



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 M-F 8:00 am Saturdays 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

Social Media

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Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 2014

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From the Pastor



man arrived in Heaven, and he was overcome with surprise, but it wasn't because Heaven was so beautiful. He

couldn't believe who was there: liars, thieves, and all other kinds of sinners!

And, if that were not enough, he recognized people who had deeply hurt him or others. To top it off, there were some there that he had been absolutely sure were going to Hell.

He turned to St. Peter and expressed his concern. He was sure that God had made a mistake. He asked St. Peter to explain two things: "How could all of these people be here? Two, why is everyone so quiet?"

St. Peter looked at him for a minute and then he said, "First, everyone is speechless because they are shocked at seeing you here; and secondly, Heaven is full of sinners."

We think of Heaven as being the abode of the perfect, and while we all plan to be there one day, we aren't necessarily ready to be there at this moment. After a busy day, we have to admit that we haven't spent time in conversation with God. Even with people we love, it isn't always easy to forget ourselves and be generous with our time or our complete attention. We feel bad when we judge someone for their inability to fit in, but we still make the decision to not include them. Looking

at ourselves and our imperfections can give us a headache, and it's easy to postpone our work on perfection to another day. Heaven seems so far away.

In today's gospel, Jesus reminds us that in his Father's house there are many dwelling places. When we were personally created by God, he also chose to create a special place for us in Heaven. We are meant to be there with him. It can seem difficult to live up to God's expectations, but we have to remember that we are not alone. Getting into Heaven is not a do-it-yourself project. We have Jesus to lean on, to help us to the finish line, no matter how imperfect we are.

He is the WAY: if we imitate him in the desire to do the will of the Father, we can grow in our appreciation of the way - a way of living with integrity and being mindful of others. He is the TRUTH; if we live lives that do not reflect the Lord, we cannot pretend to belong to him. He is the LIFE; when we sin, he offers us pardon and the chance to begin again; when we become discouraged he offers us encouragement; when we grow weak, his love holds us up. We are not meant to live as if this world is all there is. We are meant to walk through this world with a different attitude because we were created to live forever with God - our place is already being made ready, and Jesus will help us to get there.

-Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk

"Let us read the Gospel, a small section each day.

This way we will learn what is most essential in our lives: love and mercy." - Pope Francis

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 2014

Faith Formation

Registration for Religious Education Classes

Registration for 2014-2015 Religious Education classes for children and youth who are preparing to receive Sacraments will start May 27th and end June 24th. Registration will be held on Sundays from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm in the cafeteria. During the week from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, registrations will be in the church office, and on Wednesdays the office will be open until 7:00 pm. When coming to register, please bring a copy of the student's baptism and birth certificate.

The class schedule next year is the following: Kinder - 5th grade on Sundays from 3:15 - 4:45 and on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm for students in grades 6th - 12th grade. If you have questions, please contact the church office at 214-357-8549.

Creighton Model Fertility Care System (Natural Family Planning)

St. Monica offers sessions on how to use the Creighton Model Fertility Care System (CrMS). CrMS relies upon the observation and charting of biological markers to help women understand their fertility. CrMS is used to help achieve and postpone pregnancy. Register online for the May 20 or July 29 session. http://www.stmonicachurch.org/faith-formation/marriage-preparation/preparing-for-marriage/

News & Events

Lady of Fatima Commemoration Month

To commemorate the anniversary of our Lady of Fatima this month, after Mass the Legion of Mary will be signing up anyone who would like to have the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in their home for a week. This could be a wonderful way to celebrate special family events. For more information, call 214-351-6934.

Help Moms and Babies!

Baby Banks bring in an average of \$25 in coins, cash, and checkes for life-saving ministries. If you're interested in the respect for life campaign, contact Deacon Larry Lucido or call the parish office.

Those with Baby Banks should return them by June 1. Give them to an usher or leave them in the sacristy or parish office. Thank you for your help with this cause!

Second Annual Family Day Festival

The Seminarians of the Redemptoris Mater Diocesan Missionary Seminary invite you to their second annual Family Day Festival, which will take place at the Seminary on May 25th from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. The admission to the festival is completely free and there will be entertainment, music, food, and open-house tours of the Seminary. There will also be a raffle for a 2014 Toyota Tacoma Double Cab Truck along with eleven other prizes.

We hope to see you there!

Catechist Certification

The department of Catechetical Services will be offering classes towards Catechist Certification in May and June, 2014. All Catechists are urged to take advantage of classes being held in their area of the diocese. In May, advanced courses will be offered for those now ready to begin their electives. In June, intermediate classes will be offered for those who need those hours completed. The complete list of classes is on the diocesan website at:

https://www.cathdal.org/pages/Catechetical Services.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 18, 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...... Roger Barnett 🕆 by Heather Huidsten

5:00 pm...... Priest's Intention

Monday, May 19, 2014

6:45 am...... Patricia H. Klarer ⊕ by Robert L. Klarer

8:00 am...... Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

6:45 am...... Kevin Wachsman & by Wachsman Family 8:00 am...... Mr. & Mrs. L.A. Klarer by Robert L. Klarer

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

6:45 am...... For Madden Family

8:00 am...... Mrs. Richard T. Bissell ⊕ by Robert L. Klarer

Thursday, May 22, 2014

6:45 am....... Richard King ⊕ by Bill & Joelle Hymes 8:00 am....... Josephine Risinger ⊕ by Joanne Jackson

Friday, May 23, 2014

6:45 am...... Terry Rand ⊕ by Terrell Reagan

8:00 am...... For Our Priests

Saturday, May 24, 2014

8:00 am...... Jean Idahosa Osifo ⊕ by Anne Osifo 5:00 pm...... Christopher Wilcox ⊕ by Nancy & Ed Mello

Sanctuary Light

This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for Kevin Wachsman &.

For Our Sick

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

Mia Rich O'Malley² Esther Reyes² Karen Kunecki Frye² Sandy Chung²

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

Save the Date!

BINGO, BINGO, BINGO
Mark your calendars now for Bingo on
Saturday, June 14 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
in the school cafeteria. Affordable fun for
the entire family!

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Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 2014

Parish Calendar

Sunday, May 18 - Mother's Day

| 9:00 am LRSS Closing Brunch 109 |
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| 9:00 am CDA Corp Comm Brunch 201 |
| 9:00 am PTO Used Uniform Sale Cafe |
| 9:30 am Babysitting 114 |
| 9:30 am CDA Corp Comm Church |
| 1:00 pm Secular Francisan Order 109 |
| 3:00 pm English Baptisms Church |
| 3:00 pm Youth Night 212 |
| 4:00 pm Youth Night 220 |
| 6:00 pm Youth Night 109 |
| Monday, May 18 |
| 6:20 am Rosary Church |
| 6:20 am Morning Prayer Chapel |
| 7:30 am Rosary Church |
| 8:30 am Legion of Mary JCLC Conf. |
| 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Chapel |
| 6:00 pm Centering Prayer Group Bride Room |
| 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul 129 |
| 7:00 pm Immaculate Heart Cenacle Chapel |
| Tuesday, May 20 |
| 6:20 am Rosary Church |
| 6:20 am Morning Prayer Chapel |
| 7:30 am Rosary Church |
| 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Chapel |
| 7:00 pm Natural Family Planning 109 |
| Wednesday, May 21 |
| 6:20 am Rosary Church |
| 6:20 am Morning Prayer Chapel |
| 7:30 am Rosary Church |
| 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Chapel |
| 6:00 pm Metro Serra Club 217 |
| 8:00 pm YSC Holy Hour Chapel |
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Thursday, May 22

6:20 am...... Rosary | Church

6:20 am...... Morning Prayer | Chapel

7:30 am...... Rosary | Church

9:00 am...... Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel

6:30 pm...... Stephen Ministry Supervision | 109

Friday, May 23 - Early Release from School

6:20 am...... Rosary | Church

6:20 am...... Morning Prayer | Chapel

7:30 am...... Rosary | Church

9:00 am...... Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel

12:00 pm..... SMS 8th Grade Graduation | Church

6:00 pm......Holy Face Rosary/Novena | Chapel

Saturday, May 24

9:00 am...... Ursuline Baccalaureate Mass | Church

9:00 am...... Centering Prayer Group | 217

Stewardship

May 11, 2014 Regular \$35,484.50 Total Mass Attendance

May 11, 2014 3,358

News & Events



St. Monica School's Philip R. Riley is awarded with the Monsignor John Meyers Distinguished Principal Award. Friday, May 9, 2014

Diocesan Distinguished Educator Recognition Dinner

Bye, Bye Burritos

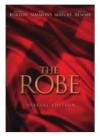
The Knights of Columbus "Culinary and Sales Team" will be taking the summer off after today. So, come by and get those now famous. **mouth-watering**



Breakfast Burritos and/or Sausages on a stick goodies for breakfast, brunch or whatever. Remember it's not a bad idea to take home an extra bag for a neighbor...they'll love you for it. Thanks for your support, and we'll crank up again come August. Happy Summer from Knights of Columbus, Council 5656.



Thanks to all those who dropped box tops in the offering baskets last Sunday. Keep those box tops coming! A report on earnings to date will come soon. Every box top is worth a dime, and dimes add up to dollars for St. Monica School!



The National Council of Nigeria Catholic Women's Organization will show the film *The Robe* on May 25 at 3:00 pm in Room 201. "Nominated for five Academy Awards including Best Picture, this inspiring story stars Richard Burton as Marcellus Gallo, a Roman centurion whose life is forever changed when he wins Christ's robe in a gambling game at the foot of the cross." Popcorn will be served. Contact Juliette Akagu at 214-791-4358 with questions.

Family Vocation Chalice

To participate call (214) 368-3640

May 24 at 5:00 pm Mary Dugas May 25 at 8:00 am Bill & Louella Marx May 25 at 9:30 am Glen & Gina Robinson May 25 at 11:00 am
Raphael & Amanda Flood
May 25 at 12:30 pm
Frank & Theresa McElwain
May 25 at 5:00 pm
Erika Louis

Faith in Action



Your Service Makes a Difference!

Faith in Action

Your Time and Effort Make a Difference!

St. Monica Church is known for its volunteer spirit. We see this spirit at work every day in our parish community; however, the love of Christ is not limited to parish boundaries. That is why our parish also has so many volunteers who serve the needs of the broader community of the Diocese of Dallas and beyond.

Many Volunteers Meet the Needs of the Church at Large

- 700 students in Faith Formation classes
- 100 adults in RCIA
- 70 catechists
- 200 participants in Catholicism study groups
- 50 in Little Rock Scripture
- 30 in Adult Study Group
- · 60 in various other Bible Study groups

- 60 men in Tuesday morning study group
- 100+ per day join in Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
- Hundreds of parent volunteers in PTO & Dad's Club
- 870 students 3 years old 8th grade in St Monica School
- Coaches for football, basketball, volleyball, academic enrichment, and more
- Scout leaders

These programs are coordinated by a small number of parish staff along with an army of volunteers. Excellence in teaching requires the best resources available. With such a large number of programs and students, the costs of these resources can be daunting.

While some of the burden is carried by student tuition and fees, much of the cost falls to the parish.

We Help:

St. Monica St. Vincent DePaul Society provide emergency assistance to those in need in our parish area.

Supported by:

- Volunteers who serve every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday, having personal interviews withthose seeking assistance.
- Monthly donations of clothing and household items as Junior National Honor Society students oversee the SVdP truck in the parking lot.
- Your donations to the special second collections for SVdP during the year.

We Help:

North Dallas Shared Ministries, an ecumenical effort sponsored by 52 churches in this area.

Supported by:

- St. Monica provides more volunteers on a weekly and monthly basis than any other congregation.
- Contribution of \$1,000 per month provided by your regular parish contributions.
- Annual second collection to support the work of North Dallas Shared Ministries.

We Help:

Austin Street Center, an institution providing shelter for the homeless in a Christian atmosphere.

Supported by:

- Once a month volunteers prepare hundreds of dinners consisting of sandwiches, bananas, hard-boiled eggs, desserts and milk/juice.
- That same day additional St. Monica volunteers travel to the shelter to serve the meal.

We Help:

Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity

Supported by:

- Volunteers in the Bread Ministry and others who provide staple food items several times a month.
- Parish volunteers who help the Sisters with their programs.

We Help

The Diocese of Dallas Missionary Cooperative which assigns a missionary group to our parish each year. Last year, we collected a total of \$37,511 to assist the Honduras Mission and the Phillipines Disaster Assistance.

Supported by:

Your contributions to a special second collection.



Your Stewardship Matters

So often when we think of stewardship in the church, we focus strictly on money – how much we should donate and how our donations should be used by the parish in ministry; but, God's blessings to us are so much more than our money. God has given each of us unique talents and opportunities, and we each decide how our time will be spent each day – always on what we consider to be most important.

Our parish is blessed with many opportunities to serve the community. Every weekend it takes an army of people to enable us to worship God in a dignified and engaging manner. Greeters, ushers, Altar Servers, Ministers of the Eucharist, lectors, music directors, organists, instrumentalists, and choir members all share their talents and their time to assure that those who worship here at St. Monica are blessed by the experience.

Throughout the week, countless volunteers make themselves available to care for those in need, to educate our children in the Faith, coach sports, tutor, and to inspire our young people and have fun with them. Each type of ministry takes a different set of skills and a different level of commitment.

St. Monica is blessed to have a unique ministry called Helping Hands. Every family faces special needs when a loved one dies, and the members of Helping Hands offer a very practical help to families during a time of loss. After a funeral, it is natural for family and friends to want to spend time together. Usually this is done during a meal, but with all the details of preparing for the funeral itself it is difficult to take on the details of providing food to a large number of people.

Members of Helping Hands meet with the family beforehand to determine how many guests will be expected, to see if there are special needs, and to even ask if the departed loved one had a favorite color or flower. Tables are decorated, trays are prepared and overflow with a variety of food, and when the family returns from the cemetery, they are welcomed to a great feast provided by our parish without cost to them. This meal is prepared for every family that wishes to have it.

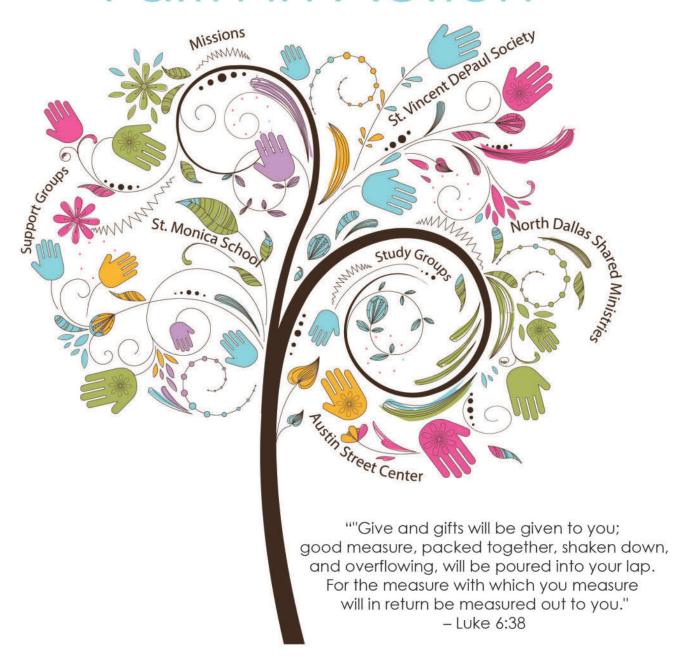
You don't have to be a great cook to be part of this ministry, although there are some who are. You don't have to be dedicated to this work full time – only a few hours are needed. You won't always be appreciated for the hard work that goes into every funeral lunch, but in their time of need, in a very real way, you will let a family know that they are loved and cared for by their church.

This Sunday we reflect on the wonderful spirit of volunteerism that is reflected in so many ways here at St. Monica, and today we are inviting each person to consider how much God has done to bless them. We are a community of Faith, and our talents and time are special gifts given to us to be put into action. With your help, we can do so much more!

- Fr. Stephen W Bierschenk



Faith in Action



Your Service is Appreciated!

Noticias y Eventos

Conozcamos a María

¿Por qué llamas a María 'Madre de Dios'? Jesús es una persona pero tiene dos naturalezas: humana y divina. Ambas naturalezas no pueden ser separadas. María dio a luz al Señor Jesús, "verdadero Dios y verdadero hombre". Recordemos lo que Isabel dijo a María en el pasaje de la Visitación (Lc. 1-43): "Y ¿de dónde a mí que la madre de mi Señor venga a mí? Porque,



apenas llegó a mis oídos la voz de tu saludo, saltó de gozo el niño en mi seno. ¡Feliz la que ha creído que se cumplirían las cosas que le fueron dichas de parte del Señor!" (Lucas 1, 43-45)

Ofrecimiento de Flores a María

Este es el mejor regalo que podemos hacerle a la Virgen. Regalar flores es una manera que tenemos las personas para decirle a alguien que la queremos mucho. El próximo domingo será el último domingo que se ofrecerán flores a María. Les invitamos a traer un hermoso ramo de flores para llenar a nuestra Madre del Cielo con la belleza natural y el aroma de las flores.

Formación de Servidores

El servidor trabaja en equipo porque sabe que el Señor ha sembrado su riqueza en cada uno de los hermanos y es preciso descubrirla para reconocer las bendiciones de Dios. El próximo domingo 25 de Mayo todos los servidores están invitados a participar de una formación espiritual para alimentar el espíritu y ofrecer su servicio y entrega libre y puramente para el Reino de Dios. Nos acompañara el Maestro Juan Rendón, de la Universidad de Dallas. La formación inicia de 8:30 am a 1:30 pm en la cafetería de la Escuela. Para más información comunícate a las Oficinas Parroquiales 214-357-8549.

Estudio de Biblia Lectio Divina

El estudio de la Lectio Divina es el método más antiguo de orar con la Sagrada Escritura. Es una experiencia de Dios, pues a partir del conocimiento del texto escrito, se busca la experiencia fundante que esta como base de toda la revelación. La lectio Divina más que un método de lectura es una experiencia de un Encuentro con el Señor. Venga todos los domingos a las 12:30 pm en el Centro Familiar salón 201 a meditar y conocer el mensaje de vida que tiene la Sagrada Escritura para usted. Traer Biblia y Cuaderno. Para más información comunícate al 214-357-8549.

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Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

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

27 de abril
Silvia Castanon
4 de mayo
Sigifredo Hernandez
11 de mayo
Familia Hernandez

18 de mayo Gavino Sanchez 25 de mayo Alma Ramirez

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Calendario Comunitario

Domingo, 18 de mayo

12:00 pm Circulo Juvenil Ágape (jóvenes adultos) | 211

12:00 pm..... Coro Adultos | JCLC Board

12:00 pm..... Lectio Divina | 201

3:00 pm...... Divina Misericordia | Iglesia

3:00 pm...... Legión de Maria | 201

Lunes, 19 de mayo

7:00 pm...... Proclamadores | JCLC Board

Martes, 20 de mayo

7:00 pm...... Divina Misericordia Apostoles | LIB

8:00 pm...... Adoración | Capilla

Miércoles, 21 de mayo

6:30 pm...... Legión de María | 129

7:00 pm...... Coro Adultos | JCLC Board

7:00 pm...... Apoyo Familiar | 211

Jueves, 22 de mayo

6:30 pm...... Pastoral Familiar | 109, 211, 212, 217

7:00 pm...... Niños Proclamadores | 129

7:00 pm...... Coro de Niños | JCLC Board

Viernes, 23 de mayo

6:00 pm...... Apoyo Familiar | 201, 211, 212, 217

Sabado, 24 de mayo

7:00 am...... Talleres de Oración y Vida | 214 7:00 pm...... Pastoral Familiar | 201, 211



Clase de Catecismo

Las inscripciones para el catecismo inician el 27 de Mayo y terminan el 24 de Junio. Los horarios de oficina serán los domingos de 9:00 am a 5:00 pm en la Cafeteria de la Escuela y entre semana de lunes a viernes de 9:00 am a 5:00 pm en las Oficinas Parroquiales. El miércoles estará abierto hasta las 7:00 pm. Si es el primer año de su hijo, es necesario traer acta de nacimiento y fe de Bautismo (si ya está bautizado).

El horario de las clases es el siguiente:

Kinder a 5° grado: domingos 3:15 – 4:45 pm

6° – 12° grado: miércoles 6:30 – 8:00 pm

RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos)

Estamos inscribiendo a personas adultas que quieran recibir el sacramento de Bautismo, Primera Comunión o Confirmación. Puede pasar a las Oficinas Parroquiales de lunes a viernes de 9:00 am a 5:00 pm o llamar al 214-357-8549. El programa inicia el 7 de Septiembre y terminan el 19 de Abril.



Gracias a todos los que trajeron los "box tops" el domingo pasado. Sigan trayendo! un

reporte de lo colectado sera anunciado pronto. Cada "box top" es 10 centavos y se va acumulando a dolares para la escuela de Sta. Monica!



De El Pastor



n hombre llego al cielo y estaba muy sorprendido. No era porque el cielo estaba hermoso. No podía creer quien estaba

ahí: ¡mentirosos, rateros y todo tipo de pecadores!

Y por si no fuera suficiente, miró personas que le habían herido profundamente. Para el colmo estaban ahí algunos que el aseguraba que se irían al infierno.

Miro a San Pedro y le dijo que él estaba seguro que Dios había cometido un error. Quería saber dos cosas: "¿Cómo llegaron todas estas personas aquí? Y ¿porque están todos tan callados?

San Pedro lo miro por un minuto y le explico, "bueno, todos están tan callados porque están sorprendidos de verte aquí."

Pensamos del cielo como una morada de lo perfecto y mientras todos planeamos estar ahí algún día, no necesariamente estamos preparados para estar ahí en este momento. Después de todo, ante un día ocupado tenemos que admitir que no hemos tomado el tiempo para conversar con Dios. Incluso con las personas que amamos, no es fácil olvidarnos de nosotros mismos y ser generosos con nuestro tiempo y nuestra atención. Nos sentimos mal ya que juzgamos si alguien llena nuestras expectativas o no, pero aun así tomamos nuestras decisiones v actuamos ante ellas. Cuando miramos y vemos nuestras imperfecciones, nos da dolor de cabeza y decidimos volver a comenzar a mejorarlas mañana.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos recuerda que en la casa de su Padre hay muchos lugares para morar. De hecho, cuando Dios personalmente nos creó, también creo un lugar especial en el cielo para nosotros. Se supone que debemos estar ahí. Cuando nos desanimamos porque parece muy difícil vivir las expectativas de Dios, tenemos que recordar que no estamos solos. Llegar al cielo no es un proyecto de hágalo usted mismo. Debemos apoyarnos en Jesús, para que nos ayude a llegar a la meta final, no importa que tan imperfectos podamos ser.

Él es el Camino - si imitamos el simple deseo de hacer la voluntad del Padre, empezamos a crecer en nuestro agradecimiento por la manera que Dios nos creó para vivir, y nos hacemos menos cómodos a nuestros pecados. Él es la Verdad – en la manera que vivimos, refleja al Señor o no lo refleja, no podemos pretender que le pertenecemos. Él es la Vida cuando pecamos nos perdona y nos da la oportunidad de comenzar de nuevo; cuando nos desanimamos Jesús nos anima; cuando nos debilitamos, su amor nos sostiene.

No estamos llamados a vivir como si este mundo fuera todo. Fuimos creados a caminar por este mundo con una actitud diferente porque fuimos creado para vivir con Dios para siempre – nuestro lugar ya ha sido creado. Jesús nos ayudara a llegar ahí.

- Padre Stephen W Bierschenk

"Leamos el Evangelio, un poco todos los días. Así aprenderemos a vivir lo esencial: el amor y la misericordia." – Pope Francis

Dentista FELIPE DURÁN, D.D.S.

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