

February 7, 2010 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Carla Davey and her daughter, at First Confession.

st. monica catholic community

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Rev. Willy Raymond, CSC
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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

The liturgical season of Lent is right around the corner, beginning with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 17th. Our theme for this Lent is "On a Journey Together," and



I'd like to draw your attention to the many offerings that we have for your Lenten journeys this year. As always, our Ash Wednesday liturgies will be held during our regular Mass times at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and 12:10 p.m., as well as our two extra evening liturgies at 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. on that day. Throughout the season of Lent, our daily Masses will be at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and 12:10 p.m. Jim Finley will lead us in Early Morning Contemplative Prayer on Wednesday mornings at 5:30 a.m. throughout the season, starting on Feb. 17th and concluding on March 31st. Also on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., beginning on Feb. 24th, we will have Lenten Taize Prayer at the foot of the Cross. On the Fridays of Lent, we will have Lenten Soup Suppers at 6:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Center, and Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Our Foundations small-faith sharing groups will offer two community-wide faith sharing programs – see page 7 of this bulletin. And finally, our Bookstore has a number of great books for reading during the Lenten season. Stop by the Bookstore after Mass.

As you may know, the first six months of our fiscal year (July – December of 2009) 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 reducing our costs and spending. 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

"There are times when we are afraid that we will not have enough. With Jesus' help we need not be afraid. To our astonishment He will provide beyond our expectations."

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

TOGETHER IN MISSION 09

Parish Goal: \$237,883.65

Amount Pledged: \$228,062.23

Amount Paid: \$204,591.23

Difference: (\$33,292.42)

The "Together In Mission" 2010 pledge period begins March 6/7. If you have not completed your pledges for 2009 please do so as soon as possible.

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 – THIS MONDAY NIGHT

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

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

Need a Prayer? prayforme@stmonica.net


90 SECOND STEWARDSHIP

Want to know more about Stewardship? 90secondstewardship.blogspot.com

"BUILDING our future" update

imagine Consider giving a tribute gift. Pay homage to a loved one; or commemorate a birth, a wedding, a funeral, an anniversary or a birthday. By giving a tribute gift, you honor someone special, and you show your gratitude for St. Monica. Tribute cards are available; call the Campaign office, (310) 566-1537. Be a part of the Campaign.

PLEGGED: \$16 million
GOAL: \$27 million
BLDG. START: 2011
INFORMATION: www.stmonica.net/campaign

The Campaign
for St. Monica 
Catholic Community

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

We are now offering low-gluten altar bread as hosts to those who are allergic to ingesting gluten (a protein found in wheat). If you are one of these individuals, we would like to hear from you to discuss this further. Please contact **Fran Curry** at (310) 319-9762 or email fran@stmonica.net

EUCHARISTIC 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@putnamsourcing.com or (310)428-3689 for more information.

THE BABYSITTING AT THE 5:30 NEEDS YOUR HELP

The babysitting service that operates each Sunday from 5pm – 7pm 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.

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 with hearing the sound system. To check out one of these receivers, please ask one of the hospitality ministers.

FAITH-SHARING QUESTIONS

THEME: Let us preach the good news to all.

ADULTS: If you were going to pray for healing for any reason, what would it be? What needs to be healed in our world and society?

CHILDREN: What can you do to help your friends and classmates know more about Jesus?

EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Sunday, February 7, 2010

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

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

Monday, February 8, 2010 | 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 9, 2010 | 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

6:30 am Marie & Christ Havsgard†
 8:00 am Howard Cocklin†
 12:10 pm Stacy Bieck†

Wednesday, February 10, 2010 | 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 14-23

6:30 am James Fitzgerald†
 8:00 am Lora Wynhold's newborn baby
 12:10 pm Beau Pau†

Thursday, February 11, 2010 | 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

6:30 am David Rubanes
 8:00 am Tony De Raddo†
 12:10 pm Benjamin Benevente†

Friday, February 12, 2010 | 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37

6:30 am Jack Shannon†
 8:00 am Vincent Guerrero Benevente†
 12:10 pm Betsy Van Ditto†

Saturday, February 13, 2010 | 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

8:00 am Kathleen Clark†
Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17. 20-26
 5:30 pm Evelyn LaVoi† Msgr. Lloyd

Sunday, February 14, 2010

7:30 am Thomas & Lena Ricci† Fr. Tim
 9:30 am St. Monica Parishioners Fr. David
 11:30 am Elvira Ligatto† Fr. David O'Connell
 1:15 pm Camilo Dizon† Fr. Willy
 5:30 pm Harry Zawacki† Fr. David

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

CONFESSIONS

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

INTERCESSIONS

Pray for the Sick

Pat Baker, Maria Bruno, Ken Coffin, Juan Delgadillo, Zigmund Gabruk, Mary Grogan, Maurice Lamerain, Dante Panopio

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

Bill Moyers reportedly said, "I used to have four theories about raising children. Now I have four children, and no theories." I think this says something important about education. As educators, we must be grounded in theory, research, and methods of effective teaching. This is what makes us professionals. But it is also important to remember that teaching is trial and error, teaching is encouraging students to discover solutions for themselves, and teaching is not a recipe that has us following simple steps. In other words, teaching is just like raising children!



Here at SMCES we believe that teaching children is sacred work, and we believe we are engaged in a holy ministry. Indeed, above our Kindergarten classroom are the words, "We are standing on Holy ground." We want to believe that we enter into our profession and ministry with great humility. We chart a course for learning: timetables, instructional methods, classroom management, lesson plans, textbooks, and more – but we also know that our journey will almost never go as planned. This is the humility piece.



We also believe, as Catholic educators, that we need to be open to the mystery and the surprise of how each and every individual student learns. To perhaps put this overall theory into a few phrases, the SMCES staff attempts to build classrooms that are laboratories of differentiation, personalized instruction, and connected to students' interests.

We just finished celebrating Catholic Schools Week, with the theme: Dividends for Life – Faith, Knowledge, Discipline, Morals. We invite you to come and see the great work that your Parish Elementary School is doing in the education and formation of our students. We carry on the celebration of Catholic Schools for far more than one week, and we are proud to share it with you.

Come and see! All are welcome!

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

SMCHS STUDENT RECEIVES MLK JR. SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST RECOGNITION

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition recently held their annual celebration in honor of the late civil rights leader. In keeping with the goals of the organization to educate, inspire, and motivate the community to work toward Dr. King's vision, the Westside Coalition invites schools and colleges to participate in a yearly scholarship contest. This year the event was themed, "For Hope to Become a Reality, We All Must Do Our Share." Westside schools were invited to select graduating high school seniors who, based on a written entry, would compete with students from other schools for scholarship money ranging from \$250 to \$500. Jordan Long, current SMCHS senior and a leader in numerous school activities including athletics and performing arts, submitted a poem and was delighted to learn that his written work earned honorable mention and a \$250 dollar scholarship for his great effort. Jordan's thought-provoking poem on one of King's six principles of non-violence was one of four entries selected for scholarship money. At the Westside Coalition's celebration, Jordan was provided with an opportunity to give a speech to all in attendance and met current and former City of Santa Monica officials.

Congratulations, Jordan! We are so proud of your great accomplishment!

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@stmonicaahs.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.stmonicaahs.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@stmonicaahs.net

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

COME AND SEE

Congratulations to Michael Hammer. Michael has been accepted at the University of Montana and wants to major in graphic design. Because of his volunteer work here in our Parish, Michael was offered a leadership scholarship to the University. Michael teaches our 3-1 class. These are third graders who will be making their First Communion this year. Because Michael will be leaving us, we need to find someone who will step up and take his place. Why don't you come and see? You can watch several classes and get the feel of how we do things in our program. Lucy Zee is the coordinator of this program and will be right there with you to help out. Contact Marie@stmonica.net or give a call at (310) 395-8903. You'll be glad you did.

FAMILY LENTEN WORKSHOP

Our family Lenten workshop is open to any parishioner with children. To sign up, drop by the auditorium before or after 9:30 am Mass today and sign up with Kathy Zurich Lundsford and Robin Viana. Please note that all three pretzel-making workshops are closed. And the very popular Prayer Pots and the Holy Week Easter Egg project is also closed.

But there are 23 other workshops to choose from.

HOUSEHOLDS OF FAITH

If you signed up for this voluntary program, your packet will come home today with your child. Or it is available in the front office of the Pastoral Center. The theme is "love and St. Valentine."

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

Monsignor Torgerson is the speaker for the upcoming Whole Community Catechesis workshop on Sunday, February 14. Please pick up your registration forms today if you are attending this voluntary session.

Chloe Davey and her Mother, Carla Davey, at First Confession



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

YOUTH MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FEBRUARY FISH GATHERING!

Planning is underway for February 21st – the next FISH Gathering for the Middle School Ministry.

TEEN CONFIRMATION PROGRAM-

Year 2 - Confirmation Class will meet today at 12:50pm. Our topic this week is: World Religions, and we welcome guest speaker, Dilip Bhatt, who will share his thoughts on the Hindu Faith.

The Year 1 - Confirmation Class will meet next Sunday, February 7.

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

Natalie Hoskins | Faith Formation Assistant
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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 last 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 YMAers 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 5:30 pm 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:

SMCHS Freshman Class

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

GLO EVENSONG

February's Evensong will take place on Friday, February 19 at 7:30 pm. 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.

YMA Peace and Justice Committee wants to thank everyone who joined YMA for

our Beach Cleanup Day in early January. A great crew showed, we met new friends, and left the beach a little cleaner than it was. Here are some pictures of the day.

SPEAKER FELLOWSHIP

Be sure to mark your calendar for the next Speaker Fellowship on Sunday, February 21st. Speaker Fellowship presents "Love vs. Lust: A Panel Discussion on Premarital Sex, Dating, and Relationships." The panel will include: our very own Director of Outreach

and Pastoral Care Delis Alejandro and Father David Heney from St. Paschal Baylon Catholic Church in Thousand Oaks. Please join us at 7 pm in the Trepp Center, 2nd floor for this discussion. The fee is \$5 and we will have some light refreshments. **Co-Chairs: Azi Motahari, azisheerin@gmail.com / Anne Tobin, (818) 281-8058**

TTF (ADULTS 35 -49)

Come join us for our next event - our February social! After the 5:30 Mass on Sunday, February 21, come join us in the Duval Center (2nd floor) for an evening of great conversation, good wines, and light refreshments. It's a terrific way to both catch up with old friends and meet new ones as well. For more about TTF, please contact us at st.monicttf@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 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
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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.

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 session will be on February 18.

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

A tradition for many years at St. Monica Parish has been our Lenten Soup Suppers followed by the Stations of the Cross on the Friday nights of Lent. After a day of fasting, parishioners are invited to gather at the parish to eat a simple soup supper, give a donation or alms for our supper, and pray the Stations of the Cross. In our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving,

we try to be like Jesus, who prayed and taught us how to pray, who fasted, and who gave alms and performed works of mercy. These Friday nights have helped many

a parishioner in their personal Lenten practices and promises and remind us that we are called not only individually, but also as a parish community to conversion. It all begins on Friday, February 19th. Soup is served at 6pm in the Pastoral Center followed by Stations in the church at 7pm. Donation of \$3-\$5 for soup is requested to cover costs, and all net profits will support our peace and justice ministries. Contact **Delis** at (310) 566-1531 for more info.

LOAVES AND FISHES

Just a reminder that each month we sponsor a Food Drive for local food banks (and we collect just about 1000 lbs of food)! The first Sunday of the month (today), you can find the Loaves and Fishes bags in the Duval Center. Please take a bag or two, and return them with food next weekend. We'll deliver your donations to the Westside Food Bank, the St. Robert's Center, or the St. Joseph Center. For more information, contact **Christine** at (310) 566-1530/christine@stmonica.net

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.

HABITAT WINTER OLYMPICS!

Anticipation is building in Vancouver... and here in Santa Monica, we're waiting with bated breath for the opening of our very own Habitat Winter Olympics!! If you've got Olympic fever, join us on Saturday, February 13th. You'll have a fabulously fun time, and you'll also help us raise money



for St. Monica's Habitat

Ministry and all its projects. Los Angeles ranks last out of 223 American cities for affordable housing so the need for Habitat in L.A. is great. Here are important details you need to know:

Location & Time: You'll find us in St. Monica's "Olympic Hall" (the Elementary School Auditorium) from 7 pm to 11 pm.

Tickets: Tickets are on sale now at \$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.)

OLYMPIC EVENTS

Olympic Events: Our Olympics include a variety of activities, including complimentary teambuilding games and a Wii winter sports tournament. (Wii tournament requires an additional fee for fundraising purposes). Here's your chance to be a medal winner!

Our teambuilding games include a trivia competition, a house-building contest (i.e., we'll give you all sorts of popsicle sticks, legos, straws, and assorted paraphernalia, and see who comes up with the best model!), a hockey shot "shoot-out," and indoor curling.

For all those who are familiar with Wii Winter Sports, we know you're already in training for the Wii tournament! Come show off your Wii moves and show the world the true Olympic champion that you

are. And for Wii novices, there's no better time to start playing than the present... plus you'll be helping to raise needed funds for Habitat!

MENU

With all the Olympic events going on, you'll definitely need to recharge with some delicious food—the evening's menu includes appetizers, green salad, pasta from Fritto Misto, jambalaya, vegetable lasagna, meat lasagna, and last, but not least, cupcakes from Yummy Bakery. Beverages will be available for purchase at the cash bar.

ENTERTAINMENT

We've got a fabulous evening in store for you, with our emcee Mike O'Malley (from "Yes, Dear"), DJ music to dance to, and a live performance provided by singer/songwriter Angela Wood!

RAFFLE AND AUCTION PRIZES

Our prizes include Band Hero and Guitar Hero for the Wii; a photo session with celebrity photographer Anna Webber; a signed copy of Mitch Albom's book "Have a Little Faith;" personal training with Erika Jacobson from Bravo TV's "Workout;" a day of sports with Fr. Tim; gift certificates for local businesses like Burke Williams, Fritto Misto, and much more.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 cmercu01@gmail.com

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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

HELPING HAND MINISTRY

Have you ever been stuck trying to find the right community, state, or federal service agency to help you when you need it most? Hours can be spent in line at the Social Security Office or Job Placement Center only to find out that you are in the wrong line or even building. Imagine how difficult it is for those who are elderly, sick, or homebound dealing with several agencies. Whom do you call?

Call "Helping Hand Ministry" at (310) 566-1500 x377. St. Monica's Parish has a special line that volunteers answer, research the information you need, and attempt to help you find the proper agency to solve your problem.

Helping Hand volunteers provide information and referral to community, state, and federal services and resources as follows:

- Social Service Agencies**
- Mental Health Counseling**
- Medical Services**
- Financial Assistance**
- Non-Profit Organizations**
- Housing Agencies**
- Legal Assistance**
- Substance Abuse Treatment**
- Family Service Agencies**

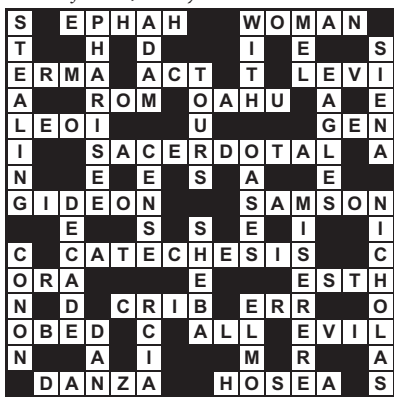
This is a great service but imagine if no one were there to answer the phone or follow-up with the people requesting help.

We can use a few more people in this ministry to help others in need. All that is required are volunteers with big hearts, good interpersonal phone skills, nimble fingers to look through or click on lots of resources at any one given time and the ability to provide voice mail coverage for one week a month. We will provide training on answering calls and on available resources.

Please contact **Mary Jo Dalton** at m.mjdalton@verizon.net if you would like more information on being a volunteer for Helping Hand.

Fun for the Family

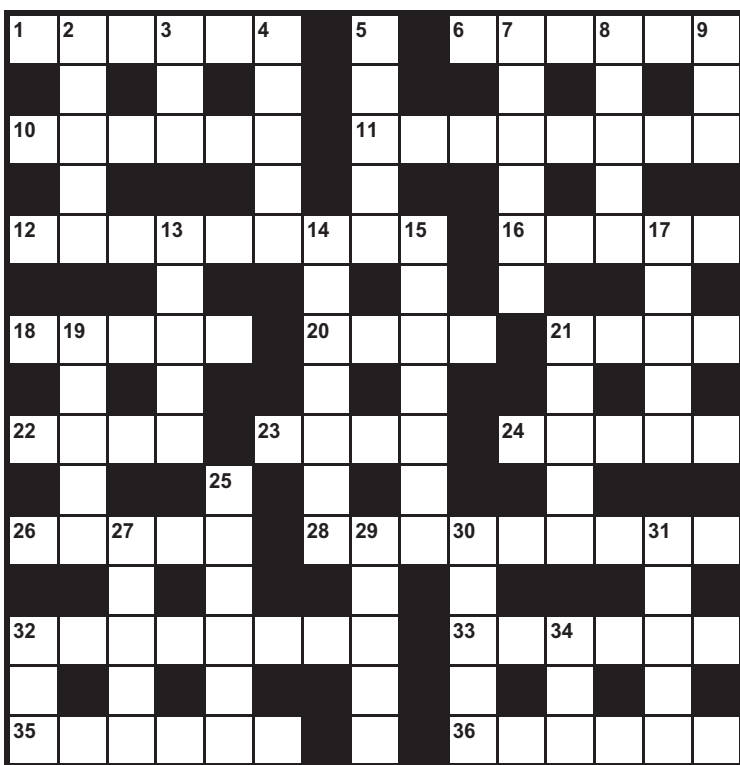
Answers for the January 31st crossword.



VESSELS AND LINENS

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- ALTAR CLOTH
- BURSE
- CHALICE
- CIBORIUM
- CORPORAL
- CRUETS
- CUP
- LUNA
- LUNETTE
- MONSTRONCE
- PALL
- PATEN
- PURIFICATOR
- PYX
- VEIL



ACROSS

- 1 Kingdom of David
- 6 St. John the Baptist is the patron saint of this country
- 1 Save
- 11 Turned away from sin
- 12 Pertaining to the bishops
- 16 9 AM prayer
- 18 Catholic actor, who played the Tin Man in The Wizard of Oz
- 20 Religious ceremony
- 21 Christmas carol command?
- 22 Biblical instrument
- 23 Number of the commandment that instructs us to honor our parents
- 24 An archangel
- 26 "My ___ I leave you"
- 28 Biblical court of the Jews
- 32 Some works of mercy
- 33 Nihil ___
- 35 Meetings of Bishops
- 36 One of the judges

DOWN

- 2 "Feed my ___" (Jn 21:17)
- 3 "___ Maria"
- 4 Medieval concept, "edge of hell"
- 5 Explorer Fr. Junipero
- 7 First word of a Latin hymn
- 8 Focal place of the Mass
- 9 "Can any of you by worrying ___ a single moment to your life?" (Mt 6:27)
- 13 Catholic actor of "West Wing" fame
- 14 God is three ___ with one divine nature
- 15 St. John ___ (Basilica)
- 17 Catholic pioneer in the field of radioactivity
- 19 "O, come let us ___."
- 21 Evil king of the New Testament
- 25 Commandment that forbids taking God's name in vain
- 27 Brother of Moses
- 29 City in the Diocese of Dallas
- 30 Monks' cowls
- 31 The Diocese of Boise is here
- 32 International aid org.
- 34 Abbr. for two OT books

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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
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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

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