

# ST. MONICA

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### WELCOME TO ST. MONICA!

We are pleased to have visitors join us in worship and we invite them to become active registered parishioners. Registration forms can be found in the vestibule or at the Parish Office.

#### MASS TIMES

Weekend:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am & 12:30 p.m.,  
2:00 pm (Español), 5:00 pm

Weekday:

Monday - Friday: 6:45 am

Monday - Saturday: 8:00 am

Primer Martes del Mes: 7:00 pm

First Friday: 5:30 pm

#### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:30 pm ♦ 6:30 - 7:00 pm

#### BAPTISM

Third Sunday of each month 3:30 pm (English)

Tercer sábado cada mes 3:00 pm (Español)

Parents and godparents are required to attend preparation class offered on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 am.  
Call Faith Formation Office to register.

Padres y Padrinos deben de asistir a una clase de preparación que se otorgan los primeros sábados cada mes a la 1:00 pm.  
Llame a la oficina de Ministerio Hispana.

#### MARRIAGE

Contact a priest or deacon at least six months before the planned marriage date.

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINE

972-994-1121

#### STEPHEN MINISTRY

Message Line (confidential) 214-290-0803  
Companions for the Journey

#### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday, 12:00 noon

Please submit notices in writing to  
email: [dmartinez@stmonicachurch.org](mailto:dmartinez@stmonicachurch.org)

You can also find St. Monica Catholic Church on social media:

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[www.vimeo.com/stmonicachurch](http://www.vimeo.com/stmonicachurch)



## Parish Staff

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# From the Pastor



One day a young man went to his spiritual teacher and asked, "How do I know if I truly love God?" So the teacher took him over to a nearby stream, and when the young man wasn't paying attention, the teacher plunged the young man's head under the water and held him there for a very uncomfortable length of time. Finally, when the student was released, he began to cough and choke, and wondered why his teacher had done that.

Then the teacher said to him, "Now you are ready to answer your own question. Tell me, what exactly were you thinking about when you were under the water?" And the young man replied, "What else could I have been thinking about, but air, getting air to breathe. That was the only thing I could think about." The teacher then looked at the young man and said, "Now you have answered your own question. You love God truly, and the way you should love God, is when you concentrate on God in that way. When you focus on God above all other things."

It doesn't seem humanly possible to love God above all things. Think about how the teachings of Jesus in today's gospel challenge us. We have not killed anyone, but to not even have a thought or word of anger? Really? And we are faithful to our commitments, but to not have a momentary attraction to a good looking woman or man? Really? We gather around the Altar every week to enjoy communion with the Lord, but to not even be there unless we are in a harmonious relationship with everyone in our daily life? Really?

It is difficult to read this passage without becoming discouraged. It would almost seem that Jesus wishes to be surrounded only by the perfect. And if that is the case, perhaps we do not belong.

Of course, this cannot be the proper interpretation of his words, because the most common complaint of the Pharisees, who considered themselves to be experts in practicing religion, was that

Jesus spent too much time with sinners. He came to offer God's forgiveness and to welcome back the lost sheep. So, how are we to understand the harsh and challenging words of Jesus in the gospel?

If we were standing at the bottom of Mount Everest, and we were told to climb to the top, most of us would look at the height, and the harsh conditions, and at our own inadequacy and simply give up and say it was not possible. But, some work hard to train, and prepare themselves mentally, and then take one step after another until they reach the top.

The same is true of our love of God. It is not that difficult to recognize our weaknesses and failures, to see that we have a sarcastic tongue, or we are lazy in putting our religion into practice. And so, we decide we will admit we are imperfect and love our self as we are. Surely God doesn't expect more.

But, this is not the way Jesus looks at us. He sees the good in us and all that we are capable of doing to show our love for God. He challenges us to take up the hard work – giving up persons or things that keep us from loving God. He joins us in praying and looking for the good in each person. He lends us his strength to take the little steps closer to God – saying "No" to a temptation, holding our tongue when we are offended, looking for an opportunity to do good for someone when it is not expected.

And as we work at our spiritual life, suddenly, we begin to discover that step by step we are getting closer to what God would want us to be, loving him more deeply, becoming more sensitive to the things that might offend God, and choosing to go a different way. We never need to be discouraged, because there will be no end to God's love for us. And when we realize that we are loved so much, the only reaction we can consider is to love him more in return. We cannot stop until we reach the top, and give God all that we are.

– Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

### FR. BIERSCHENK TO HAVE SURGERY

On Tuesday, February 18, Fr. Bierschenk will have surgery to replace both knees. After four days in the hospital he will return home for rehabilitation. The surgeon reports that there will be six weeks of recuperation before Father will be able to resume normal duties. During that time he will appreciate your prayers for a speedy and full recovery.



## Ministry News

### Office of Faith Formation

#### From Wittenberg to Rome: a Protestant's journey to Catholicism

All are invited to hear Dr. Carey Ford, Professor of Religion at Navarro College, discuss his Baptist to Catholic conversion experience. His presentation will kick-off our parish catechetical Lenten series by Fr. Robert Barron. Join us on Tuesday, February 25 – 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Family Center, Room 201.

#### The Lenten Study Series with Fr. Robert Barron

This course includes the companion study guide. Via DVD, Father Robert Barron illuminates Biblical stories that illustrate how six ordinary people, were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life through Him. We'll meet every Tuesday from March 4 to April 8 at 6:30 pm in the Family Center Lower Lounge. Cost: \$15 per person, register on the church website.

#### Ignite Your Family's Faith

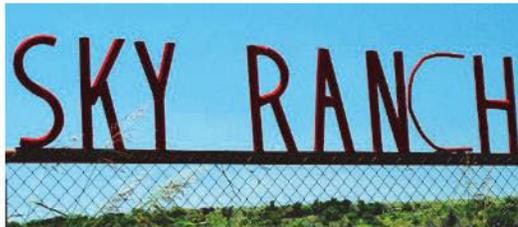
Join us Friday, February 28 for a St. Monica's All-family evening of lively discussion and dinner as we watch the highly acclaimed *Catholicism* documentary by Father Robert Barron. Moderated discussion facilitated by Father Alfonse Nazzaro. The event is hosted in the CAFETERIA - formerly listed as meeting in the Small Gym. Pizza will be served at 5:30 pm, and the program begins at 6:00 pm. Childcare is available for those in need.

Contact Mariangela Byrne at 214-357-8549 x.132 or at [mbyrne@stmonicachurch.org](mailto:mbyrne@stmonicachurch.org) if you have questions about any of these programs.

## Youth Ministry

### Add FUEL to your life!

The St. Monica Spring Youth Retreat, FUEL, will be at **Sky Ranch** on Friday, March 28 to Sunday, March 30. All 6th to 12th graders are invited, even if you've never been to youth group! The cost is \$150 and includes transportation, food, lodging, and a t-shirt. Space is limited. The deadline is March 1 to sign-up. If you need more information, please contact Emmanuel Espiritu at 214-358-1453 x103 or at [eespiritu@stmonicachurch.org](mailto:eespiritu@stmonicachurch.org).



## St. Monica School News



### SMS DADS' CLUB 2014 GALA - March 22, 2014

Honorary Chairman: Romeo Collazo. **Proceeds benefit the St. Monica School.** Questions about the gala should be sent to [fnull@nobleroyalties.com](mailto:fnull@nobleroyalties.com), and questions about pre-events should be sent to [wrcchurchill@gmail.com](mailto:wrcchurchill@gmail.com).

Admission \$100 per person. Tickets now available through sponsorship or by individual purchase.

Visit <http://www.smsgala.org/> for more information.

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, February 16, 2014

8:00 am.....Respect Life  
9:30 am.....Priest's Intention  
11:00 am.....For the People of the Parish  
12:30 am.....Priest's Intention  
2:00 pm.....Agustin Lezama † by Monica Mantello  
5:00 pm.....Priest's Intention

### Monday, February 17, 2014

6:45 am .....Richard Seltzer † by Pat & Jim Dulac  
8:00 am .....Kristin L. Lopez † by Susie Mendez

### Tuesday, February 18, 2014

6:45 am.....John G. Bayer † by Florence Crable  
8:00 am .....Tencha Don by A.J. Montoto Bilbao

### Wednesday, February 19, 2014

6:45 am .....Madden & Canary Families  
8:00 am.....Fernando Rosenzweig † by Joe Bilelecki

### Thursday, February 20, 2014

6:45 am .....Ronald LaBine by Phil & Becky Ryan  
8:00 am .....Intention of the Dudek Family

### Friday, February 21, 2014

6:45 am .....Fernando Rosenzweig † by Mary Hardey  
8:00 am .....Emily Marcevic † by Mary Marcevic

### Saturday, February 22, 2014

8:00 am .....Jean Idahosa Osifo † by Anne Osifo  
5:00 pm .....Nancy M. Lancaster † by Nancy & Ed Mello

### Sanctuary Light:

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for the Vocations.

### For Our Sick:

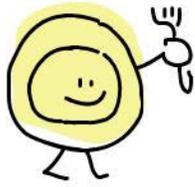
As of February 9, names will appear for 3 weeks. To request a name to appear again, please contact the Parish Office.

Margaret Dundas	Sandra S. Limon	Santano Martinez
Nancy Poulos	Richard McComick	Michael Guerrero
Dorothy LaDue	Ellen Rhodes	Ray Redlingshafer
Franco Miramontes	Victor Hurtado	Samantha Martinez
Thelma Leuck	Rodney Doomes	Leo Londenberg
Dorothy Lucido	Augustine Gaitan	Bill Durick
Chris Nalborski	Frank Campise	Ellenore Flynn
Jill Rapsey	Greg Hultgren	Pete Cano
Maria Gutierrez	Patricia Boehm	Thomas Sabedra
Luella Marx	Effie McMahon	Santos Sabedra
Sally Reilly	Rosemary Elzondo	Carmen Sabedra
Linda Duckworth	Patricia Abshire	Alma Sabedra
Robert Smith	Helen Vega	Tom Sedillo
Alberto Gutierrez	Carmen Cedillo	Gertrude Collins
Mary Daniels	Cecilio Cardenas	Jerome Collins
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Richard Rapsey	Dolores Gonzales	Karen Fry
Dorothy Joubert	Rosa V. Gomes	Margaret Harrington
Doris Walker	Mary Hernandez	
Riad Ghorra	Penny Belfiglio	
Lupe Cano	Theresa Salas	

### SMS DADS' CLUB CAR RAFFLE

Raffle tickets will be on sale after Masses. Prizes include \$25,000 credit to be used at Cowboy Toyota for a 3-year lease or in application for the purchase of a vehicle (or winner can choose a \$10,000 gift card); Apple technology products for early birds; an XBOX; and St. Monica School tuition. Raffle tickets are \$10 each. For more information, contact Alan Mathis 214-738-4440 or visit [www.smsdadsclub.org](http://www.smsdadsclub.org).

## News & Events



### Umm-um Good!

That's what **breakfast burritos and sausage on a stick** are...Umm-um Good! The Knights of Columbus will be selling them after the 8:00 am Mass until after the 11:00 am Mass. Take some home to the family and your neighbor as well...they'll love you for it.



### Mom's Circle Events

All women of the parish are invited to our book club. We will be reading and discussing parts III and IV of *Rediscover Catholicism*. We'll meet Feb 19 at 7:00 pm at Fernando's (Midway & NW Highway).

On February 22, all women of the parish are invited to join us for brunch at Crossroads Diner (8121 Walnut Hill) at 11:00 am.

For details about either event, contact Lucy Piotrowski at [misscoldsteele@yahoo.com](mailto:misscoldsteele@yahoo.com).

### Men's Study Group Spring Program

The Men's Study Group will begin a 7-week study of Fr. Robert Barron's *Conversion: Following the Call of Christ* on Tuesday, February 18 from 5:50 am to 6:45 am. You can find us in Room 109. The study program concludes on April 8. If you're interested, please contact Deacon Brian Mitchell at [bjmitch37@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjmitch37@sbcglobal.net) or text 214-263-5398 to register.



Catholic Daughters will be selling baked goods after Masses this weekend. Items sell out quickly. Get goodies while you can.

### 3rd Annual North Texas Catholic Men's Conference

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual North Texas Catholic Men's Conference will celebrate *Faith Forges Freedom...Iron Sharpens Iron*. Come and enjoy food, praise and worship Friday, April 25, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Saturday, April 26, from 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Please go to <http://ntxcmc.org> to register today!



#### Patriotic Rosary/Prayer for America

Join us in praying for the intercession of Immaculate Mary, Patroness of the United States, through a patriotic prayer hour. The Patriotic Rosary will be held at St. Patrick Cathedral in Fort Worth on Monday, February 24, 2014 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. For more information, call the Ft. Worth Queen of Peace Center at 817-244-7733.

## Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

**February 22 at 5:00 pm**  
Derek & Jeanne Howell  
**February 23 at 8:00 am**  
Bill & Rose Mary Fields  
**February 23 at 9:30 am**  
Al & Mary Emma Karam

**February 23 at 11:00 am**  
Joseph & Elida Munoz  
**February 23 at 12:30 pm**  
Armand & Leilani Wiltz  
**February 23 at 5:00 p.m.**  
Denise Stuart

**Stewardship - February 9, 2014**  
Regular \$34,097.50

**Total Mass Attendance**  
February 9, 2014  
3,212

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, February 16, 2014

7:30 am ... (all day) CDA Bake Sale | Church  
8:00 am ... (all day) Dad's Club Raffle | Church  
9:30 am ... Babysitting | 114  
10:00 am . Breaking Open the Word | 201  
3:00 pm ... Spanish Divine Mercy Chaplet | Church  
5:00 pm ... Women's ACTS | 201

### Monday, February 17, 2014

7:30 am ... Rosary  
8:30 am ... Legion of Mary | 129  
9:00 am ... Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel  
6:00 pm ... Center Prayer Group | Bride Room  
6:30 pm ... St. Vincent de Paul | 129  
7:00 pm ... Immaculate Heart Cenacle | Chapel

### Tuesday, February 18, 2014

7:30 am ... Rosary  
9:00 am ... Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel  
6:00 pm ... Dad's Club Silent Auction Meeting | 129  
7:00 pm ... Spanish Divine Mercy Apostles | LIB  
8:00 pm ... Spanish Adoration | Chapel

### Wednesday, February 19, 2014

7:30 am ... Rosary  
9:00 am ... Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel  
6:30 pm ... Spanish Legion of Mary | 129  
7:00 pm ... Talleres de Oracion y Vida | 214  
8:00 pm ... Broadway Dinner Rehearsal | Cafeteria

### Thursday, February 20, 2014

7:30 am ... Rosary  
9:00 am ... Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel  
6:00 pm ... Stephen Ministry Training | 129  
7:00 pm ... Broadway Dinner Rehearsal | Cafeteria

### Friday, February 21, 2014

7:30 am ... Rosary  
9:00 am ... Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel  
2:00 pm ... Regional National History Bee | D Wing  
2:30 pm ... Regional National History Bee | C Wing  
3:30 pm ... Regional National History Bee | Cafeteria  
6:00 pm ... Holy Face Rosary/Novena | Chapel

### Saturday, February 22, 2014

9:00 am ... Centering Prayer Group | 217  
9:00 am ... Divine Mercy Retreat | Kitchen  
3:00 pm ... Broadway Dinner Theatre | C17, C18, C24,  
..... and Cafe  
6:30 pm ... YSC Wine & Cheese Gathering | 109

## Noticias y Eventos



### Conferencia de la Divina Misericordia

Ven a empaparte del amor de Dios, de su misericordia, de su sanación en este próximo congreso que se llevara a cabo el 7, 8 y 9 de Marzo del 2014 en el rodeo de Mesquite. (1818 Rodeo Dr. Mesquite, Tx 75149). Conferencistas: Padre Bala, Padre Dante, Padre Juan Diaz, Padre Ernesto Torres, Hna Gladys Garcete, Hno Pedro de Acevedo y Rvdm. Obispo Auxiliar Duglas Desotel. La donación es \$20 por adulto (\$25 en la puerta), \$10 por jóvenes 11-17 años y \$5 por niños de 5-10 años de edad. Los fondos recaudados serán para la futura construcción del Santuario de la Divina Misericordia. Para más información y para conseguir boletos por favor llame a Baltazar Villanueva al 214-584-7789.

### Retiro de Cuaresma

*Se hizo pobre para enriquecernos con su pobreza. 2 cor. 8,9*

Durante el retiro de Cuaresma se reflexionara sobre el mensaje del Santo Papa Francisco para la Cuaresma del 2014. Es un llamado a reconocer y cambiar malos hábitos que hemos hecho parte de nuestra vida, un paso para aprender a ser imagen de Dios en el mundo y una oportunidad de renovar nuestro compromiso con el Señor. El día de reflexión será el sábado, 1 de Marzo comenzando a las 8 am. con la Santa Misa en la Iglesia y seguido en la Cafetería de la Escuela. El retiro es familiar, no habrá costo. **Solo traer un platillo de comida para compartir.** Para más información comunícate al 214-357-8549.

### Apoyo Familiar

Apoyo Familiar es un grupo familiar que tiene como objetivo ofrecer soluciones reales a la problemática que afecta a las familias de hoy, haciendo de Jesucristo el centro del hogar. Las reuniones son tres veces al mes en el Centro Familiar salón 201 de 7 pm. a 9 p.m. Los niños y jóvenes también reciben formación. Próximas reuniones: 28 de Febrero- Mi Desierto con Jesús; 7 de Marzo- Misa, Hora Santa, Viacruzis; 14 de Marzo- San José Modelo de Padre y hombre; 28 de Marzo-Hombre y héroe. Para más información comunícate con Willy y Lili León al 469-682-4143.



### Los 5 No Negociables

En la vida hay cosas que no son negociables, o son buenas o malas, no hay intermedio. Las enseñanzas de la Iglesia Católica nos enseñan que el aborto, eutanasia, clonación humana, investigación de células embrionarias y matrimonio entre parejas del mismo sexo no son negociables. No solamente acepte un no como respuesta venga a escuchar y aprender por qué la Iglesia defiende con mucho fervor estos actos que van contra la dignidad del ser humano. De esta manera usted como católico podrá defender con la verdad y hechos estos temas controversiales en nuestra sociedad. La charla es gratuita y será el 15 de marzo del 2014, iniciara a las 9 am. en el Centro Familiar salón 201. Es para personas de 12 años en adelante. Para más información llame al 214-357-8549.

### Miembro de Santa Mónica

Si aún no se ha registrado como miembro de Santa Mónica le invitamos a considerar que se registre como miembro de la comunidad. Al ser miembro usted puede obtener cartas de referencia y recibir sobres para su donación semanalmente. Puede registrarse después de Misa con algún Ministro de Hospitalidad, en la Oficina Parroquial o en la página de Santa Mónica [www.stmonicachurch.org](http://www.stmonicachurch.org)





## Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

**16 de febrero**  
Genaro y Elvira  
Colorado

**23 de febrero**  
Efrain y Mayra Arriaga

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



### Fr. Biershenk tendra Cirugia

El Martes 18 de Febrero, el padre Biershenk tendra una cirugia para reemplazar sus dos rodillas. Despues de cuatro dias en el hospital regresara a casa para comenzar su rehabilitacion. El cirujano dice que tendra que estar seis semanas en recuperacion antes de que pueda regresar a sus actividades normales. Durante ese tiempo el agradeceria de sus oraciones para una pronta recuperacion.

# De El Pastor

**U**n día, un joven fue con su maestro espiritual y le pregunto, "¿Cómo podría saber si realmente amo a Dios?" Entonces el maestro lo llevo a un arroyo cercano y cuando el joven no estaba poniendo atención, el maestro sumergió la cabeza del joven en el agua y lo sostuvo por un largo e incómodo tiempo. Finalmente cuando soltó al joven, comenzó a toser y ahogarse y pensó que porque le haría todo esto su maestro.

Entonces le dijo el maestro, "Ahora estás listo para contestar tu propia pregunta. Dime, exactamente qué era lo que estabas pensando cuando estabas debajo del agua?" El joven le respondió, "En que más podría estar pensando sino en aire, tomar aire y respirar. Eso era la única cosa que podía estar pensando." El maestro miro al joven y dijo, "ahora as contestado tu propia pregunta. Amas verdaderamente a Dios, la manera que debes amarle cuando te concentras en Dios de esa misma forma. Cuando te enfocas en Dios sobre todas las cosas."

No se ve humanamente posible amar a Dios sobre todas las cosas. Piensa en como las enseñanzas de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy nos retan. No hemos matado alguien, pero no tener un pensamiento o palabra de enojo, de veras? Somos fieles a nuestros compromisos, pero no tener un momento de atracción a una mujer o un hombre simpático, de veras? Semanalmente nos reunimos al rededor del Altar a disfrutar la comunión con el Señor, pero estar ahí sin llevar una relación armoniosa con todos en nuestro diario vivir, de veras?

Es difícil leer este pasaje sin desanimarse. Parecería que Jesús solo desea estar alrededor de los perfectos. Si ese fuera el caso, a lo mejor nosotros no pertenecemos ahí.

Claro, esto no puede ser la interpretación propia de sus palabras, porque la queja más común de los fariseos, quienes se consideraban expertos en practicar la religión, era que Jesús pasaba mucho tiempo con los pecadores. Vino a dar

el perdón de Dios y dar la bienvenida a la oveja perdida. Entonces, ¿cómo hemos de entender las palabras duras y retadoras del evangelio de hoy?

Si estuviéramos en la parte inferior de la Montaña Everest y se nos pidiera subir a la cima, la mayoría de nosotros miraríamos la altura, las duras condiciones y en lo que respecta nuestra propia incapacidad simplemente nos daríamos por vencidos y diríamos que no es posible. Pero algunos entrenan duro y se preparan mentalmente y toman un paso tras otro hasta llegar a la cima.

Es lo mismo con nuestro amor a Dios. No es difícil reconocer nuestras debilidades y caídas, mirar que tenemos una lengua sarcástica, o que somos flojos en poner nuestra religión en práctica. Entonces decidimos que vamos a admitir que somos imperfectos y nos amamos tal como somos. Seguro que Dios no espera más.

Pero esta no es la manera que Jesús nos ve. El ve lo bueno que hay en nosotros y todo lo que somos capaces de hacer para mostrar nuestro amor a Dios. Nos reta a que tomemos el trabajo duro, dejando personas o cosas que nos alejan del amor de Dios. Se une a nuestras oraciones y mira lo bueno en cada persona. Nos da la fortaleza para tomar los pequeños pasos que nos acercan a Dios, decir "No" a una tentación, mordernos la lengua cuando nos ofenden, mirar las oportunidades para hacer el bien a alguien cuando no lo esperan.

Mientras trabajamos en nuestra vida espiritual, de pronto comenzamos a descubrir que paso a paso nos acercamos más a lo que Dios quiere de nosotros, amándolo más profundamente, siendo más sensibles a las cosas que pueden ofender a Dios y escoger otro camino. Nunca debemos desanimarnos porque no habrá fin al amor que Dios tiene por nosotros. Cuando nos damos cuenta que se nos ama tanto, la única reacción que podemos considerar es amarlo también. No podemos parar hasta que lleguemos a la cima y le demos a Dios todo lo que somos.

– Padre Stephen W Biershenk



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