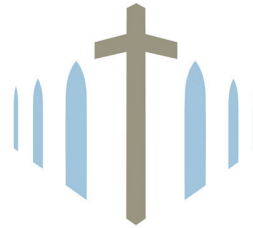


OCTOBER 23, 2016



ST. MONICA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

9933 Midway Road, Dallas, Texas 75220

214-358-1453 • Fax: 214-351-1887

www.stmonicachurch.org



Search for "St. Monica Church Dallas" in the app store.

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 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

From the Pastor

There is an old story about a pastor at a large metropolitan church who entered the church one day, knelt at the altar, and prayed, "Oh, God, I am the worst of sinners. I am nothing. I am a worm." Over and over he repeated these. His associate walked by and was very impressed by the pastor's humility. He knelt down beside him and also prayed, "Oh, Lord, I am the worst of sinners. I am nothing. I am a worm."

While the two were praying, the custodian happened to walk by and overhear them. Impressed, he knelt beside them, and repeated the same prayer: "Oh, Lord, I, too, am the worst of sinners. I am nothing. I am a worm." The associate pastor stopped praying, looked over at the custodian, then with his nose turned upward, he leaned over to the pastor and whispered, "Now look who thinks he's nothing."

As we hear the story of the Pharisee and the tax collector at prayer in today's gospel, we don't have to ponder very long to sort out the proper attitude expected in our relationship with God. Even if all the things the Pharisee says about himself are true, in the presence of God, we don't have anything to brag about when it comes to goodness. And as the tax collector admits he is a sinner, as we consider the complete goodness of God, we have to admit that we too have fallen short of what God expects from us in our own decision to sin.

As we stand before God, he knows us as we are. Others may not know our darkest secrets. No one else can see our thoughts

and desires unless we reveal them. Even as others look us over and pass judgment on our attitudes or motivations, in the end, there is only one who can read our heart and mind and know the truth about everything.

To be so completely known by God would be an intimidating thought except for the fact that as we stand before God, he loves us as we are. He does not love those thoughts and actions that are not worthy of our relationship with him. But, he looks at us and is delighted to see his son or daughter, delighted to see all that we do to honor him and reflect his goodness. Jesus assures us that even when we sin, our Father is loving us and waiting to run to welcome us into the warm embrace of his forgiving love.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing to remember as we stand before God as we are is that he is not going to leave us as we are. The tax collector went home justified because as we humbly admit our failings before God, he forgives and permits us to begin again as if nothing happened. The good things we do and the generosity we practice does not exhaust God's blessings. There is no limit to ways in which God will bless us. He presents us every day with new persons and new situations so that we can do even more to build up his kingdom. We do not always know where God is leading us or why things are as they are, but through it all, one thing is certain. We are loved completely.

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

News & Events

The Church Office is seeking a **temporary part-time receptionist** (20-25 hours a week) from mid-November to mid-January, exact dates to be determined. Duties include answering phone, assisting guests and some other office tasks. Individual must be bilingual. If interested contact Debbie Diaz at ddiaz@smonicachurch.org.

The **L1FT Youth Ministry** program is still looking for people who are passionate about their faith to lead small groups on Sunday nights. For more information and to sign up, please head to www.L1FTministry.org/volunteercentral.

Adorers are needed to sit with Jesus at perpetual adoration on Sunday and Monday from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm and 11:00 am - 12:00 pm on Fridays. To sign up, contact Margie at adore10397@sbcglobal.net. EED 1100A TO 12N ON FRIDAYS

Calvary Hill Cemetery is hosting a **FREE seminar, titled *Your life. Your Legacy.*** on planning your funeral and cemetery arrangements in advance on Saturday, November 19th at 10:00 am in the Family Center Lower Lounge. The presentation will provide four simple steps to planning your final arrangements, bring peace of mind to yourself and your family, a FREE Personal Planning Guide, refreshments and helpful advice. Seating is limited. Reserve your space by calling [214-357-5754](tel:214-357-5754) or emailing brett.fulmer@sci-us.com.

Young Adults, L1FT is hosting our monthly XLT on November 1--the week before the election. Join us for Under God, a night in prayer for our nation. For more information, join our Facebook group (L1FT Young Adults), or head to our website: www.L1FTministry.org.

The **A Capella Choir from Bishop Lynch High School** has accepted an invitation on behalf of Pope Francis to sing at the Epiphany Mass on January 6, 2017 at St. Peter's Basilica. This is the first time a high school choir will sing at the Epiphany Mass. To help fund this trip, representatives of the choir, some with ties to St. Monica Church and School, will be selling poinsettias before and after Masses on November 5 & 6. Plants will be ready for pick up on December 3rd and 4th after all Masses. Payment is required at the time of the order. Donations supporting this trip will also be accepted. Thank you for your support.

St. Monica Faith Formation presents

Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told

October 27 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
in the church

Join us for this 10 episode world class film, which tells the amazing story of the dramatic history of Poland, the transformative message received by St. Faustina Kowalska, the powerful witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope Saint John Paul II.

For more information, please call the Office of Faith Formation at [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

Stewardship

10-16-2016

Regular - \$39,256

Total Mass Attendance

10-16-2016

3,154

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 23

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, October 24

6:45 am..... Kelsey & Patrick Beachner
by Aunt Shannon, Ron & Nicholas
8:00 am..... Martin Gaffey † by John & Amanda Balhoff

Tuesday, October 25

6:45 am..... For Holiness in Our Church
8:00 am Raymund & Cynthia Zuniga
by Carolyn Zuniga

Wednesday, October 26

6:45 am..... James M. Aitken, Jr † by Theresa C. Aitken
8:00 am..... Kevin L. Wachsman †
by Wachsman Family

Thursday, October 27

6:45 am..... Mary Villarreal † by Carolyn Zuniga
8:00 am Andres Roberto Paredes †
by The Oliva Family

Friday, October 28

6:45 am..... Francis Peña by Knights of Columbus
8:00 am..... Mike Christy † by Mom & Dad

Saturday, October 29

8:00 am..... William Anton Auberty †
by Andrew Watts & The Watts Family
5:00 pm..... Manuel & Estella Prince † by Daughter

Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for Wachsman Family.

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.

Lorenzo ²	Scarlett McNeil ²
Zack ²	Denise Ole ³
Jessica Martinez ²	Mark Arbelaez 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

James Hart	Daniel Flynn
Mildred Klein	Eugenia Wilson
Gregory Hultgren	San Garza
Jose E. Arvizu	



YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE

Friday, October 28
6:00 pm

Enter the Door of Mercy at the
Cathedral of Guadalupe

\$10 per person, if taking the bus
Space is limited!

Reserve your spot by October 21st

Register online at www.stmonicachurch.org
or at the Church Office

News & Events

Thank you for joining us for the **2016 Dallas Ministry Conference!** Your participation helped make the conference a great success!

We look forward to seeing you at the 2017 Dallas Ministry Conference to be held from October 19th - October 21st at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas.

9th Annual Benefit Dinner for the White Rose Center Join us for an elegant dinner and an inspiring talk by Steven Mosher, President of Population Research Institute. Saturday, November 5 at 7pm at the Royal Oaks Country Club in Dallas. Tickets are \$150/person and help to support comprehensive care to women in crisis pregnancies. If you cannot attend the event but would still like to donate to the pro-life cause you can purchase raffle tickets to win a vacation, oil painting or ipad. To purchase event or raffle tickets please visit www.saintjosephshelpers.org or call **469-232-9472**.

Bishop Lynch High School – Open House Join us for BL Sunday, our annual Open House for all prospective students and parents, who would like to learn more about the Bishop Lynch experience on Sunday, November 13, 2016, with the welcoming ceremony beginning at 1:00 pm in the Leyden Arts & Athletics Complex Championship Gymnasium. For additional information, contact admissions@bishoplynch.org or **214.324.3607 ext. 4127** or ext. 4134.

Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

October 29 at 5:00 pm
Eric & Jennifer Gillaspay

October 30 at 11:00 am
Raphael & Amanda Flood

October 30 at 8:00 am
Tommy Fears

October 30 at 12:30 pm
Gonzalo & Maria Venegas

October 30 at 9:30 am
Luis & Aracelli Monroy

October 30 at 5:00 pm
Stephanie Juarez



BEYOND BOUNDARIES
2016 ST. MONICA FAITH IN ACTION

Parishioners have logged

1717 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!

ST. MONICA FINE ARTS PRESENTS

MUSICAL CLASSICS

FOR

Trumpet & Organ

FEATURING

ORGANIST GUILLERMO MARTINEZ &
TRUMPETER NATHANIEL MAYFIELD

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016 | 7:30 PM

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH
9933 MIDWAY ROAD | DALLAS, TX 75220

FREE ADMISSION
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Noticias y Eventos

EUFORIA

¡Agradece a Dios por la vida con un corazón alegre!
Venga a disfrutar de una tarde llena de folklore, música y comida.
El evento es familiar...

Noviembre 26, 2016 - 6:30 pm
Cafetería de la Parroquia Católica
Santa Mónica

(9933 Midway Rd. Dallas, Tx. 75220)

Lo recaudado por "entradas" será donado al
Ministerio de Respeto a la Vida de la Diócesis de Dallas.

INF. Y VENTA DE BOLETOS:

(214) 357-8549

www.stmonicachurch.org

ENTRADAS:

\$10.00 (+12 años)

-Tendremos venta de comida-



Adoración al Santísimo En la capilla está expuesto el Santísimo, de lunes a viernes de 9 a media noche, los domingo de 6pm. a media noche. Ven adorarle, a platicar con El, a dejarte consolar, guiar por el Amor de la vida. Puedes venir en el tiempo que tú quieras. Si quieres orar con otros hermanos, tenemos los siguientes momentos de oración en grupo: martes 8 pm a 10 pm; primeros viernes de mes 8pm.; primer viernes de mes (dirigido para hombres) 7 am.; segundos viernes de mes 9 pm.; tercer jueves 7 pm. Si quieres ser adorador perpetuo por favor llama a la Oficina Parroquial **214-358-1453**.

Altar de Muertos

El fin de semana del 30 de Octubre tendremos un Altar de Muerto en el pasillo del Ángel en la Iglesia para recordar a nuestros seres queridos que se han marchado a la presencia de Dios. Les invitamos a traer una fotografía de su ser querido y algún platillo que le gustaba, el sábado 29 de Octubre a las 6 de la tarde. Para más información llame a Blanca Lilia Rocha, **214-498-1650**.



MÁS ALLÁ DE LOS LÍMITES
2016 SANTA MONICA FE EN ACCIÓN

¡Hasta hoy,
1717 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

30 de Octubre
Ybeth Montañez

6 de Nov
Familia Ramirez Izaguirre

13 de Nov
Maria del Pilar Juarez

23 de Nov
Familia Martinez

27 de Nov
Familia Rocha Ramos





AÑO DE LA MISERICORDIA

Viernes, 28 de Octubre
6:00 pm

Año de la Misericordia

Este viernes les invitamos a unirse con la comunidad de Santa Mónica y cruzar la Puerta Santa en la Catedral de Guadalupe en el Centro de Dallas, para recibir la Indulgencia Plenaria que el Santo Padre ha ofrecido, aquellas personas que se han preparado espiritualmente y seguido las directrices necesarias para remisión de todo castigo temporal debido al pecado. Los autobuses saldrán a las 6 pm. Usted puede seguirnos en su propio carro. Para más información comuníquese con María González-Roque al [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

Ministerio para Encarcelados

El ministerio para encarcelados necesita personas con el llamado para servir a estas personas que están privadas de la libertad. A través de su servicio puede darles un rayo de esperanza llevándoles la Palabra de Dios, preparándoles para recibir sus sacramentos y distribuir a Jesús Eucaristía. Las personas deben tener su licencia de conducir vigente y ser Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión. Para más información comuníquese con el Diacono José Treviño, [214-379-2884](tel:214-379-2884).

De El Pastor

Hay una historia antigua de un pastor de una enorme Iglesia metropolitana que un día entro a la iglesia, se arrodillo en el altar y oro, "Oh, Dios soy el peor de los pecadores. No soy nada. Soy un gusano." Repetía esto una y otra vez. Su colega camino junto a él y estaba impresionado de la humildad del pastor. Se arrodillo a su lado y también comenzó a orar, "Oh, Señor, soy el peor de los pecadores. No soy nada. Soy un gusano."

Cuando los dos estaban orando, el custodio caminaba por ahí y los escucho. Se impresiono, se arrodillo junto a ellos y repitió la misma oración: "Oh, Señor, yo también soy el peor de los pecadores. No soy nada. Soy un gusano." El pastor asociado dejo de orar miro al custodio, respingo la nariz, se incline hacia el pastor y le susurro, "Mira quien piensa que no es nada."

Al escuchar la historia del Fariseo y el cobrador de impuestos en el evangelio de hoy, no nos toma mucho tiempo para darnos cuenta de la actitud que se espera en nuestra relación con Dios. Aunque todas las cosas que dice el Fariseo sobre sí mismo son verdad, en la presencia de Dios, no tenemos nada de que presumir sobre nuestras bondades. Cuando el cobrador de impuestos admite que es un pecador, cuando miramos la bondad de Dios, tenemos que admitir que nos quedamos cortos en lo que Dios espera de nuestras decisiones de pecar.

Cuando estamos frente a Dios, nos conoce como somos. Probablemente otros no conocen nuestro lado oscuro. Nadie más puede ver nuestros pensamientos o deseos al menos que los revelemos. Aunque otros nos vean y juzguen por nuestras actitudes o

motivaciones al final solamente uno puede leer nuestro corazón y mente y conoce toda la verdad.

Que Dios nos conozca completamente intimida, a excepción del hecho que estamos frente a Dios que nos ama tal como somos. No le gustan esos pensamientos y acciones que no son dignos de nuestra relación con El. Pero nos mira y se goza en mirar a su hijo e hija, encantado de ver lo que hacemos para honrarle y reflejar su bondad. Jesús nos asegura que aun cuando pecamos, nuestro Padre nos ama y quiere venir hacia nosotros para abrazarnos en su amor.

Probablemente la cosa que debemos recordar al estar ante Dios es que no nos dejara como estamos. El cobrador de impuestos se fue a su casa justificado porque el que humildemente admite sus fallas ante Dios, le perdona y le deja comenzar de nuevo como si nada hubiera sucedido. La cosas buenas que hacemos y la generosidad que practicamos no sobrepasa las bendiciones de Dios. No hay límite en la manera que Dios nos bendice. Todos los días nos presenta nuevas personas y situaciones para poder seguir construyendo su reino. No siempre sabemos a dónde nos lleva Dios o porque las cosas son como son, pero a pesar de todo, solo una cosa es cierta. Somos completamente amados.

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk