

March 7, 2010 - 3rd Sunday of Lent



St. Monica Catholic Elementary School 4th Grade students on their Mission Day.

st. monica catholic community

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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, this weekend bears two very important events for our communities here in Santa Monica and Los Angeles.



The first of these is our Together in Mission appeal. Together in Mission presents us with an opportunity to celebrate this season of Lent by helping our brothers and sisters who have so far less. We welcome Principals Mary Ann Murphy of Immaculate Conception and Karla Briceño of St. Columbkille, who will share their stories of how Together in Mission supports their schools in central Los Angeles. Join me in listening to their stories, and prayerfully consider how you can participate this year. Thank you, so much, as always, for your generosity.

The second event of this weekend is the tri-parish meeting that is being held among our three churches of Santa Monica – St. Anne Church and Shrine, St. Clement's Catholic Church, and our own St. Monica Catholic Community. 20 people from each of our communities are meeting this weekend to envision and consider how our parishes might work and minister together. A basic hope for this meeting is that this collaboration would allow for the sharing of our ministerial resources, and produce a benefit for all. Please pray for us, that the Holy Spirit might guide these discussions.

Our Parish Mission is this coming weekend (March 13 – 17), and will be led by Fr. Richard Leonard, S.J. Fr. Richard hails from “down under,” and is a graduate of the London Film School at Covent Garden, London. Please join us for this wonderful Lenten opportunity.

Our St. Monica Book Club meets this Sunday at 3 p.m. Join Dr. Nathaniel Roybal and me as our group discusses Fr. Paul Coutinho's book *Just As You Are*.

And lastly, another reminder that our Religious Education Congress booklets are available at the Welcome Table. Pick yours up today!

God bless,

Msgr. Lloyd Torgerson, Pastor
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<http://twitter.com/msgrLloyd>

Administration

“Jesus, like the gardener in the parable, is there to nurture us, but we are still called upon to ‘bear fruit.’”

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

TOGETHER IN MISSION ANNUAL APPEAL (THIS WEEKEND).

“I give thanks to you, O Lord”

We are blessed this week to have Mary Ann Murphy, Principal at Immaculate Conception LA and Karla Briceño, Principal at St. Columbkille School as guest speakers. Both of their schools are beneficiaries of Together in Mission. Together in Mission provides substantial financial support to 35 parishes and 61 schools in our Archdiocese.

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 ~ Anaheim Convention Center

Don't forget to register www.RECongress.org Share some fellowship in our suite at the Marriott! Let us know you are coming jimcarper@stmonica.net or (310) 566-1504.

We need your help. If you are interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister or Hospitality Minister at the 5:15 pm General Liturgy on Saturday, March 20, please contact **Gail Lyons** at (310) 828-5717 or email at gail@stmonica.net for EMs and **Jesus Jornacion** at (310) 313-3610 or email at jjinlosangeles@aol.com The presider will be Fr. Tony Ricard and the music will be provided by Dona Pena and Tony Alonso. We are looking forward to a really beautiful, inspiring liturgy. Please come and join us.

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

90 SECOND STEWARDSHIP

Want to know more about Stewardship? Go to “90 Second Stewardship” <http://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.


BOUTIQUE NEWS

Mark your calendars for March 20th and 21st. Santa Monica Easter Boutique Sale will be on. We will have the usual items for sale plus coffee and hot baked goods in the patio. Anyone willing to give a helping hand will be welcome.

“BUILDING our future” update

imagine As graduation and wedding season nears, consider a gift to the Campaign in tribute to your loved one. Say congratulations by donating to the Campaign in their name, and you will be giving a gift of a legacy that will last a lifetime. Tribute gift cards are available; call the **Campaign office** at (310) 566-1537. Be a part of the Campaign.

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

The Campaign
for St. Monica 
Catholic Community

LENT INVITATIONS

Seder Meal tickets will be on sale this weekend on the patio. The Seder Meal is the Passover Meal celebrated by our Jewish brothers and sisters, in memory of the release from Egyptian captivity. Tickets are \$20.00 regular price, \$15.00 for seniors. For more information call **Fran** at (310) 319-9762.

Vocalists who would like participate in the choir(s) for Holy Week (April 1-4) may contact **Ed Archer** at (310) 458-6239 or email (ed@stmonica.net) for further information. Rehearsals are Sunday, Mar. 7 at 1:30 pm (for Holy Thursday choir), Thursday, Mar. 11 (for Good Friday choir), Thursday, Mar. 18 (for Easter Vigil choir).

Taize Prayer at the foot of the Cross will be offered every Wednesday at 6:00 pm and Saturdays at 5:00 pm (preceding the evening Eucharist) during Lent for a time of reflective meditation in music, scripture, and silent prayer.

We are invited to pray for the selection of our new archbishop.

Lord God, you are our eternal shepherd and guide.

In your mercy, grant to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles a shepherd who will walk in your ways and whose watchful care will bring us your blessing.

In your love for us, give us the joy of receiving a shepherd who will be an example of goodness to your people and who will fill our hearts and minds with the truth of the gospel.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

“The purpose of the first part of Lent is to bring us to *compunction*. Compunction is etymologically related to the verb “to puncture” and suggests the deflation of our inflated egos, a challenge to any self-deceit about the quality of our lives as disciples of Jesus. By hitting us again and again with demands which we not only fail to obey, but which we come to recognize as being quite beyond us, the gospel passages are meant to trouble us, to confront our illusions about ourselves. *Remember, you are dust...* From this perspective, Lenten penance may be more effective if we fail in our resolutions than if we succeed, for its purpose is not to confirm us in our sense of virtue but to bring home to us our radical need of salvation.”

-Mark Searle

FAITH-SHARING QUESTIONS

THEME: Lent calls us to conversion

ADULTS: What steps are you taking this Lent to make sure that your faith bears fruit in good works?

CHILDREN: God wants your faith to result in good living. What steps can you take during Lent to make sure that happens?

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Sunday, March 7, 2010

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

7:30 am Michael Schlorholtz† Fr. Willy

9:30 am Gina Osti Fr. Tim

11:30 am Baba Nersessian† Fr. Tim

1:15 pm Jose Cardosa† Fr. David

5:30 pm St. Monica Parishioners Msgr. Lloyd

Monday, March 8, 2010 | *2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30*

Tuesday, March 9, 2010 | *Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35*

6:30 am Mary Ann Moss†

8:00 am Ruth Slowey†

12:10 pm Richard Morley

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 | *Dt 4; 5-9; Mt 5:17-19*

6:30 am Mary Ann Moss†

8:00 am Dr. Robert Soud†

12:10 pm Rosemary Downey†

Thursday, March 11, 2010 | *Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23*

6:30 am Francis Sianni†

8:00 am Maryann Sullivan

12:10 pm Dorothy Schmid†

Friday, March 12, 2010 | *Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34*

6:30 am David Rubianes†

8:00 am Neville Perera†

12:10 pm Bernadita Dizon†

Saturday, March 13, 2010 | *Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14*

8:00 am Daniel Ochoa Diaz†

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

5:30 pm Evelyn LaVoi† Msgr. Lloyd

Sunday, March 14, 2010

7:30 am St. Monica Parishioners Msgr. Lloyd

9:30 am Phyllis Arnold Fr. Tim

11:30 am Msgr. Raymond O'Flaherty† Fr. Willy

1:15 pm Patricia Fusco-Ladd† Fr. Leonard

5:30 pm Virginia Hyndman† 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

INTERCESSIONS

Pray for the Sick

Albert Diaz, Nicholas Goderson, John J LaMacchia, Ric Nicholson, J R Palacio, Manuel Sanchez, Norma Toole, Valerie Webb

Pray for the Dead

Christine Lilly-Hicks, Kathleen Arceo, Virginia McShane, Delores Cook

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

st. monica catholic schools

ST. MONICA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

4TH GRADE MISSION DAY

After their field trip to San Fernando Mission, the 4th grade spent the day in groups building their Mission replicas. The 4th grade social studies curriculum traditionally covers the history of California, and a big part of that history is the Missions. The students worked all day on their mission projects, guided and



supervised by numerous parent volunteers.

The students were responsible for the materials, the layout, the plans, and the actual building of the Mission. Of course, the parents helped out too! Everyone had an enjoyable time, and the students learned all about the Missions, and the important part they played



in the history of our wonderful State of California.

2010/11 ST. MONICA CATHOLIC ELEM. SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If you are still looking for a great elementary school, or know someone who is, please consider applying to SMCES. We still have space available in selected grades.

To schedule a tour of the school, please contact **Kim Tuverson** at kim.tuverson@stmonicaelem.com/ For admission information, please contact **Lynda Auer** at lynda.auer@stmonicaelem.com/

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MARINER STUDENT ATHLETES PREPARE FOR SPRING SEASON

SMCHS' athletic program is an integral part of its commitment to graduate students who are integrated individuals. Our courts and fields are also our classrooms. They are places where our students learn the value of physical activity as part of a healthy lifestyle. They are places where our students come to appreciate teamwork, self-sacrifice, and the importance of sportsmanship. The spring season is in session- and it is an especially busy one in Mariner athletics as baseball, boys' golf, softball, boys' tennis, track & field, and boys' volleyball kick off their seasons. Coaches and student athletes, through rigorous practices and pre-league contests, have been preparing for league play and an opportunity to advance to the CIF playoffs. We invite you to be a part of the tradition and excitement that is Mariner athletics. Put on your green and gold and come out to a game or match! For more information on the SMCHS athletic program, including schedules of and directions to athletic contests, please visit our website at www.stmonicaahs.org/athletics Go Mariners!



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, 2010 at the Malibu Country Club. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, including registration information, visit our website at www.stmonicaahs.org/golfclassic or contact **Mr. Alex Chacon** at (310) 394-3701 x1413

MENTOR A MARINER!

The SMCHS Guidance Department is looking for parishioners to participate in Career Day on Friday, April 30th. If interested, please contact **Mrs. Danielle Rakowski** x1418 or drakowski@stmonicaahs.net

BE A MARINER!

SMCHS is still accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year for grades 9-11. Please contact **Ms. Therese Charkut**, Director of Admissions, at (310) 394-3701 x1412 for more information.

Alex Chacon, Assistant Principal: Director of Advancement
(310) 394-3701, x1413 | achacon@stmonicaahs.net

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SPECIAL THANKS

Our sacrament retreat on Saturday, March 6, was a special time of gathering for the students who are preparing to make their First Communion this year. It would not have been such a huge success without the assistance of the following people:

Group Leaders: Julie Adler, Jill Ahearn, Vicky Bartlett, Mary Claire Buchanan, Marissa Castro, Nancy Gunn, Michael Hammer, Robert Hyry, Beth Jochem, Greg Krikorian, Grace Mansoor, Jane Kennedy Reyes, Marisol Tully, Annette Verge, Yvonne Youngblood, and Juliette Youngblood.

Workshop Leaders: Carol Earle, Briana McClure, Lynda Auer, Elizabeth Shula, Lucy Zee, Jessica Clark, Jamie Palmieri, Greg Gardner, Esther Dederick, Lauren Short, Cindy McClure, Madeline Loef, and Joan Morris

Church tour: Joe Christian, George Salem, Tish Tighe, Karen Stark, Julie Sommer, Patricia Fair, and Joan Morris,

Clean Up: Patricia Younger, Maureen Quintanar, Monica Phelps, and Tish Tighe

Registration: Geralyn Buschelman, Sandra Shiebe, Mary Ellen Osip, and Sandra Willson

Help Where You Need It: Megan Meyer, Terry Morello, and Coral Mary Southam

Lunch Time Help: Jane Morrison, Diana Kikuchi, Monica Kenny, and Coral Mary Southam

Helium Tank Pick Up: Larry McNamee

Snacks: Bianca and Robert Hyry and Christine Campbell

Parking: Fabio Viana

Name Labels: Cindy McClure

Help with almost anything: Natalie Hoskins, Pat Robles, Judy Linkey, Julie Sommer, Lynda Auer, Gloria Sanchez, Estee Mason, Dawnelle Davis, Cindy McClure, Joan Morris, Joe Christian, Grace Christian, Jennifer Elias, Nancy Dewey, Larry McNamee, and Miriam Hopkins

Volunteer Lunch: Dawnelle Davis, Simply D-licious Catering Service.

Julie Sommer, a wonderful volunteer who helps in the Religious Education Office.



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

YOUTH MINISTRY

TEEN CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Year 1 Confirmation Class will meet today at 12:50 pm. Our topic this week is: Faith and Science and we welcome guest speaker, Arthur Fitzmaurice.

The Year 2 Confirmation Class will be joining together for a special retreat from Friday, March 12, through Sunday, March 14. Please pray for them during this last month of preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE MARCH FISH MIDDLE SCHOOL GATHERING!

Planning is underway for March 21st 5 pm-7 pm- the next FISH Gathering for the Middle School Ministry.

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

MARCH MADNESS

Everyone is welcome to a March Madness Margarita Party on Sunday, March 14, 2010 after the 5:30 pm Mass in the Church /Duval Patio. Come and get ready for March Madness. Wear your favorite school shirt. Food and beverages will be on sale. An on site, that night raffle will also be held. Monies raised will support the work of our young adult ministry. For more information, contact **Kristin** at knjacobson@gmail.com / (310) 430-5567 or **Chip** at ip.holloway@gmail.com / (818) 621-8996. No RSVP needed!

GLO

Join the Gay and Lesbian Outreach at their next Meet and Greet, Sunday, March 14th, in the Pastoral Center patio and conference room. Come meet up with old and new friends. \$5 to cover food and supplies. Contact **Dennis** at dennisphardwick@yahoo.com for more details or if you can help.

50 AND OVER MINISTRY

Enjoy nature with the 50 and Over Ministry on their next hike, Saturday, March 20th, to Solstice Canyon. Meet at 9 am sharp in the St. Monica parking lot to carpool. Bring cash for state park fee and for lunch afterwards. Contact **Pat** at paddybruce@aol.com or **Connie** at oneillvilla@verizon.net Bring a hat or cap, lots of water, suntan lotion, and wear comfortable shoes.

BAKE SALE

Sponsored today by:

30s through 50s Ministry

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 LENTEN EVENSONG AT MISSION SAN FERNANDO!

On Saturday, March 13, GLO Spiritual Life will host a "walking Evensong" as we tour historic Mission San Fernando in Mission Hills. All are welcome to join GLO at this event. Meet at 10:00 am in St. Monica's parking lot (in back of Pastoral Center). We will form carpools to travel to the Mission. You may also drive directly to the Mission (meet in Mission parking lot at 10:45 am – tour will begin at 11:00 am). There is a \$3 admission charge to the Mission, payable at the entrance. After the tour we will meet at Presidente Mexican Restaurant for a dutch-treat lunch. For more information, please contact **Frank McKown** at (310) 633-1744.

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 SPRING RETREAT

Mark Your Calendars! Friday, April 30–Sunday, May 2—YMA is hosting its annual overnight Spring Retreat at the beautiful Serra Center in Malibu, CA. The retreat is planned by young adults and covers topics that are relevant to young adults. Start saving now because we want everyone to enjoy a weekend of faith and fellowship! Look for sign-up information soon.

THIRTY FIVE THROUGH FORTIES MINISTRY (ADULTS 35 -49)

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

This Lent, we'll be hosting the Friday Lenten Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 26th. We'll be looking for volunteers to help with the stations service, and with preparing and serving the supper. 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

Yes, after long last, TTF is finally having a retreat! We'll be hosting an urban retreat here at St. Monica, beginning in the evening of Friday, April 16th, and concluding in the early evening on Saturday, April 17th. (FYI, an urban retreat is one where we'll be meeting at St. Monica during the weekend days and evenings, but get to sleep in our own beds at home.) We're in the planning process for the retreat, and it promises to be a good one, for both our individual spiritual development and our fellowship as the TTF community. Save the Date!

THE ADULT FELLOWSHIP (ADULTS 50 AND OVER)

*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.*

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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.

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 March 18.

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

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. Contact **Julie Dwyer** at (310) 566-1500 x440 for more details.

Sr. Catherine, Pastoral Associate
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THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

PARISH MISSION

We look forward to welcoming Fr. Richard Leonard, SJ for the Parish Mission. Fr. Richard is one of two priests in the Catholic Church with a PhD. in cinema studies. Fr. Richard will speak at all the Masses next week-end. The Mission sessions will be March 15, 16, and 17 at 12:45pm and 7:30pm.

Topics he will cover include:

- Liturgy: The time for boldness is now
- How can Catholics live in a media saturated culture
- A sane approach to Catholic tradition and devotion
- Will our faith have young people in 2050?
- From darkness into light: Holding to Faith through tough times

Our parish Mission provides a Lenten retreat opportunity for busy people.

RELATIONSHIPS FULFILLED!

Saturday, March 27 at 9 am

Save the date for an innovative workshop: "Relationships Fulfilled: The Art, Science, and Practice of Loving and Being Loved."

This program is for anyone who wants to create relationships in which being seen, understood, and appreciated is the norm. You'll gain actionable insights for transforming thorny people-problems, difficult conversations, and painful misunderstandings.

Led by Paige Marrs, PhD, a member of our St. Monica community, we'll explore proven ways for creating uncommon fulfillment in all of your important relationships — personal and professional.

See flyer on the welcome table; call **Natalie** for more info: (310) 566-1587.

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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. Join us this Friday, March 12th. Soup is on at 6 pm in the Pastoral Center followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 pm in the Church. Our 5:30 pm liturgy team and Music Ministers are hosting both the soup and Stations. \$3 to \$5 donation requested to cover soup costs and supplies.

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, continuing this Tuesday, March 9th in Trepp Center D at 7:30 pm. Our next film is "They Killed Sr. Dorothy" by Just Media Productions. It is a documentary about Sister Dorothy Stang, a 73-year old American nun shot to death while working with local villagers against rainforest devastation in the Amazon. The film depicts her life, work in the rainforest, and the subsequent trial and investigation.

WEEKEND FOOD PANTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

St. Robert Center is a weekend food pantry located at 211 Third Ave in Venice that St. Monica Catholic Community supports. Volunteers may participate every 6 weeks by providing a bag of fruit (such as apples or oranges), helping to make sandwiches, sorting clothes, and making hygiene kits to distribute. The commitment is either for Saturday morning (11:30a-1:30p) or Saturday afternoon (1:30-4:30p), or Sunday afternoon (1:00-4:00p). There can be up to 6 volunteers per shift, and we ask that only children aged 7 or older participate. The next volunteer opportunity is March 13-14. Contact **Lynn at lkurata15@gmail.com** if you would like to volunteer.

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.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

The California Conference of Bishops is the official voice of the Catholic community in California's public policy arena representing the Bishops on legislation and social issues. This week we have highlighted three areas of legislation that the Conference is working on. Go to www.catholic.org for more information. The website also gives you ample background information on all the issues and the steps on how to take action, etc, speaking with your legislator, writing a letter, etc, if you feel so called. This is a critical time in both our state and national legislatures where key issues are being addressed. Read up and make your voice heard.

Fair Sentencing for Youth

Nearly 20 years ago California enacted a law allowing youth to be sentenced to life in prison without parole, which in practice means that youth as young as 14 years old are sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Approximately 250 juveniles in California are serving this sentence. These children have been sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for crimes committed at an age when they are not considered responsible to live away from their parents, drive, make decisions related to their education or medical treatment, vote, leave school, or sign a contract. Life without parole means absolutely no release; it also means minors are often left without access to program and rehabilitative services while in prison.

SB399 allows for the review and resentencing of youth previously sentenced to life without parole. When youth do not have the possibility of parole they often do not get access to programs and rehabilitative services.

Young people—even those serving life sentences—have the capacity to change for the better. SB 399 would still allow juveniles to be sentenced to life in prison, but they would have the opportunity for parole consideration.

Promoting Peace in the Sudan

Senate Resolution 404 is a bi-partisan effort that supports full implementation of the

Sudan Comprehensive Peace Agreement. With the approach of national elections in April 2010, the fragile peace is tenuous and could collapse at any time.

S. Res 404 signals that the United States is committed to preventing increased violence and promoting peace and stability in all of Sudan. It calls on President Obama to strengthen US engagement on the issue and on the international community to coordinate their efforts. It also urges the responsible parties in the Sudan to comply with the Comprehensive Peace Agreement.

US Bishops' Position on Health Care Reform

The debate on Health Care Reform continues in Congress. Here are three main areas our Bishops feel need to be addressed in any kind of universal health care reform.

1. Supports universal health coverage which protects the life and dignity of all, especially those who are poor and vulnerable, and is affordable.
2. Opposes any efforts to expand abortion funding, mandate abortion coverage, or endanger the conscience rights of health care providers and religious institutions.
3. Supports effective measures to safeguard the health of immigrants, their children, and all of society.

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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.

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, 8:30 am to 8:30 pm and Saturday 9-5 pm. You will be called within 24 hours. This ministry is not a substitute for Crisis Hotlines or 911 emergencies.

PHOENIX MINISTRY

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.

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.

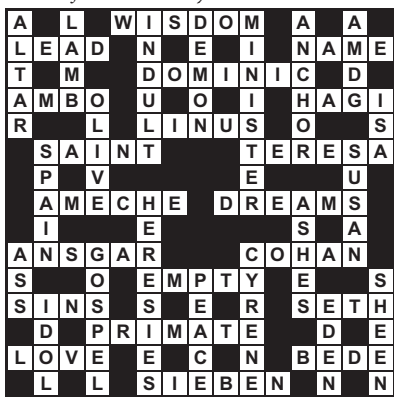
HELPING HAND MINISTRY

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

Fun for the Family

Answers for the February 28th crossword.

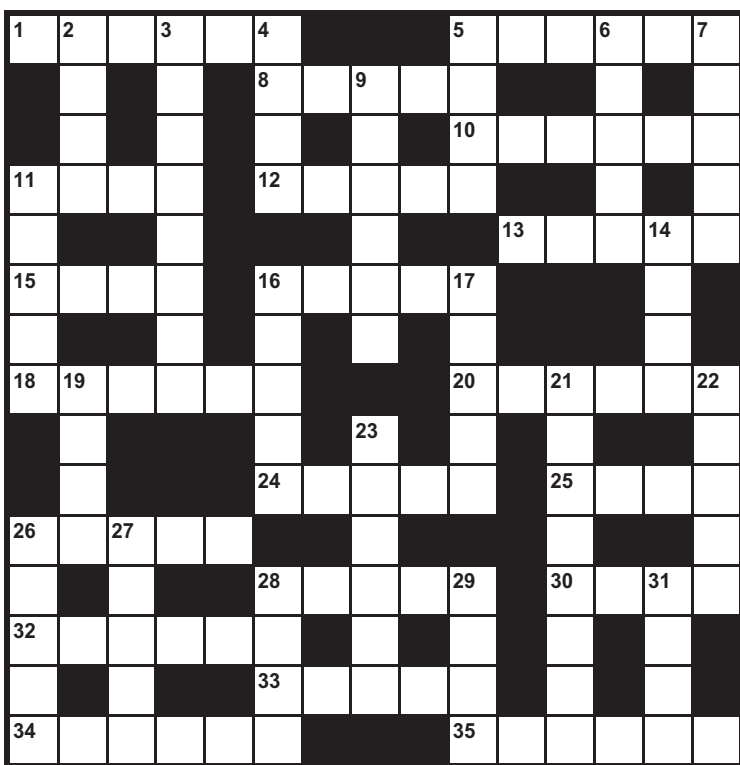


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WORKS OF MERCY II

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- AFFLICTED
- BEAR WRONGS
- DEAD
- DOUBTFUL
- FORGIVE
- HOMELESS
- HUNGRY
- IGNORANT
- IMPRISONED
- JUSTICE
- NAKED
- PRAY
- SICK
- SINNERS
- THIRSTY



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ACROSS

- 1 "...those who ____ and thirst for righteousness..." (Mt 5:6)
- 5 Perform the sacrament of Holy Orders
- 8 Madame Bovary and Pamela were both on this
- 10 The day of the Resurrection
- 11 "Blessed are the ____..." (Mt 5)
- 12 Usually listed with Jude
- 13 Month of the feast of St. Patrick
- 15 St. Philip's surname
- 16 Solemn holy day
- 18 The Church Triumphant is made up of these
- 20 Be present at Mass
- 24 Commandment that forbids adultery
- 25 Evil king of Israel
- 26 Clerical color
- 28 Miraculous, for one
- 30 Church seats
- 32 Our Lady, for the Air Force
- 33 Abraham respite, perhaps
- 34 Type of vow
- 35 Gave to the church community

DOWN

- 2 "____ to us a child is born"
- 3 Kind of angel
- 4 Adam donation, and more
- 5 Paul refers to these animals in 1 Cor 9:9
- 6 The table
- 7 Direction from Jerusalem to Nazareth
- 9 Partner of Cosmas
- 11 "____ Angelicus"
- 14 First murderer
- 16 Lenten practices
- 17 "Lord, ____ us to pray" (Lk 11:1)
- 19 Victim of 14D
- 21 Certain monastic order
- 22 In some versions of The Lord's Prayer, trespasses are called these
- 23 Departure from Egypt
- 26 Church sounders
- 27 Possible Easter month
- 28 It is used in dating Easter
- 29 "...the ____ will be first..." (Mt 20:16)
- 31 It becomes the Blood of Christ

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BAPTISMS Sacrament Office, x503	EUCHARIST TO HOSPITAL / HOMES Christine Gerety, x530	MUSIC MINISTRY Dale Sieverding, SLD, x542 Ed Archer, x539	TEEN CONFIRMATION Fr. Tim Klosterman x508
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			YOUTH MINISTRY Fr. Tim Klosterman x508

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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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: RELAY FOR LIFE

The American Cancer Society is having a *Relay for Life* event in Santa Monica Saturday, July 10th, 2010. Relay for Life (as seen on Extreme Makeover: Home Edition January 31st) is an inspirational event that celebrates survivorship, and honors the memory of loved ones while promoting the fight against cancer. If you would like to participate in this event, please contact Sonia at (310) 348-0357, x 233, or e-mail spinal@cancer.org.

AUDITIONS

Music West, Inc. will hold auditions for its summer production of *Anything Goes*, the Cole Porter musical. Auditions will be held Thursday, March 18th, at 6:30 pm and Saturday, March 20th, at 9:30 am at the Westchester Townhouse, 8501 Emerson Ave., Westchester. Callbacks will be held at 11:30 am, Saturday, March 20th. Performances will be July 23 - 31. Auditions are open to anyone ages 10 and up. Visit www.musicwest.org for more information or call (310) 692-0006.

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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.

THIS WEEK: MARCH 7 - MARCH 13

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
BOOKSTORE OPEN 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. BABY SITTING Available at 5:30 Mass (D)	ST. JUDE AUTOIMMUNE GROUP 5:30 p.m. (PC) RCIA MONDAY NIGHT 7:30 p.m. (T) YMA SPRING RETREAT 7:30 p.m. (D)	SERRA CLUB 6:30 p.m. (PC) WOMEN'S ACA 7:00 p.m. (D) SPIRITUALITY 12 STEPS 7:30 p.m. (T) LEGION OF MARY 7:00 p.m. (SC) YMA VESPERS 7:30 p.m. (SC) MEN'S CORNERSTONE 7:00 p.m. (D)	MORNING PRAYER WITH JIM FINLEY 5:30 a.m. (SC) BOUTIQUE 9:00 a.m. (D) TAIZE PRAYER 6:00 p.m. (C) CHRISTIAN MEDITATION 7:30 p.m. (SPC) SEPARATED AND DIVORCED 7:30 p.m. (SC)	FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY 7:00 p.m. (PC)	RESPECT LIFE ROSARY 5:00 p.m. (C) LENTEN SOUP SUPPER 6:00 p.m. (PC) STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:15 p.m. (C)	TAIZE PRAYER 5:00 p.m. (C) PARISH MISSION 5:30 p.m. Mass (C)	

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NEXT WEEK: MARCH 14 - MARCH 20

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
BOOKSTORE OPEN 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. ART OF LIVING 3:00 p.m. (SC) BABY SITTING Available at 5:30 Mass (D) PARISH MISSION All Masses (C) GLO MEET & GREET 7:00 p.m. (PC)	ST. JUDE AUTOIMMUNE GROUP 5:30 p.m. (PC) PARISH MISSION 12:45 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. (C) RCIA MONDAY NIGHT 7:30 p.m. (T) YMA SPRING RETREAT 7:30 p.m. (D)	PARISH MISSION 12:45 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. (C) WOMEN'S ACA 7:00 p.m. (D) SPIRITUALITY 12 STEPS 7:30 p.m. (T) LEGION OF MARY 7:00 p.m. (SC) YMA VESPERS 7:30 p.m. (SC) MEN'S CORNERSTONE 7:00 p.m. (D)	MORNING PRAYER WITH JIM FINLEY 5:30 a.m. (SC) PARISH MISSION 12:45 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. (C) TAIZE PRAYER 6:00 p.m. (C) BAPTISM CLASS 7:00 p.m. (T) CHRISTIAN MEDITATION 7:30 p.m. (SPC) SEPARATED AND DIVORCED 7:30 p.m. (SC)	FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY 7:00 p.m. (PC) CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER 7:30 (T)	RESPECT LIFE ROSARY 5:00 p.m. (C) LENTEN SOUP SUPPER 6:00 p.m. (PC) STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:15 p.m. (C) EVENSONG 7:30 p.m. (SC)	12 STEP RETREAT 9:00 a.m. (T) TAIZE PRAYER 5:00 p.m. (C)	

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FAITH-SHARING QUESTIONS

THEME: Lent calls us to conversion

ADULTS: What steps are you taking this Lent to make sure that your faith bears fruit in good works?

CHILDREN: God wants your faith to result in good living. What steps can you take during Lent to make sure that happens?

BOOKSTORE

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