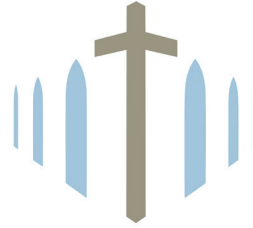




NOVEMBER 13, 2016



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

In New York City, amidst the towering canyons of Wall Street, a church established a drop-in shelter for the homeless. The journalist Bill Moyers once requested a meal, a shower, a chair, a restroom. It was to be a part of his regular PBS weekly series. While sitting near the door waiting for his camera crew to set up, he watched as the clientele entered the John Heuss House for help. Each person, before entering, had to empty his or her pockets of everything. Guns, knives, or weapons of any sort were placed in a basket for safe keeping before the visitor could enter. They would be returned the next morning. Mr. Moyers remarked, "It's like another language is spoken here." The street is only a few feet away yet a person must give up the weapons of that world in order to enter a new one with radically different values.

So often we enter church in just the same way. We might have been angry with someone on the way, but we come in and sing of love and peace. We rush through hectic days and can go forever without even pausing to remember that God is involved in our life, and then we kneel here before the one who is thinking of us at every moment and blessing us more than we can imagine. We leave behind our judgments and prejudice and bad thoughts and proclaim that within these walls we are all sisters and brothers. It's as if a different language is spoken here.

But of course, what we do here is not intended to be confined within the walls of the church.

The gospel today speaks of terrible things to come – the total destruction of the Temple, wars, persecutions, betrayal. And if such terrible things are headed our way, the normal reaction is to at least want to have a clue about when it will occur, so we can be prepared. But Jesus doesn't give any guidance as to when and how it will come.

Instead, he counsels his followers to trust that he will be with them and he will take care of everything. They don't need to prepare their defense; he will give them all the wisdom they need. When we leave this church, remarkable things are possible because Jesus goes with us. We can suddenly become patient and forgiving with the driver who is making us wait forever while they try to turn against traffic. We can go home and figure out something special we can do to share our blessings with someone else. We can discover the ability to look at a stranger and see a glimpse of the face of Jesus, our Brother, and welcome them as we would him.

The language we speak "in here" and the language we speak "out there" is not meant to be different. Our contact with Jesus here at church continues as we depart, as he gives us the wisdom to speak his words of comfort, lend our hands to raise up those who are weak, to see the opportunities all around us to reflect his loving care. The world is a dangerous place, and in the end it will all pass away. But, we don't need to worry about when or how that will happen because there is no doubt that Jesus is always at our side.

–Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

News & Events

The Dallas Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians and The Hymn Society of America are collaborating to present a **Hymn Festival** entitled *Sing of Mercy, Pray for Peace* on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 pm. Held at St. Monica Catholic Church, the festival celebrates the Jubilee Year of Mercy and is part of the St. Cecilia Sing series of NPM. The event will be led by Brian Hehn of the Hymn Society and Brent McWilliams, Chapter Director. It is free and open to the public.

The next **LEAF meeting** will be held on Tuesday, November 15th from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Center Upper Lounge. Featuring speaker John Hodges from The Shelton School on *Simulations of Learning Differences*, this presentation will provide you with a clearer understanding of the struggles your LD child faces. This is a MUST for parents; family, teachers and school staff who truly want to understand what a learning difference is and the struggles that come with everyday school life.

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

St. Monica Works Ministry is the parish Business and Professional Networking organization. Connect and develop business together on Thursday, November 17th at 7:30 am in the lower lounge of the Family Center. Come tell about your product, service or profession and learn about those of other faith-minded individuals: Coffee, donuts and networking from 7:29-7:59 am. A lively information exchange follows until 9:01 AM. Want more information - call [214-707-3726](tel:214-707-3726) or visit www.stmonicaworks.org. If your business can stand improvement, come and join us. Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

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.

Stewardship
11-06-2016
 Regular - \$41,044
 Renovation - \$23,279
Total Mass Attendance
11-06-2016
 2,893

Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 13

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, November 14

6:45 am..... In Memory of Patricia Novakov †
 by The Bryan Family
 8:00 am..... Edward Meizi † by PTO Mass

Tuesday, November 15

6:45 am..... For Religious Vocations
 8:00 am Effie McMahan † by McMahan Family

Wednesday, November 16

6:45 am..... Olivia Gonzalez † by Jeannette Gonzalez
 8:00 am..... Amy Schiermann † by Ed Schiermann

Thursday, November 17

6:45 am..... Maria Rosell Gutierrez †
 by Annette Doskey
 8:00 am Paul Fetsch † by Bob & Monica Noyes

Friday, November 18

6:45 am..... Stella Alcala † by Mary Ann Palacios
 8:00 am..... Alice Quirk † by John & Joan Haba

Saturday, November 19

8:00 am..... Connie Connors †
 by Celeste & Howard Guren
 5:00 pm..... Morgan Filhiol † by Virginia & Mark Filhiol

Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for Rudy Guerra, Sr †.

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.

Joe Chris Herrera ¹	Zach ³
Diana Born ¹	Jesse Martinez ³
Veronica Chaplin ¹	Carolyn Zuniga ³
Lorenzo 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

Nancy St. Romain



Kids and Social Media
 WHY IT'S A PARENT'S JOB TO TEACH
 A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION FOR PARENTS
Sunday, November 27
6:00 -8:00 pm
Family Center Upper Lounge
 RSVP to slopez@stmonicachurch.org
 Refreshments served



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

St. Monica Prayer Shawl Ministry

Father Bierschen gave a special blessing of the beautiful shawls knitted by the ministry members, at the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, October 29th. The ministry donates all finished shawls to individuals in need of spiritual healing, due to medical or health issue, or other personal challenges. God bless the volunteers that belong to this ministry, and give generously of their time and talents in serving our church and community with this special ministry. The group meets on Mondays, from 10 am to 12 pm, in room 109 in the Family Center. Lessons in knitting are provided for those without experience. If you are interested in joining, would like to make a donation, or know of someone in need of a shawl, contact Margaret Schwab at [214-384-2209](tel:214-384-2209) or magmac516@aol.com.

St. Monica Christmas Angel Program

The Christmas Holiday is around the corner and once again we invite you to consider adopting an angel from our Christmas Angel program. The Angel Trees will be located at the Narthex and the Angel Hall starting November 19th. With your generous support we will make this another successful year in making Christmas wonderful for many families. For more information please email christmasAngel@stmonicachurch.org.

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.

Cistercian will hold an Admissions Coffee on Thursday, November 17th, from 8:30 – 10 a.m. Join us to learn about education and admission. Cistercian educates talented boys in grades 5 – 12 in an academically rigorous, Catholic environment. Visit www.cistercian.org for more information or call us at [469-499-5400](tel:469-499-5400).

Founded in Dallas in 1942, **Jesuit College Preparatory School** of Dallas is a Catholic, private, independent, all-boys high school. Following the 500 year-old Jesuit tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Jesuit Dallas strives to form young men into leaders who are open to growth, intellectually competent, committed to working for justice, religious, loving, and physically fit. Please come learn more from 1:00 to 3:30 pm on Sunday, November 20th. Please visit www.jesuitcp.org/visit for more information.

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@bishophlynch.org or [214.324.3607](tel:214.324.3607) ext. 4127 or ext. 4134.



BEYOND BOUNDARIES
 2016 ST. MONICA FAITH IN ACTION

Parishioners have logged
3336 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 19 at 5:00 pm
 Mary Dugas

November 20 at 11:00 am
 Mason & Crystal Murphy

November 20 at 8:00 am
 Trey & Dana Pendergraft

November 20 at 12:30 pm
 Bobby & Kathy Porter

November 20 at 9:30 am
 John & Bridget Woods

November 20 at 5:00 pm
 Erika Louis

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
(9833 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-



Retiro de Adviento

Dios Padre Sensible y Vulnerable a las Heridas de la Familia
19 de Noviembre de 8:30 am a 4 pm en la Cafetería de la Escuela se llevara a cabo el Retiro de Adviento, dirigido por las religiosas de la Orden Guadalupeana Eucarísticas del Padre Celestial. Con su amor y devoción a la Eucaristía guiaran a las familias a tener un encuentro personal con El y vivir momentos de reconciliación familiar. Es un tiempo especial para preparar el alma y corazón para recibir esta Navidad en un ambiente de regocijo, agradecimiento, alegría y paz. El evento es gratis, para toda la familia. (Habrà venta de comida)
Para más información llame a María González Rocha 214-357-8549.



¡Hasta hoy,
3336 horas
de servicio se han reportado para el
programa Más Allá de los Límites!

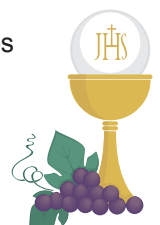
Anote sus horas en
www.stmonicachurch.org/faithinaction
o use una forma de depósito que ese
encuentra en las mesas por las entradas
principales de la Iglesia y póngala en la
canasta de colecta.

Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

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

23 de Nov
Familia Martínez

27 de Nov
Familia Rocha Ramos



Ministerio Imagen de Dios

Jueves Eucarístico – Este jueves es jueves Eucarístico, te invitamos a venir a los pies de Jesús a entregar todo lo que guarda nuestro corazón y salir renovados de Su amor. La adoración inicia a las 7 pm en la capilla. Reunión Mensual – “Un ser agradecido” Durante la semana de acción de gracias abramos nuestra mente y corazón para agradecer a Dios por su infinita misericordia y valorar lo que recibimos día a día de Él. La reunión se llevara a cabo el 23 de Noviembre en el salón de la Biblioteca a las 7 pm. Solo para adultos.

Circulo Juvenil Ágape - Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos

El grupo de Jóvenes Adultos te invita a vivir una experiencia única e inolvidable al campamento 2016, “Sabor a tu Vida” dirigido por la comunidad Kairos de Texas. El campamento se llevara a cabo del 17 al 20 de Noviembre, para jóvenes de 18 a 35 años. Para más información e inscripciones llame a Andrea Espino, 682-433-3692; Juan Rodríguez 682-402-5914.

Año Jubilar de la Misericordia- Última Semana!

El 20 de Noviembre se termina el año Jubilar de la Misericordia. Aún está a tiempo de recibir indulgencia plenaria (perdón absoluto) del pecado si cumple con las normas que nos da la Santa Madre Iglesia. Debe de Confesarse, hacer una oración al cruzar la Puerta Santa, ofrecer la Santa Misa, rezar un Padre Nuestro, Ave María, Credo y pedir por las intenciones del Santo Padre. En la Diócesis de Dallas las Puertas Santas están en la Catedral del Santuario de Guadalupe y La Iglesia de la Divina Misericordia. En la Oficina Tenemos hojas de oración por si quiere llevar a su peregrinación.

El Ministerio de Oración de Chal de Santa Mónica

El ministerio donará todas las cobijas a individuos que necesiten ayuda espiritual, por condiciones médicas, de salud u otros retos personales. Se reúnen todos los lunes, de 10 am a 12 pm en el salón 109 del Centro Familiar. Si está interesado en dar una donación, en ser parte de este ministerio o conoce alguien que necesite de un Chal por favor contacte a Maria Juarez-Plank al 214-366-7173 o mplank@stmonicachurch.org.

De El Pastor

En la ciudad de Nueva York, en medio de los imponentes cañones de Wall Street, una iglesia estableció un albergue para recibir a personas desamparadas. Una vez, el periodista Bill Moyers pidió comida, bañarse, una silla y un baño. Sería parte de su serie semanal regular de PBS. Mientras estaba sentado junto a la puerta esperando que su equipo camarógrafo se acomodara, miraba como la clientela entraba a John Heuss House para pedir ayuda. Cuando entraban todas las personas debían sacar todo de sus bolsillos. Por seguridad pistolas, navajas o armas de cualquier tipo eran puestas en una canasta antes que el visitante pudiera entrar. Se las devolvían la siguiente mañana. Mr. Moyer hizo un comentario, “es como si aquí se hablara otro idioma.” La calle está a unos pasos y aun así las personas deben de entregar sus armas del mundo para entrar a un nuevo mundo con valores radicalmente diferentes.

A menudo entramos a la iglesia de la misma manera. Pudiéramos habernos enojado con alguien en el camino, pero entramos, cantamos sobre el amor y la paz. Pasamos días agitados y podemos pasar días sin pausar a recordar que Dios está involucrado en nuestra vida. Entonces nos arrodillamos ante Aquel que piensa en nosotros a cada momento y nos bendice más de lo que podemos imaginar. Dejamos atrás el juicio, los prejuicios, los malos pensamientos y proclamamos que entre estas paredes todos somos hermanos y hermanas. Es como si un idioma diferente se hablara aquí.

Pero por supuesto, lo que hacemos aquí no pretende limitarse a las paredes de la iglesia. El Evangelio de hoy habla sobre terribles cosas que vendrán, la destrucción del Templo, guerras, persecuciones, traiciones. Si tales cosas llegaran a nosotros, la reacción normal es por lo menos querer tener una clave de cuándo va a

sucedir, para estar preparados. Pero Jesús no da ni una guía hacia cuando y como vendrá.

Mejor, consueta a sus seguidores a que confíen que el estará con ellos y se ocupara de todo. No necesitan preparar su defensa; les dará toda la sabiduría que necesitan. Cuando nos vamos de la iglesia, cosas extraordinarias serán posibles porque Jesús va con nosotros. Rápidamente podemos ser pacientes y perdonar al conductor que nos hace esperar por mucho rato cuando trata de ir contra el tráfico. Podemos ir a casa y hacer algo especial para compartir nuestras bendiciones con alguien. Podemos descubrir la habilidad de mirar a un extraño y alcanzar a ver el rostro de Jesús, nuestro Hermano y recibirlos como le recibiríamos a Él.

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El idioma que hablamos “aquí” y el idioma que hablamos “afuera” no deberían ser diferente. Nuestra relación con Jesús aquí en la iglesia continúa cuando nos vamos, pues nos da la sabiduría para hablar palabras de comodidad, darle la mano a aquellos que están débiles, mirar las oportunidades a nuestra alrededor para reflejar su amor. El mundo es peligroso, y al final pasara. Pero no debemos preocuparnos cuando o como pasara porque no hay duda que Jesús está a nuestro lado.

–Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

