

February 21, 2010 - 1st Sunday of Lent



Please welcome Dr. Dale Sieverding, SLD, our new Director of Music and Liturgy. See page 2 for more about Dale.

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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

My brothers and sisters, a very blessed Lent to you, as we celebrate our first Sunday, "On a Journey Together." Lent is a time for us to reengage with Christ in a new way. It is a time of penitence and conversion, a period in which we imitate the 40 days of fast and prayer that Jesus experienced in the desert. But it is also a time for us to realize anew, the profound love and acceptance that God has for each and every one of us. Let's journey together with Stations of the Cross, Taize Prayer, our soup suppers, Jim Finley, Together in Mission, our Parish Mission, and the many other spiritual offerings of St. Monica this season.



Our Parish Mission will be led by Fr. Richard Leonard, S.J., March 13 – 17. Fr. Richard hails from "down under," and is a graduate of the London Film School at Covent Garden, London. He is one of only two priests in the Catholic Church with a PhD in cinema studies. Fr. Richard directs the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting. He is a visiting professor of communications at the Gregorian University in Rome, and has lectured at Jesuit Theological College, and the Universities of Melbourne and Newcastle. This is a parish mission not to be missed!

Our Together in Mission appeal will be held on the weekend of March 6th and 7th. What better way to celebrate this season of Lent than by helping our brothers and sisters who have so far less? We will welcome two elementary school principals from the inner-city to share their stories – their schools exist through the funding provided by Together in Mission.

Religious Education Congress booklets are available at the Welcome Table. Pick your's up today!

God bless.

Msgr. Lloyd Torgerson, Pastor
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Administration

WELCOMING DR. DALE SIEVERDING, SLD

This weekend we welcome Dr. Dale Sieverding to our parish community as our new Director of Liturgy and Music. Dale comes to us with a great deal of experience in both musical and liturgical leadership. He holds a Masters degree in Theology from the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium and a Doctorate in Liturgy from San Anselmo University in Rome. His career highlights include time as a diocesan director of worship, an adjunct university professor, executive recruiter, and most recently Director of Music and Liturgy with a social justice-oriented Catholic parish in Florida. He brings a passion for the Church's liturgical life codified in Vatican II, namely, that the Liturgy is the "source and summit" of our life of faith. He is a published author with a number of liturgical publishers, and a current writer for www.liturgy.com. His doctoral dissertation researched the ritual and history of the reception of baptized Christians into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, and a popular version of it is published by Liturgy Training Publications. His professional career has been devoted to the pursuit of building up the Church through strong leadership in liturgical music and theology, preparing music, ministers, and ritual that draw people into deeper relationship with Christ. He has a strong commitment to social justice and believes that the hallmark of a vibrant parish is a community that puts its faith into action in the public square. He will work with our musicians, liturgical ministers, and our sacramental preparation programs to help all of us grow in our faith and commitment to Christ. Welcome Dale!

"Jesus is tempted to satisfy himself with possessions, prestige and power, but chooses instead to do his Father's work. When we are similarly tempted, how will we respond?"

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory Report: Month of January 2010

*Offertory Total: \$170,841

Budget: \$171,037

Difference: -\$196.00

*basket offertory, mail and estimated electronic donations

TOGETHER IN MISSION ANNUAL APPEAL

"I give thanks to you oh Lord." March 6 /7, 2010

PLANNED GIVING

Give a gift which costs you nothing (during your lifetime). Make a bequest. Remember St. Monica in your will.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

March 18-21, 2010 at the Anaheim Convention Center

Don't forget to register www.RECongress.org Share some fellowship in our suite at the Marriott!

"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

TAIZE PRAYER AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

REFLECT, MEDITATE, LISTEN, PRAY, RENEW, GROW.

St. Monica Catholic Community invites you to this ecumenical style of communal prayer modeled after the Taize community (an ecumenical Christian monastic community of brothers) founded after WWII in Taize, France. Christians of all religious backgrounds flock to Taize to pray and experience the peace and centeredness this communal prayer brings. The purpose of the prayer is to foster reconciliation and peace among all people, and provide a space during the week to listen to the voice of God in sung and spoken Word and quiet reflection. The simple Lenten service consists of song (using the simple chants of the Taize community), scripture, a service of light, an extended period of silence for meditation concluding with prayers for our community and the world, and a blessing prayer to the Holy Spirit.

An invitation has been extended to our neighboring churches in the ecumenical community to gather together for this common time of prayer during Lent, Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. For more information about the Taize community, go the www.taize.fr/en

“Such exercises as fasting cannot have their proper effect unless our motives for practicing them spring from personal meditation. We have to think what we are doing, and the reasons for our action must spring from the depths of our freedom and be enlivened by the transforming power of Christian love. Otherwise, our self-imposed sacrifices are likely to be pretenses, symbolic gestures without real interior meaning. Sacrifices made in this formalistic spirit tend to be mere acts of eternal routine performed in order to exorcise interior anxiety and not for the sake of love. In that case, however, our attention will tend to fix itself upon the insignificant suffering which we have piously elected to undergo, and to exaggerate it in one way or the other, either to make it seem unbearable or else to make it seem more heroic than it actually is. Sacrifices made in this fashion would be better left unmade. It would be more sincere as well as more religious to eat a full dinner in a spirit of gratitude than to make some picayune sacrifice of part of it, with the feeling that one is suffering martyrdom.” -Thomas Merton, *The Climate of Monastic Prayer*.

JOIN OUR CHOIRS FOR HOLY WEEK

We invite vocalists who would like to sing in the choir(s) for Holy Week (April 1-4). Singers may participate in all of the services or any one of the Liturgies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, or Easter Sunday. If interested, call (310) 458-6239 or email [Ed Archer \(ed@stmonica.net\)](mailto:Ed.Archer@stmonica.net) for an audition appointment and further information. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, February 25th.

FAITH-SHARING QUESTIONS

THEME: Lent is time to open our hearts more fully to Jesus.

ADULTS: As you come to understand the temptation of Jesus in the desert, which one of the devil's offerings is hardest for you to resist?

CHILDREN: When you are tempted to do wrong, how do you remain strong in your faith?

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Sunday, February 21, 2010

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

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

Monday, February 22, 2010 | 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday, February 23, 2010 | Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

6:30 am	Helen Megara†
8:00 am	Peter C Massa Sr.†
12:10 pm	Jodi Denmead

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 | Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

6:30 am	Paddy Ryan†
8:00 am	Rosaria Donofrio†
12:10 pm	Joseph Carroll†

Thursday, February 25, 2010 | Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

6:30 am	Fr. Joseph Lankford
8:00 am	Veronika Lineberry Manzella†
12:10 pm	†

Friday, February 26, 2010 | Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:43-48

6:30 am	Robert & Daniel Zepeda
8:00 am	Loretta Gilbert†
12:10 pm	Ann Corbett†

Saturday, February 27, 2010 | Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

8:00 am	Nancy Daws†
<i>Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17 -- 4:1; Lk 9:28b-36</i>	
5:30 pm	Peter Gonzales† Fr. Tim

Sunday, February 28, 2010

7:30 am	Jack Leighton	Fr. Tim
9:30 am	Mary Quade	Fr. David
11:30 am	Gerald McManus†	Fr. Tim
1:15 pm	Eddie Lopez†	Msgr. Lloyd
5:30 pm	St. Monica Parishioners	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	Thursday	Fr. Willy
Tuesday	Fr. David	Friday	Msgr. Lloyd
Wednesday	Fr. Tim	Saturday	Fr. Tim

INTERCESSIONS

Pray for the Sick

Robert Gardner, Nicholas Goderson, Miriam Hopkins, Christine Lilly-Hicks, John Meehan, Charles Mitchell, Dr. Anthony Nyerges, Tom Pollack, Samantha Sarang, Bill Young

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

st. monica catholic schools

ST. MONICA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SMASH 2010

The planning has begun on the 2010 SMASH Dinner and Auction. This year's event, "Sunset on the Beach" will be held at the Jonathon Club on Santa Monica Beach, April 17, 2010.

We are expecting a SOLD OUT evening of great food and drink, exciting silent and live auction items, and wonderful music... but we need your help. The SMASH Committee is looking for a few good volunteers to help in leadership roles. You'll be working with parishioners like yourself, as well as parents and staff from both the elementary and high schools.

If you feel like you'd rather not be in a leadership role, there are several other volunteer opportunities available.

This is St. Monica Catholic Community's biggest fundraiser of the year. In order to make it a successful one, we need your help. Volunteer your time, donate a silent auction item value at \$100 or more, buy a raffle ticket, and attend the event.

For more information on how you can help with SMASH 2010, please contact **Alex Chacon** at achacon@stmonicahs.net

SMCHS LEARNING FAIR 2010

This past Wednesday, Feb. 10, St. Monica Catholic High School held their annual Learning Fair. St. Monica Catholic Elementary School was among the several local Catholic elementary schools in attendance. In the categories of Poetry, 2 and 3 dimensional, and digital art, Math, Science, Debate, and Prayer, SMCES was well represented. The SMCES winners are:



Drawing: Faylenn McDonough - 1st Place

Sculpture: Louise Santos - 2nd Place

Debate: Racquelle Heffernan, Ilona Horvath, Caitlin Ivanick - 3rd Place

Math Bowl:

Julian Silerio, Kyle Mamiit, Nicholas Froelich - 3rd Place

Prayer:

Racquelle Heffernan - 1st Place, Caitlin Ivanick - 3rd Place



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ST. MONICA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SMCHS BOYS' BASKETBALL AND GIRLS' SOCCER WIN LEAGUE TITLES

The Mariner boys' basketball team and girls' soccer team enjoyed tremendous success in league competition this season, winning league championships in both sports and earning strong seeds in their respective playoff brackets.



The boys' basketball team played strong all season, boasting a 17-9 record overall and a 9-1 record in league. Coach Tony Depa and the Mariners, ranked 11th in the last CIF-SS poll of the season, needed a victory in their last game to secure at least a tie for the league title. With the

victory over Mary Star of the Sea in their last league contest, the Mariners won a share of the league title with LaSalle and a strong seed in the CIF-SS playoff bracket.



The girls' soccer team, led by SMCHS teacher and coach Maura Diorio, finished the regular season with a 7-0-1 record in league, a league championship, and the top seed in the playoffs for the Camino Real League. In their final game of

the season, the Lady Mariners defeated Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary 5-0 for their 6th league shutout of the season and 10th overall. The Lady Mariners outscored league opponents 24-1 during their 2010 campaign.

Congratulations to the league champion boys' basketball and girls' soccer teams for their championship seasons!

SMCHS GOLF CLASSIC - SAVE THE DATE!

Join Monsignor Torgerson, Principal Thom Gasper, and the St. Monica family for a day of golf and good company. The annual golf classic will be held on Monday March 24, at the Malibu Country Club. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, including registration information, visit our website at www.stmonicahs.org/golfclassic

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FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

During Lent we are called to have a change of heart and to follow the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These disciplines are to be part of the Christian life during every season, but during the season of Lent, we renew our commitment to them. All of us in Religious Education are trying to be role models for those we interact with during Lent. Please pray for us.

COME AND SEE

Brianna Melendez will be off to college this September. Brianna is teaching in our Grade 4 program. The focus of this program is learning about the Commandments. All the lesson plans are already established and you just need to adapt them to your presentation style. Why don't you drop by and observe a class? The focus in this class is learning by doing. So you need to be someone who wants to lead an active, vibrant class. You might decide that you are the one to take Brianna's place. Contact **Marie Slaton** at Marie@stmonica.net or (310) 566-1534 if you think you might be interested.



*Isaiah Callahan Reyes,
Heather Reyes as they wait
for Isaiah to make his First
Confession.*

Marie Slaton (Sunday through Thursday)
Family Religious Education Coordinator
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YOUTH MINISTRY

FISH LIVE! 2010
Bring out your inner actor/actress!
And get nominated for your acting skills!
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 (Safeguard the Children) 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.

St. Monica Catholic Community is working hard to comply with requirements outlined by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops in the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People."

SAVE THE DATE

VIRTUS TRAINING AND FINGERPRINTING

Date: Wednesday, March 17, 12:00PM – 7:30PM
Location: Pastoral Center Chapel, St. Monica
Instructor: Natalie Hoskins (310) 566-1587
Contact: Audrey Ina Shaw (310) 566-1586 to register
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

You may contact Daphne Bass, Chairperson of our Safeguard the Children Committee, 310 829-2805, with any concerns or question about our church or school safety practices. More information is also available at the archdiocese website at www.archdiocese.la

community life and groups

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

YMA

YMA invites all young adults in their 20s and 30s to join us for our next Speaker Fellowship tonight, Sunday, February 21st. Don't miss "Love vs. Lust: A Panel Discussion on Premarital Sex, Dating, and Relationships." The panel will include: Peter Canavan, therapist in private practice, our very own Director of Outreach and Pastoral Care, Delis Alejandro, and Father David Heney, pastor 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

TTF invites parishioners Thirty Five through Forty Ministry to join us tonight, February 21st, for our February social after the 5:30 Mass in the Pastoral Center Patio for an evening of great conversation, good wines, and light refreshments. For more about TTF, please contact us at **st.monicattf@yahoo.com** or Gerard at (310) 430-0101 or Karen at (310)-464-7337.

LENTEN JOURNALS ON SALE TODAY

Don't miss getting your copy of the Parish Lenten Journal and a wonderful resource for your prayer this Lenten season today. It contains daily reflections by members of the parish community, and information about the parish's holiday activities, and numerous ideas for making your Lent a meaningful one. The journal will be on sale after all the liturgies today. \$8.

BAKE SALE

Sponsored today by:

Membership Goal Team

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

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.

Saturday, February 27—How many YMAers can you zap? Bring your "A" game to YMA's Laser Tag outing at **Ultrazone**, 14622 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks (near the 405/101 intersection) **(818) 789-6620**. Event starts at 7:45 pm and stay as long as you like until midnight! 30-minute games only \$9 apiece! To guarantee you will play with our group, we strongly recommend registering at least a few days ahead of time by calling Ultrazone and adding your name to the YMA/Chris Alexander group. You will need to pre-pay for at least one game via credit card when you call (Chris and Kristin have pre-paid for two games). Contact **Kristin, (310) 430-5567 / knjacobson@gmail.com** or **Chris (310) 749-8583 / aquarin73@hotmail.com** for more info.

THIRTY FIVE THROUGH FORTIES MINISTRY (ADULTS 35 -49)

Come join us for our next event - our February social! After the 5:30 Mass today, Sunday, February 21, come join us at the Pastoral Center Patio 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.monicattf@yahoo.com** or **Gerard** at (310) 430-0101 or **Karen** at (310) 464-7337.

This Lent, we'll be hosting one of the Friday Lenten Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross! We'll be looking for volunteers to help with the stations service, and with preparing and serving the supper. We'll be announcing the date soon, so make sure to look for that info in a future e-mail. For more about this great opportunity to worship as a

TTF community and to serve the broader parish community, please contact **Lucy at lucy_zee@hotmail.com**

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, or **Brad Koch** at Brad_Koch@raytheon.com. Contact **Barbara** if you want to be on our list for free tickets to theater and play outings.

Get your game on at our Potluck and Games Night, Sunday, February 28th, after the 5:30 pm liturgy in the Pastoral Center. Please bring a dish corresponding to the first letter of your last name and enough for 6 to 8 people. A-K Main Dish; L-S Sides and Desserts, T-Z Desserts. We will have free lemonade and wine and soda on sale. Games (scrabble, dice, cards, etc) will be provided but if you have a favorite bring it to share. Mmmmm...pots of real food! Don't miss it.

Delis G. Alejandro, Pastoral Associate
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S.M.A.S.H. DINNER & AUCTION

S.M.A.S.H. (St. Monica Academic & Spiritual Heritage) presents, "Sunset on the Beach." This year's dinner & auction (proceeds are for scholarship assistance to benefit the needy students in our high school and elementary school) will be held April 17th, 2010 at the Jonathan Club, Santa Monica. This is a great opportunity to come together as a community and truly support these two wonderful schools.

All are welcome!

If you've never been to this event before, please make an effort to do so this year. We promise plenty of good food and drink, a spectacular venue, fabulous entertainment, and a wide array of incredible auction items to bid on.

Please be on the look-out for ticket sales after masses (in March) as well as raffle ticket sales. If you are interested in assisting on the S.M.A.S.H. committee, please contact **Alex Chacon** at **310-394-3701 x1413**.

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

today's bulletin for the schedule. Contact **Julie Dwyer** at (310) 566-1500 x440 for more details.

Sr. Catherine, Pastoral Associate
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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 sessions will be on March 4 and March 18.

Contemplative Prayer Lent Sessions will be held every Wednesday morning during Lent at 5:30 am.

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.

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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, meatless, soup supper, give a donation or alms for our supper, and pray the Stations of the Cross. Join us this Friday, February 26th. Soup is on at 6 pm in the Pastoral Center, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 pm in the Church. \$3 to \$5 donation requested to cover soup costs and supplies.

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. 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 today, Sunday, February 21st, or no later than tomorrow. 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, beginning this Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:30 pm. Our first film, "Don't Call Me a Saint," is a documentary on the life of Dorothy Day, writer, social reformer, and co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement. It uses a 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.

JUVENILE JUSTICE WEEK OF FAITH AND HEALING

Today we recognize Juvenile Justice Week of Faith and Healing, a week for faith communities to pray, educate, and advocate for the reform of the juvenile justice system. This past week and next, congregations of all faiths, schools, and universities will gather to raise awareness of the needs of children and families impacted by crime and society's systemic response to crime. All are invited to participate with their prayer, service, and action at your favorite place of worship.

Here Are A Dozen Things We Could Do To Raise Awareness

1. Learn more about SB 399, The Fair Sentencing for Youth Act, and do whatever you can to ensure that this bill passes. For more information, go to: www.fairsentencingforyouth.org
2. Support local programs that offer character-building opportunities to young people and divert their energy to positive activities—athletics, Scouting, Faith-based-sponsored after-school and evening social programs, tutoring, and literacy programs.
3. Volunteer your time to such programs.
4. Encourage schools, churches, and neighborhood centers to teach conflict resolution, especially to children, as a way to reduce tension and violence.
5. Support and/or volunteer with programs that minister to victims. If they don't exist, form a group to respond to the material, emotional, and spiritual needs of victims.
6. Promote victim ministry programs in your parish.
7. Support and/or volunteer for detention ministry. (See following info on Camp Miller.)
8. Reach out to families of the incarcerated, especially the children.
9. Support providing spiritual, material, and emotional assistance to those re-entering society, both adult and youth.
10. Establish and/or support neighborhood

groups to create cooperative relationships between neighbors, faith communities, and law enforcement to create a safe and secure community.

11. Support programs that engage youth and build self-esteem. Become a Big Brother or Sister, join Project Read or PAL, mentor a child at risk, support school and community programs that engage children between 3 pm and 8 pm.

12. Work to repeal laws that treat children as if they were adults and to reform our criminal justice system to one that seeks restoration as well as punishment.

ONE THING WE DO AT ST. MONICA

Detention Ministry is a "ministry of presence." Staff and volunteers are called to simply be present to those incarcerated who believe that no one cares, and provide quality pastoral care and a healing presence to incarcerated men, women, and children. St. Monica Catholic Community coordinates a Detention Ministry that serves at Camp Miller, one of the county detention centers for adolescent male youth, located in Malibu.

On a weekly basis, volunteers from St. Monica Catholic Community volunteer their time, talent, and treasure in a variety of ways. They gather in small groups or one-on-one with the incarcerated youth and share our faith with them. They celebrate Mass or communion services with the inmates and provide music for Eucharistic celebrations. They also prepare teens for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. They coordinate special holiday events and gift-giving opportunities. This year our parish community provided hundreds and hundreds of Christmas cards for the young men at Camp Miller.

The Ministry welcomes parishioners who would like to visit the camp and learn more about the ministry, typically on a Saturday morning. Please contact **Tom Bleich** at tobleich@mac.com or (310) 409-7722 or **Jennifer Elias** at (586) 321-8594.

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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 Lenten season 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. 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 **Jynyvy** at (310) 857-8209.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

The Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one pastoral care for individuals experiencing a wide range of life's stressors – loss of a loved one, hospitalization, separation or divorce, loneliness or discouragement, spiritual crises, unemployment or job crises, a chronic illness, a terminal illness, incarceration, aging, relocation, recovery after an accident, birth, adoption, miscarriage, and/or infertility. Stephen Ministers receive 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

THE PHOENIX MINISTRY

The Phoenix Ministry is a peer support group for those experiencing a separation and/ or divorce. We gather on Wednesday nights, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Spirituality Center Library. For more information, please visit our table in the Duval Center after Mass, or contact **Jynyvy** at (310) 857-8209 or jynyvy@yahoo.com or **Ed** at (310) 824-3380.

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: March 1st. Contact **Pala** at LAylum@aol.com for more information.

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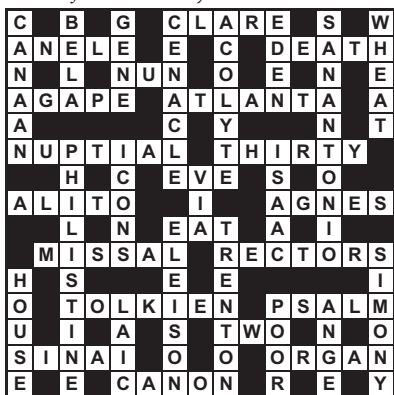
All Senior parishioners are cordially invited to attend our Lenten Retreat on Friday, March 5, at 10:00 am in the little chapel. The retreat will be followed by Mass and our regular luncheon in the auditorium. Reservations are a MUST!! Please call **Marcus** at (310) 566-1500 no later than Wednesday, March 3, to reserve your place for the retreat and/or lunch.

ACTIVE DUTY PRAYER BOARD

This Lent make sure to take time to pray for our men and women serving in active duty in posts stateside and abroad. We ask that you go to http://www.stmonica.net/pastoral_care/ActiveDuty/index.html and give a special prayer or two for those parishioners and loved ones of parishioners who are currently in active duty. If you would like to add a name and picture to the list, please contact **Marcus Johnson** at marcus@stmonica.net or (310) 566-1540.

Fun for the Family

Answers for the February 14th crossword.

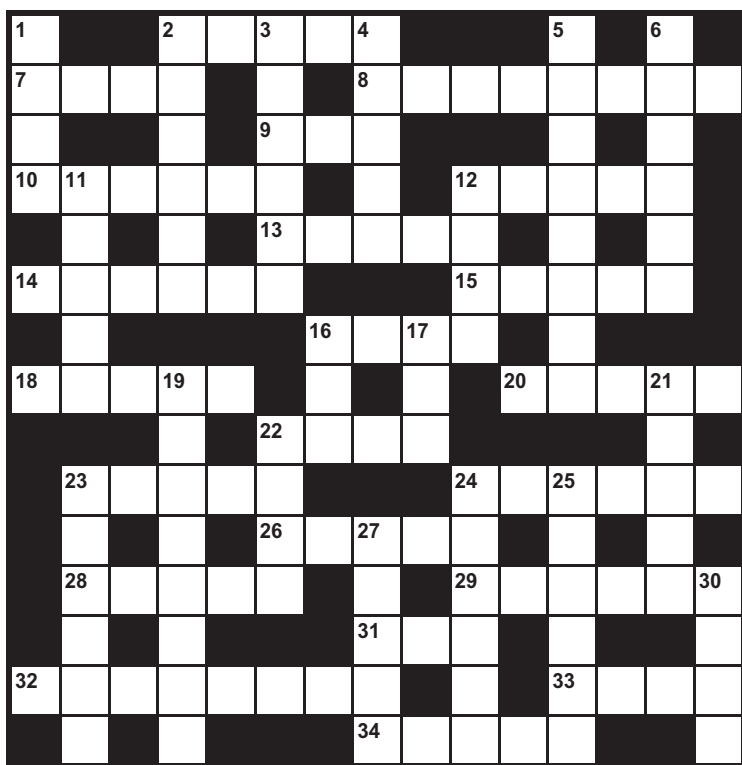


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- MITER
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ACROSS

- 2 Preparation of these is part of the Mass
- 7 Urbi et ____ (papal speech)
- 8 Exodus event
- 9 OT prophetic bk.
- 10 Jesus ____ Lazarus
- 12 Worship
- 13 Make void a sacrament
- 14 Holy Thursday that begins the Triduum
- 15 Carmel spot
- 16 There were 3 popes with this name in the 20th century
- 18 "It is ____ I desire and not sacrifice." (Mt 9:13)
- 20 What Judas was in charge of
- 22 3 PM prayer
- 23 St. Juan ____
- 24 "Am I my brother's ____?" (Gn 4:9)
- 26 Confirmation gesture
- 28 Sarah's response when she heard that she would have a child
- 29 Entices to sin
- 31 A mark of the Church
- 32 Asking God for our needs in prayer
- 33 "____ to us a child is born"
- 34 Sins

DOWN

- 1 Number of "living creatures" mentioned in Revelation
- 2 Catholic actor who portrayed Mad Max
- 3 Day of Jesus' crucifixion
- 4 Paul said he would travel here after leaving Rome (Rom 15:28)
- 5 Diocese in Hawaii
- 6 Turn away from sin
- 11 Christian love
- 12 Donation to the poor
- 16 Padre with the stigmata
- 17 Script conclusion?
- 19 Certain angels
- 21 What Samson did while his hair was shaved
- 22 Genesis skipper
- 23 Author of The Models of the Church
- 24 Saint Tekakwitha
- 25 The Risen Jesus was on the road to here
- 27 Make up for sin
- 30 "... ____ to anger and abounding in steadfast love." (Ps 103:8)
- 32 Celestial being, to Jacques

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

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(310) 451-9801

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50 + (ADULTS, 50 & OVER)

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FACILITY RESERVATIONS

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FAITH SHARING / FOUNDATIONS

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FUNERALS

Veronica Gray, x503

GAY & LESBIAN OUTREACH (GLO)

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HELPING HAND MINISTRY

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Principal: Thom Gasper, (310) 394-3701

HOSPITALITY

John Putnam, (310) 428-3689

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Lynn Peterson, x310

LITURGY & WORSHIP

Dale Sieverding, SLD, x542

Fran Curry, x533

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Pastoral Center, (310) 566-1500

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Ed Archer, x539

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Daphne Bass, (310) 829-2805

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SERRA CLUB

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STEWARDSHIP

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TEEN CONFIRMATION

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TTF (ADULTS, 35-49)

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YMA (YOUNG ADULTS, 20s & 30s)

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YOUTH MINISTRY

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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.

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.

CATHOLIC LAWYERS' RETREAT

All Catholic lawyers and judges are invited to a one-day Lenten retreat presented by the L. A. Catholic Lawyers Assoc., from 9 am to 4 pm Saturday, March 13, at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, 3134 Waverly Dr., Los Angeles. The retreat day will be presented by Wilkie Au, Professor of Theological Studies and author. For information and a registration form, go to <http://sites.google.com/site/losangelescatholiclawyers> or call Annie Marino at (310) 445-4165.

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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: Lent is time to open our hearts more fully to Jesus.

ADULTS: As you come to understand the temptation of Jesus in the desert, which one of the devils offerings is hardest for you to resist?

CHILDREN: When you are tempted to do wrong, how do you remain strong in your faith?

THIS WEEK: FEBRUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 27

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NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 6

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