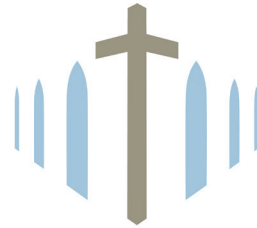


Christ THE King



NOVEMBER 20, 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

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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

The Archbishop of Paris once stood in the pulpit of Notre Dame Cathedral. Thirty years earlier, he told, there were three young tourists who had come into this very cathedral. They were rough, rude, and cynical persons, who thought that all religion was a racket. Two of these men dared a third to go into the confessional box and make a made-up confession to the priest. The two bet that the third young man did not have the nerve to do as they dared.

The third young man went into the confessional box and tried to fool the priest. But the priest knew that what the young man was saying was a lie. There was a tone of arrogance in the young man's voice. After hearing the confession, the priest told the young man his penance. The priest said, "Very well, my son. Every confession requires a penance, and this is yours. I ask you to go into the chapel, stand before the crucifix, look into the face of the crucified Christ and say, 'All this you did for me, and I don't give a damn!'"

The young man staggered out of the confessional to his friends, bragging that he had done as they dared. The other two insisted that he finish the performance by doing the penance. This young man made his way into the chapel, stood before the crucifix, looked up into the face of Christ and began, "All this you did for me and I ... I ... I don't ... I don't give a" At this point in the story, the archbishop leaned over the pulpit and said, "That young man was this man who stands before you to preach."

Today, it seems strange that as we proclaim Christ our King the gospel passage brings us to Christ hanging on the Cross. The pageantry and perfect protocol and

elaborate costuming that we would associate with a royal moment is not there. The Cross was the most horrifying and brutal way to put a man to death, a punishment used only for the most serious of crimes.

But, as we look into the face of the crucified Christ, we are confronted with how much we are loved. He knows us completely – all the good we have done, all the challenges we face, and all the times we have grown indifferent to him, or chosen some thing or someone as more important to us than he. And yet, he loves us completely. He did not accept that terrible suffering simply to symbolize the seriousness of sin. He did not give away everything on the Cross so that all could understand the greatness of God's love. He was thinking of us personally, remembering all our personal sins, and offering himself in our place, so that we would not doubt that we are loved and we would know that we are forgiven.

It is easy to proclaim that Christ is our king. But, as we look into the face of the crucified Christ, we are challenged to consider if our love matches his powerful love. We cannot afford to wait until the last moment, like the "good" thief. To be loved so much challenges us to be different now – more generous, more patient, more forgiving, more loving to the other imperfect people around us. The love of Christ our King changed our relationship with God forever. And so, we have to live every day in a way that allows him to lead us to be better than we imagined we could be.

–Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

News & Events



Plan to begin your Thanksgiving celebration by thanking God for his blessings in the past year. Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9 am.

The **church offices will be closed** from Thursday, November 24th through Sunday, November 27th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The offices will reopen on Monday, November 28th at 9 am. Happy Thanksgiving!

“The weather is finally turning “Fall-like” and that makes the thought of **Breakfast Burritos and Grilled Sausages** on a stick sound even better. So before you start thinking “Thanksgiving turkey”, think burritos. Those smiling, always friendly Knights of Columbus will be selling them after the 8:AM Mass until around noon today. Remember to bring a bag home to your neighbor- they’ll love you for it. Thanks for supporting your Knights of Columbus who wish you and your family a Blessed, warm and wonderful Thanksgiving.”

The Diocese of Dallas has asked that we take up a **second collection** to help those affected by **Hurricane Matthew**. It will be on November 27.

The **Monday afternoon Bible study group** will not meet on November 21 or 28. Our next session will be on December when we discuss the prophet Zephaniah. For additional information contact Phyllis Conces at pconces@sbcglobal.net.

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@sbcglobal.net.

St. Monica Christmas Angel Program The Christmas Holiday is around the corner and once again we invite you to consider adopting an angel, either a child or a senior citizen in need, from our Christmas Angel program. Starting today, the Angel Trees are located in the Narthex and Angel Hall. 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.

Stewardship
11-13-2016
 Regular - \$33,100
 Catholic Charities - \$5,698
Total Mass Attendance
11-13-2016
 3,163

Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 20

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 21

6:45 am..... Maria Rosell Gutierrez †
 by Annette Doskey
 8:00 am..... Michelle Shelton †
 by Bob & Helen Chisolm

Tuesday, November 22

6:45 am..... Andre Haba-Gose †
 by John Haba Family
 8:00 am PTO Mass

Wednesday, November 23

6:45 am..... Helen Muñoz Gutierrez †
 by Mario A. Gutierrez
 8:00 am..... Maria Rosell Gutierrez † by Buys Family

Thursday, November 24

9:00 am..... For Madden & Canary Families

Friday, November 25

6:45 am..... Marcella Fetsch †
 by Bob & Monica Noyes
 8:00 am..... PTO Mass

Saturday, November 26

8:00 am..... Billy Haba † by Marjorie Haba
 5:00 pm..... Manuel & Estella Prince † by Daughter

Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for Helen Muñoz 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.

Lorenzo² Carolyn Zuniga²
 Zach² Ellison Rebecca Harp³
 Jesse Martinez²

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.



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

The Catholic Daughters will hold their **Annual Tamale Sale** on December 10 & 11 after all Masses. These delicious Padrino's tamales come frozen in amazing heat-in bags (ready in just 20 minutes freezer to table) will be available again this year in time for Christmas. Pork, chicken or beef available for \$12/dozen or \$8/half dozen. Cash and check only. Get them while they last. Questions? Call Mary at [972-571-4926](tel:972-571-4926).



Pancakes with Santa

The Knights of Columbus are hosting the 4th Annual "Pancakes with Santa" on Sunday, December 4th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am in the Family Center small gym. Why wait in the mall? Bring your family, even if you don't have little kids, for a great breakfast and get your picture taken with Santa. Breakfast is \$5 and pictures are \$15. These are professional pictures and you can get a print of it that day.

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.



Heaven meets Earth is a night of worship, inspiration, and adoration for the entire community hosted by St. Monica's L1FT Youth & Young Adult Ministry. David Calavitta, a national Catholic speaker, will share the message, and dinner will be provided by Olive Garden.



Parishioners have logged
3,425 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 26 at 5:00 pm
Mary Dugas

November 27 at 11:00 am
Darren & Sally Smith

November 27 at 8:00 am
Berta Montes

November 27 at 12:30 pm
Frank & Theresa McElwain

November 27 at 9:30 am
Ted & Tricia Tobolka

November 27 at 5:00 pm
Bill & Mary Sladek

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-



Corona de Adviento

El próximo domingo inicia el Adviento, tiempo para preparar el corazón para la llegada de Dios a nuestras vidas. Tiempo de apreciar las bendiciones y compartirlas con nuestros seres queridos y los necesitados. Son cuatro semanas de profundización antes de la Navidad les invitamos a que semanalmente oren en familia para que esta Navidad tenga un nuevo sentido en su hogar. Semanalmente les daremos las reflexiones que les invitamos hacer. Ponga su corona de Adviento en el lugar más especial de su hogar, para orar en familia e invocar la presencia de Dios. Próximo domingo traiga su corona de Adviento para ser bendecida.



¡Hasta hoy,
3,425 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

27 de Nov
Familia Rocha Ramos

4 de Dic
Familia Leon

11 de Dic
Familia Pecina



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.

Programa de Ángeles Navideños

En los árboles de Navidad encontraran angelitos que estan en busca de recibir un regalo esta Navidad. Si su corazón lo desea y su bolsillo le permite haga que esta Navidad un niño/a o anciano tengan una Navidad de alegría sintiendo el amor de alguien. Para más información llame a Martha Gonzalez, [214-358-1453](tel:214-358-1453).

Oración de Acción de Gracias

Gracias por los dones de tu misericordia, por esos momentos luminosos en que sentimos la alegría de tu presencia, por todo lo bueno, lo noble, lo verdadero que acontece en nuestra vida: La amistad, los abrazos, la oración, el esfuerzo compartido, la esperanza... gracias Padre, gracias.

También te damos gracias por las dificultades que hemos vivido, los problemas y sufrimientos que nos ha tocado afrontar y padecer. Sabemos Padre todopoderoso que ordenas todas las cosas para nuestro mayor bien, pues cuanto sucede es querido y permitido por ti, por eso ponemos en ti nuestros ojos, confiamos en tu fidelidad y en tu gracias.

Padre, danos un corazón agradecido, y que aprendamos a darte gracias incluso en los momentos de tribulación, para que nuestra acción de agradecimiento se convierta para nosotros en un esplendoroso camino de bendición y seamos testigos del poder inmenso de Tu amor en nuestras vidas.

Amen.



De El Pastor

El Arzobispo de Paris una vez dijo desde el pupitre de la Catedral de Notre Dame. Hace treinta años, dijo, hubo tres jóvenes turistas que habían venido a esta misma Catedral. Eran personas ásperas, groseras y cínicas, que pensaban que toda la religión era una estafa. Dos de estos hombres retaron al otro que fuera al confesionario y se inventara una confesión al sacerdote. Apostaron que el joven no tendría la valentía de hacer lo que le habían pedido.

El tercer joven fue al confesionario y trato de engañar al sacerdote. Pero el sacerdote sabía que lo que estaba diciendo el joven eran mentiras. Había un tono de arrogancia en la voz del joven. Después de escuchar la confesión, el sacerdote le dio la penitencia al joven. El sacerdote dijo, “muy bien hijo mío. Cada confesión lleva una penitencia y esta es la tuya. Te pido que vayas a la capilla y te pares delante del crucifijo, mira el rostro del Cristo crucificado y di, ‘Todo esto que hiciste por mí, me importa un comino!’”

El joven salió tambaleándose del confesionario hacia sus amigos, alardeando que había hecho lo que le retaron. Los otros dos insistieron que terminara con su acto e hiciera la penitencia. El hombre fue hacia la capilla, se paró frente al crucifijo, miro el rostro de Cristo e inicio, “Todo lo que hicisteis por mí y Yo... Yo... Yo no... Me importa un... “. En este momento de la historia el Arzobispo se reclino sobre el pulpito y dijo, “Este joven es este hombre que está predicando delante de ustedes.”

Hoy, parece extraño que al profesar a Cristo como nuestro Rey el pasaje del evangelio nos acerca a Cristo en la Cruz. El boato

y el protocolo perfecto y elaborado vestuario que se asociara con un momento real no existen. La Cruz fue la más horrible y brutal manera de dar muerte a un hombre, era un castigo que solo se daba a los crímenes más serios.

Al mirar el rostro del Cristo crucificado, nos enfrentamos con que tanto nos ama. Nos conoce muy bien, todo lo bueno que hemos hecho, todos los retos que enfrentamos, todas las veces que le hemos sido indiferentes, o escogemos algo o alguien como más importante que Él. Y aun así, nos ama. No acepto el terrible sufrimiento simplemente para que simbolizara la gravedad del pecado. No dio todo en la Cruz, solo para que entendiéramos la grandeza de su Amor. Estaba pensando personalmente en nosotros, recordándonos nuestros pecados personales, y ofreciéndose en nuestro lugar, para que no tuviéramos la duda que nos ama y sepamos que nos perdona.

Es fácil proclamar a Cristo como nuestro rey. Pero al mirar el rostro del Cristo crucificado, estamos retados a considerar si nuestro amor iguala su amor poderoso. No podemos esperar hasta el último momento como el ‘buen’ ladrón. El ser amados nos reta a ser diferentes hoy, más generosos, más pacientes, más indulgentes, más amorosos a las personas que nos rodean que no son tan perfectas. El amor de Cristo nuestro Rey cambio nuestra relación con Dios por siempre. Entonces, tenemos que vivir cada día de una manera que le permita guiarnos a ser mejor de lo que podemos imaginar.

–Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk