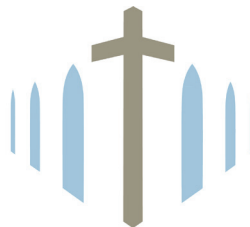




OCTOBER 30, 2016



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 • Linea 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

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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

From the Pastor

Les Parrot tells about a pig that flew aboard a US Airways jet from Philadelphia into Seattle. Two passengers convinced an airline representative that the pig needed to fly with them as a “therapeutic companion pet” – like a seeing-eye dog – so the representative decided to permit the pig to sit with them in the first-class cabin. passengers described the 300-pound pig as “enormous, brown, angry, and honking.” He was seated in seats near the front of the plane, but the attendants reportedly had difficulty strapping him in. “He became restless after takeoff and sauntered through the cabin,” one passenger said. “He kept rubbing his nose on people’s legs trying to get them to give him food and stroke him.” Upon landing, things only got worse. The pig panicked, running up and down through economy class and squealing. Many passengers, also screaming, stood on their seats. It took four attendants to escort the beast off the plane. And when they reached the terminal, the pig escaped only to be recaptured in another part of the airport. When asked to comment on the story, a US Airways spokesman named David said, “We can confirm that the pig traveled, and we can confirm that it will never happen again.” (from *Shoulda Coulda Woulda: Live in the Present and Find Your Future*)

The story of Zacchaeus is all about repentance. It happened that he was working with the Romans and had grown rich on the backs of his own people. It was a mistake that had made him a social outcast, so despised that even though he lived in a culture that had great respect for the wealthy, he couldn’t even get the crowd to make way for him. He had to climb a tree to see Jesus. And because Jesus decided to stop and invite himself into Zacchaeus’s home, he found his life was changed forever. It would never happen again that he makes money the most important motivation in life. His relationship with Jesus has made him a different person.

The intention of Jesus was to pass through the town, but Zacchaeus evidently drew his attention – a grown man up a tree has that effect. But we should not overlook the fact that the effort that Zacchaeus made changed Jesus’ plans. So often we act as if God is not that interested in our daily needs and our daily activities and so we go along without him. We set aside today for worship of God, and then during the week we become so busy he is only called upon in an emergency, or as we mumble a prayer as we try to wake up or while we drift off to sleep. We make a commitment to be involved or to do something special for God during this week, but we grow weary and leave our good deeds unfinished. We are surrounded by people we love, but because we know they love us, we become comfortable taking them for granted and giving in to our selfishness.

But, as we make the effort to invite Jesus in, things become different. We say we want to be forgiving because we have been forgiven. And Jesus gives us the power to put aside our pride, or let the bad memory of a past offense melt away, and we discover we can begin again to be at peace and put aside our anger. We know we are enjoying so many blessings, and as we invite Jesus in we discover a way our family can help someone in need that we never noticed before. We have times when we are treated unfairly or pain becomes our daily companion. As we invite Jesus in, he lends us his strength as we carry our cross, and we find that we grow in confidence that we can handle our problems because he is staying at our house helping us through our troubles.

Jesus is always seeking to save. He wants to stay with us. All we have to do is make the effort and Jesus will confirm that what is imperfect in our life can be overcome, and that he can give us the power to make sure it never happens again that we forget to make him the center of our life.

–Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

News & Events

Tuesday, November 1, is the **Solemnity of All Saints**, a Holy Day of Obligation. Anticipated Mass on Monday will be at 6 pm. Masses on Tuesday are at 6:45 am, 8 am (all school Mass), 6 pm and 7 pm Spanish.

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@stmonicachurch.org.

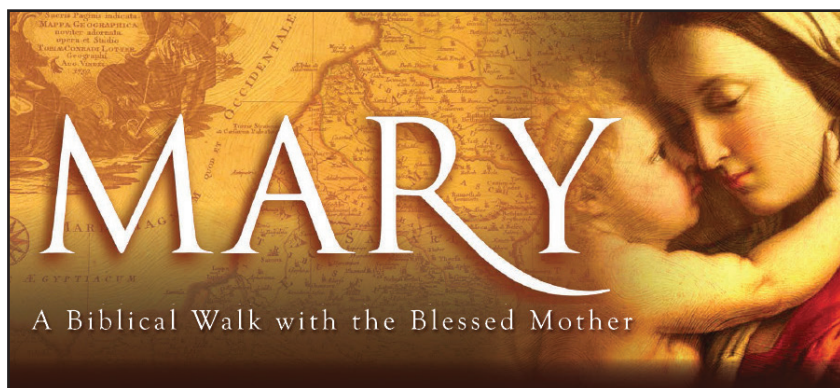
L1FT Young Adults is hosting our monthly XLT on November 1, a week before the election, at 7 pm in the Family Center Youth Room. Join us for *Under God*, a night in prayer for our nation. For more information, join our Facebook group (L1FT Young Adults), or head to our website: www.L1FTministry.org.

St. Monica Catholic School 4th grade class presents: **Salute to our Veterans** concert on Friday, November 11th at 2 p.m. in the church. All active military, Veterans and their families are invited to attend and be honored at this special event.

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.

Adorers are needed to sit with Jesus for one hour 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.

St. Monica is collecting new socks for males and females for **Austin Street Centre**. Donations may be dropped off in McManus Hall beginning November 1st. Socks will be distributed the second Monday of December. For more information, contact Missy Dours at dours@sbcglobal.net.



Wednesdays, November 2 - December 7
7:00 - 8:30 pm
Family Center Room 201

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* is an extraordinary pilgrimage that places you in the midst of the drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys...and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Divine Son.

Register online at stmonicachurch.org.

Stewardship

10-23-2016

Regular - \$33,606

World Mission Sunday - \$5,274

Total Mass Attendance

10-23-2016

3,050

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 30

- 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 31

- 6:45 am..... For Madden & Canary Families †
- 8:00 am..... Maria Gutierrez †
by Mercedes & Heinz Reuter

Tuesday, November 1

- 6:45 am..... Rev. Raymond Fitzgerald, SJ †
by Linda & Terry O'Mahoney & Family
- 8:00 am Francisco Roque †

Wednesday, November 2

- 6:45 am..... All Souls Novena
- 8:00 am..... Francisco Roque † by Familia Roque

Thursday, November 3

- 6:45 am..... Solina Burdeos †
by Patrick & Christine McClain
- 8:00 am All Souls Novena

Friday, November 4

- 6:45 am..... All Souls Novena
- 8:00 am..... Greta Forest † by Stephen Ministry
- 5:30 pm..... Mary Ann McCauley †
by Carmen Fernandez
- 7:00 pm..... Rosa Roque

Saturday, November 5

- 8:00 am..... All Souls Novena
- 5:00 pm..... Juliana Landa † by Virginia & Mark Filhiol

Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for All Souls.

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.

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| Lorenzo ¹ | Mark Arbelaez ² |
| Zack ¹ | Mary Burgess ³ |
| Jessica Martinez ¹ | Joe Chris Herrera ³ |
| Scarlett McNeil ¹ | Diana Born ³ |
| Denise Ole ² | Veronica Chaplin 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

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| Mary Louise Miramontes | San Q. Garza |
| Louise Garcia Cano | |



Come appreciate life with a cheerful heart!
 We will have Ballet Folklorico, live music, and authentic Mexican food.
 - An event for the whole family -

November 26, 2016 - 6:30 pm

**School Cafeteria
 St. Monica Church**
(9933 Midway Rd. Dallas, Tx. 75220)

Event benefitting:
 Respect Life Ministry of the Diocese of Dallas.

BUY YOUR TICKETS AT:
www.stmonicachurch.org
 (214) 358-1453

ADMISSION:
 \$10.00
 (12 years and up)



News & Events

Chalice Vocation Program

Prior to the year 2014, there were three parishes in the Diocese of Dallas with a Chalice Vocation Program. No schools. Today, three years later, there are fourteen parishes and ten Catholic schools with a Chalice Vocation Program. In addition, two parishes and three Catholic schools will soon start a Chalice Program. Thanks to the efforts of the Diocesan Vocation Office and the prayers of people like those of St. Monica parishioners and others, there are more Catholic priests and more men in formation for the priesthood for the Dallas Diocese than ever before.

Please pray that more parishes, more Catholic schools and more people will pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. More prayers - more vocations.

Is there anything more important to our Catholic Christian Community than **Religious Vocations**? Fostering and increasing vocations should be a mission for all practicing Catholics. Come help us not only maintain but also increase religious vocations. Join the Metro Serra Club. Contact Bob Andres at [214-476-1265](tel:214-476-1265) or Margie Giangiulo at [214-769-4407](tel:214-769-4407) for more information.

The FertilityCare™ Center of Dallas, in collaboration with Real Catholic Art, is hosting a **fundraising event: Bella Notte!** on Saturday, November 12th at 8 pm in the St. Monica School Cafeteria. The night will provide art, opera and beauty to benefit Birth Choice Dallas and The American Academy of FertilityCare™ Professionals. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased by visiting fertilitycarecenterofdallas.ticketspice.com/bella-notte.

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 call [469-232-9472](tel:469-232-9472) or visit www.saintjosephshelpers.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.



Parishioners have logged

1831 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

November 5 at 5:00 pm
 Bob & Janis Andres

November 6 at 11:00 am
 Sally Goebel

November 6 at 8:00 am
 Mike & Cindy Grimshaw

November 6 at 12:30 pm
 Kevin & Theresa Byrd

November 6 at 9:30 am
 Chris O'Mare

November 6 at 5:00 pm
 James & Mary Wilhelmi

Noticias y Eventos



¡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-



El martes, 1 de Noviembre es Solemnidad de Todos los Santos, día de Obligación. La Misa anticipatoria es el lunes a las 6pm. Las Misas el martes son a las 6:45am., 8am., 6pm. y 7pm en Español.

Altar de Muerto

Tenemos un Altar de Muerto en el pasillo de 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 Martes, 1 de Noviembre, Día de todas las Santos. Después de la Santa Misa de 7 pm pasaremos al pasillo del Ángel para rezar y celebrar por el recuerdo y vida de nuestros seres queridos. Para más información llame a Blanca Lilia Rocha, 214-498-1650.



¡Hasta hoy,
1831 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

6 de Nov
Familia Ramirez Izaguirre

13 de Nov
Maria del Pilar Juarez

23 de Nov
Familia Martinez

27 de Nov
Familia Rocha Ramos



Oración Por Las Almas Más Abandonadas

¡Jesús, por el amor de la agonía que Tú soportaste durante el temor a la muerte en el Huerto de Getsemaní, en la flagelación y coronación, en el camino al Monte Calvario, en tu crucifixión y en tu muerte, ten piedad de las Almas del Purgatorio y especialmente de aquellas que están totalmente olvidadas! ¡Líbralas de sus amargos dolores, llévalas a Ti y envuélvelas con tus brazos en el cielo! Padrenuestro. Avemaría Señor, concédeles el descanso eterno y brille para ellas la luz eterna.

Primer Misa de Mes Este viernes es primer viernes de Mes, nuestra Misa es en honor al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, venga a recibir la gracia del amor misericordioso que Dios tiene para usted y su familia. La Santa Misa es a las 7 pm en la Iglesia.

Noche de Adoración Adoremos a Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento del Altar, un minuto en su presencia llena tu vida de paz, amor, seguridad. Dios está presente en Cuerpo, Alma, Sangre y Divinidad, quiere sanar tus heridas, guiar tus pasos, consolar tu corazón. No te prives de su gran e inmenso amor. Viernes 4 de Noviembre, después de la Santa Misa de las 7 pm.

Circulo Juvenil Ágape Joven, te invitamos a integrarte al grupo de Jóvenes adultos de la comunidad de Santa Mónica. Ven a conocer a otros jóvenes que comparten las mismas inquietudes, que buscan la libertad y el amor siguiendo los pasos de Cristo. Próximas actividades: Convivio Juvenil- "Google, ¿quién es Dios?" sábado 5 de Noviembre de 6 pm a 9 pm en la Cafetería. Campamento Kairos - 17 al 20 de Noviembre. Para más información comuníquese con Monserrat Chaves al [214-607-3425](tel:214-607-3425). ¡Animate, no te arrepentiras!

Retiro de Adviento Separen la fecha, el 19 de Noviembre de 8:30am. a 4pm. tendremos nuestro retiro de Adviento, dirigido por las religiosas de la Orden Guadalupana Eucarísticas del Padre Celestial. Con su amor y devoción a la Eucaristía dirigirán al pueblo de Dios a tener un encuentro personal con El y nos instruirán a vivir estos días de preparación para la Navidad en un ambiente de regocijo, agradecimiento, alegría y paz. El evento es para toda la familia. Para más información llame a María González Rocha [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

Ministro Extraordinario de la Sagrada

Comunión Te gustaría ser parte del Ministerio de Ministros Extraordinario de la Sagrada Comunión, tendremos un retiro de formación el 13 de Noviembre de 9 a 1 pm. Los Ministros apoyan al sacerdote durante la Santa Misa en la distribución de la Santa Eucaristía. Para más información llame a Luis Alberto Monroy al [214-991-4473](tel:214-991-4473).

De El Pastor

Les Parrot cuenta sobre un cerdo que voló en un avión de US Airways de Filadelfia a Seattle. Dos pasajeros convencieron a un representante de la aerolínea que el cerdo necesitaba viajar con ellos como "una mascota terapéutico" - como un perro guía, entonces el representante decidió permitirles que el cerdo se sentara con ellos en la cabina de primera clase. Los pasajeros describieron al cerdo de 300 libras como "enorme, café, enojón y gritón." Estaba sentado en los asientos al frente del avión, pero las aeromozas reportaron que tenían dificultad en mantenerlo amarrado. Cuando iban aterrizar las cosas empeoraron. El cerdo se asustó, corrió y chilló de arriba abajo en la cabina de clase económica. Muchos pasajeros también gritaron y se pararon en sus asientos. Tomo cuatro aeromozas para sacar la bestia del avión. Y cuando llegaron a la terminal, el cerdo se escapó sólo para ser recapturado en otra parte del aeropuerto. Cuando les preguntaron qué comentaran sobre la historia, un representante de US Airways llamado David dijo, "Podemos confirmar que el cerdo viajó y podemos confirmar que no volverá a pasar." (De Shoulda, Coulda, Woulda: Live in the Present and Find Your Future)

La Historia de Zaqueo trata sobre el arrepentimiento. Trabajaba con los Romanos, se había hecho rico a costa de su propia gente. Había sido un error que lo había convertido en un marginado social, a pesar que vivía en una cultura que tenía gran respeto por los ricos, no podía hacer que la multitud le hiciera un espacio. Tuvo que subir al árbol para ver a Jesús. Y porque Jesús decidió parar e invitarse a la casa de Zaqueo, su vida cambio para siempre. Nunca más volvería a enfocarse en el dinero lo cual era su motivación más importante. Su relación con Jesús le había convertido en una diferente persona.

La intención de Jesús era pasar por el pueblo, pero evidentemente Zaqueo le llamo la atención, tiene efecto un hombre mayor en un árbol. No podemos

ignorar el hecho que el esfuerzo de Zaqueo cambio los planes de Jesús. A menudo actuamos como si a Dios no le interesaran nuestras necesidades diarias, nuestras actividades y andamos sin Él. Ponemos un tiempo para alabarle y durante la semana nos ocupamos tanto que solo le hablamos cuando tenemos una emergencia, o murmuramos una oración cuando tratamos de despertarnos o cuando nos estamos quedando dormidos. Durante la semana hacemos un compromiso para involucramos o hacer algo especial por Dios, pero nos cansamos y dejamos nuestras buenas obras a medias. Estamos rodeados de personas que nos aman, pero porque sabemos que nos aman lo damos por hecho y nos hacemos egoístas.

Cuando hacemos el esfuerzo de invitar a Jesús en nuestra vida, las cosas se hacen diferentes. Decimos que queremos perdonar porque nos han perdonado. Jesús nos da el poder de poner a lado nuestro orgullo, o dejar que un mal recuerdo del pasado se desaparezca, descubrimos que podemos tener paz y poner a lado nuestro enojo. Sabemos que disfrutamos tantas bendiciones y cuando invitamos a Jesús ser parte de ellas descubrimos que nuestra familia puede ayudar alguien en necesidad, lo cual antes no nos habíamos dado cuenta. Hay tiempos que nos han tratado injustamente o el dolor es parte de nuestro diario vivir. Pero al invitar a Jesús a estar con nosotros, nos da la fortaleza para cargar nuestra cruz, y tenemos la confianza que podemos manejar los problemas porque está en nuestra casa ayudándonos a enfrentar los problemas.

Jesús siempre busca salvar. Quiere estar con nosotros. Todo lo que tenemos que hacer es el esfuerzo y Jesús confirmara que lo que es imperfecto en nuestra vida se puede sobrellevar, y Él nos puede dar el poder para que nunca más se nos olvide que Él es el centro de nuestra vida.

—Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk