



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 or at the Parish Office.

#### **Mass Times**

Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm 2:00 pm (español) 5:00 pm

#### Weekday Mass Times

6:45 am & 8:00 am First Fridays 5:30 pm Primer viernes del mes 7:00 pm (español)

#### Confession

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

#### **Baptism**

Third Sunday of each month at 3:30 pm Tercer sábado cada mes 3:00 pm (español)

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.

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

St. Vincent de Paul serves the poor or distressed on an emergency basis. 972-994-1121 (confidential)

#### **Stephen Ministry Helpline**

Stephen Ministry helps those struggling through a difficult time in life—experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or another life crisis. 214-290-0803 (confidential)

### **Bulletin Deadline**

Monday at 12:00 noon Please submit notices in writing to email: dmartinez@stmonicachurch.org

#### Socia Media

You can find St. Monica Church on:

www.facebook.com/stmonicachurch www.twitter.com/stmonicadallas www.vimeo.com/stmonicachurch



### **Parish Staff**

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### From the Pastor

t is not very difficult to see trouble in the world around us. Whether we are a good, generous person or not, suffering and terrible disappointment come to us when we least expect it. We need to be loved, and even more, we need to be given the opportunity to love others. Yet, so often our intentions are misunderstood and those we love disappoint us or betray us. Since we cannot control nature, or politicians, or any other person, we often find ourselves feeling uncertain and anxious about the future. Where will we find the strength and confidence we need to go on in an uncertain world?

Jesus gave his three closest friends a glimpse of his full glory because they were about to witness some terrible things. Scripture experts and theologians grasp the significance of Moses as the Law-giver and Elijah as the messenger, following the great tradition of prophets, calling God's people back to the truth. But, did the three fishermen with Jesus grasp that Jesus fulfilled the ways used by God to prepare people for salvation. It's unlikely; however, the instant that the glory of Jesus burst forth into the world, they were given hope to go on in the face of the unbearable things that were to happen in their world.

There is a story about an old man who was considered to be a wise mystic. He said this about himself, "I was a revolutionary when I was young and all my prayers to God were: 'Lord, give me the energy to change the world.' As I approached middle-age and realized that my life was half-gone and without my changing a single soul, I changed my prayer to: 'Lord give me the grace to change all those who come into contact with me. Just my family and friends and I shall be satisfied.' Now that I am an old man and my days are numbered, I have begun to see how foolish I have been. My one prayer now is: 'Lord give me the grace to change myself'. If I had prayed

for this right from the start, I would not have wasted my life."

We know that God is in control of all that happens in the world, and every event will be used by him to accomplish his will. Every person can be left to his gentle guidance, because he loves them completely and wishes what is best for them. It would be wonderful if we could have some little flash of the future to remind us that our pain is only passing or that a moment of disappointment in another does not change the value of our love given to them in their imperfection.

During this second week of Lent, our challenge is to remain focused on what is truly important - the goodness and love that we bring into the world. When we speak a word of anger, or hold our anger in check and choose to forgive, there is no flash revealing the harm done or the love made stronger. God alone knows that. As we say "No" to a temptation, or look for a special opportunity to do good for another, there is no momentary revelation of the reward awaiting us for our goodness. Our love for God is the reason we do these things. Our decision to be true to the sacrifices we took on for Lent is a sign of our desire to be closer to God during this season of penitence. God does not count up our prayers or the things we give up. He welcomes us as we take one step at a time, day by day, drawing ever closer to him.

The world is filled with troubles, and the people we love give us more than enough to pray about. Our challenge is to be clear about our role – we are to inspire and encourage others and make the world a better place through the goodness that we practice in our personal life. Our call is to turn our life over to God and trust that he will take care of the future for us all.

-Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

HAVE A HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

# **Ministry News**

### Lenten Calendar

Daily Mass Monday to Friday 6:45 am & 8:00 am Saturday 8:00 am

> **Confessions • Saturday** 3:30 to 4:30 pm 6:30 to 7:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday to Friday 9:00 am to midnight Sunday 6:00 pm to midnight

> Stations of the Cross Each Friday of Lent 6:30 pm in English 7:00 pm in Spanish

Holy Thursday 7:00 pm

Good Friday 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

#### Easter Sunday

8:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm 2:00 pm in Spanish 5:00 pm

## **Faith Formation**

#### **Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Please take advantage of the healing Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, March 18 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the church. Eight priests from around the diocese of Dallas will be present to listen to your confession in both English and Spanish.

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

Join us for the Lenten study series with Fr. Robert Barron on the subject of conversion. We will meet every Tuesday from March 4 to April 8 at 7:00 pm in the Family Center Lower Lounge. Register on the church website.

#### Manhood in Light of Lent: Prayer, Alms, and Fasting

Fr. Michael Therese from the Brother of St. John will be discussing how fathers can take a more active spiritual role in the home during the season of Lent. The presentation will be given on Saturday, March 22 at 6:30 pm in the Lower Lounge. Child care will be provided in Room 114. The cost for childcare is \$10 per family.

#### **Engagement Workshop**

Couples who are engaged to be married are invited to a workshop on Saturday, March 29 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm in Family Center Room 109. The day will consist of talks pertaining to the Sacrament of Marriage, Finances, Theology of the Body and Communication. To register, please visit our website under Faith Formation > Marriage Preparation > Preparing for Marriage.



#### St. Monica Vacation Bible School June 9-13, 2014 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Open to children ages 4 through 4th grade. Registration will open soon. We're looking for adult volunteers (cleared through Safe Environment) and youth volunteers grades 6-12.

To volunteer email Sally Smith at sasmith4246@sbcglobal.net. For more VBS information, contact Sally Smith or Melissa Sapio at melissasapio@gmail.com.

# **Mass Intentions**

Sunday, March 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...... Epitacia Rincon 🕆 by Familia Rosas 5:00 pm..... Priest's Intention Monday, March 17 2014 6:45 am...... Ted Schroeder 🕆 by Dorothy Schroeder 8:00 am...... Fernando Rosenweig 🕆 by Florence Hergenrether Tuesday, March 18, 2014 6:45 am...... Frank Halovanic 🕆 by Dorothy Schroeder 8:00 am...... Kathleen McGuire 🕆 by Flo Halovanic Wednesday, March 19, 2014 6:45 am...... Murphy Dalton 🕆 by Dorothy Schroeder 8:00 am...... Allen Burgess 🕆 by Dorothy Schroeder Thursday, March 20, 2014 6:45 am...... Rosemary Zabojnik 🕆 by Dorothy Schroeder 8:00 am...... For Madden & Canary Families Friday, March 21, 2014 6:45 am...... Olan Snow 🕆 by Dorothy Schroeder 8:00 am..... Intention of Dudek Family Saturday, March 29, 2014

6:45 am...... Genaro Zuniga ⊕ by Carolyn Zuniga 8:00 am...... Paul Fetsch ⊕ by Monica Noyes

#### Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for the Souls in Purgatory.

#### For Our Sick

Names will appear for 3 weeks\*. To request a name to appear again, please contact the Parish Office.

Karen Frye<sup>2</sup> Tom Malorzo<sup>3</sup>

\*The numbers begin at 3 and count down and are intended to help those who make requests.

#### Adult Confirmation

St. Monica offers Confirmation twice a year for Catholic adults who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation classes begin in May. Register online > Faith Formation.



Give your child an heirloom quality **marble cross paper**weight made from marble that was once part of the original altar, communion railing, and narthex in the old church. These make the perfect

keepsake. Size: 7.5" x 6" x 1.5" • Price: \$50 Order by March 28. Pick-up at the school prior to First Communion and Confirmation. Contact Terry Lynne at 214-244-1615 for more information.

#### Stewardship

March 9, 2014 Regular \$40,291 Ash Wednesday \$6,949 • Eastern Europe \$1,149 Black & Indian Missions \$3,223 **Total Mass Attendance** March 9, 2014 2,760

### **Parish Calendar**

#### Sunday, March 16, 2014

- 9:30 am ...... Babysitting | 114
  9:00 pm ....... Baptism (English) | Church
  7:00 pm ....... Women ACTS Reunion | 201
  Monday, March 17, 2014
  7:30 am ...... Rosary
  8:30 am ...... Legion of Mary | JCLC Conf.
  9:00 am ...... Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel
  3:00 pm ...... SMS Living Stations Rehearsal | Church
  6:30 pm ...... St. Vincent de Paul | 129
  7:00 pm ...... Immaculate Heart Centacle | Chapel
  Tuesday, March 18, 2014
  5:00 am ...... SMC Men's Study Group | 109
  7:30 am ...... Rosary
  9:00 am ...... Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel
- 6:00 pm...... Dad's Club Silent Auction Mtg | 129 6:30 pm...... Parish Lenten Penance Service | Church

#### Wednesday, March 19, 2014

7:30 am...... Rosary 9:00 am...... Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel Thursday, March 20, 2014

7:30 am...... Rosary 9:00 am...... Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel Friday, March 21, 2014

#### 7:30 am..... Rosary

9:00 am...... Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel 2:15 pm...... Stations of the Cross | Church 6:00 pm...... Holy Face Rosary/Novena | Chapel 6:00 pm...... KoC Fish Fry | 109 6:30 pm...... Stations of the Cross | Church Saturday, March 22, 2014 5:00 pm...... Men's ACTS Reunion | 201

6:00 pm...... Fr. Therese Adult Edu | 109 6:00 pm...... Adult Edu Babysitting | Nursery



Purchase Your Tickets Online!

### **News & Events**

#### Breakfast A-La Knights of Columbus

Visit us outside (between the church and McManus) and pick up breakfast burritos or sausage on a stick. If you're compelled, hurry home and scramble a few eggs to complete the meal or enjoy the goodies in the courtyard. Our famous burritos and sausage on a stick after the 8:00 am Mass and until after the 11:00 am Mass. Bon Appétit!



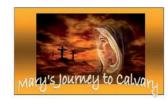
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### **Friday Fish Fry**

Too busy to stop and eat? Then drop by the Fish Fry on Friday, March 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 for a take home meal. Drive up, place your order, then take it home to the family. Fish dinners are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Shrimp dinners are \$12 (while supplies last). Proceeds support the Knight of Columbus Scholarship Fund.

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Those supporting traditional marriage between one man and one woman are invited to a public square rosary crusade sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. We'll meet on Saturday, March 22 at 12:00 noon on the corner of Midway Road and Walnut Hill. Please join us if this cause is important to you. If you have any questions, contact Maureen Wijeweera at 214-350-8405 or Deacon Brian Mitchell at 214-263-5398.



Loaves & Fishes

Friday 3/21, 3/28

and 4/4

#### Mary's Journey to Calvary A Woman's Day of Reflection

Saturday, March 29 9:00 am to 2:00 pm • Room 109 Space is limited. The workshop is open to all women 21-plus.

Join CDA in exploring the life and death of Jesus from the perspective of a his mother. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with the Lord and other women of faith. The cost is \$10. Please contact Mary Louise Ludt at 214-335-3259 or at marylouiseludt@mac.com.



St. Jude Women's Circle will be hosting Carter BloodCare on Sunday, March 30 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm in the cafeteria. Sign up to give blood at www.carterbloodcare.org or contact Michelle Smithson at 214-952-9289 for more info.

"Like" St. Monica Church on Facebook, leave a comment on the Matt Maher Contest Post and be entered to WIN 2 TICKETS to the concert.

### **Family Vocation Chalice**

#### To participate call (214) 368-3640

March 22 at 5:00 pm Brian & Sharon Mitchell March 23 at 8:00 am Joseph & Consuelo Zacarias March 23 at 9:30 am David & Rita Olivarez March 23 at 11:00 am Pat & Lisa Madden March 23 at 12:30 pm Phil & Stacie Blazek March 23 at 5:00 pm Jeff & Christy Libby

## **Noticias y Eventos**



#### Viviendo la Cuaresma

Durante este segundo domingo de Cuaresma, el evangelio nos invita a escuchar al Señor. Nos llama a confiar en Él y con fe ver que todo lo que acontece en la vida tiene un plan de salvación de cada persona. No tengas miedo, Dios está contigo. Ser fieles servidores y testigos de su amor a través de nuestros actos generosos a nuestros hermanos. Esta semana

no desaprovechemos las oportunidades ser una bendición para las personas que cruzan nuestro camino.

#### **Servicio Penitencial**

La cuaresma es un tiempo para reconocer nuestros pecados, pedir humildemente el perdón y la misericordia de Dios para nosotros y para todo el mundo. Este martes 18 de Marzo, habrá servicio penitencial a las 6:30 en la Iglesia. Tendremos varios sacerdotes que estarán impartiendo el sacramento de la confesión. Renovemos y purifiquemos nuestro espíritu y corazón.

#### Santo Rosario

En estos días de conversión oremos a María que para que nos ayude a obtener fortaleza para escuchar y responder a la voz del Señor. Les invitamos a participar del rezo del Santo Rosario que se lleva a cabo todos los martes a las 7 pm en la capilla de María.



#### Visitas al Santísimo Sacramento

El Santísimo Sacramento permite que nos encontremos constantemente con Cristo, verdadero Dios y verdadero Hombre. Al estar ante Su presencia dejamos que Él también nos observe y nos dejamos guiar a su voluntad. No hay mejor lugar que estar con el padre protector y dador de la vida. Durante este tiempo de penitencia acércate al corazón amoroso de Jesús para que te aconseje, apapache y llene tu vida de paz. El Señor está expuesto en la capilla de lunes a viernes de 9 am a media noche y los domingos de 6 pm a media noche.



#### Taller para Parejas Comprometidas

Si usted es una pareja comprometida que se está planeando casarse. Les invitamos a participar de un taller interactivo para parejas que se llevará a cabo el sábado 22 de Marzo de 9 am a 3 pm en el Centro Familiar salón 201. Durante este taller se darán dinámicas de comunicación, resolución de conflictos, manejo de finanzas y más. Para ás información por favor comuníquese a las Oficinas Parroquiales al 214-357-8549.

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### Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

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

2 de marzo Luis y Araceli Monroy 9 de marzo Faustino y Martha Resendiz 16 de marzo Victor y Zoila Guevara 23 de marzo Alejandro y Claudia Cardona 30 de marzo Omar y Dafne Gonzalez

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# Calendario Comunitario

#### Domingo, 16 de marzo

9:00 am...... Clase de Planificación Familiar | Salón de la Biblioteca 12:00 pm..... RICA |201 12:00 pm ..... Circulo Juvenil Ágape (jóvenes adultos) 211 2:00 pm...... Santa Misa | Iglesia 3:30 pm...... Catequesis Familiar | Cafetería Lunes, 17 de marzo

#### Martes, 18 de marzo

6:30 pm...... Servicio Penitencial | Iglesia 6:30 pm...... Clases de Inglés | Pasillo D 7:00 pm...... Formación para Proclamadores | JCLC Board

7:00 pm...... Divina Misericordia | Salón de la Biblioteca

7:00 pm...... Rosario | Estatua de María 8:00 pm...... Adoración Eucarísta Abed | Capilla Miércoles, 19 de marzo

6:30 pm...... Catequesis para Dultos | Cafetería 6:30 pm...... Legión de María | 129

7:00 pm...... Practica de Coro | JCLC Board Room Jueves, 20 de marzo

6:30 pm...... Clases de Inglés | Pasillo D 7:00 pm...... Pastoral Familiar | Centro Familiar 7:00 pm...... Practica de coro de niños | Salón de Música

#### Viernes, 21 de marzo

7:00 pm...... Vía Crucis | Iglesia 7:30 pm...... Apoyo Familiar | 201 Sabado, 22 de marzo 8:30 am...... Retiro de Confirmación | Centro Familiar 9:00 am...... Taller para parejas compromoetidas | 201

#### Pastoral Familiar

Ven con tu familia a enriquecerte de la palabra de Dios y ser parte de esta familia de Fe. Todos los jueves a las 7 pm. en el centro Familiar Salón 201. Para mas informacion comunicate con Susy y Manuel Rosas al 972-391-3853.



¡Compre sus boletos en linea!

#### Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma



#### Clases Pre-Matrimoniales de Bodas en Comunidad

Las parejas que contraerán matrimonio en las bodas en Comunidad, necesitan asistir a las clases de preparación ofrecidas el 29 de Marzo de 9 am a 5 pm y el 30 de Marzo de 9 am. a 1:30 pm. También, deben de asistir a la clase de Planificación Familiar Natural el 16 de Marzo de 9 a 1:30 pm. Por favor llame a las Oficinas Parroquiales para más información 214-357-8549.



#### **Divina Misericordia**

Ven a conocer del amor de Dios y las maravillas que hace en tu vida. Los Apóstoles Eucarísticos de la Divina Misericordia se reúnen para fortalecer su fe y compartir las enseñanzas de la Iglesia. Meditan el diario de **Santa Faustina** y oran por las necesidades del mundo y la conversión de los pecadores. El cenáculo es todos los martes a las 7 pm. en la Biblioteca de la Escuela. Para más información Ilama a Baltazar Villanueva al 214-584-7789

o es tan difícil ver problemas a alrededor del mundo. Aunque seamos buenos y generosos, o no lo seamos, el

sufrimiento y las terribles decepciones siempre llegan cuando menos las esperamos. Necesitamos que nos amen y aún más necesitamos la oportunidad de amar a otros. Sin embargo, a menudo nuestras intenciones son malinterpretadas y aquellos que amamos nos decepcionan o nos traicionan. Como no podemos controlar la naturaleza, los políticos u otras personas, a menudo nos sentimos inciertos y ansiosos del futuro. ¿Donde encontraremos la fortaleza y la confianza que necesitamos para seguir en un mundo incierto?

Jesús le dio a tres de sus amigos cercanos un vistazo de lo que es su gloria porque estaban a punto de ser testigos de cosas terribles. Los expertos en la escritura y los teólogos comprenden el significado de Moisés como al que se le dio la Ley y a Elías como el mensajero, siguiendo la gran tradición de los profetas, que llaman al pueblo de Dios a regresar a la verdad. Pero, acaso los tres pescadores se dieron cuenta que Jesús satisfacía la manera que Dios preparaba las personas para salvarse. Es poco probable, sin embargo, el instante en que la gloria de Jesús estalló en el mundo, les lleno esperanza para seguir adelante ante lo insoportable que sucedería en su mundo.

Hay una historia de un hombre mayor de edad que era considerado un sabio místico. Él decía esto de el mismo, "cuando era joven era un revolucionario y todas mis oraciones a Dios eran así: 'Señor, dame la energía de cambiar el mundo.' Cuando tenía más edad me di cuenta que mitad de mi vida ya se había ido sin cambiar una sola alma, cambie mi oración a: 'Señor, dame la gracia para cambiar aquellos que encuentro. Solo mi familia y mis amigos y estaré satisfecho.' Ahora que soy un hombre viejo y que mis días están contados, he comenzado a ver lo tonto que he sido. Hoy mi oración

### **De El Pastor**

es: 'Señor, dame la gracia para cambiar mi vida'. Si hubiera rezado esto desde el inicio no hubiera desperdiciado mi vida."

Sabemos que Dios controla todas las cosas del mundo y cada evento lo usara para hacer su voluntad. Cada persona puede abandonarse a su tierno cuidado porque los ama completamente y desea lo mejor para ellos. Seria maravilloso si pudiéramos ver un poquito al futuro y recordáramos que nuestro dolor solo es pasajero o que aquel momento de desilusión de otros no cambia el valor del amor que les brindamos aun con sus defectos.

Durante esta segunda semana de Cuaresma nuestro reto es mantenernos enfocados en lo que realmente importa- lo bueno y el amor que traemos a este mundo. Cuando decimos una palabra de ira, o controlamos nuestro enojo y decidimos perdonar, no hay señal que revele el daño que hemos hecho y el amor se hace más fuerte. Solo Dios sabe eso. Cuando decimos no a una tentación, o buscamos una mejor oportunidad para hacer algo bueno por el otro, no hay recompensas monetarias que nos dan por nuestra generosidad. El amor a Dios es el motivo por el cual hacemos estas cosas. Nuestra decisión de ser fieles a los sacrificios que hicimos durante esta Cuaresma es una señal de nuestro deseo de estar cerca de Dios durante esta temporada de penitencia. Dios no cuenta nuestras oraciones o las cosas que dejamos. Él nos recibe en cada paso que damos, día a día, acercándonos más a Él.

El mundo está lleno de problemas, y la gente que amamos nos da más que suficiente para rezar. Nuestro reto es ser claros en nuestro rol, debemos inspirar, motivar a otros y hacer de este mundo un mejor lugar a través de la bondad que practicamos en nuestra vida personal. Nuestro llamado es dar nuestra vida a Dios y confiar que Él se encargara del futuro para todos nosotros.

–Padre Stephen W Bierschenk

### TENGA UN FELIZ DÍA DE SAN PATRICIO:



