



ST. MONICA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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.

DECEMBER 4, 2016

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

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Abel Cortes

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St. Monica Church Office

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Hours: M-F 9:00-5:00 • Sunday 10:00-2:00

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Director of Communications x 7142

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Director of Music x 7101

Jeremy Wirths

Director Youth Music x 7103

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From the Pastor

In the times of the old West, a fellow who had spent his whole life in the desert came to visit a friend in town. The man had never seen a train or the tracks they run on. While standing in the middle of the railroad tracks one day, he heard a whistle but didn't know what it was. The steam engine hit him a glancing blow and he was thrown, head over heels, to the side of the tracks. He ended up with a few broken bones and lots of bruises.

After weeks in the hospital recovering, he was at his friend's house one evening. While in the kitchen, he suddenly heard the tea kettle whistling. He grabbed a piece of firewood from beside the stove and proceeded to batter and bash the tea kettle into an unrecognizable lump of metal. His friend, hearing the noise, rushed into the kitchen to see what had happened. He asked the man: "Why'd you ruin my good tea kettle?" The man replied: "You've gotta kill these things when they're small."

When Adam and Eve sinned, they changed the perfect world God had created for them. Interestingly, the Bible says it is only after their sin that one animal began to prey on another, and animals died to provide the skins with which God clothed Adam and Eve. The world became a more dangerous place for all involved. And human beings were the source of that disharmony.

In today's first reading, the prophet Isaiah looks forward to a time when the harmony of creation is restored, a time when beasts that are enemies lie down with each other, and deadly animals are safe around the children.

From our perspective, we know that the One whose coming Isaiah looked forward to has arrived. He chose to share our human condition and made it possible for our relationship with God to be restored to its original innocence. But, the same obstacle remains – our human nature.

We do not go through most days filled with anger, ready to pick a fight.

But so often we are also not a source of harmony and peace because we let our feelings get hurt, and we carry a grudge because of something that happened, and so we withhold our help or let kind words remain unspoken. Our human nature gets in the way of gently practicing patience and having a generous spirit.

We have good manners, so we don't make fun of someone's appearance or pass judgment on whether someone is worthy of our company because of where they come from or the language they speak. We are not prejudiced. But, we make the mistake of believing that the judgments we pass on others or the thoughts we have about them are not important because they remain unspoken. Our human nature gets in the way of truly accepting each person as God sees them – one of his special creations.

We know God is in control of everything in our life and that his love showers us with blessings every day. Yet, we continue to be content with excusing our selfishness, when we could give so much more. And we grow comfortable with our impatience or jealousy or pride because they are just "little" sins. We sometimes go all day long without turning our thoughts to God because we are so busy. Our human nature gets in the way as we decide that whatever time we can make for God is enough and there will one day be time to do more.

During this second week of Advent, we are reminded that everything in our life is not yet perfect, for perfection is not the normal condition of human nature. That is why we continue to need to hear the call of John the Baptist to repent. All those little things that keep us from being what God created us to be are important. They need to be changed. We cannot forget: "You've gotta kill these things when they're small."

–Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

News & Events



Pancakes with Santa! The Knights of Columbus are hosting the 4th Annual "Pancakes with Santa" **THIS MORNING** from 8:00 am to 11:00 am in the Family Center small gym. Breakfast is \$5 per person and pictures are \$15. You can get your photo with Santa today.

Thursday, December 8th is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Anticipated Mass will be held on Wednesday, December 7th at 6 pm. Masses on Thursday, December 8th will be celebrated at 6:45 am, 8 am, 6 pm and 7 pm (Spanish).

St. Nicholas Fun Day

Sponsored by the St. Monica PreSchool, mark this day of FUN, Tuesday, December 6th from 9 am - 10:30 am, on your calendar as a **MUST DO** in preparation for Christmas! Children ages 2-6 and a parent/guardian are invited to join us for a morning of stories, crafts, games, snack and of course a visit from Saint Nicholas. This morning is an outreach activity of our parish school and we extend an invitation to **ANYONE** who wishes to come. Campus tours and a peek into our PreSchool classes will be available. We hope you join us! RSVP to **214-351-5688 ext. 5261**.

Come hear our School Choirs at North Park

All of our School Choirs will be performing at North Park this year and would love to see you there! Our 2nd-4th graders will perform on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 4:30pm and the 5th-8th graders will perform on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 4:30pm. Both performances will be in the North Court, which is by the big orange statue. We hope to see you there!

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**.

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 in the Church. David Calavitta, a national Catholic speaker, will share the message, and dinner will be provided by Olive Garden.

Stewardship

11-20-2016

Regular - \$38,570

Hurricane Matthew - \$4,237

Total Mass Attendance

Thanksgiving Day

384

11-20-2016

3,247

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 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, December 5

6:45 am..... Leahy & Jenkins Families by Terry Jenkins

8:00 am..... Jaime Morales, Sr. † by Martha Morales

Tuesday, December 6

6:45 am..... For Our Priests

8:00 am..... John Sweeny † by Bob & Monica Noyes

Wednesday, December 7

6:45 am..... Gen Mello by Jean Ryan

8:00 am..... Bryan Woods † by Jason Abshire

Thursday, December 8

6:45 am..... Gloria Ramos † by Jana Rebone

8:00 am..... Margo Muccia † by McCabe Family

Friday, December 9

6:45 am..... For Religious Vocations

8:00 am..... Deceased Members of Legion of Mary †
by Legion of Mary

Saturday, December 10

8:00 am..... Patrick Mercer † by The Watts Family

5:00 pm..... Morgan Filhiol † by Virginia & Mark Filhiol

Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for Amy Manriquez †.

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.

Lorenzo³

Ellison Rebecca Harp¹

Zach³

Dorothy Joubert²

Jesse Martinez³

Christoper Hall²

Ester³

Marcela Hernandez³

Christopher Alcantar²

Robert Juarez³

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

Frederick Bonte

Ruth Bordelon

News & Events



St. Monica Fine Arts presents the
Annual St. Monica Parish
Christmas Concert
Saturday, December 10, 2016
7:30 pm
in the Church
Free Admission | Reception to Follow

St. Monica Christmas Schedule

The following will be the schedule at St. Monica for Christmas and New Year's. Cards with the schedule will be available in the church starting next weekend, December 10th & 11th. You are invited to take the cards and share them with friends and family and ask them to celebrate Christmas at St. Monica!

Wednesday, December 21

Light Is On Confessions from 7 pm - 9 pm

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

No morning Masses

No Confessions

Masses will be celebrated at 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm (Spanish) and 11 pm

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Masses will be celebrated at 9:30 am and 11 am ONLY

Saturday, December 31st - New Year's Eve

Mass will be celebrated at 8 am and 5 pm and 7 pm (Spanish)

Confessions will be heard at regular times

Sunday, January 1st - New Year's Day

Masses will be celebrated at 8 am, 9 am, 11 am, 12:30 pm, 2 pm (Spanish) and 5 pm

Poinsetta Pickup

Thank you from the Bishop Lynch High School Choir for your pre-orders of poinsettias. They will be available for pickup in McManus Hall (next to the St. Monica School library) after all the Masses on Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4. Any plant that is not claimed by 6:30 on Sunday, December 4, will be donated to a local charity.

Is your ministry or group doing something great at St. Monica? Send your event information to Erin Cooper at ecooper@stmonicachurch.org to place it in the bulletin, online or on social media.

Cristo Rey, a Catholic College Prep High School, will hold an Open House on January 19 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. The school is currently enrolling for 9th and 10th grades. For more information, text "2021" to 95577, call 214-844-7956 ext. 400 or visit cristoreydallas.org.

The Secular Franciscan Order is a worldwide Catholic order of married and single people who strive to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their daily lives by following the Rule of St. Francis of Assisi. If you feel the call from the Lord to embrace a Franciscan life style, you are welcome to visit with the St. Francis of Assisi fraternity at our meetings on the third Sunday each month at 2 p.m. in the Family Center at St. Monica. Call Nancy Allen at 214-517-9123.



Parishioners have logged

3,585 hours

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

Did you buy for a Christmas Angel?

Be sure to log your shopping hours at www.stmonicachurch.org/faithinaction or use a deposit slip, located at the back of the church. You may put "Anonymous" in the name field if you prefer to be an "Anonymous Angel."

Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

December 10 at 5:00 pm

Juan & Pauline Reaves

December 11 at 8:00 am

Margaret Ramos

December 11 at 9:30 am

Nathan & Diana Harris

December 11 at 11:00 am

Matthew & Elizabeth O'Shea

December 11 at 12:30 pm

John & Josie DeFrank

December 11 at 5:00 pm

Jim & Laura Einspanier

Noticias y Eventos



ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Novenario a la Virgen de Guadalupe

4 DE DICIEMBRE Reflexión, matachines, Rosario. 3:10 pm. y 6:10 pm – Cafetería.	8 DE DICIEMBRE Inmaculada Concepción. 7:00 pm - Iglesia.
5 DE DICIEMBRE Misa, reflexión, matachines, Rosario. 7:00 pm. - Cafetería.	9 DE DICIEMBRE Misa, reflexión, matachines, Rosario. 7:00 pm - Cafetería.
6 DE DICIEMBRE Misa, reflexión, matachines, Rosario. 7:00 pm. - Cafetería.	10 DE DICIEMBRE Reflexión, matachines, Rosario. 3:00 pm - Cafetería.
7 DE DICIEMBRE Misa, reflexión, matachines, Rosario. 7:00 pm. - Cafetería.	11 DE DICIEMBRE Apariciones, reflexión, Rosario. 3:10 pm. y 6:10 pm. Cafetería.
12 DE DICIEMBRE Santa Misa, mañanitas, matachines, Rosario, convivio. 7:00 pm - Iglesia	

Parroquia Católica Santa Mónica
(9933 Midway Rd. Dallas, Tx. 75220)
(214) 357-8549

Inmaculada Concepción

Misa de Solemnidad a la Inmaculada Concepción de María a las 7pm 8 de diciembre en la Iglesia, seguido por el novenario Guadalupano.

Adviento

El Adviento es un momento privilegiado para renovarnos. Para vivir una fe que nos haga caminar, una esperanza que nos ayude a despojarnos de tantos pesos absurdos y un amor que lleve a Cristo a cualquier sitio donde nos encontremos. Pidamos al Señor esa gracia tan especial para siempre caminar con El.



MÁS ALLÁ DE LOS LÍMITES
2016 SANTA MONICA FE EN ACCIÓN

¡Hasta hoy,
3,585 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

4 de Dic
Familia Leon

11 de Dic
Familia Pecina



Corona de Adviento**SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**

Guía: En el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.

Acto de Contrición.

Guía: Reconozcamos ante Dios que somos pecadores.

Todos: Yo confieso ante Dios todopoderoso...

LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA. Lectura de la II carta de San Pedro 3,13-14: "Nosotros esperamos según la promesa de Dios cielos nuevos y tierra nueva, un mundo en que reinará la justicia. Por eso, queridos hermanos, durante esta espera, esfuércense para que Dios los halle sin mancha ni culpa, viviendo en paz". Palabra de Dios.

Guía: ¿Qué va a cambiar en mí, en nosotros en este Adviento? ¿Se notará que creemos de veras en Cristo?

ENCENDIDO DE LA VELA

Guía: Los profetas mantenían encendida la esperanza de Israel. Nosotros, como un símbolo, encendemos estas dos velas. El viejo tronco está rebrotando se estremece porque Dios se ha sembrado en nuestra carne...Que cada uno de nosotros, Señor, te abra su vida para que brotes, para que florezcas, para que nazcas y mantengas en nuestro corazón encendida la esperanza. ¡Ven pronto, Señor! ¡Ven, Salvador!

Guía: Unidos en una sola voz digamos: Padre nuestro...

Guía: Ven, Señor, haz resplandecer tu rostro sobre nosotros.

Todos: Y seremos salvados. Amén.

Pastorela "Noche Luminosa" El 18 de diciembre a las 3pm. les esperamos en la Cafetería a despertar el espíritu navideño con una hermosa y divertida Pastorela. Recibamos el mensaje de Jesús en familia, le garantizamos que pasara un rato agradable. Para más información, [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

SERENATA A LA VIRGEN Te invitamos a darle serenata a Santa María de Guadalupe este 12 de Diciembre. Ven a honrarla con tu voz. Este año la serenata a la Morenita tendrás la oportunidad de venerarla a través de tu canto. Por favor llamar a la Oficina Parroquial para inscribirte [214-357-8549](tel:214-357-8549).

Horario para días Navideños**Miércoles, 21 de Diciembre**

Confesiones, 7 pm a 9 pm

Misa de Navidad, Sábado 24 de Diciembre

4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm (Español), 11 pm.

Nota: No habra confesiones.

Domingo 25 de Diciembre, Misas 9:30 am & 11am.**Sábado 31 de Diciembre**, Misa de Fin de Año

8am.; 5pm.; & 7 pm. (Español)

Domingo, 1 de Enero – Horario regular.

De El Pastor

En los tiempos del viejo oeste, un compañero que había pasado toda su vida en el desierto vino a visitar a un amigo a la ciudad. El hombre nunca había visto un tren o las vías donde corría. Un día estando en medio de las vías del tren, oyó un silbido pero no sabía lo que era. El tren de vapor le pegó un golpe y fue lanzado brutalmente al lado de las vías. Terminó con unos huesos rotos y varios moretones.

Después de pasar varias semanas en el hospital recuperándose, estaba en la casa de su amigo una noche. Mientras estaba en la cocina, de repente escuchó el silbido del hervidor de té. Cogió un trozo de leña que estaba a lado de la estufa y fue a pegarle al hervidor hasta quedar un pedazo de metal irreconocible. Su amigo, oyendo el ruido, corrió a la cocina para ver lo que había sucedido. Preguntó al hombre: "¿por qué arruinaste a mi mejor hervidor?" El hombre respondió: "tienes que matar a estas cosas cuando están pequeños."

Cuando Adán y Eva pecaron, cambiaron el mundo perfecto que Dios había creado para ellos. Interesantemente, la Sagrada Escritura dice que solo hasta después de su pecado un animal comenzó a tomar presa a otro animal, los animales murieron para proveer la piel con la cual Dios vestiría a Adán y Eva. El mundo se hizo un lugar más peligroso para todos. Los humanos eran la fuente de toda esta discordia.

En la primera lectura de hoy, el profeta Isaías espera un tiempo donde la armonía de la creación sea recuperada, un tiempo en el cual las bestias que son enemigas estén una a lado del otro, y animales peligrosos puedan estar alrededor de niños.

De nuestra perspectiva, sabemos que El que esperaba Isaías ha llegado. Decidió tomar nuestra condición humana y hacer posible que nuestra relación con Dios se reestableciera a la inocencia original. Pero el mismo obstáculo aún existe, nuestra

naturaleza humana.

No pasamos los días llenos de rabia, buscando con quien pelear. Pero también a menudo no somos fuente de armonía y paz porque dejamos que nuestros sentimientos sean heridos, cargamos rencores por algo que nos pasó y dejamos de ayudar o dejamos de decir palabras buenas. Nuestra condición humana nos obstruye a practicar la paciencia y tener un espíritu generoso.

Tenemos buenos modales, no nos burlamos de alguien por su apariencia o juzgamos si una persona es digna de nuestra compañía por ser de donde son o por el idioma que hablan. No somos prejuiciosos. Pero cometemos el error de creer que los prejuicios que dejamos pasar de otros o pensamientos que tenemos de ellos no importan porque no los decimos. Nuestra condición humana no nos deja aceptar a cada persona como Dios los ve, una creatura especial.

Sabemos que Dios tiene el control de todo en nuestra vida y que su amor nos bendice todos los días. Y aun así nos conformamos con excusar nuestros egoísmos, cuando podemos dar más. Nos hacemos cómodos con nuestra impaciencia, celos, orgullo porque simplemente son "pecafitos". Hay días que pasan sin pensar en Dios porque estamos muy ocupados. Nuestra condición humana nos hace decidir qué cualquier tiempo que hagamos para Dios es suficiente, ya habrá un día que hagamos más.

Durante esta segunda semana de Adviento, se nos recuerda que no todo en nuestra vida es perfecto, porque la perfección no es una condición normal de la naturaleza humana. Es por eso que necesitamos seguir escuchando la llamada de Juan el Bautista que nos arrepiñamos. Todas esas pequeñas cosas que nos alejan de lo que Dios ha creado para nosotros son importantes. Necesitan cambiar. No podemos olvidar: "matar estas cosas ahora que son pequeñas."

–Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk