

February 14, 2010 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Congratulations to our SMCHS team, winners of the Division Overall and Super Quiz Championships at the 2010 Southern California Private Schools Academic Decathlon.

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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

Happy Valentine's Day! What a special gift it is to celebrate this feast today, and to remember the ones we love.

Please join us this weekend in wishing a very fond farewell

to Deacon Frank Vargas and his wife Sheila. Their ministry and service to our community has touched many lives. Thank you Frank and Sheila, and God bless you in this next chapter of your lives.

The liturgical season of Lent begins this Wednesday – Ash Wednesday. Our theme for this Lent is “On a Journey Together,” and we have many offerings for your Lenten journeys this year. Our Ash Wednesday liturgies will be during our regular Mass times at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and 12:10 p.m., as well as two extra evening liturgies at 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. on that day. During Lent, our daily Masses will be at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and 12:10 p.m. Jim Finley will lead Early Morning Contemplative Prayer on Wednesday mornings at 5:30 a.m., starting on Feb. 17th and concluding on March 31st. On Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., beginning on Feb. 20th, 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.

One last note – I'd like to give you a quick reminder that this year's Religious Education Congress is getting close, and booklets are at the Welcome Table. Get yours today!

Have a blessed week.

Msgr. Lloyd Torgerson, Pastor
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Administration

“From the mountain top Moses delivered the 10 Commandments carved on stone tablets. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus looked into His followers' eyes and engraved His new law of love on their hearts. How will we respond this week to Jesus' call?”

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory Report: Month of January 2010 - *basket offertory only

***Offertory Total: \$111,095.22**

Average per week: \$22,219

Average per week January 2009: \$23,621

Difference: -\$1,402 per week

PLANNED GIVING

Have you remembered St. Monica in your will? It's the gift which costs you nothing while you are alive.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

CARING WITH FAITH – FINAL WEEK

What does it mean to have a “good death?” How can I be a steward of my own death? Join us for the final installment of this intriguing three-part speaker series.

It might just change your life...or death.

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

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

90 SECOND STEWARDSHIP

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

PRAY FOR ME

If you, or someone you know, is in need of a prayer, simply send an email to prayforme@stmonica.net Please provide the name of the person or persons and the intention of the prayer (health, employment, peace of mind, RIP, etc.). Prayers will be said daily. All requests are confidential.


EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Our parish high school is seeking applicants for principal for the 2010-11 school year. The school's 55 faculty and staff members are committed to fostering a caring community for its 600 students. Applicant should be a practicing Catholic with master's degree in education/administration and collaborative leadership skills in curriculum, staff development, and student services. Send confidential resume and cover letter by Feb. 19, 2010, to **Principal Search Committee** :principalsearch@stmonica.net or 1030 Lincoln Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90403.

“BUILDING OUR FUTURE” update

imagine The project's site development is moving forward with more advanced budgeting and planning. Meanwhile, the 2009 Annual Report and Donor Honor Roll is being printed and mailed, an employee to manage the Campaign's alumni phase is being recruited, and fundraising continues. 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

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 17th. All are invited and welcome to join us as we begin our Lenten journey together as a community of faith. Ashes will be distributed at the following liturgies:

6:30 a.m. Mass

8:00 a.m. Mass

9:15 a.m. High School Mass

12:10 p.m. Mass

2:00 p.m. Elementary School Prayer Service

6:00 p.m. Mass

7:30 p.m. Mass

Daily Masses during Lent will be celebrated at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and 12:10 p.m. We will have Taize Prayer Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Due to the fewer priests available, this year we will not be offering the evening Mass at St. Monica. Neighboring churches offering 5:30 p.m. Masses are: St. Anne (Santa Monica), St. Augustine (Culver City), Corpus Christi (Pacific Palisades), and St. Paul the Apostle (Westwood).

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Lenten Soup suppers every Friday evening at 6pm in the Pastoral Center followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00pm beginning on Friday, February 19th.

TAIZE AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

Every Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Church there will be Taize at the foot of the Cross in the Church. There will be a Taize prayer in the Church every Saturday at 5:00 pm before the 5:30 Liturgy

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

FAITH-SHARING QUESTIONS

THEME: Trust in Jesus, the way to true happiness.

ADULTS: In today's Gospel, we are reminded that we will be either blessed or have woe done unto us. It's a challenging teaching! Which half of this Gospel reading applies to you?

CHILDREN: How do you experience God's blessing in difficult times, when you are sad, hungry, or when friends reject you?

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Sunday, February 14, 2010

Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17. 20-26

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

Monday, February 15, 2010 | *Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13*

Tuesday, February 16, 2010 | *Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21*

6:30 am Daniel Kerrigan†

8:00 am Cleta Bonal†

12:10 pm Paul Pau†

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Jl 2:12-18; 2 cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6; 16-18

6:30 am Julie Klages†

8:00 am Maura Davison†

12:10 pm Anya Suehli†

6:00 pm Maria Angela Palacios de Chavez†

7:30 pm Manuel Soriano

Thursday, February 18, 2010 | *Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25*

6:30 am Eduardo Sosa†

8:00 am Ben Kunowski†

12:10 pm Suzanna Beazley†

Friday, February 19, 2010 | *Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15*

6:30 am Jim Bunker†

8:00 am Dr. Adam Wlodarczyk†

12:10 pm Sal Dano†

Saturday, February 20, 2010 | *Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32*

8:00 am Helen Brancheau†

Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

5:30 pm Emma Salazar Lopez Msgr. Lloyd

Sunday, February 21, 2010

7:30 am Thomas & Lena Ricci† Fr. Tim

9:30 am Judy Janney† Msgr. Lloyd

11:30 am St. Monica Parishioners Fr. Willy

1:15 pm Ed & Michele Pultorak Fr. Tim

5:30 pm Alice Ann Weidlein† 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. Tim

Tuesday Fr. David

Wednesday Fr. Tim

Thursday Fr. Willy

Friday Msgr. Lloyd

Saturday Fr. Tim

Msgr. Lloyd

INTERCESSIONS

Pray for the Sick

Maria Bruno, Herb Cornely, John Flaherty, Elizabeth Flores, Dorothy Keller, Anna Le, Patrick Loth, Anna Micquirck, Ron Somich, Thuy Vo

Pray for the Dead

Virginia Hyndman, Maurice Lamerain, Helen Megara, Judy Tiernan

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

st. monica catholic schools

ST. MONICA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND APPLICATIONS

Close to 200 people attended the SMCES Open House during Catholic Schools Week. Future Seahawk parents had the opportunity to meet and speak with current students and parents. Our teaching and administration staffs were on hand to answer questions. Dr. Quinly started the evening off with a talk on why parents choose Catholic education for their children.

Our incredible Student Council offered their version of a Q & A, answering all questions with thoughtful, and even humorous, answers. They were also tour guides for the evening.

At the end of the evening, we were, and still are, receiving positive comments regarding our wonderful elementary school.

If you'd like to find out more about St. Monica Catholic Elementary School, please contact **Dr. Neil Quinly** at www.neil.quinly@stmonicaelem.com

If you would like to schedule a private tour of the school, please contact **Kim Tuverson** at kim.tuverson@stmonicaelem.com

We are still accepting applications for the 2010/11 school year.

Please contact **Lynda Auer** at Lynda.auer@stmonicaelem.com/ For an application, you can contact Mrs. Auer at the above email address, or download one at: www.stmonicaelem.com/

VIVA LAS VEGAS 2010

It was Las Vegas at St. Monica Catholic Elementary School last Saturday night. The annual Viva Las Vegas fundraiser was a HUGE success. Bets were made, dice rolled, cards shuffled, as players ate wonderful appetizers, and sipped wine and margaritas.

Former SMCES principal Joan Morris and Jr. High teacher Erin Barnhill enjoying Viva Las Vegas.

At the end of the evening several lucky players won prizes that included LAKERS, CLIPPERS, and KINGS tickets, a dwarf Meyer lemon tree, as well as several other gift baskets.

Thank you to all who attended, and to our fundraising committee for doing a wonderful job. See you next year!



Players ante up to win big at the Blackjack table.

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

ST. MONICA BRINGS HOME ACADEMIC DECATHLON VICTORY

The St. Monica Catholic High School decathlon team recently participated in the 2010 Southern California Private Schools Academic Decathlon held at Bishop Alemany High School. After two weekends of competition, the SMCHS Decathlon team was awarded the Division Overall and Super Quiz Championships.

Led by SMCHS teacher and decathlon coach Jeremy Nelson, the SMCHS Decathlon team consisted of 9 students who devoted countless hours to study the content relevant to this year's theme—The French Revolution. Team members voluntarily met each morning at 7:00 to practice speeches, essay writing, and interview skills. Day one of this year's decathlon took place on January 30th and consisted of the subjective tests, essays, speeches and interviews. Day two of the competition took place on Saturday, February 6th and consisted of the objective tests, including the public super quiz, team dinner, awards ceremony and celebration. Even in the face of fierce competition, the St. Monica decathletes persevered and displayed pride, self-confidence, and true sportsmanship. Along with the Division Championship and Division Super Quiz Championship, each of the decathletes was awarded individual medals in the various subject areas. By the end of the night, the team had won a combined 49 medals. Of the twenty eight total teams, St. Monica came in 8th overall, potentially moving St. Monica Catholic High School to a higher division for next year's competition.

“It has been an honor to work with our decathletes and I am now looking forward to preparing for next year's competition” said Coach Nelson. “My hope is that more of our students will make the decision to join the Academic Decathlon team as we move into divisions that will pit us against the three top private school teams - St. Francis, Mater Dei, and Bishop Alemany”.

The Southern California Private Schools Academic Decathlon competition featured seventeen schools fielding a total of twenty eight teams in four divisions. This was St. Monica Catholic High School's first year in the competition and we competed at the Division IV level against schools like Notre Dame High School, Cathedral High School, and Whittier Christian High School. Students competed in the areas of music, art, language and literature, economics, math, science, essay, interview, and speech.

Congratulations to Coach Nelson, Nghia-Piotr Le, Kara Yasui, Leila Ehsan, Stephanie Gusman, Anna Brewer, Adrian Santiago, Ken Robertson-Brown, Vincent Flores, and Maria Cristales for their tremendous effort and accomplishments!

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YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRATULATIONS

During the Early Childhood Music class on Sunday, Glenn Angeles proposed to Nicole Lageman. Glenn and Nicole met here working in the Early Childhood program. Glenn wanted the children to be there as witnesses to his proposal to Nicole. Blessings to both of them as they continue on this special journey. And thanks to both for the wonderful work they do in our ministry here.



Fr. Tim leads Nicole Lageman and Glenn Angeles in prayer after Glenn had proposed to Nicole in the Early Childhood music class.



Nicole and Glenn met at St. Monica's two years ago on this date.

FAMILY LENTEN WORKSHOP

Our family Lenten workshop is open to any parishioner with children. To sign up for a workshop, please contact marieslaton@stmonica.net or call Marie at (310) 395-8903. An adult needs to be present with the child for these workshops.

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

Monsignor Torgerson is the speaker today for the Whole Community Catechesis workshop.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

FISH LIVE! 2010
Bring out your inner actor/actress!
And get nominated for your acting skills!
HOLLYWOOD
Nominating all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders!
Cameras start to roll at 5pm!
Awards will be given out at 7pm
@ Trepp AB on February 28
ST MONICA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

ABUSE PREVENTION TRAINING NEARS 2 MILLION

Did you know that every person working with children and youth in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is mandated to attend VIRTUS training? The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has trained more than 100,000 adults in the VIRTUS program. Nationwide, more than 1.7 million clergy, educators, employees, and volunteers have been trained in how to create safe environments and prevent child sexual abuse. For more information on how you can help keep children safe, please contact the parish office or call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children office: (213) 637-7227.

For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

Mike Mottola, Parish Administrator
(310) 566-1519 | mike@stmonica.net

community life and groups

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

YMA

Join your fellow YMAers today, Sunday, February 14th, for a Valentines Wine Feast. Come by for delicious wines and an appetizing cheese plate immediately following the 5:30 Mass. Meet us 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 today 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.

50 AND OVER POTLUCK AND GAME NIGHT

The 50 and Over Ministry is hosting a potluck and game night in the Pastoral Center immediately after the Sunday, 5:30pm liturgy. Bring your game face and your favorite dish. Bring enough for 6 to 8 people. Wine and soft drinks will be provided.

LENTEN JOURNALS ON SALE TODAY

Be sure to purchase your Lenten Journals this weekend after all Masses only \$8.

BAKE SALE

Sponsored today by:

Monica's Joy

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.

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 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.moniccattf@yahoo.com** or **Gereard 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.*

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. Check insert in www.stmonica.net

today's bulletin for the schedule. 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:

Parish Mission will be held at all the masses from March 13 through March 17

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.

MARRIAGE INFORMATION NIGHT

Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7:15 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 Tuesday, February 23, 2010. Marriage Information Night in March will be Wednesday, March 24th.

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PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT DAY

On Wednesday, February 24th, toiletry kits and other needed supplies will be distributed to men and women residing in local armories and winter shelters. St. Monica Catholic Community has been asked to provide 150 toiletry kits. Items needed include travel size bottles of shampoo and conditioner, lotion, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, mouthwash, Q Tips, small bag of Kleenex, wet wipes, band aids, and lip balm. Small tubes of Neosporin are optional. You can pick up a donation bag for your use at the Pastoral Center or at the Welcome Table. Completed care kits are due at the Pastoral Center on Sunday, February 21st. We also accept any donation of toiletry items that you have. Project Homeless Connect is a program of the Westside Shelter and Hunger Coalition. Contact **Delis** at delis@stmonica.net or (310) 566-1531 with any questions.

LENTEN JUSTICE FILM SERIES

Our Just Faith ministries invite parishioners to a special film series, "This is, rather, the Fast that Pleases Me" based on Isaiah 58 and issues of justice and peace, Tuesday nights, 7:30 pm, in the Trepp Center. Our first film on Tuesday, February 23rd is a documentary on the life of Dorothy Day, writer, social reformer, and co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement. Entitled "Don't Call Me A Saint," the documentary is a powerful blend of interviews, family photographs, personal writings and archival footage to tell her story. Filmmaker Claudia Larson will be on hand afterwards to answer questions. For more info on the documentary go to dorothydaydoc.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.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

ON A JOURNEY TOGETHER

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.

The Stations of the Cross are a traditional service of prayer, song, contemporary reflection, and silence, which commemorates Jesus' last days of struggle and sacrifice for humanity. There are 14 stations, each one standing for an event that occurred prior to Jesus' death. The object of the Stations is to help the faithful make in spirit a pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. As people make their way past each station, they meditate and pray about that event. The practice has been around since early Christians visited the Holy Land in the 400s. In the 1300s, the Franciscans began to promote this type of devotion in earnest in the Holy Land and eventually they became a common practice in Catholic Churches around the world. In recent times, observing the Stations of the Cross

had become a neglected practice with many feeling they were overemphasizing the death of Christ versus the Risen Christ. Nowadays the Stations of the Cross emphasize our baptismal commitment to a willingness to give our life for others as Jesus did. The Stations of the Cross literally enable us to obey Christ's command to take up our cross and follow Him.



Join us every Friday of Lent beginning February 19th, as we break our fast with a bowl of great (meatless) soup beginning at 6 pm in the Pastoral Center. A minimum \$3 donation is requested for a bowl of soup to help cover costs of supplies, and ingredients. Then join us afterwards in the Church as a different presider and ministry present a different style of Stations each week beginning at 7 pm. On the 19th Msgr. Torgerson

begins the season with parish staff assisting. We are also blessed with the presence each week of our parish musicians who perform beautiful, reflective music and our lectors who prayerfully proclaim the scriptures. Donations from the Soup Suppers and Stations will go towards our ministries in Peace and Justice, and Pastoral Care. Contact **Delis G. Alejandro, Pastoral Associate**, at (310) 393-9287 or delis@stmonica.net if you are interested with the preparation of soup or Stations or have any questions.

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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 February 7th crossword.

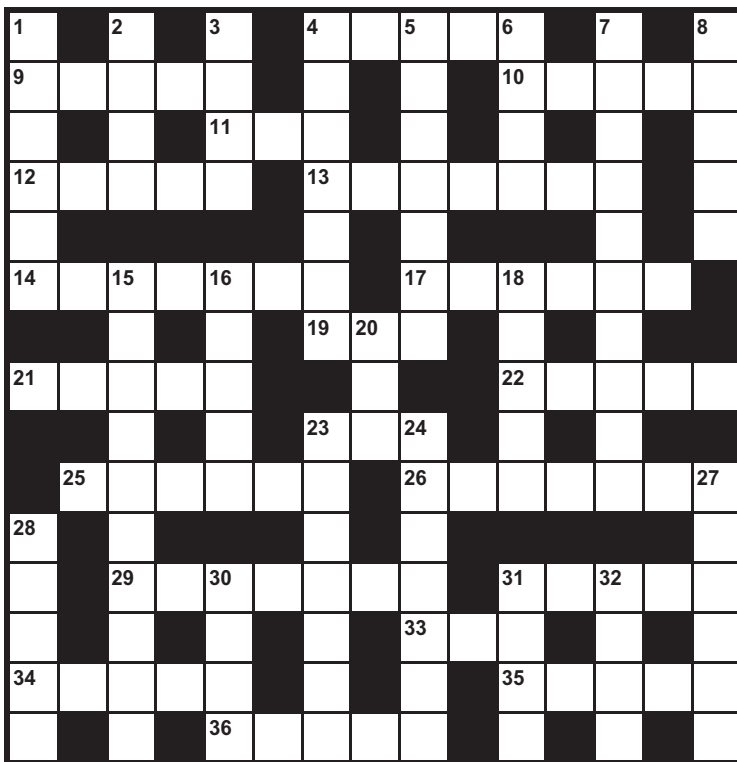


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- TIBER RIVER
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ACROSS

- 4 Friend of St. Francis of Assisi
- 9 Administer extreme unction
- 10 Wages of sin (Rom 6:23)
- 11 Convent dweller
- 12 ___ Meal
- 13 Georgia diocese
- 14 Type of Mass
- 17 Number of pieces of silver Judas got for betraying Jesus
- 19 Holy day cusp
- 21 Catholic Supreme Court justice
- 22 Patron saint of young girls
- 23 "Take and ___; this is my body." (Mt 26:26)
- 25 Book with the words and rubrics of a liturgy
- 26 Pastors
- 29 Catholic author of The Lord of the Rings
- 31 Old Testament hymn
- 33 Genesis animal number
- 34 Commandment place
- 35 Church instrument, sometimes
- 36 Church law

DOWN

- 1 Another name for the area of the Promised Land
- 2 Catholic horror actor Lugosi
- 3 Catholic actor, dancer, movie star Kelly
- 4 Room where the Last Supper took place
- 5 Server
- 6 First place
- 7 Texas diocese where the Alamo is found
- 8 Common biblical harvest
- 15 What Goliath was
- 16 Holy images
- 18 Brother of Ishmael
- 20 ___ Dolorosa
- 23 Kyrie ___
- 24 Diocese in New Jersey
- 27 Buying or selling of spiritual things
- 28 In Mt 12:25, Jesus said if this was divided it could not stand
- 30 Pertaining to the non-ordained members of the Church
- 31 Box in the back of the church
- 32 Celestial being, to Jacques

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Adolescent Suicide Hotline: (800) 621-4000
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
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THE CIMA AWARDS

Ever been to the "Catholic Oscars?" It's that time again! Join CIMA (Catholics in Media Associates) and Cardinal Roger Mahony for the classiest event of the season, The Seventeenth Annual CIMA Mass & Awards Brunch. This year's event will be held at the Beverly Hills Hotel on Sunday, February 28th, at 10 am. To purchase tickets & get further information, go to: www.catholicsinmedia.org. Or call (818) 907-2734.

"UPSTREAM" MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 20, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Carmelite Sisters, St. Joseph Campus
507 N. Granada Ave., Alhambra

Men throughout Southern California are invited. The conference includes powerful talks by Fr. Maurice Harrigan and Fr. Robert Elias. Registration –\$45 includes continental breakfast and lunch. Register by February 15. Call (626) 289-1353 x302.

MONASTERY VOCATIONS RETREAT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Marist Fathers in Berkeley are hosting several days of vocational discernment on March 13, April 24, and May 15. Also, the Trappist Monastery in Huntsville, Utah will be hosting a "Live-in Experience" vocational retreat April 7-11. (individual dates available). No cost for retreat. Call toll free (800) 221-1807. Take bus or plane to Salt Lake City and they will pick you up at no cost.

