ST. MONICA
CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 9, 2018

Today's Gospel

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low." (LK 3:1-6)

Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am,
9:30 am (Interpreted for the Deaf),
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

Reconciliation • Reconciliación

Saturday/Sábado
3:30-4:30 pm
Thursday/Jueves
6:00 - 7:00 pm

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From the Pastor

My Dear Parishioners,

This past week our readings reminded us to seek the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, for He gives true and lasting peace. During this second week of Advent we are asked to exercise patience and wait for peace. We can actively wait through extra prayer and by living our faith. This week we can seek peace by repenting for our sins and reconciling with God and our neighbor. Letting go of anger, hurt, resentment, and hostility allows room for peace and room to grow in God's grace.

St. Juan Diego was a poor Aztec Indian born in Cuautitlan, Mexico, in 1474. He was baptized Catholic, along with his wife and uncle, when he was approximately 50 years of age. Shortly afterwards, his wife died. A couple of years later, in 1531, Our Lady of Guadalupe, the "Lady from Heaven" appeared to St. Juan Diego four times at Tepeyac on a hill near Mexico City. Our Lady spoke to him in his native language and wanted him to be the one who would convey her special message of love, compassion, help and protection. Her last appearance to St. Juan Diego was on December 12th, which is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Pope Pius XII declared Our Lady as the Patroness of the Americas. She is also the Principal Patroness of the Dallas Diocese. The name "Guadalupe" is a word derived from the Aztec word for "she will crush the serpent of stone." St. Pope John Paul II declared her "star of the first and new evangelization of America." We ask her intercession for a continued growth in faith and evangelization of all the peoples of the Americas.

In Christ,
Fr. Guadagnoli

December Schedule

- **Wed. Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe**
  7pm
- **Wed. Dec. 19 - Light is on Confessions**
  7-9pm
- **Mon. Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve**
  4pm, 6pm, 8pm (Spanish), 10pm (Messiah), 11pm
- **Tue. Dec. 25 - Christmas Day**
  9am & 11am
- **Mon. Dec. 31 - Vigil of The Solemnity of Mary**
  5:30pm & 7pm (Spanish)
- **Tue. Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary**
  9am & 11am

News & Events

Reminder for EOY Donations: According to IRS rules, the date that the church receives a donation determines whether the contribution is deductible in 2018 or 2019 (not the date on the check). The only exception is a check in an envelope postmarked Dec. 31, 2018, but not delivered until 2019. Credit card donations made online at www.stmonicachurch.org are deductible in 2018 if submitted by midnight on Dec. 31.

St. Monica Pro-Life Ministry will be organizing its Annual Epiphany Baby Shower. A list of needed items for babies and mothers will be distributed on Dec 15-16 after Mass in the Angel Hall. Collections will take place after Mass the weekends of Dec 29-30 & Jan 5- 6. Please call the Pro-Life Ministry Leader Josefina Torres, 214-476-0796 or email: josefina0304@gmail for assistance.

St. Monica Catholic School has openings for substitute teachers! A teaching degree is not required. For more information and to apply please call Michelle Ishmael at 214-351-5688 x5688.

First Holy Communion Parent and Child Retreat will be Jan. 12th, 2019 8am-12pm. The day will include a lite breakfast, a tour of the Church, parent/child activities, and a special blessing from Fr. Guadagnoli, for the First Communicants. For more information call 214-357-8549.

St. Monica Works - Business and Professional Ministry will meet Thursday, December 20 in the Family Center. Come tell about your product, service, profession, or your job search and learn what other faith-minded individuals have to offer. Arrive for coffee & networking at 7:30am. A lively information exchange begins at 8:01amand ends at 9:00 AM. For more information visit stmonicaworks.org or call 214-707-3726.

St. Monica Grief Support Ministry – The New Day Journal Sessions
Have you suffered the loss of a loved one? St. Monica will hold a Grief Support Ministry beginning on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, 7pm-9pm, Room 212. Meetings will be held once a week for 10 weeks. You will meet in small groups with others going through similar experiences. Sessions are free and led by trained lay facilitators. The only cost is $10 for the book. Sessions will also be offered in Spanish starting on Tuesday, February 5, 2019. Please contact Jim Einspanier at 214-914-2802 or Pam Fete at 210-218-5777, to register or for more information.

The Bella House, a faith-based maternity home operating in Dallas, is seeking volunteer grandmas (or grandmotherly types) for residents and their newborns. Please contact Marcia Harbour for more information at nanaharbour2002@gmail.com or by phone 972-841-5839.

Stephen Ministers are members of St. Monica Church who go through 50 hours of caregiving training and then work alongside our Priests and Deacons in providing emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time such as divorce, grief, hospitalization or loneliness. We'll be training a new class of Stephen Ministers beginning January 10th from 6:30-9:00pm.To find out more, please contact Jim Einspanier at 214-914-2802.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are designed to help work through repressed grief, anger and guilt associated with the loss of a child due to an abortion. If you are ready for recovery contact 214-544-CARE (2273).

St. Vincent de Paul serves the poor or distressed on an emergency basis. Call 972-994-1121 (confidential) for help. They will contact you within 24 hours. To volunteer email info@stmonicasvdp.org.

Stewardship
12-02-2018
Regular $42,166
Building Fund $9,291

Total Mass Attendance
12-02-2018
3,327

Second Collection
Retirement for Religious

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 8 (Immaculate Conception)
8:00 am ..... Genevieve Mello ✞
by Jerry & Jane McElhatton
5:00 pm ..... Christopher Wilcox
by Nancy & Ed Mello

Sunday, December 9 (2nd Sunday of Advent)
8:00 am..... Pro Populo
9:30 am..... Priest's Intention
11:00 am ..... Priest's Intention
12:30 pm ..... Priest's Intention
2:00 pm .....Ampavo Anaya ✞ by Alma Izaguirre
5:00 pm ..... Priest's Intention

Monday, December 10
6:45 am.....Rosetta Tettemanzy
by Rich & Sandy Haas
8:00 am.....Cary Darden Tobolka ✞
by Jimmy & Rosalinda Miramontes

Tuesday, December 11
6:45 am.....Karen Purvis by Anne Harrison
8:00 am ..... PTO Mass

Wednesday, December 12
6:45 am .....Paul & Ann Barry by Michelle Barry
8:00 am.....Sue Wueller ✞ by Sheila & Jim Madden

Thursday, December 13
6:45 am.....For Religious Vocations
8:00 am.....Linda Francis Smith ✞ by Jaraldine Becan

Friday, December 14
6:45 am ..... Jo Jenkins Gaedeke ✞
by The McManon Family
8:00 am ..... PTO

Saturday, December 15
8:00 am ..... Willie Haba, Sr. ✞ by Marjorie Haba
5:00 pm ..... Paul Figel ✞ by Marv & Jerry Geisler

Sanctuary Light
This week the Sanctuary Light is burning for Roberto Manriquez ✞

For Our Sick

William Watts[1]	Tommy Todd[2]
Lorenzo Sabedra[2]	Gary-Paul Prince[3]
Jessica Martinez[2]	Luke Blank[3]
Cynthia Pompa[2]	Angel Reyes[3]

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.

In Memoriam: (Please pray for repose of the soul of)
Dr. Martha Allen
Laura Denise Ontiveros

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 (Immaculate Conception)
- 7AM - Ministry de Hombres, *FC 211*
- 8:30AM - Men's ACTS Meeting, *FC 212*
- 3PM - Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena, *Cafe*
- 7:30PM - Fine Arts Christmas Concert, *Church*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9
- 8AM - KC Pancakes with Santa, *Cafeteria*
- 9:30AM - Adult Education *FC 217*
- 12PM - RICA, *FC 201*
- 12PM - Pastoral Juvenil, *FC 211*
- 12PM - RCIA Adapted, *FC 212 & 220*
- 3PM - CCD Kinder-7th Grade, *SMS*
- 3PM - 8th Gr. Confirmation Class, *FC 217*
- 3PM - MS Confirmation Class, *D25/26/31/32*
- 3PM - Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena, *Cafe*
- 3:15PM - Faith Formation Parent Class, *LIB. Mtg. Rm*
- 3:15PM - 1st Comm. Parent Class (En.), *FC 109*
- 3:15PM - Confirmation Parent Class (Sp.) *FC 201*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10
- 8AM - Austin Street Shelter, *FC 109*
- 8:30AM - Legion of Mary, *JCLC*
- 10AM - Prayer Shawl Group, *FC 117*
- 1PM - Monday Bible Study, *FC 217*
- 6:30PM - BSA Trp. 412, *FC*
- 7PM - Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena, *Cafe*
- 7PM - RCIA, *FC 109*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11
- 1PM - Tuesday Scripture Study, *FC 201*
- 6PM - KC Director's Meeting, *FC 201*
- 6PM - Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena, *Church*
- 7PM - St. Monica Pro-Life Committee, *JCLC*
- 7PM - Divina Misericordia, *FC 211*
- 7PM - Pastoral Familiar, *Art Room*
- 7PM - Confirmation Leaders Training, *FC 220*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)
- 4PM - Children's Faith Formation, *JCLC*
- 5:30PM - HS Confirmation Class, *FC 201*
- 6:30PM - Confirmation Class, *FC 220*
- 7PM - Legion de Maria, *FC 214*
- 10PM - Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena, *Church*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13
- 6PM - GSA Robotics Team, *JCLC*
- 6PM - Pastoral Familiar, *FC*
- 6:30PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision, *FC 109*
- 7PM - Ninos Proclamadores, *JCLC*
- 7PM - Fall Scripture Study, *FC 201*
- 7PM - Consacration to Mary Prep (Spanish), *FC 220*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14
- 3:30PM - Challenge Meeting, *FC 220*
- 5PM - Fortaleza Espiritual, *FC 220*
- 6PM - Apoyo Familiar, *FC 201*
- 7PM - CSA Pack 712 Meeting, *Cafeteria*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15
- 9AM - SoulCore, *FC 201*
- 2PM - Pastoral Familiar Posada, *Cafeteria*

News & Events

Join Father Guadagnoli on a pilgrimage to Portugal & Spain!

April 22 - May 2, 2019

We will be visiting:
Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Avila, & Madrid

For information contact:

Cesar Herrera 469-417-9797 - cherrera@exploreyourfaith.org
Mary Camarillo 214-228-8919 - spxpilgrimages@gmail.com

Schedules

St. Monica Altar Servers/Servidores de Altar

Dec. 8 5:00 – Christine Martin & William Martin
Dec. 9 8:00 – Merritt Johnson & Bryan Rodriguez
9:30 – William & Jay Hooker
11:00 – Jack Webb & Aidan Smith
12:30 - John & Paul Wuller
2:00 - Alan Lopez & Luis Lopez
5:00 – Cristian Mendoza, Olivar Ikard, & Rafael Zapiain

Dec. 15 5:00 p.m. - Joe Suek & Stella Suek
Dec. 16 8:00 a.m. - Juan Diaz & Juan Rodriguez
9:30 a.m. - Jay Hooker & William Hooker
11:00 a.m. - Mary Rebone & Isabella Martinez
12:30 p.m. - Camila Flores & James Hademenos
2:00 p.m. - Luis Ramirez, Angie Ramirez, & Valentina Aguanaga

stmonica.altarservers@yahoo.com

Family Vocation Chalice/Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

December 15 at 5:00 pm
Phil & Becky Ryan

December 16 at 8:00 am
Daryl & Wanda Avery

December 16 at 9:30 am
Joe & Elizabeth Nava

December 16 at 11:00 am
John & Marilyn Roppolo

December 16 at 12:30 pm
Lars & Nelly Andresen

December 16 at 2:00 pm
Familia Maya

December 16 at 5:00 pm
Richard & Madeline Florkowski

To participate call Don Wetzel at 214-368-3640 (English) or 214 358-1453 (español)

Noticias y Eventos

Ministerio de Luto y Duelo de Santa Mónica

¿Estas atravesando por el dolor de haber perdido a un ser querido? Ahora, estamos inscribiendo para participar en el Ministerio de Luto y Duelo que se iniciara el martes, 5 de febrero 2019, 7pm-9pm en el salón 212 de Sta. Mónica. El programa se lleva a cabo en 10 sesiones de grupo, junto a otras personas que están pasando lo mismo. Es dirigido por facilitadores laicos capacitados. No hay costo por las sesiones solamente debe comprar el libro de $10.00. La sesión también se ofrece en Ingles. Para más información o para inscribirse por favor comuníquese con Marta Carias al 602-518-6352 o al 469-427-4898.

El ROSARIO GUADALUPANO

del 11 de diciembre será a las 10 pm. Seguido de la misa a la Virgen, las Mañanitas y una recepción.

Te esperamos el 12 de diciembre

para celebrar juntos a nuestra Madre, la Patrona de las Américas, la Virgen de Guadalupe. Rezaremos el rosario a las 6pm, luego tendremos misa de 7pm y un alegre convivio con la representación auténtica basada en el Nican Mopohua de las Apariciones de la Virgen a San Juan Diego a partir de las 8 pm.

Ven con tu familia a la POSADA PARROQUIAL

de Santa Mónica. El 16 de diciembre a partir de las 6:30 pm en la de la Escuela Cafeteria.

Juventud para la Vida

irá a Washington, DC, del 17 al 20 de enero, para la 46a Marcha Nacional por la Vida. El viaje está abierto a todos los jóvenes de secundaria de 14 a 18 años y chaperones mayores de 21 años. Para más información visite prolifedallas.org/dcmarch.

El Ministerio de Sociedad Guadalupana

\Santa Mónica les agradece su interes en el Rosario de los 46 dias. Ya tenemos a las cinco familias que tendrán la dicha de recibir a Nuestra Madre. Esperamos tener la oportunidad de volver a hacer esta gran evangelización. ¡Felices fiestas que Dios les bendiga!

Los Retiros de Rachel's Vineyard están diseñados para ayudar a trabajar mediante el dolor reprimido, la ira y la culpa asociados con la pérdida de un niño debido a un aborto, y presentan una oportunidad ideal para experimentar el perdón, la misericordia y la compasión de Dios. Si está listo para dar el primer paso hacia la recuperación, comuníquese con 214-544-CARE (2273) o healing@racheldallas.org para obtener asistencia confidencial.

Cáliz Familiar Únase a orar por las vocaciones sacerdotales y religiosas através del programa del Cáliz Familiar. Se llevara un cáliz a su hogar por una semana para orar por las vocaciones. También se les dará un libreto con oraciones para que rece en familia. Por favor cominiquese con Faby Gomez al 214-358-1453.

San Vicente de Paúl sirve a los pobres o necesitados en caso de emergencia. Llame al 972-994-1121 (confidencial) para obtener ayuda. Para ser un voluntario envie un correo electrónico a info@stmonicasvdp.org.

Bautismos

Son el tercer sábado de cada mes a las 12:00 pm. Padres y Padrinos deben asistir a una clase de preparación que se ofrecen los primeros sábados de mes a la 1:00 pm. Para más información llame a la Oficina de Formación en la Fe al 214-357-8549.

Matrimonio

Por favor de comunicarse con la Coordinadora de Matrimonios seis a nueve meses antes de la fecha deseada para su boda. mgonzalez@stmonicachurch.org.

Del Pastor

Queridos Feligreses,

La semana pasada, nuestras lecturas nos recordaron que debíamos buscar al Príncipe de la paz, Jesucristo, porque Él da la paz verdadera y duradera. Durante esta segunda semana de Adviento se nos pide que tengamos paciencia y esperemos la paz. Podemos esperar activamente rezando más y viviendo nuestra fe. Esta semana podemos buscar la paz al arrepentirnos por nuestros pecados y reconciliarnos con Dios y con nuestro prójimo. Dejar ir la ira, el dolor, el resentimiento y la hostilidad permite que entre en nosotros la paz y nos ayuda a crecer en la gracia de Dios.

San Juan Diego era un pobre indio azteca nacido en Cuautitlán, México, en 1474. Fue bautizado católico, junto con su esposa y su tío, cuando tenía aproximadamente 50 años. Poco después, su esposa murió. Un par de años más tarde, en 1531, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, la "Señora del Cielo", se le apareció a San Juan Diego cuatro veces en Tepeyac en un cerrito cerca de la Ciudad de México. Nuestra Señora le habló en su idioma nativo y quería que él fuera quien transmitiera su mensaje especial de amor, compasión, ayuda y protección. Su última aparición a San Juan Diego fue el 12 de diciembre, que es la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. El Papa Pío XII declaró a Nuestra Señora como Patrona de las Américas. Ella también es la Patrona Principal de la Diócesis de Dallas. El nombre "Guadalupe" es una palabra derivada de la palabra azteca que significa "aplastará a la serpiente de piedra". El Papa Juan Pablo II la declaró "Estrella de la primera y nueva evangelización de América". Le pedimos su intercesión por un crecimiento continuo en la fe y por la evangelización de todos los pueblos de las Américas.

En la paz de Cristo,
P. Guadagnoli

Calendario de diciembre

- **Sab. 8 de diciembre, 12pm**
  Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción
- **Mie. 12 de diciembre, 7pm**
  Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
- **Mie. 19 de diciembre, 7-9pm**
  Evento de Confesiones "La luz encendida"
- **Lun. 24 de diciembre, 8pm**
  Nochebuena
- **Lun. 31 de diciembre, 7pm**
  Misa de Vísperas de la Solemnidad de la Santa Madre de Dios