

January 31, 2010 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The St. Monica Boutique gathered to present a check for \$10,000 to Msgr. Lloyd Torgerson. The proceeds, collected during the Boutique's holiday season, were given to the St. Monica Capital Campaign.

st. monica catholic community

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LEADERSHIP:

CHURCH

Msgr. Lloyd Torgerson, Pastor, x586
Rev. Tim Klosterman, Assoc. Pastor, x504
Delis Alejandro, Pastoral Assoc., x531
Jason Farmer, Dir. of Com. and Tech., x548
Mike Mottola, Parish Admin., x519
Sr. Catherine Ryan, RSC, Pastoral Assoc., x536
Dale Sieverding, SLD, Dir. of Music & Liturgy, x542
Geoconda Ruiz-Hoffman, Parish Council, x133
Deacon Frank Vargas, x585

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dr. Neil Quinly, Ed.D., Principal
1039 Seventh St.
Santa Monica, CA 90403
(310) 451-9801

HIGH SCHOOL

Thom Gasper, Principal
1030 Lincoln Blvd.
Santa Monica, CA 90403
(310) 394-3701

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, this week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, as I'm sure you might have guessed from all of the wonderful students who are present with us for our liturgies in the choirs and for hospitality.



Our principals – Dr. Neil Quinly from the Elementary School and Thom Gasper from the High School – will be speaking with us to share with you a taste of the life, spirit, and excellence that comprise our Catholic Schools here at St. Monica. These schools are an extraordinary testament of the mission and care that we have for our youth, our families, and future generations. There are very few Catholic communities that have both an Elementary and High School, and we have much to celebrate, both in our educational heritage and the strength of our schools today.

This week presents a special opportunity to explore our Elementary School, as the school will be having an Open House this Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. All families with current or future K – 8th-grade-aged children are encouraged to attend. Please join us and explore the opportunities that are available for your family.

The past year and half for our church, as well as other communities, families, and individuals, has been very tough financially. The first six months of our fiscal year (July – December of 2009) has resulted in a running deficit of \$130,000. We are doing our very best on the administrative side to ensure that every measure is taken for efficiency, as well as trimming or postponing lower priority budget items. Our reality, however, is that some areas of our ministry might have to be strategically abandoned if we cannot address this deficit. In an effort to not repeat some of the more significant changes that were necessary last year, we are appealing to all of our members to please make a stewardship commitment for offertory during this year if you have not already. We sincerely thank you for your generosity.

God bless you,

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

Administration

“When we hear Jesus speak to us this week will we respond positively or will we reject his words to us as did the people of Nazareth?”

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory Report: Christmas Offertory Total: \$203,499

Budget: \$270,000

Difference: -\$66,501

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL PLEDGE

FOLLOW-UP LETTERS ARE BEING MAILED THIS WEEK

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 – STARTS MONDAY NIGHT

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 Monday, February 1, 2010 Care Full Steps

7:00 pm Monday, February 8, 2010 Caring for the Caregiver

7:00 pm Monday, February 15, 2010 Stewards of the Door ~ The Gift of a Good Death

BOUTIQUE NEWS

The ladies of the boutique will be starting up shop again February 3 in the Duval Center from 9 am – noon.

The group is thinning out a little bit and are very anxious to hear from anyone retired or interested in learning to do a little crafts etc. Come in and have a cup of coffee. There are lots of little jobs to do that can be very helpful. Please come visit us every Wednesday 9 – 12.

THANKS TO THE BOUTIQUE!

Our community extends a big thanks to our Boutique Ministry for their wonderful service to St. Monica and the \$10,000 that was donated to the Campaign. *Thank you.*

“Building our Future” update

imagine The Campaign is once again reaching out to major donors through personal appointments and small group dinners. Strategizing for the next fundraising phases is under way, and site development continues with the City of Santa Monica and the Archdiocese. Groundbreaking is getting closer! Be a part of the Campaign.

PLEDGED: \$16 million

GOAL: \$27 million

BLDG. START: 2011

INFORMATION: www.stmonica.net/campaign

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week begins this weekend. Students from our two schools, St. Monica Elementary School and St. Monica Catholic High School, will be present at all of our liturgies serving in various liturgical ministries. Our two Principals will also speak at each Mass. We are blessed to have our two schools as vital ministries within our community, and we welcome all of the students who will be present at our Masses on this special weekend.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

This Tuesday, February 2nd, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Candles will be blessed at the Masses and candles for use in the home will be available after the Masses.

THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Wednesday, February 3rd, is the feast day of St. Blaise, an early martyr of the Church who is associated with the healing of throats. There will be a blessing of throats at each Mass on Wednesday.

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, February 5th, is the First Friday of the month and there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Spirituality Center Chapel from 7 am until midnight, with Benediction at 5 pm.

We encourage you to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Do you feel called to Eucharistic Ministry? If yes, please let us know. We are looking for additional ministers at most of our daily and Sunday liturgies and would love to talk to you.

If you are interested in participating in the liturgy in a new way while serving your congregation, please contact **Kathy Crewse** or **Sylvia Eberherr** at (310) 477-2246 or eberherr@earthlink.net or kmcrewse@earthlink.net

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@putnam sourcing.com or (310)428-3689 for more information.

FAITH-SHARING QUESTIONS

THEME: Jesus' words and love are for everyone!

ADULTS: What is a way you show members of your family your love for them??

CHILDREN: What ways do you show God's love to someone who is lonely or hurting?

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Sunday, January 31, 2010

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-2; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 4:21-30

7:30 am Thomas & Lena Ricci† Msgr. Lloyd

9:30 am John Sturges Msgr. Lloyd

11:30 am Brendan Kotter† Fr. Willy

1:15 pm Audrey Zmud† Fr. Willy

5:30 pm St. Monica Parishioners Fr. David

Monday, February 1, 2010 | 2 Sm 15:13-14; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 2, 2010 | Mal 3:1-4; 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

6:30 am Rhoda Bergman†

8:00 am Gloria Valdez†

12:10 pm Mrs Robert Donohue†

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 | 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

6:30 am Lillian Kober†

8:00 am Bob Gebken†

12:10 pm Edward Callan†

Thursday, February 4, 2010 | 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

6:30 am Leonard & Angie Ortega

8:00 am Michael Fisher†

12:10 pm Keith Grimme†

Friday, February 5, 2010 | Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

6:30 am Blessed Souls†

8:00 am Doug Ashworth†

12:10 pm Catalina Benevente†

Saturday, February 6, 2010 | 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

8:00 am Felipe Corona†

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

5:30 pm Ann & Frank Schefke† Fr. Tim

Sunday, February 7, 2010

7:30 am St. Monica Parishioners Msgr. Lloyd

9:30 am Stacy Grace Bieck† Fr. David

11:30 am Mario Chetcuti† Msgr. Lloyd

1:15 pm Walter Sprucinski† Fr. Tim

5:30 pm Geraldine Knarr-Rockwell† Fr. Willy

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

CONFESSIONS

Monday Fr. Tim

Tuesday Fr. David

Wednesday Fr. Tim

Thursday Fr. Willy

Friday Msgr. Lloyd

Saturday Fr. Tim

INTERCESSIONS

Pray for the Sick

Sharon Corona, Amy Lafand, Guadalupe Lamadrid, Hortensia Lamadrid

Pray for the Dead

Sheila O'Connell

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

st. monica catholic schools

ST. MONICA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Saint Monica Catholic Elementary School (SMCES) is hosting its annual Open House on Tuesday, February 2nd, at 7:00 pm in the school auditorium. Please come join us and see what we can offer to you and your child/children. SMCES is fully accredited and staffed by dedicated professionals who meet state and Archdiocesan requirements.

Our curriculum is challenging and demanding, and our students' standardized test scores rank in the top 12% nationally. The religion program at SMCES is founded on the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church, and our school is inclusive of all God's children. We strive to form students into faithful people who respond to the needs of others, their families, and the community as a way of serving God.

We believe we are a shining example of what it means in 2010 to be a Catholic school, and we invite you to come join us at our Open House to see firsthand how we engage in this beautiful and awesome work.

This is what Julian Silerio, our Student Council President, has to say about his school:

"St. Monica's is a truly great school because of its community. At St. Monica's, the students form a close bond with their principal, their teachers, their classmates, students from other grade levels, and even members of the school's support staff. I do not exaggerate when I say we really feel like a great big family here. And when I graduate this year, this is what I will miss most. But the community goes beyond the school's gates. At St. Monica's we are not just part of the school, we are part of the parish. And it is this sense of belonging that gives us opportunities to meet other members of the parish, such as you, and be blessed by your kindness."

Please come join us at our Open House on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

You will be amazed!

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

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

This week the St. Monica parish and its schools will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. The SMCHS community has been working diligently on planning appreciation days to honor and thank members of our community who continually make a difference and help make Catholic education a great investment. Our high school students and staff will start the week on Sunday with Principal Thom Gasper addressing parishioners at every Mass and discussing how St. Monica Catholic High School provides an education that goes beyond four years of schooling. Each day of the week will then honor a specific facet of our community: On Monday, the SMCHS community will thank its parents for their incredible support as part of Parent Appreciation Day. On Tuesday, students will have an opportunity to thank St. Monica donors and volunteers through Stewardship Day. On Wednesday, students from all grade levels will participate in Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day in honor of SMCHS teachers and staff. Thursday will serve as an opportunity for the students to be honored as part of Student Appreciation Day. Finally, SMCHS will honor and appreciate priests and religious in the West Los Angeles area on Priest and Religious Appreciation Day.

We wish to thank everyone who continues to assist in numerous ways so that SMCHS can provide an education that pays "Dividends for Life."

MENTOR A MARINER!

The Office of Student Services is looking for parishioners to serve as mentors and/or tutors as part of its leadership development and tutoring programs. If you are interested in helping students with career exploration, academic advancement, or community service opportunities, please contact **Mrs. Michele Rice** at (310) 394-3701 x436 or mrice@stmonicahs.net.

BE A MARINER!

SMCHS is still accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year for grades 9-11. Campus tours and shadow days are available. For more information, please visit our website at www.stmonicahs.net/admissions or contact **Ms. Therese Charkut, Director of Admissions**, at (310) 394-3701, x448

Alex Chacon, *Assistant Principal: Director of Advancement*
(310) 394-3701, x450 | achacon@stmonicahs.net

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST CONFESSION

First Confession was a blessed event for our Parish. One parent said to me in Church, "I hadn't been to confession for 31 years and Fr. Willy is my new hero." I am sure that every priest who heard confessions will have some of the same stories. And that is the gift to our parish. I want to thank the catechists who worked so hard to prepare the children for this day: Ruth Blanco, Jessica Clark, Esther Dederick, Gregory Gardner, Ari Hahyar, Michael Hammer, Miriam Hopkins, Elizabeth Shula, and Lucy Zee.

FIRST CONFESSION VOLUNTEERS

Many people came together to make this day a success. I want to thank Joe Christian for organizing the hospitality people for the Church. Volunteers who served there were Melinda Pace, Dawnelle Davis, and Lizzy Christian. Check in was organized by Lynda Auer. The reception was organized by Pat Robles. She had assistance from Janet Demetriou, Paul Auer, and Julie Sommer. All of these people help to form loving disciples who will transform the world.



(Pictured above are Michael Hammer and Elizabeth Shula.)

FIRST CONFESSION READERS

Monsignor Torgerson was assisted in the reading of the Gospel by Beikwaw Yankey (Younger son), Joshua Tully (Older son), Fiona Taylor (Servant) and Sarah Taylor (Father).

Two of the catechists were celebrating First Confession with their students for the first time.

Marie Slaton (Sunday through Thursday)

Family Religious Education Coordinator

(310) 395-8903 | marie@stmonica.net

YOUTH MINISTRY

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM-

Year 2 Confirmation Class will meet **today** at 12:50pm.

The Year 1 Confirmation Class will meet next Sunday, February 6, 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, 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. Our next reception is Sunday morning, February 14th, after the 9:30 am Mass (RSVP By Feb. 8th). RSVP either by signing up at the Welcome Table after Mass or by calling **Marcus** at (310) 566-1540. Free!

YMA

Join your fellow YMA'ers on Sunday, February 14th, for a Valentine's Wine Feast. Come by for delicious wines and an appetizing cheese plate immediately following the 5:30 Mass, in the Trepp Center. All those in their 20s and 30s are invited. Contact **Kristin** (310) 430-5567 (knjacobson@gmail.com) or **Chris** (310) 749-8583 (aquarin73@hotmail.com) with questions. No RSVP required.

GLO

Come and celebrate Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day with the GLO Family on Sunday, February 14th, after the 5:30pm Mass in the Pastoral Center Patio. Enjoy a delicious New Orleans style dinner while visiting old friends and making new ones. As always, newcomers are especially welcome! \$5 donation requested for the food. Bring extra cash for our raffle.

BAKE SALE

Sponsored today by:

Elementary School

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. For more detailed information about GLO, please go to our Web site at http://www.stmonica.net/community_life/glo/index.html

BOWLING

GLO hosts Dollar Mania Bowling Night tonight (Sunday January 31st)! Gather for an evening of fun, food, fellowship, and fabulous shoes! It's all happening at the AMF Mar Vista Lanes (located at 12125 Venice Blvd., L.A., 90066) immediately after the 5:30 Mass. We'll be meeting at 7 p.m. for dinner in the Bowling Alley's Coffee Shop, and then we'll start bowling at 8 p.m. It's only \$6 per person for your cover charge (plus your first game), \$1 for shoe rental, and \$1 for any additional games. For more information about this fabulous event or to RSVP, please contact **Brian** at bgregro29@gmail.com

GLO EVENSONG

February's Evensong will take place on Friday, February 19 at 7:30PM. Continuing our exploration of core Christian tenets, we will address the theme of Forgiveness. Our first Lenten Evensong will take place at the St. Monica Spirituality Center. All are welcome to Evensong. The event lasts about one hour, and after Evensong, we gather for a potluck dinner. So please bring a non-meat dish to share for the dinner. Contact chairs, **Val** at val.lima@bt.com or **Frank** at frmckown@verizon.net for more information.

YOUNG MINISTERING ADULTS

Young Ministering Adults is St. Monica's response to the spiritual and social needs of singles and couples in their 20s and 30s. Check out our official Facebook page -St. Monica Catholic Community YMA. Also check our Web site at www.stmonica.net/community_life/yma/index.html or pick up hard copies of our flyers at YMA events, the Pastoral Center, or the Welcome Table.

VESPERS

Every Tuesday, Vespers offers the opportunity to nurture your spirituality with

other young adults from our community. We share prayer, scripture reading, and discussion of topics relevant to our lives as young Catholics. Every week we have a different topic, and we always welcome new young adults interested in learning more. We hope you will join us Tuesday evenings promptly at 7:30 pm in the Spirituality Center for spiritual refreshment and fellowship. Join us February 2nd for Mass in Slow Motion. From tapping your chest during the Penitential Rite to kneeling for the Eucharistic Prayer, Father Tim Klosterman will decipher and demystify the ins and outs of a typical Roman Catholic Mass - all in slow motion, of course.

50 AND OVER MINISTRY

Formerly called ZMA, the 50 and Over Ministry is a fellowship opportunity for adults over 50. Contact any of our team leaders for more information about our upcoming activities: 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.

VALENTINE PARTY

Don't miss our Valentine's event, Friday, February 12th, at the Marina City Club located at 4333 Admiralty Way, Marina Del Rey, California, 90292. Come join us for dancing and dinner and drinks. The music begins about 8:30. If you want to come for dinner, meet us at 8:00. RSVP to **Brad Koch** for the dinner reservation at BradKoch51@yahoo.com or at (310) 647-4439. The restaurant is very good with good service and moderate prices, i.e. \$15-20. Carpooling from St. Monica at 7:15 pm. When arriving at the Marina City Club simply tell the guard that you are going to the restaurant, and he will direct you to appropriate parking and give you directions to the restaurant within the complex.

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 began 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.

FOUNDATIONS

Gather together during Lent and share the blessings of your faith experience with others! Foundations Ministry is pleased to announce two community-wide faith-sharing offerings for Lent. 40 DAYS OF LOVE & CHOCOLATE FOR LENT, two unique settings designed with small group discussion and reflection in mind. Program materials are available for existing and forming groups and ministries of any size. Exact dates and times of group opportunities on campus will be available soon. Contact **Julie Dwyer** at (310) 566-1500 x440 for more details.

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

ART OF LIVING COURSE

A course to discover the great power in the breath – the ability to calm the mind, heal the body, and enliven the spirit.

Free Intro Evening: Tues. February 2nd
Pastoral Center at 7 pm

Learn more about breathing techniques taught in the upcoming Art of Living course February 12-15 Course fee: \$175, financial assistance available. For more information and registration, contact **Mark Lifrieri** (213) 952-6687 or thomasaquinas@verizon.net

SAVE THE DATE FOR PARISH MISSION 2010

"Being Catholic in the 21st Century."

Parish Missions are a time for us to reflect on where we have been, where we are, and where we are going. This mission will focus on the world to which we are sent, and what we have to offer it.

We welcome Fr. Richard Leonard as he presents "*Being Catholic in the 21st Century*".

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.

"START RIGHT, STAY CONNECTED"

Seminar for Engaged Couples
February, 6, 2010—9:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m.
Spirituality Center

This workshop will introduce you to a new way to communicate with your partner- a simple, respectful, and effective way to talk about the things that really matter. In a matter of hours, you will create a vision for your marriage, learn how to "affair-proof" your marriage, and keep romance alive. Learn how to remove negativity from your relationship, deal with "hot buttons" and experience God through your marriage. Fee: \$175 per couple. Facilitated by certified Imago Relationship Therapists and St. Monica Marriage Preparation members Mary Kay Cocharo, MFT, and Michael DiPaolo, Ph.D. Contact **Mary Kay Cocharo** at 310-828-2624 or mkcocharo@aol.com

peace and social justice

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

HABITAT WINTER OLYMPICS!

Habitat Winter Olympics is on Saturday, February 13th!! Come join us for an evening of food, live music, raffles, and fun, especially our very own Habitat Olympic events (five complimentary winter carnival games and team-building competitions, 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 on sale now: \$20 per person in the Duval Center after Masses—you can also drop off your registration at the Pastoral Center office. (After February 8th, the price rises to \$25 per person.)

During the Habitat Olympics, we'll also be hosting a Wii winter sports tournament with five special events. So if your Wii skills are up to it, make sure to bring a little extra money to enter that tournament!

Have you ever wanted to be an official Olympics sponsor? If so, here's your chance! You can either sponsor a team or donate a prize for our raffle. (Please see the sponsorship flyer at the Habitat table for more details.)

All proceeds raised from the Wii tournament and sponsorships will benefit our Habitat Ministry's projects. For any questions regarding the Habitat Olympics or about sponsorship, please Call **Mark** at 213-952-6687 or e-mail **Chris** at cmerc01@gmail.com.

HELPING THE HOMELESS

Help prepare and serve meals to residents of the following transitional shelters in our community:

P.A.T.H. - First Sunday of the Month. Contact: Pat at 310-591-7939/paddybruce@aol.com.

Samoshel - Second Sunday of the Month. Contact: **Annette** at 310-393-1515/asikand@sikand.com or **Judy** at the4peas@aol.com

Turning Point - Third Sunday of the Month. Contact **Kim** at 310-393-3263/kimberlybalque@roadrunner.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.

WHY I DO... OR WHY YOU SHOULD SUPPORT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY!

I have been involved in Habitat since I was a young man in high school, through many different organizations and at many different chapters across the country. I have seen families move out of shacks and into solid walls for the first time. I have met grandmothers

others. I feel great getting dirty, nearly losing a thumb or throwing out a back, all because the sponsor family will give me a hug of gratitude when I leave. I enjoy doing things that make me feel good, bring hope to others, and allow people to benefit themselves. Many people grew up without the same blessings as you or I, and Habitat is my thanks to God for this.



Would you like to feel the same after a day of sweat on a Saturday locally or on the other side of the country, in a city reborn? Do you feel a pull on your heart when you see sub-standard housing? Then I invite you to join the St. Monica's Habitat for Humanity Chapter. We have monthly builds in southern California and plan volunteer builds in other parts of the country and world. My name is Chris Mercurio. Along with

raising kids for the second time in a rat-infested apartment be determined enough to want something better, yet humble enough to bring friends for 'sweat equity' builds. Through Habitat, I have helped children stay in school, be healthy, and move up the social-economic ladder.

Mark Lifrieri, we are the St. Monica Habitat Co-Chairs and instead of fishes and loaves we have hammers and nails.

I love Habitat. It is my favorite charity. I admire its grass-roots feel, its ideals, the tenacity of its participants, and the ongoing gift a home brings to those less fortunate. I appreciate the lessons taught to others and learned ourselves. I have seen those afraid of hammers in the beginning, show others how to frame windows later on, or install roof shingles on the top-end of what was a very scary ladder. I have witnessed others making friends or finding their future wife, and I have seen cultures coexist in ways Gandhi would love.



I do Habitat because I was taught to be a man for others in high school. I like to see the benefit of my life by living it through

You can help us raise needed funds for our builds at our Habitat Olympics on Saturday, February 13th, in the parish auditorium. Come by the Duval Center after Mass for more information.

God Bless!

Chris Mercurio and Mark Lifrieri

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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 beginning of a new year is the perfect time to ensure that we are in the best spiritual health possible, and to reach out to others who may need our support. 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 provide 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, 8:30am 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

Peer support is provided to women and men experiencing the emotional turmoil associated with separation, divorce, and annulment. The 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 **Jynvyv** 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 intensive 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

ST. JUDE AUTOIMMUNE SUPPORT GROUP

Join us for education and support on the first Monday night of the month at 5:30 pm in the Pastoral Center. Next meeting: February 1st. Contact **Pala** at LASylum@aol.com for more information.

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." A \$20 registration fee is required for each 4-week session. For more information, please contact **Jynvyv** at (310) 857-8209 or jynvyv@yahoo.com or **Ed** at (310) 824-3380

ALWAYS BEGINNING-LUNCH & BINGO!

All Older Adults are invited to attend the February Always Beginning luncheon on Friday, February 5th, after the 12:10 Mass. Immediately after lunch, we will be hosting a Bingo game (with free entry), so make plans to stay a little longer this time! Please join us for a very fun afternoon. Reservations required. Please call **Marcus** at (310) 566-1540 to confirm your attendance (and remember to bring your parking permit).

Fun for the Family

WOMEN SAINTS

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Answers for the January 24th crossword.

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ACROSS

- 2 Biblical measure
- 5 The ____ at the Well
- 8 Catholic columnist Bombeck
- 9 ____ of Contrition
- 11 AKA Matthew (Lk 5:27)
- 13 NT epistle
- 14 Diocese of Honolulu home
- 15 Pope during Attila's time
- 16 Bk. of the Pentateuch
- 17 Priestly
- 20 He fought with 300 men
- 22 He knocked down the Philistine temple
- 27 Education in the faith of the Church
- 28 ____ pro nobis
- 29 OT historical book
- 30 Nativity scene prop
- 32 To do this is human, but to forgive is divine
- 33 Father of Jesse
- 35 November 2 is for these souls
- 36 Opposite or absence of good
- 37 Catholic actor Tony ____
- 38 First of the twelve Minor Prophets

DOWN

- 1 Breaking the seventh Commandment
- 3 Paul was one (Acts 23:6)
- 4 First man
- 5 "And also ____ you"
- 6 Irish bishop-saint whose feast day is February 6
- 7 St. Catherine's town
- 10 Charles Martel saved Christian Europe here
- 12 "I will raise you up on ____ wings..."
- 18 Perfume the altar
- 19 Respite on the trip from Egypt to Canaan
- 21 10 Hail Marys
- 23 Prayer of repentance
- 24 Christmas saint
- 25 A queen from this country came to hear Solomon speak
- 26 Pope of the 7th century
- 31 What a catechumen participates in (abbr.)
- 32 Patron saint of sailors
- 34 Son of Jacob

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Married Couples: Have you made the resolution to start the New Year right? More romance, deeper communication, feeling even closer to your spouse? We can help you make this happen! Attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend-you can keep your resolution and make it the perfect Valentine gift to each other! The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 12-14, 2010. For info and registration: (562) 923-7335 or www.ilovemypouse.org

LET GO OF A GRUDGE

February 13, 2010, 9:30am-3:30pm
St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Community,
10750 Ohio Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90024

Using themes from *The Big Question: A Film About Forgiveness*, Fr. Frank Desiderio, CSP, leads participants through the five steps of L-E-T-G-O, to release hurts and resentments, and gain the freedom of forgiveness. Complimentary breakfast and lunch provided. RSVP to **Barbara Murphy** at (424) 832-5159 or bmurphy@sp-apostle.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: RELAY FOR LIFE

The American Cancer Society is having a *Relay for Life* event in Santa Monica Saturday, July 10th, 2010. Relay for Life (as seen on Extreme Makeover: Home Edition January 31st) is an inspirational event that celebrates survivorship, and honors the memory of loved ones while promoting the fight against cancer.

If you would like to participate in this event, please contact **Sonia** at (310) 348-0357, ext 233, or e-mail spinal@cancer.org.

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COMMUNITY HOURS:

CHURCH

Sunday: 7:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 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: Jesus' words and love are for everyone!

ADULTS: What is a way you show members of your family your love for them??

CHILDREN: What ways do you show God's love to someone who is lonely or hurting??

THIS WEEK: JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 6

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NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 7 - FEBRUARY 13

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