 12 at 11:00 am**  
Sally Goebel

**June 12 at 8:00 am**  
Claude & Kathy Caylor

**June 12 at 12:30 pm**  
Tom & Kristine Primrose

**June 12 at 9:30 am**  
John & Bridget Woods

**June 12 at 5:00 pm**  
Jim & Laura Einspanier

# Noticias y Eventos



**ST. MONICA**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Actividades de Verano '17



# Santa Mónica

**DANZA FOLKLÓRICA**

Niños y niñas de 9 a 12 años.  
Lunes - 6:30 pm - Cafetería  
Iniciamos el 05 de Junio.  
Inf. e Inscripciones:  
Tacho Dimas (214) 642-9791

Niños y niñas de 6 a 8 años.  
Martes - 6:30 pm - Cafetería.  
Iniciamos el 06 de Junio.  
Inf. e Inscripciones:  
Sra. Nelda Hdz. (214) 952-9139

Donación: \$30.00 por inscripción.

**CLASES BÍBLICAS**

Niños y niñas de 6 a 12 años  
Miércoles - 6:30 pm - Salón 109 CF.  
Iniciamos el 14 de Junio.  
Inf. e Inscripciones:  
Sra. Verónica Piñón (469) 855-6242

Donación: \$15.00 por inscripción.

**TALLERES DE ORACIÓN Y VIDA**

Niños y niñas de 10 a 15 años  
Jueves - 6:30 pm - Salón de Arte.  
Iniciamos el 15 de Junio.  
Inf. e Inscripciones:  
Balta Villanueva (214) 357-8549

Donación: \$15.00 por inscripción.

**TEOLOGÍA DEL CUERPO**

Para estudiantes y sus padres de los grados 6, 7, 8, 9 y 10.  
Del 17 al 21 de Julio - 6:00 pm - Cafetería.  
Inf. e Inscripciones:  
Oficina Parroquial (214) 357-8549

Donación: \$25.00 por familia.

**Parroquia Católica Santa Mónica**  
8933 Midway Rd. Dallas, Tx. 75220

**(214) 357-8549**

 VIDA PARROQUIAL SANTA MÓNICA

**-CLAUSURA-**  
30 DE JULIO - 3:00 PM  
CAFETERIA

## 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.**  
(9833 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.



Elvis y Salvatore  
El Dios de la Vida  
Animación y alabanzas



RETIRO PARA ADOLESCENTES  
La alegría de vivir en Jesús





MÁS ALLÁ DE LOS LÍMITES  
2016 SANTA MONICA FE EN ACCIÓN

¡Hasta hoy,

# 16,895 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

FECHA DE DEPÓSITO: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*2016-17 SANTA MONICA\* FE EN ACCIÓN\*

**Inscripciones para el catecismo han comenzado!**

Inscripciones serán todo el mes de junio. Familias tendrán que pasar por la oficina para inscribir a sus hijos. La oficina estará abierta de 9 am - 5 pm lunes a viernes y los domingos de 10 am - 4 pm menos el día de los padres. Las clases se llevaran a cabo los domingos en la tarde o el domingo en la noche para los estudiantes en la prepa. Inscripciones para la Confirmación también será durante este periodo. Por mas información favor de llamar la oficina: **214.357.8549**.

**Las oficinas parroquiales estarán cerradas de** lunes, 5 de junio de las 11:30 am a 2 pm.

### 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 7 pm seguido por una Noche de Adoración. Venga a iluminar su alma en la Presencia del Señor.

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. Los niños y niñas están invitados a traer su vestido y traje de Primera Comunión para adornar el camino del Señor arrojando pétalos.

### Procesión de Corpus Christi

Santa Mónica esta organizando una procesión de Corpus Christi el sábado 17 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. Llame al [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

### Misioneras Catequistas de los Pobres

El próximo 19 de Junio se llevara a cabo una despedida a la congregación religiosa de las Catequistas Misioneras 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 7pm., en la Iglesia de Santa Cecilia en Oak Cliff. Les invitamos acompañarles para mostrar nuestro agradecimiento y desearles buena suerte en su próxima misión.

**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

## De El Pastor

El Obispo Desmond Tutu dirigía una adoración en la Catedral de San Jorge en el sur de África durante los días de segregación, cuando su sermón fue interrumpido. Oficiales de seguridad del sur de África entraron a la iglesia con armas, grabadoras y cámaras. Su misión era intimidar al Obispo Tutu para que no contradijera al gobierno.

El Obispo Tutu les miro hacia abajo y les dijo, "Ustedes son poderosos, muy poderosos. Pero yo le sirvo a Dios de quien no se burla." Después con una sonrisa deslumbrante les dijo, "como ya perdieron, hoy les invito a unirse al lado ganador." Inmediatamente la congregación temerosa se transformó. Comenzaron a bailar. Bailaron por las calles donde inclusive les esperaban más fuerzas de seguridad para intimidarles. La seguridad termino haciéndose a lado y dejo que la gente bailara. (Jim Wallis, editor de *Sojourner* magazine)

Jesús tenía grandes planes. Había venido a salvar a todos, en todas partes, de todas las edades sin distinción alguna. Quería que todos supieran todo lo que Dios les ama y formaran parte del plan de Dios para el mundo que nadie más pudiera lograr. Jesús comenzó con cosas pequeñas, pasando por pueblos pequeños de su nativa Galilea y solo visitando la ciudad de Jerusalén solo por ciertas ocasiones. Aun cuando Jesús resucito, la emoción más común de sus seguidores era temor. No podían salir de su rutina ordinaria. Simplemente esperaron a que Jesús apareciera entre ellos otra vez. Eran parte esencial de la siguiente fase del plan de salir al mundo con el mensaje. Pero algo debía de suceder.

Como un relámpago, El Espíritu Santo les fue dado por Jesús. El efecto fue sorprendente. Una hora antes, Pedro, un simple pescador de hombres, se hubiera imaginado que se pararía frente a una gran multitud tan elocuentemente que les ayudaría a cambiar su vida. Pero así sucedió. La multitud que vino a ver la conmovición no comenzaron su día buscando una

conversión religiosa. Pero así sucedió. El Espíritu Santo hace milagros al hablar en Pedro, el milagro del entender para que personas de alrededor del mundo entendieran su idioma. Las ráfagas de viento y las llamas de fuego, fue el principio del trabajo transformador del Espíritu Santo.

Nunca debemos olvidar que el mismo Espíritu Santo también trabaja así hoy día. Cuando estamos entre amigos compartiendo el último chisme de alguien, nos da miedo hablar algo bueno sobre la persona, probablemente no decimos nada. Sin embargo el Espíritu Santo nos fortalece para hacer el bien. No insistimos en incluir un tiempo de oración en nuestra rutina familiar, porque no queremos escuchar quejas. El Espíritu Santo nos fortalece para confiar que ocurrirá un milagro cuando invitamos a nuestros seres queridos a unirse para invitar a que Dios sea parte de nuestro hogar.

No comenzamos el día esperando ser mensajeros del Reino de Dios. Escuchamos de alguien que ha tenido una tragedia, y se nos da la oportunidad de ser un apoyo. Conocemos a un extraño, y se nos da la oportunidad de reconocer que el Señor les ama como hermanas y hermanos, entonces los tratamos con respecto como a un amigo. Cuando nuestros planes no van como esperamos nos frustramos, pero el Espíritu Santo nos fortalece para abrazar las dificultades como la voluntad de nuestro Padre y de repente no podemos renegar o sentimos mal con nosotros mismos.

Jesús continúa teniendo grandes planes porque el trabajo de difundir Su mensaje de amor y servicio no ha terminado. El Espíritu Santo nos ayuda a decir exactamente las cosas correctas, escuchar la invitación de Dios para amar y servirle cada día en formas nuevas. Cuando dejamos que nos guíe el Espíritu, los efectos serán dramáticos porque el Reino de Dios entrara en nuestro mundo de maneras que nunca esperábamos.

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk