

January 17, 2010 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Monica Elementary School students.

st. monica catholic community

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CHURCH

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Jason Farmer, Dir. of Com. and Tech., x548
Mike Mottola, Parish Admin., x519
Sr. Catherine Ryan, RSC, Pastoral Assoc., x536
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IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Willy Raymond, CSC
Rev. David Guffey, CSC

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Monday - Friday:
6:30 and 8 a.m.; 12:10 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.;
1:15 p.m. (Youth) and 5:30 p.m.
Holy Days:
6 p.m. (Vigil), 6:30, 8 and 10:30 a.m.;
12:15 and 6 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Monday - Friday: 5:30 - 6 p.m.
Saturday: 4:30 - 5 p.m.

COMMUNITY HOURS:

CHURCH

Sundays: 7 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday: 6 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays: 7:30 a.m. – 6:45 p.m.

PASTORAL CENTER

Sundays: 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Saturdays: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

SPIRITUALITY CENTER LIBRARY

Sundays: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
1st and 3rd Fridays: 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

BOOKSTORE

Sundays: 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
3 p.m. – 5 p.m. (by appt. only)
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturdays: 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.

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OUR MISSION: TO FORM LOVING DISCIPLES WHO WILL TRANSFORM THE WORLD

pastor's corner

My brothers and sisters, today we continue our message of Stewardship for the coming year. Jim Carper spoke with you last week about the celebration of renewing our baptism. Our life of faith is born in the living waters of baptism, and this renewal is also a time of considering our roles as family members in the community of our Church. Today, we ask that you renew your commitment to St. Monica as an organization striving to teach, to serve, and to care for so many. We call upon your membership, not just in your prayer, presence, time, and service, but also, so importantly, in your financial offering throughout the year. Your generosity as a community has been a crucial component to our ministries and outreach, and in these difficult economic times, we continue our call for your lasting support. Thank you for your commitment and sacrifice, and know that St. Monica is here with you, sharing in both your struggles and your joy.



I'd like to send a big thanks to everyone who helped to make our Faith Odyssey Conference so successful last weekend. Congratulations to Sr. Catherine and the Faith Odyssey Committee, and thanks to everyone who attended. I hope that you walked away feeling as nourished as I did from hearing so many wonderful speakers and their subjects. Thank you.

Our Cornerstone retreats are coming up soon. These retreats are extraordinary opportunities to reflect, renew, and strengthen your faith while meeting other people from our community. This weekend is the last opportunity for men to register for their retreat on the 29th and 30th. Registration closes for the women's retreat on Feb. 1st.

And finally, tomorrow is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Let us all take a moment tomorrow, to remember this great man of peace and a dream, and to consider how we might make a difference in the lives of those we care for.

Have a great week!

Msgr. Lloyd Torgerson, Pastor
(310) 566-1500 | msgr@stmonica.net
<http://twitter.com/msgrLloyd>

Administration

"Like the wedding at Cana, Christ manifests His presence in even the most commonplace events of daily life making them a vehicle of blessing and abundance for us."

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory Report: Month of December 09

Offertory Total: \$158,975 (basket offertory, mail, and estimated electronic donations)

Budget: \$195,764

Difference: -\$36,789

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL PLEDGE

It's not too late to make your Stewardship renewal pledge for 2010! Completed pledge cards can be mailed to the Parish or placed in the Offertory Basket. Thank you for your continuing commitment to the faith community of St Monica.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

CARING WITH FAITH

Did you know the fastest-growing age group is people over 80? Are you a member of the sandwich generation? Are you a Caregiver who wants to know how to care for yourself? What does it mean to have a "good death?" How can I be a steward of my own death? Join us for this intriguing three-part speaker series. It might just change your life...or death.

7:00 pm Mon., Feb. 1, 2010: Care Full Steps, 7:00 pm Mon., Feb. 8, 2010: Caring for the Caregiver, 7:00 pm Mon. Feb. 15, 2010: Stewards of the Door ~ The Gift of a Good Death

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Begin your New Year by joining other St. Monica parishioners in a life-changing 13-week program starting Thursday, January 28, 2010 from 7 - 9 pm, Pastoral Center Living Room.

Contact **Jim Carper** at jimcarper@stmonica.net and (310) 566-1523, or **Sr. Catherine Ryan** at srcatherine@stmonica.net or (310) 566-1536 for more information. Attend a FREE Preview/Orientation Session on Thurs., Jan. 21st at 6:30-7:30 pm Pastoral Center- Living Room.

2009 TAX LETTER

2009 Tax Statements and Letters will be mailed out by January 31, 2010. Thank you for all of your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns please contact **Chrystal Hagerty, Database Coordinator** at 310-566-1513.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Advertising Staff is available to answer questions regarding St. Monica bulletin ads, in the Duval Center after Mass. The bulletin is a good way to increase exposure for your business and find new customers. And it also supports our parish! Please stop by for more information.

"BUILDING OUR FUTURE" update

imagine The Campaign is grateful for many generous gifts and pledges made during the Christmas season. Be on the lookout for the Campaign's annual report and donor honor roll for 2009, coming soon to your mailbox. Meanwhile, get ready for a great year to come -- the project start is getting closer to reality. Be a part of the Campaign.

PLEGGED: \$15.6 million

GOAL: \$27 million

BLDG. START: 2010

INFORMATION: www.stmonica.net/campaign

**The Campaign
for St. Monica** 
Catholic Community

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NEEDED

Are you a friendly person who enjoys greeting others? Would you like to meet other people in our parish community? Do you have a welcoming presence? Is something pulling at you to do something more at liturgy? If your answer is "yes" or even "maybe" to any of these questions, then you may be an ideal candidate to become a Hospitality Minister. Our Hospitality Ministry has a mission to reach out in dedicated service with a welcoming spirit of inclusion to all of our brother and sisters in Christ. If you think this ministry may be for you, please contact **John Putnam**, Hospitality Ministry Coordinator, at john@putnamsourcing.com or (310) 428-3689 for more information.

LECTOR NEEDED

We are in need of a lector for our 12:10 daily Mass. If you are a current lector and attend the 12:10 Mass or if you are not currently a lector but would like to become one, please contact **Lloyd Frederick** at (310) 392-7744.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm in the Spirituality Center. We invite you to come and join in their prayer and discussions and to find out how you can become involved with a special devotion to the Blessed Mother and service to the community. Please stop by and check it out.

HEARING ASSISTANCE IN THE CHURCH

We have installed a new hearing assistance system in the church building. We have receivers that can be checked out at our liturgies for people who need assistance hearing the sound system. To check out one of these receivers, please ask one of the hospitality ministers.



THE BABYSITTING AT THE 5:30 NEEDS YOUR HELP

The babysitting service that operates each Sunday from 5 pm – 7 pm in the Upper Duval is in need of gently-used children's books and games, music videos, and CDs. If you have any of these items you would like to donate to the babysitting service, please contact **Nina Madok** at email ninamadok@earthlink.net or **Susan Scarafia** at altwater@gmail.com. You are also invited to make use of the service each Sunday evening.

FAITH-SHARING QUESTIONS

THEME: Grace is God's free gift to us.

ADULTS: God fills each of us with grace (miracles) and gifts. What is one grace (miracle) or gift that you have shared with your family?

CHILDREN: What is one special gift that God has given to you to share with your friends or classmates?

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Sunday, January 17, 2010

Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

7:30 am	Thomas Ricci†	Msgr. Lloyd
9:30 am	Barbara & Arthur Ortega	Fr. Tim
11:30 am	St. Monica Parishioners	Fr. David
1:15 pm	Peter Mockary†	Fr. Tim
5:30 pm	Francis Aquino†	Msgr. Lloyd

Monday, January 18, 2010 | *1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22*

Tuesday, January 19, 2010 | *1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28*

6:30 am	Sr Marilyn Rudy, CSJ†
8:00 am	Darlene Schalk
12:10 pm	Louis Schiavoni†

Wednesday, January 20, 2010 | *1 Sm 17:32-37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6*

6:30 am	Patricia Rivera†
8:00 am	Anne Weidlein†
12:10 pm	Mary Akins†

Thursday, January 21, 2010 | *1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12*

6:30 am	M Arnold†
8:00 am	Bobbie Husong†
12:10 pm	Mr. Suvak†

Friday, January 22, 2010 | *1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19*

6:30 am	Edward Sheerin†
8:00 am	Beau Pau†
12:10 pm	Maria Torres†

Saturday, January 23, 2010 | *2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19-27; Mk 3:20-21*

8:00 am	Kathy Whelan†	
<i>Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:22-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21</i>		
5:30 pm	Timothy Gallati	Msgr. Lloyd

Sunday, January 24, 2010

7:30 am	Mrs Margaret Daley	Fr. Tim
9:30 am	Christine Lilly Hicks family	Msgr. Lloyd
11:30 am	Albert Wilson Flannery†	Fr. Willy
1:15 pm	St. Monica Parishioners	Fr. David
5:30 pm	Walter Sprycinski†	Msgr. Lloyd

To have a special intention said for someone during a Mass, please speak with a Receptionist in the Pastoral Center.

CONFESSIONS

Monday	Fr. David	Thursday	Fr. Willy
Tuesday	Fr. Tim	Friday	Msgr. Lloyd
Wednesday	Fr. Tim	Saturday	Fr. Tim
			Msgr. Lloyd

INTERCESSIONS

Pray for the Sick

Brian Chiesi, Rich Clark, Marilyn Doherty, Consuelo Escobar, Fr Frank Ferrante, Tom Flatley, Jeannette Garnier, Dennis Goode, Joyank Ruby

Pray for the Dead

Dee De Guzman

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

st. monica catholic schools

ST. MONICA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BE A PART OF ST. MONICA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

If your child is not enrolled in SMCES, consider this:

Catholic schools have been given their mission by the Church to offer families and students alike a quality academic and faith-based education in a nurturing environment. Catholic schools have served the common good and the Church for over 100 years, forming students into productive and responsible citizens who serve their communities, families, and Church. Educational and sociological research supports the positive influence a Catholic elementary education has on a student. What follows is a sampling of that research:

- The student achievement gap is smaller in Catholic schools (1989, 2007).
- With sociological and developmental factors being equal, Catholic school students demonstrate higher academic achievement than public school students (1982, 1987).
- Catholic elementary school students who go on to attend a Catholic high school are more likely to attend and graduate from a 4-year college or university than their public school peers (1986, 1995, 1997).
- Catholic schools form students who are civically engaged, advocates of defending diverse views, and committed to social service as adults (1966, 1988, 2001).
- As parents, you are your child's first and primary educator. We invite you to consider collaborating with us in this important task. Our pledge to you is to faithfully carry out our mission to educate each child as an individual.

For more information on St. Monica Catholic Elementary School, see our website: www.stmonicaelem.com, or email **Kim Tuverson** at: kim.tuverson@stmonicaelem.com

SMCES also invites you to our Open House for Prospective Parents on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Cantwell Auditorium.

Kim Tuverson, Marketing & Outreach Coordinator SMES
(310) 451-9801 | kim.tuverson@stmonicaelem.com

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS COUNTDOWN TO HSPT

SMCHS is still accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year for grades 9-11. A complete admissions timeline and online application are available at www.stmonicaahs.org. The high school placement test (HSPT), a prerequisite for admission, is scheduled for Saturday, January 30th, at 8am. All students who opt to take the HSPT at St. Monica are eligible for financial aid consideration, including several merit-based scholarships. All SMCHS applicants are automatically registered for the HSPT.

Campus tours and shadow days are available by appointment. Please contact **Ms. Therese Charkut**, Director of Admissions, at (310) 394-3701 x448 for more information.



STUDENT GIFTS ARE FOCUS OF HONORS ASSEMBLY

St. Monica Catholic High School continually strives to maintain a comfortable learning environment where students are able to thrive. Every semester at SMCHS, students maintaining exemplary grades and outstanding citizenship are honored in front of their schoolmates, faculty, and staff, at the honors assembly.

On Tuesday, January 19th, the students and faculty of SMCHS will gather to honor the academic achievements of the fall 2009 semester. In addition to the academic awards given to students receiving First Honors for earning GPAs of 3.5 and above and Second Honors for GPAs of 3.49-3.0, students with outstanding attendance, behavior, and academic integrity will also be honored with Citizenship Awards.

Please join us in congratulating our students and in praying for their continued success!

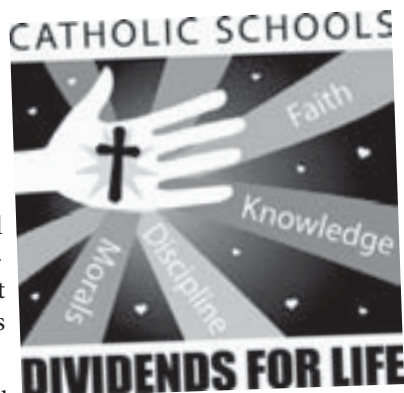
SPRING MUSICAL ANNOUNCED

The SMCHS Performing Arts department is proud to announce this year's spring musical selection, *Seussical*, based on the works of Dr. Seuss. Performances are scheduled for April 23rd, 24th, 30th, and May 1st. Look for additional information in future parish bulletins and on our website at www.stmonicaahs.org/performingarts

WAYS TO GIVE TO ST. MONICA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

There is no gift to SMCHS that is too small or too large! Our students' lives continue to be profoundly touched by the generous support of our parishioners. There are countless ways to financially support the mission of your parish high school. For more information, please contact the Assistant Principal: Director of Advancement, **Alex Chacon** at (310) 394-3701 x 449 or via email at achacon@stmonicaahs.net

Alex Chacon, Assistant Principal: Director of Advancement
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YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY

In observance of this holiday, there will be **no Religious Education class today.**

FIRST CONFESSION

is on Saturday, January 23. Please keep these students and their parents in your prayers on that day.

BIBLE CAMP

Registration is now open for our Summer Bible Camp. Students will come daily for the week of June 22 through June 26. The actual sessions are 9:00 to 3:00. Students learn by active participation in games, relay races, plays, and various activities that make their faith come alive. Students need to wear comfortable clothing as this is an activity-oriented camp and they will be participating in fun activities. If you would like to register for this event, please e-mail Marie@stmonica.net as the enrollment is limited and students are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.



9:30 MASS CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children, ages 5 and up, are invited to join Jill Orcutt for a children's Liturgy of the Word celebration. After the opening prayer, Jill leads the children to the Pastoral Center Chapel where the First Reading and Gospel are read followed by an interactive discussion/role play. The children then return to the church and gather around the altar for the Consecration. After the sign of peace they rejoin their families in their pews. This is a special way to help children get a true understanding of the meaning of the Gospel.

Marie Slaton (Sunday through Thursday)
Family Religious Education Coordinator
(310) 395-8903 | marie@stmonica.net

YOUTH MINISTRY

2010 WACKY OLYMPICS ARE HERE!

Calling all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders! Come join the FISH Middle School Ministry on January 24 for the 2nd Annual 2010 Wacky Olympics! We will meet in the Elementary School Auditorium from 5pm-7pm. Come join the fun and games!



CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Year 1 Confirmation Class will resume on January 24th at 12:50 pm.

The next Year 2 Confirmation Class will be on January 31st at 12:50 pm.

Fr. Tim Klosterman | Youth Ministry Coordinator
(310) 310-566-1508 | timothy@stmonica.net

Natalie Hoskins | Faith Formation Assistant
(310) 566-1508 | nataliehoskins@stmonica.net

community life and groups

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME RECEPTIONS!

If you are new to the parish community please consider attending a New Parishioner Welcome Reception this winter season. Meet fellow parishioners. Meet Msgr. Torgerson, clergy, and staff, and enjoy light refreshments and drinks. Learn about your community. Here are the dates of our upcoming receptions. Please pick one that works best for you!

Friday, Jan. 22nd, 7 pm (RSVP By Jan. 18th)

Sunday, January 31st, after the 5:30 pm Mass (RSVP By Jan. 25th)

Sunday, Feb. 14th, after 9:30 am Mass (RSVP By Feb. 8th)

RSVP to: **Marcus** at (310) 566-1540 or marcus@stmonica.net Free!

YMA GET-ACQUAINTED DINNER!

All new young adult parishioners are invited to the complimentary Get-Acquainted Dinner after the 5:30 Mass on Sunday, January 24th! You'll meet other young adults and learn about all our activities. Contact Lisa Marie at lisamariewynne@hotmail.com or Chris chrismeehanbrothers@gmail.com Check our Website at www.stmonica.net/community_life/yma/index.html for more information.

BAKE SALE

Sponsored today by:

Parent Association

Please join them in the patio after Mass for coffee and donuts.

The Community Life and Groups Ministries of St. Monica provide numerous opportunities for participation through a variety of groups and activities that enrich the faith of our community through fellowship.

GAY AND LESBIAN OUTREACH (GLO)

St. Monica Gay and Lesbian Outreach is a fellowship where gay and lesbian people of faith are welcomed to explore their spirituality and share their experience, strength, and hope with one another. GLO hosts Bowling Night! Gather for an evening of fun, food, fellowship, and fabulous shoes! It's all happening at the AMF Bowling Center in Santa Monica on Sunday, January 31, after the 5:30 Mass. Grab some fabulous food from the fabulous diner for dinner at the bowling alley and bowl the night away. For more information, please contact **Brian** at bjgregro29@gmail.com For more info go to our website at http://www.stmonica.net/community_life/glo/index.html

YOUNG MINISTERING ADULTS

Young Ministering Adults is the response of the St. Monica Catholic Community to the spiritual and social needs of singles and couples in their 20s and 30s. Check out our new Facebook page - St. Monica Catholic Community YMA, this is the official page of the YMA at St. Monica. You can also check our website at www.stmonica.net/community_life/yma/index.html or pick up hardcopies of all our flyers at YMA events, at the Pastoral Center, or at the Welcome Table.

KARAOKE

Join us at the Gas Lite bar and restaurant on Saturday, January 23rd, for an evening of Karaoke. It may not be pretty, but it will definitely be entertaining! We'll be there starting at 8 pm. Gas Lite- 2030 Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica, 90403. Contact **Kristin** (310) 430-5567 (knjacobson@gmail.com) or **Chris** (310) 749-8583 (aquarin73@hotmail.com) with questions. No RSVP required.

THANK YOU TO BUSINESS DONORS

Our Christmas Dinner Dance was a festive celebration attended by over 125 YMA members! We exceeded our financial expectations for the raffle and are extremely grateful for the generous prizes donated by the following businesses: Barney's Beanery, Broadway 4 Movie Theatres, CVEvents.org (beach volleyball instruction), Dagwoods

Pizza, Doc's Ski Haus, GDMX-Warner Bros, Isabelle's Dance Academy, Jiraffe Restaurant, Skituneservice.com, Trader's Joe's (3212 Pico Blvd.), Urth Caffè, and Whole Foods (1425 Montana Ave.). (If possible, please consider visiting them.) The money raised supports future YMA activities, including spiritual, social, and service events.

TTF - THIRTY-FIVE THRU FORTIES MINISTRY

St. Monica's TTF Ministry addresses the spiritual, social, and service needs of parishioners between the ages of 35 and 49. Come join us for our next event - Dollar Mania bowling!! On Wednesday January 27th, at 8:30 pm, we'll be spending the evening at AMF Bayshore Lane (Pico Blvd. and 3rd St.). Join us for some bowling and brew, or just kick back and socialize with the TTF crowd. Bowling is \$10 cover, \$1 shoe rental, and \$1 a game—it's the best bowling deal in L.A.

For more information about these events or TTF, please contact TTF at st.monicattf@yahoo.com or **Gerard** at 310-430-0101 or **Karen** at 310-464-7337.

50 AND OVER MINISTRY

Formerly called ZMA, the 50 and Over Ministry is simply fellowship for adults over 50. Contact any of our team leaders for more information: **Pat Bruce** at paddybruce@aol.com or (310) 591-7939, **Connie O'Neill** at oneillvilla@verizon.net or **Barbara Harrison** at rabakkah@earthlink.net or at (310) 453-2086. Contact Barbara if you want to be on our list for free tickets to theater and play outings.

Delis G. Alejandro, Pastoral Associate
(310) 566-1531 | delis@stmonica.net

adult spirituality and enrichment

The *Adult Spirituality and Enrichment Ministries* of St. Monica provide many opportunities for ongoing faith formation and enrichment for adults.

RCIA INQUIRY

Are you interested in learning about Catholicism?

Maybe you have never received the sacraments of Baptism or Holy Communion. If you would like to come to a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith through the sacraments, please contact the RCIA- we offer year-round classes in Catholic faith studies. Our new RCIA group will begin on January 4th, 2010.

The RCIA is currently enrolling new members for classes. Please call **Sr. Catherine** for an appointment at (310) 566-1536 or e-mail her at srcatherine@stmonica.net

SPIRITUALITY OF THE TWELVE STEPS

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, Trepp A&B

Led by Herb Kaighan, this workshop uses the Big book of Alcoholics Anonymous to focus on personal transformation and spiritual awakening through a precise working of all twelve steps. This workshop is not affiliated with any twelve-step fellowship; it is all inclusive. All are welcome. For more information, call **Herb** at (310) 377-3194.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
Spirituality Center

This group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. There is an informal introductory session for newcomers at 7:00 pm. Contact **Marie McAdam** at desertwisdom@earthlink.net or (818) 906-3904.

CORNERSTONE RETREATS

Cornerstone Men's Retreat- Jan. 29 & 30
Cornerstone Women's Retreat- Feb. 26 & 27

This unique 26 hour retreat provides men and women the opportunity to reflect, renew, and strengthen their faith.

All meals and accommodations will be provided. Information and registration forms are available at the welcome table, Pastoral Center, and online at www.StMonica.net/Cornerstone

ADULT EDUCATION GATHERING

The Office of Religious Education with the LA Archdiocese is sponsoring this event titled, "Passion for Renewal & Involvement in Adult Faith Formation" with special guest speaker, Dr. Michael Horan.

Saturday, February 20, 2010 from 8:30 am-12:30 pm
St. Agatha's Parish Hall in Los Angeles
Cost: \$10.00

For more information: please pick up a flyer at the welcome table

Sr. Catherine, Pastoral Associate
(310) 458-5940 | catherine@stmonica.net

MARRIAGE INFORMATION NIGHT

Wed., January 27th at 6:45 pm in the
Duval Center # 1.

Those wishing to be married at St. Monica (or prepared here for a wedding elsewhere) are invited to attend this meeting. This is the first step in marriage preparation before any specific wedding arrangements can be made. This month's Marriage Information meeting will be Wednesday, January 27, 2010. The February date will be Tuesday, February 23rd.

ST. MONICA'S BOOK CLUB

Please join us to share your thoughts on the following book. *Mother Teresa's Secret Fire* by Joseph Langford.

Date: Sunday, January 17th, 2010
Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Pastoral Center, St Monica

Books can be purchased at the Saint Monica's Book Store.

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Contemplative Prayer meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:30 pm, Trepp A & B

Join Dr. Jim Finley for an evening of reflection and contemplative meditation. Each evening begins with a reflection by Dr. Finley, followed by approximately one hour of sitting and walking meditation. All who are interiorly drawn to silent meditation as a way of experiencing God's presence in their lives are encouraged to attend.

Our next sessions will be on February 4 and February 18.

MARRIAGE INFORMATION NIGHT MUSIC FAIR!

Wednesday, January 27, 8:00 pm in the Church

Attention to all couples who are planning their wedding at St. Monica!

On Wednesday, January 27, at 8:00 pm, a Music Fair will be held to showcase our parish community musicians and vocalists. This is a wonderful opportunity to see and listen to the music and cantors who help you plan your wedding music. As a couple getting married at St. Monica, you are given the opportunity to choose the vocalist for your wedding. That person, in turn, helps you plan the music for your wedding liturgy. This event will ease the selection process for you. All are invited to attend this event at no charge. No reservations are required.

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, is responding to victims of the massive earthquake in Haiti. To donate, please call 1-877-HELP-CRS, donate online at www.crs.org or send a check to **Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090**. In the memo portion of your check, please write: Haiti Earthquake.

HABITAT WINTER OLYMPICS!

Habitat Winter Olympics Event on Saturday, February 13th!! Come join us for an evening of food, music, and fun, especially our very own Habitat Olympic events (winter carnival games, team-building competitions, Wii winter sports tournaments, Olympic games viewing, and much more). You'll find us in St. Monica's "Olympic Hall" (aka the Elementary School Auditorium) from 7 pm to 11 pm. Tickets will be on sale soon – all proceeds will benefit our Habitat ministry's projects. Questions? Call **Mark** at (213) 952-6687 or e-mail **Chris** at cmerc01@gmail.com

ST. ROBERT'S CENTER

Just a reminder that we'll be preparing and serving lunches at the St. Robert's Center (our local weekend food pantry) on Saturday, January 30th, and Sunday, January 31st. If you'd like to join in the fun, or simply learn more about the St. Robert's Center, please email Lynn at lkurata15@gmail.com

The Peace and Justice Ministries of St. Monica Parish Community seek through education, and advocacy to transform ourselves and those we serve by responding to the Christ in everyone. Our ministries provide opportunities to reach out to those in need and learn more about our Catholic faith's call to justice.

HOLIDAY OUTREACH

Thanks to the Christmas spirit of St. Monica parishioners, all of our Holiday Outreach projects-including Adopt-a-Family, the St. Joseph Center Holiday Party, and the Angel Toy Drive-were a big success!!

ADOPT A FAMILY

During this year's Adopt-a-Family program, St. Monica parishioners adopted 318 families from the St. Joseph Center Family Center. In other words, we brought Christmas dinner, a family Christmas gift, and children's Christmas presents to over 1120 people in our community! The thoughtfulness and generosity of our adopting families was truly remarkable and heartwarming. On the days that the family packages were distributed, the St. Joseph Center was filled with smiles, excitement about the holidays, and a spirit of gratitude for what had been shared with them. We want to especially thank our Adopt-a-Family volunteers, all of whom were critical to the success of this year's program: Patrick Gunn, along with Christopher Bell, Jonna Billesbach, Harvey, and Susie Soriano.

ST. JOSEPH CENTER



Our Christmas festivities with the St. Joseph Center also included our annual Holiday Party, held on December 12th. Despite the rain that poured down throughout the day, over 450 guests attended our very first Christmas Carnival. The Elementary School auditorium hosted a myriad of activities for

children and their families, from face painting and ornament making to a snowman toss, a hot chocolate bar, and (of course) a visit from Santa himself! Thanks to Dawnelle Davis and her team, everyone had a carnival-themed



lunch that gave them energy to win game tickets, which were traded in for prizes. Many thanks

to our volunteers who helped make the Carnival happen: Annie, Paul Auer, Page Bingham, Dennis, Diane Buzzitta, Erika Cagliari, Monisha Coelho, Nancy Craef, Allen Goldenberg, Samantha Gross, Christina Hebda, Jenny, Kristine Lachine, Renita Lloyd-Smith, Gerard Martorano, Kevin McArdle, Moray Mora, Thomas Nakaki, John Osborne, Julie Rutili, Sally, Idalia Santo, Linda Stracher, Guy Stocks, Nancy Truettlear.

ANGEL TOY DRIVE

And finally, we wrapped up the Christmas season by distributing the gifts collected during the Angel Toy Drive. During the days that we sorted and packaged the several hundred toys that were donated, the Pastoral Center Living room looked like a veritable North Pole workshop. The toys helped make Christmas a special day for children from five local schools (Edison, Grant, McKinley, Muir, Will Rogers), Covenant House, and Harvest Home. (Many families have sent lovely thank-you notes, expressing their appreciation for St. Monica's generosity, and wishing us a 2010 filled with blessings.) Thanks to our North Pole elves, who sifted through piles of toys and made sure they got where they needed to go: Jonna Billesbach, Diyanna, Michael Faber, Mark Lifrieri, Miguel, and Gerard Martorano.

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Pastoral Care Ministries consist of ministries in which parishioners can receive help in time of need and where parishioners of all ages – in the spirit of stewardship – volunteer their time, talent and spiritual energy to bring the heart and hands of Jesus Christ to those who need comfort and care.

The end of the holiday season and the beginning of a New Year can be a wonderful time; however, this time of year can sometimes create added stress in our lives, or in the lives of our loved ones. To help reduce any residual stress from the holidays and to make 2010 a healthy and happy year for all of us, the St. Monica Catholic Community offers parishioners emotional and spiritual support with the following pastoral care resources.

ACTIVE DUTY PRAYER BOARD

St. Monica Parish Community posts the name and a digital picture of a family/friend who is on active duty and who should be remembered in our parish community's daily prayers. Contact **Marcus Johnson** at (310) 566-1540 if you would like a name and photo listed.

ALWAYS BEGINNING – SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Our seniors are honored monthly with a luncheon, retreat, or opportunity to watch theater. Contact **Marcus Johnson** at (310) 566-1540.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Bereavement groups are available for individuals experiencing the grief associated with the death of a loved one either recently or in the past. Contact **Christine** at (310) 566-1530.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Eucharistic ministers make Eucharist available and provides spiritual and emotional support to individuals who are hospitalized, residents of nursing homes, or homebound. Communion Service in the Absence of a Priest (CSAP) is provided by Eucharistic Ministers to residents of nursing homes. Contact **Christine** at (310) 566-1530.

HELPING HAND MINISTRY

Information and referrals to a wide range of community, state, and federal services and

resources. Call (310) 566-1500 x377 during office hours M-F, 8:30 am to 8:30 pm and Saturday 9-5 pm. You will be called within 24 hours. This ministry is not a substitute for Crisis Hotlines or 911 emergencies.

PHOENIX MINISTRY

This peer support group is composed of women and men that have had the experience of working through emotional turmoil associated with separation, divorce and annulment. Contact **Jynyvy** at (310) 857-8209.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

The Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one pastoral care for individuals experiencing a wide range of life's stressors – loss of a loved one, hospitalization, separation or divorce, loneliness or discouragement, spiritual crises, unemployment or job crises, a chronic illness, a terminal illness, incarceration, aging, relocation, recovery after an accident, birth, adoption, miscarriage, and/or infertility. Stephen Ministers receive intense training to prepare them for ministry. Call (310) 566-1575 and you will be called within 24 hours.

SPIRITUALITY AND HEALTH MINISTRIES

Check out info on several ministries that bring together the physical and spiritual—St. Jude Autoimmune, ACA for Women, HIV AIDS Ministry, and the Art of Living. Contact **Delis** at (310) 566-1531.

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THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

THE PHOENIX MINISTRY

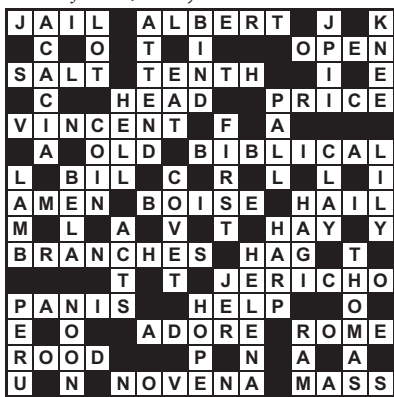
The Phoenix Ministry is a peer support group for those experiencing a separation and/or divorce. We gather on Wednesday nights, beginning on February 3rd, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Spirituality Center Library. Upcoming topics include "You are not alone," "Stress and Anxiety," "Denial, Guilt and Blame," "Depression, Shame and Anger." For more information, visit our table in the Duval Center after Mass, or contact **Jynyvy** at (310) 857-8209 or jynyvy@yahoo.com or **Ed** at (310) 824-3380.

STEPHEN MINISTERS: APPLY NOW!

Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one pastoral care for individuals experiencing a wide range of life's stressors. Stephen Ministers receive intensive training to prepare them for this ministry and are required to attend supervision every other week. Applications for the next training class are now being accepted. Pick up an application at our table in the Duval Center this weekend, or call (310) 566-1575 for more information

Fun for the Family

Answers for the January 10th crossword.

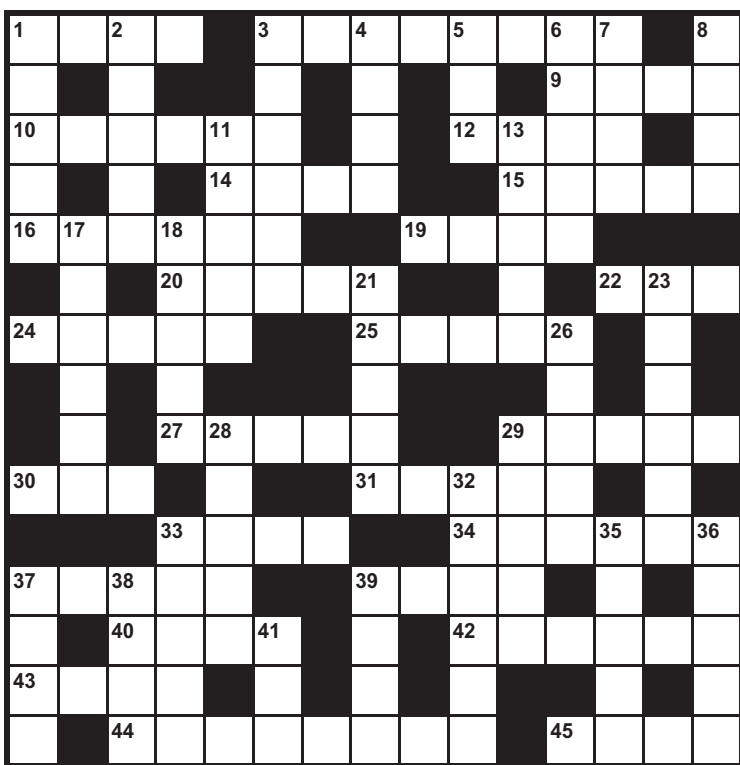


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ACROSS

- 1 Homeland of the first American-born saint
- 3 A diocese in Virginia
- 9 The Diocese of Des Moines is here
- 10 The Second ____
- 12 "And ____ with you"
- 14 "Love is not jealous, it does not put on ____" (1 Cor 13:4)
- 15 Builder of the golden calf
- 16 Catholic Supreme Court justice nominated by Truman
- 19 Sacred song
- 20 We are created in God's ____
- 22 "...world without ____ Amen"
- 24 Wife of Abram
- 25 "...and darkness covered the ____" (Gn 1:2)
- 27 Top monk
- 29 Paul's companion during his missionary travels
- 30 Abbr. for two OT books
- 31 Communion wafers
- 33 Prophet in Luke (Lk 2:36)
- 34 Partner of Damian
- 37 Eden fruit?
- 39 The Mass is both a sacrifice and a ____
- 40 Sub ____: secretly, as the appointment of a cardinal
- 42 Reader at Mass
- 43 French-Canadian Catholic singing phenom
- 44 Her compassion is commemorated in the sixth station of the cross
- 45 Opening of the largest diocese in a province

DOWN

- 1 "____ in terris"
- 2 Start to the Catholic Church?
- 3 "____ Caeli"
- 4 Amos compared the women of Bashan to these.
- 5 ____ culpa
- 6 Jewish month of Passover
- 7 Jubilee entry
- 8 There were 40 days and nights of this
- 11 Mother-in-law of Ruth
- 13 Passover animals
- 17 First of the Major Prophets
- 18 Papal crown
- 21 The Church Militant is here
- 23 Council of 325 AD
- 26 Required ethnicity of the Vatican elite corps
- 28 "...of my ____ and flesh of my flesh..." (Gn 2:23)
- 29 Vestment made of a narrow strip of cloth
- 32 Catholic Supreme Court justice nominated by Reagan
- 33 "It is not good for man to be ____" (Gn 2:18)
- 35 "____ Dolorosa"
- 36 Mother of Isaac
- 37 Catholic actor, Robert ____
- 38 OT wisdom bk.
- 39 The three kings
- 41 Latin 101 word

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Alcoholics Anonymous: (800) 923-8722
Al-Anon Family Groups: (818) 760-7122
Child Abuse Hotline: (800) 541-4000
Domestic and Teen Abuse: (800) 992-2600
Domestic Violence Hotline: (310) 370-5902
Elder Abuse Hotline: (877) 477-3646
Pregnancy Resource Center: (310)-268-8400
Suicide Prevention Hotline: (310) 391-1253

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CATHOLIC CO-ED SOFTBALL

The Greater South Bay Catholic Co-Ed Slo-Pitch Spring Young Adult/Adult (Ages 18+) Softball League seeks players for their exciting 2010 Season! Games are held Sunday afternoons from March through June in Torrance, Long Beach (& expanding into West OC!) If interested, please contact ASAP: Fred Lawler, (714) 963-5418 or fredlawler@hotmail.com

CENTERING PRAYER

Would you like to learn Centering Prayer? Centering Prayer is drawn from ancient prayer practices of the Christian contemplative heritage. It emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God. An Introductory Workshop will be held on **Saturday, January 23, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at Holy Spirit Retreat Center, 4316 Lanai Rd. Encino.** For more information call (818) 784-4515.

HELP OUR COLLECTION COUNTERS

You can help our collection counters by unfolding bills before they are put in the collection basket. All folded money needs to be opened and flattened out before a bank deposit can be made. This takes up a large part of the time of these dedicated volunteers. Thank you.



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 Monday - Friday: 6:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday: 7:30 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.

PASTORAL CENTER

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SPIRITUALITY CENTER LIBRARY

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 1st and 3rd Fridays: 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

BOOKSTORE

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 5:00-7:30 p.m.
 Saturday: 12:00 - 7:00 p.m.

FAITH-SHARING QUESTIONS

THEME: Grace is God's free gift to us.

ADULTS: God fills each of us with grace (miracles) and gifts. What is one grace (miracle) or gift that you have shared with your family?

CHILDREN: What is one special gift that God has given to you to share with your friends or classmates?

THIS WEEK: JANUARY 17 - JANUARY 23

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BOOKSTORE OPEN 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	ST. JUDE AUTOIMMUNE GROUP 5:30 p.m. (PC) RCIA MONDAY NIGHT 7:30 p.m. (T)	WOMEN'S ACA 7:00 p.m. (D) SPIRITUALITY 12 STEPS 7:30 p.m. (T) LEGION OF MARY 7:00 p.m. (SC) YMA VESPERS 7:30 p.m. (SC) MEN'S CORNERSTONE MEETING 7:00 p.m. (D)	CHRISTIAN MEDITATION 7:30 p.m. (SPC) SEPARATED AND DIVORCED 7:30 (SC) THRIVING MARRIAGES 7:00 p.m. (SC)	FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY 6:00 p.m. (PC)	RESPECT LIFE ROSARY 5:00 p.m. (C)	

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