

April 25, 2010 - 4th Sunday of Easter



St. Monica Catholic High School students in Japan this spring.

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Monday - Friday:
6:30 and 8 a.m.; 12:10 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. & 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

It is with profound love, and a deep, abiding sorrow, that I call for your prayers and support for our dear parish administrator, Mike Mottola, and his son Travis.



Last weekend, on Sunday afternoon, Mike's wife, Mary Trudeau-Mottola, passed from this life and is now with God. As a married couple, Mary and Mike have always been the "real deal" – a solid and vibrant core of mutual, reciprocating love, compassion, and service, and their faith in our Lord – central to their lives. Mary worked as the general manager of the Archdiocesan newspaper The Tidings, and was a great force, in service to our Los Angeles community. Mike, as you may know, has been an essential part of our St. Monica community in this last era, and especially in the rebuilding of this church. He has lovingly given so much to our community. I would ask for your prayers and support for Mike, Travis, and their family, as we lift them up in this time of need.

A vigil service for Mary will be held here at St. Monica, at 7 p.m. this Sunday evening. Funeral services are to be announced at Mass.

This weekend, 43 religious education and elementary school children received their 1st Communion on Saturday. Additionally, 69 high school students and 7 adults in our community are being confirmed. Please join me in welcoming Bishop Edward Clark who will celebrate our Confirmation liturgy at the 1:15 p.m. Mass. And then, next weekend – May 1st – another 48 religious education students will receive their 1st Communion. Congratulations to all of you and your families in this time of spiritual renewal and blessings.

As a last note, I would ask that you pray for your family, and all families. Love, honor, and spend time with them, and know that they are among the wonders and treasures of life.

Amen.

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Administration

"Today we hear Jesus' voice through the scriptures; we know Him and are called to follow Him"

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Financial Peace University Classes are forming for the summer. If you are interested, please contact **Jim Carper** at jimcarper@stmonica.net or 310-566-1523.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

TOGETHER IN MISSION "I GIVE THANKS TO YOU OH LORD."

Together in Mission provides substantial financial support to 35 parishes and 61 schools in our Archdiocese.

2010 Goal: \$214,000

Pledges to Date: \$148,405

OFFERTORY REPORT: MARCH 2010

Thank you all for your continued gifts of time, talent and treasure to St. Monica!

***Offertory Total: \$233,751**

Budget: \$195,764

*basket offertory, mail and estimated electronic donations

S.M.A.S.H. SUCCESS!

S.M.A.S.H. 2010 was a tremendous success! Immense gratitude goes to everyone who participated. It is through events like S.M.A.S.H. we become especially cognizant of how blessed we are to be a part of a community like St. Monica. Because of the tireless, generous and selfless efforts of S.M.A.S.H. coordinators, volunteers, patrons, donors and guests, our elementary and high schools will be able to offer financial assistance to families who would not be able to send their children to Catholic school without aid. Our S.M.A.S.H. fundraiser is a noble and necessary cause and its success would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of St. Monica Catholic Community. In a couple weeks, we will publish the final net proceeds from ticket sales, donations, the silent and live auctions, the raffle, and raise the paddle. Until then, here are some approximate gross figures for a few of the biggest S.M.A.S.H. categories:

Silent Auction: \$19,000

Live Auction: \$50,000

Raise the Paddle: \$80,000

Know that your efforts make a difference in the lives of hundreds of young people who can benefit from the gift of a Catholic education and whose futures can be a reflection of the values, skills and talents they hone in their formative years at quality Catholic schools.

"BUILDING OUR FUTURE" update

imagine Congratulations to the site development team, which received unanimous approval from the city of Santa Monica to move forward on the project. Tremendous news! Ground-breaking is in our sights, but fundraising must continue. There are many ways to donate; help build St. Monica's future. 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

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Good Shepherd Sunday gives us the image of Jesus as shepherd and pastor of the flock. In the earliest Christian art, the majority of the depictions of Jesus are as Good Shepherd. The image of Christ as Shepherd persists until about the year 500 AD with images on tombstones, in frescoes, mosaics, and in sculpture. It is a tender image indicating the care that Jesus as caretaker, has for his flock. Images rich from the Scripture, guide our celebration of Good Shepherd Sunday for indeed, "We are God's people, the sheep of His flock." It is a Scriptural paradox that lives on in the Christian theology, that the Lamb who was slain, has now become the Shepherd of the sheep and Cornerstone of the building. A collection of images from the Church's earliest artistic tradition can be seen at <http://www.jesuswalk.com/christian-symbols/good-shepherd.htm>

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

The parish offers low-gluten hosts for altar bread to those who are allergic to ingesting gluten (a protein found in wheat). If you are in need, please contact **Fran Curry** at fran@stmonica.net or call (310) 566-1500.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide.

Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GENERAL LITURGY COMMITTEE

The General Liturgy Committee meets Wednesday, May 5, at 7:00 pm to evaluate the Lenten Season, Triduum and Easter Season to date.

YOU CAN BE A MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY

Are you a friendly person who enjoys greeting others? Would you like to meet other people in our parish community and serve the Church in a meaningful way, all at the same time? Maybe you should be a Hospitality Minister! Our Hospitality Ministry's mission is to reach out in dedicated service with a welcoming spirit of inclusion to all of our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are always in need of more hospitality ministers for all of our liturgies and for the other events with which the Hospitality Ministry assists. If you think this ministry may be for you, please contact John Putnam, Hospitality Ministry Coordinator, at john@putnam sourcing.com or (310) 428-3689 for more information.

FAITH-SHARING QUESTIONS

THEME: Jesus knows us and calls us

ADULTS: What is your experience of being a follower of Christ, of being cared for and guarded with him as shepherd?

CHILDREN: Jesus promises to guard us like a shepherd does the sheep. How do you experience his loving care in your life?

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Sunday, April 25, 2010

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

7:30 am	Jesus Casillas†	Fr. Tim
9:30 am	Paige Marrs	Msgr. Lloyd
11:30 am	St. Monica Parishioners	Msgr. Lloyd
1:15 pm	Confirmation Liturgy	Bishop Clark
5:30 pm	Edward P & Margaret Kozmor†	Fr. David

Monday, April 26, 2010

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

6:30 am	Barbara Ortega
8:00 am	Nancy Blaisdell†
12:10 pm	Virginia Dizon

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Acts 12:24 -- 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

6:30 am	Annie Konczak & her sisters†
8:00 am	Robert & Deanna Brown
12:10 pm	Ramon Picazo†

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

6:30 am	Joseph Zielin†
8:00 am	Mary E Wood†
12:10 pm	Rosemary Culhane†

Friday, April 30, 2010

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

6:30 am	John P Cunningham III†
8:00 am	Michael Labrador†
12:10 pm	Andrew Giorgi†

Saturday, May 1, 2010

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

8:00 am	Michael Labrador†
<i>Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a; 34-35</i>	
5:30 pm	Louis Webb†
	Fr. Tim

Sunday, May 2, 2010

7:30 am	Thomas & Lena Ricci†	Msgr. Lloyd
9:30 am	Christine Lilly-Hicks†	Fr. David
11:30 am	St. Monica Parishioners	Fr. David
1:15 pm	Antonio Neflas†	Fr. Tim
5:30 pm	Raymundo Dungo†	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	Thursday	Fr. Willy
Tuesday	Fr. David	Friday	Msgr. Lloyd
Wednesday	Fr. Tim	Saturday	Fr. Tim & Msgr. Lloyd

INTERCESSIONS

Pray for the Sick

Jacqueline Adams, Shannon Becker, Guy Botero, Denise Hart, Regina Herrick, Victor Lamadrid, Pete Lee, Dr. Jerry Levin, Kathleen McCann, Ed Piniero, Kate Pflug, Robert Waide

Pray for the Dead

Mary Mottola

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Joseph Neuhaus and Vanessa Herd
Andrew Teoh and Mary Reischman
Danilo Hizon and Rochelle Bade
Zachary Johnson and Patricia Gonzalez

ST. MONICA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SMCES CLASS OF 2010

We have just started the 4th, and final quarter of the school year. Our 8th grade class is getting ready for the last few weeks of their elementary school careers. Ahead of them, the Jog-a-thon, Spirit Week, the annual Playday, graduation breakfast, the graduation Mass, the graduation dance, and finally the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C, and New York City. Come the end of August they will be members of the Class of 2014.

This year, 22 8th graders will be attending Saint Monica Catholic High School, with the balance going to other high schools, Loyola, Crespi, Notre Dame Academy, NDHS, and Santa Monica to name a few. Traditionally, our 8th graders have applied, tested, and have been accepted into several Catholic high schools, with most having to make a choice of which high school to attend.

Best of luck to the future Class of 2014! We know you'll make us proud.

SMASH 2010 "SUNSET ON THE BEACH"

It was indeed a Sunset on the Beach Saturday, April 17th, as parishioners, school parents, and friends gather on the beach at the Jonathon Club for the annual SMASH Dinner and Auction. In addition to the silent and live auctions, there was also the "Raised the Paddle" for classroom desks and tables, a document camera, and computers for the two schools. Everyone in attendance had a wonderful time. A special thank you to the planning committee to coordinating a wonderful night, and to all who attended this year's SMASH dinner. We'll see you next year at SMASH 2011.

Valerie and Jeff Shore, right.



Liz and Jim Allison enjoying the SMASH dinner and auction, left.

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ST. MONICA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SMASH 2010 - A SMASHING SUCCESS

The St. Monica Academic and Spiritual Heritage (SMASH) Dinner and Auction was held on Saturday April 17, 2010 at the Jonathan Club in Santa Monica. Approximately 250 guests attended the event which included a silent auction on the beach, a delicious dinner, and several opportunities to support the St. Monica schools through dinner activities such as Raise-the-Paddle and a live auction.

On behalf of St. Monica Catholic High School, thanks to all who helped to make SMASH a success either by attending the event or by volunteering for the many opportunities available in the weeks leading up to the event. We look forward to sharing specific information regarding this year's successes in the weeks to come.

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 May 24, 2010 at the Malibu Country Club. For more information, including registration information, visit our website at www.stmonicaHS.org/golfclassic or contact Mr. Alex Chacon at (310) 394-3701 x1413. We hope to see you there!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SMCHS is accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year:

Director of Advancement duties include oversight of the alumni and parent giving program, special events, marketing, and the public relations efforts of the high school. Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter c/o **Thom Gasper, Principal**, via e-mail (principal@stmonicaHS.net), fax (310) 458-1353, or mail (1030 Lincoln Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90403) by Friday

April 30, 2010.

Guidance Counselor/Teacher duties include teaching, academic counseling to approximately 150 students, assistance with the organization and implementation of the school-wide testing program, and involvement in the planning and implementation of guidance department sponsored events. Interested Guidance Counselor/Teacher applicants should send a resume and cover letter c/o **Linda Korenthal, Vice Principal**, via e-mail (lkorenthal@stmonicaHS.net), fax (310) 458-1353, or mail (1030 Lincoln Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90403) by Friday April 30, 2010.

For complete job descriptions, visit our website at www.stmonicaHS.org/employment

Alex Chacon, Assistant Principal: Director of Advancement
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YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CONGRATULATIONS

To these students who received First Communion on April 24:

Gabriella Rae Benedict, Finlay Alexander Buchannan, Isaiah Salvador Callahan Reyes, Kaleb Angelina Callahan Reyes, Cayden Cameran Campbell, Philip Joseph Carnevale III, Giuliana Lucia Castro, Elena Marie Chao, Kendall Akemi Chan, Paula Cohoe ,Jayden Ehlers, Emily Rose Flavin, Charlotte Ann Fuchs, Christopher Joaquin Graff, Sean Cordova Guevara Flood, Shawn Wolfgang Gunn, Joshua Allen Hyry, Lauren Anne Johnstone, Jonathan Micheal Kennedy, Brianna May Kennedy Roses, Maximilian Lorenzo Krikorian, Clare Teresa Soyong Lee, Grace Elizabeth Mansoor, Sebastian Ernesto Mendoza, Anna Marguerite Morello, Samantha Ann Morris, Gabriella Marie Padilla, Alexander Jason Phelps, Ryan Peter Reyes, Angeliq ue Monet Rozo, Connor C. Silver, Zenon Soriano, Jackson Reid Spotnitz, Amelia Clark Spotnitz, Ela Suvak, Jean Paul Luca Sypien, Nicholas Joseph Tomlin, Joshua Greg Tully, Jasmine Cynthia Valencia, Claire Rose Vandeman, Liam Macias Watson, Isabella Marie Wilson, Beikwaw Kwame Yankey, Ryan James Younger, Efrain McManamon Zara, and Daniel Peter Oliveira Zecchini.

SPECIAL THANKS

To the following catechists who worked with these students: Jessica Clark, Gregory Gardner, Debbie Grumbach, Michael Hammer, and Elizabeth Shula. May God continue to bless them for their work in this ministry at our parish.

ANNUAL LIVING ROSARY

On Sunday, May 2, in the Spirituality Center Chapel at 11:00 am the Grade 8 Religious Education class will hold it's 8th annual living rosary. This is a rosary where as many as 60 people gather, each representing a bead of the rosary. Each year we pray for the end of violence and bullying on all school campuses. You are invited to participate. Come be a witness to these wonderful Grade 8 students. If you are going to participate, please contact Marie@stmonica.net or at (310)-395-8903.

FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE

If your child is making First Communion on Saturday, May 1, you need to come to practice in the Church at 6:30 pm on Monday, April 26. An adult needs to be present with the child.

Lauren Short is one of the wonderful volunteers who assisted with our sacrament retreat by doing a Smart Board presentation on various world religions. Her presentation was loved by all.



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

ST. MONICA TEENS- SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT!

Congratulations to the Teens confirmed today at the 1:15 pm Liturgy! They have been preparing for this day for the past two years. Please pray for them as they strengthen and confirm their faith in this special liturgy.

TO THE CONFIRMED TEENS- FROM FR. TIM, CONFIRMATION DIRECTOR

It has been an honor and a privilege to walk with you all through this process of Confirmation. I hope that you know that in the storms and the challenges of life you will always have the constant care and companionship of Jesus. Further, may you know and sense that St. Monica Catholic community loves and supports all of you!

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO KRISTIN MCCOWAN

Kristin, our teen Confirmation Coordinator, has led the program over this past year... Her hard work and diligence in coordinating class sessions with guest speakers, Prayer in the Park, Beach Day, and the overnight "On Campus" Retreat, has been a blessing to the students, group leaders, and St. Monica community. We thank you Kristen!

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS! COME REPRESENT ST. MONICA'S THIS FRIDAY NIGHT - FISH VS. EDGE!

"What are you doing Friday night?" "I don't know- What are you doing Friday night?" We know what we are doing FRIDAY NIGHT so come and join us! THE FIRST EVER- FISH vs. EDGE event! Videogame tournament, basketball, dodge ball, handball, Pizza, drinks and more!

When? THIS Friday, April 30! Time? 6:30 pm. Where? St. Martin of Tours in Brentwood- 11955 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90049. Got questions? We've got answers! Contact **Jeffrey** at jeffrey_s_q@yahoo.com or **Michelle** (from St. Martin's) at michelle@saintmartinoftours.com

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community life and groups

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

YMA

Young adults are invited to the first ever YMA Scrabble Competition on Sunday, April 25th. Do you have what it takes to be a Champion? Come find out. The first round begins at 1 pm in Trepp Center. The final trophy will be presented at 5:15 pm just before Mass. A \$5 donation will go towards YMA. RSVP to **Kristin** at knjacobson@gmail.com plus if you want to help. Come spell your way into St. Monica history!

YMA CINCO DE MAYO

Young adults are invited next week to the YMA Cinco de Mayo Social on Sunday, May 2nd. Enjoy Coronas & Tecates (\$3), south of the border appetizers and great music. The fiesta starts immediately after the 5:30 Mass. Join us on the Pastoral Center Patio. All those in their 20's and 30's are invited. Contact Kristin (310) 430-5567 (knjacobson@gmail.com) with questions. No RSVP required.

GLO

The GLO Rosary Group gathers at 4:45 pm on the last Sunday of each month upstairs in the Spirituality Center. Not a member of GLO? No problem! All are welcome to join us next today, Sunday, April 25th, to pray for world peace and honor our Blessed Mother. If you have any questions about the GLO Rosary Group, please contact Michael at kaczboa@yahoo.com

TTF HIGHLIGHTS

Join us today, April 25th, after the 5:30 Mass (Trepp Center) for our monthly social. For more information contact st.monicttf@yahoo.com, **Gerard** (310) 430-0101 or **Karen** (310) 464-7337.

BAKE SALE

Sponsored today by:

SMCHS Senior Class

Please join them in the patio after Mass for coffee and donuts.

The Community Life and Groups Ministries of St. Monica provide numerous opportunities for participation through a variety of groups and activities that enrich the faith of our community through fellowship.

GAY AND LESBIAN OUTREACH

Join us for our retreat "We Are All Disciples: United in Faith, Diverse in Experience" May 14th and 15th at the St. Monica Spirituality Center. During our two days together we will explore what being a disciple of Christ means, the rewards, costs and challenges we face in being His disciples; the biblical and historical roots of discipleship and the resources and tools that can help us on our journey with God. \$75 includes meals and retreat materials. Retreat will run on Friday from 7pm to 10pm and Saturday from 9am to 9pm. There is no overnight stay. Deadline to register is Sunday, May 2nd. Registration forms available at the Welcome Table; or at the Pastoral Center or online at http://www.stmonica.net/community_life/glo/index.html

YOUNG MINISTERING ADULTS

YMA SPRING RETREAT 2010:

ORGANIZE YOUR SPIRITUAL PLAYLIST: SYNCING WITH GOD

APRIL 30 - MAY 2

Come join us for an overnight retreat of spiritual reflection and renewal at Serra Retreat Center in Malibu as we reflect on what is on the playlists of our lives and what we can do to cut out the white noise and get more in sync with God. Activities throughout the weekend will include individual prayer, silent reflection, small group discussions, interactive exercises and fellowship. Retreat Cost: \$200 per person for a double occupancy room. \$260 for single occupancy. Retreat cost includes room & board, meals and program materials. Financial assistance and payment plans available. Contact **Delis G. Alejandro**, Pastoral Associate, at delis@stmonica.net or retreat leaders **Sara Cassone**: saracassone@gmail.com or **Roy Nwaiser**: roy@netraction.com

TTF THIRTY FIVE THROUGH FORTY NINE MINISTRY

St. Monica's Thirty-Five through Forties (TTF) Ministry addresses the spiritual, social, and service needs of parishioners between the ages of 35 and 49. Make sure to join us for our next two events.

First, on Friday, May 7th, we'll be meeting at 7:00 p.m. in St. Monica's small parking lot, and then heading over at 7:15 p.m. to Abbott Kinney Blvd in Venice for the First Friday Artwalk. For more about this event, please contact TTF at st.monicttf@yahoo.com or **Gerard** at 310-430-0101 or **Karen** at 310-464-7337.

Secondly, on Tuesday, May 18th at 7 p.m., join us in Duval 2 for a TTF Spirituality Night, with a special emphasis on our Blessed Mother as we honor her during the month of May.

For more information about this event please contact Lucy at ttfspirituality@yahoo.com For general information about TTF, please contact Christine at 310-566-1530 or christine@stmonica.net.

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

The RCIA is beginning a new Inquiry class on Monday, May 17th at 7:30pm in the Trepp Center.

- If you have never been baptized... or
- If you are baptized Catholic and have not completed the other sacraments... or
- If you are baptized in another faith...

And you are interested in Catholicism; please Contact **Sr. Catherine** at (310) 566-1536.

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.

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.

Upcoming sessions will be held on May 6th and 20th.

CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT

FOLLOWING THE MYSTICS THROUGH THE NARROW GATE: LEARNING TO SEE GOD IN ALL THINGS

This silent day retreat with Jim Finley will guide you through to experiencing the peace of God in all things.

Join us on May 22 from 8:30 am-4:00 pm in the Trepp Center.

Registration forms are available on the Welcome Table or RSVP by contacting **Natalie** at nataliehoskins@stmonica.net or (310) 566-1508.

Sr. Catherine, Pastoral Associate
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THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

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.

WELCOME HOME

Are you a returning Catholic who...

...is looking for a good place to ask some questions?

...has some catching up to do in the area of scripture and church teaching?

...is interested in developing your life of faith and prayer?

If you answered "YES" to any or all of these questions, you are invited to our "Welcome Home" series, Tuesdays, though May 18, in the Pastoral Center. Please contact **Sr. Catherine** to RSVP (310) 566-1536.

SAINT MONICA'S BOOK CLUB

Please join us to share your thoughts on: *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*, by Henri Nouwen. Available at the Saint Monica Book Store.

Date: Today, Sunday, April 25, 2010

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: St. Monica Pastoral Center

In 1983, the Rembrandt painting: The Return of the Prodigal Son caught the attention of Henri Nouwen. Identifying with each of the three main figures in the painting, Nouwen crafts a fresh interpretation of a classic story, concluding: "Though I am both the younger son and the elder son, I am not to remain them, but called to become the Father."

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

The Peace and Social Justice Ministries of St. Monica Catholic 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. This spring consider participating in one of our parish justice ministries supporting the poor and needy in our area. Volunteers are also needed. Contacts listed below.

TAKE A VACATION, GET IMMERSSED IN A NEW CULTURE AND HELP OTHERS!

Holy Cross Africa Ministry invites you to join Monsignor Lloyd Torgerson and Father Andrew Massawe on this summer's exciting St. Monica visit to Kenya.

Due to unexpected last-minute cancellations, some limited space has recently become available for what may be the journey of a lifetime. Africa, Kenya, Nairobi, Dandora - our sister parish of Holy Cross.

We depart on Monday, July 12th, from LAX on British Airways and arrive back in LAX on Sunday, July 25th. We'll be in Nairobi for 7 days and on safari for 3 days. The price is \$3350 for the Nairobi portion plus \$900 for the safari. This includes round-trip airfare and taxes, all hotels in Nairobi, on safari in the Masai Mara and one night in the UK on the outbound sector, full buffet breakfasts in Nairobi, all meals on safari, all transport within Africa and transfers. Plus an experience you will never forget.

The safari portion is optional, so if your time is limited this is still the trip for you.

If you are interested and for further details please contact **Peter Heller** from the **HCAM Core Team** at pmartinheller@gmail.com or **310 951 5149**.

St. Monica's Habitat for Humanity Ministry is very excited to announce two upcoming service trips, one to Northern Ireland and the second to Isleta Pueblo in New Mexico!

Our trip to Northern Ireland is scheduled for Friday, July 30th through Monday August 9th. We'll be returning to Belfast to continue working with Habitat's Global Village Program -we'll have the chance to both help build homes with the Madrid Street Project and to participate in the Peace Building Program that is helping to heal divided communities in Belfast. Team members must have a current passport (valid 6 months beyond travel dates), acquire a charity worker visa, have an open heart and mind, the willingness to try new things, an interest in the Peace Building

Program, participate in three pre-departure meetings, and have a sense of humor! (For more on the Madrid Street Project, see this link on [youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Fy2BBj061M): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Fy2BBj061M>.) Questions? Contact **Karen** at karenkrishfield@gmail.com or christine@stmonica.net

We'll also be travelling a little closer to home - to Isleta Pueblo, in northern New Mexico. (The specific dates of travel are still being arranged.) We'll be working in conjunction with the Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity chapter to help build homes on a Native American reservation (the Southern Tiwa Tribe), to learn more about the area's culture, and to appreciate the beauty and history of the Southwest. Team members must have an open heart and mind, the willingness to try new things, a curiosity about the Southwest, participate in three pre-departure meetings, and have a sense of humor! Questions? Contact **Mark** at thomasaquinas@verizon.net, cmercu01@gmail.com, or christine@stmonica.net.

To learn more of the details and costs of either or both of these trips, please join us at one of three informational meetings: Monday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, May 12th at 7:30 p.m.; or Sunday, May 16th at 5 p.m. The meetings will be very informative, but we'll make them as brief and efficient as possible (and on the 16th, we'll get you out in time for 5:30 Mass!).

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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.

WHAT'S NEW WITH OUR PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES:

PHOENIX MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

When life is good, make it better by helping someone. Were you separated, divorced, maybe had an annulment, maybe remarried? Are you a good listener, a calm personality and enjoy people? If you are answering yes and have healed from a divorce then you have what the ministry needs. Your insights into your experiences offer others hope. Your presence can be a light in their darkness that leads them from desperation to healing.

Saint Monica's Phoenix Ministry offers a twelve week program for people going through a separation or divorce. As you recall, when the marriage fails, you stand in a storm of emotion, heartbreak, pain and isolation. Every Wednesday a small group gathers to share and support one another. They are in a protected place, they are open, honest and they help each other move towards healing.

Please consider contacting us and discussing the possibility of joining the Phoenix Ministry. Contact **Ed** at Ed_Hallen@oxy.com; **Jynyvy** at Jynyvy@yahoo.com

ST. JUDE AUTOIMMUNE SUPPORT GROUP

Join us for education and support on the first Monday night of the month at 5:30pm in the Pastoral Center. We have two meetings remaining before our summer break, on May 3rd and June 7th. Make a point to join us. Contact **Pala** at LAsylum@aol.com for more information.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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.

ALWAYS BEGINNING-SPECIAL EVENTS FOR OLDER ADULTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

There will not be a luncheon in April, however we will be hosting 2 events for our seniors in May. Please be sure to call **Marcus** (310) 566-1540 no later than April 28th if you would like to be our guest for the matinee performance of *Seussical The Musical*, a St. Monica Catholic High School production on Saturday, May 1 at 2:00 pm in the auditorium. The show is filled with great songs and lots of dancing.....a great way to spend a spring afternoon, so please join us.

Our regular May luncheon will be held on Friday, May 7, after the 12:10 Mass. We have a special treat for all of you, so don't miss it, and don't forget to call Marcus for your reservation. We'll see you in May.

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THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

ACTIVE DUTY PRAYER BOARD

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/Active_Duty/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.

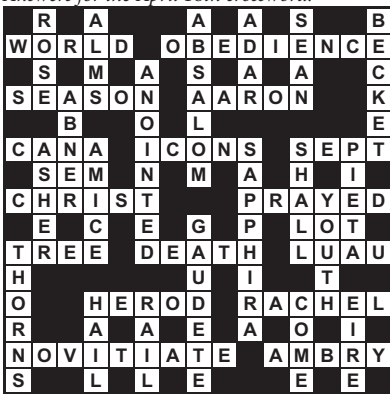
STEPHEN MINISTRY

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 intense training to prepare them for ministry. Call (310) 566-1575 and you will be called within 24 hours.

Stephen Ministry has informed us that they currently have trained male Stephen Ministers with no one to help. Please help us spread the word that Stephen Ministry is open to men and women needing support and there is no wait at this time for a qualified trained Stephen Minister to help you.

Fun for the Family

Answers for the April 18th crossword.

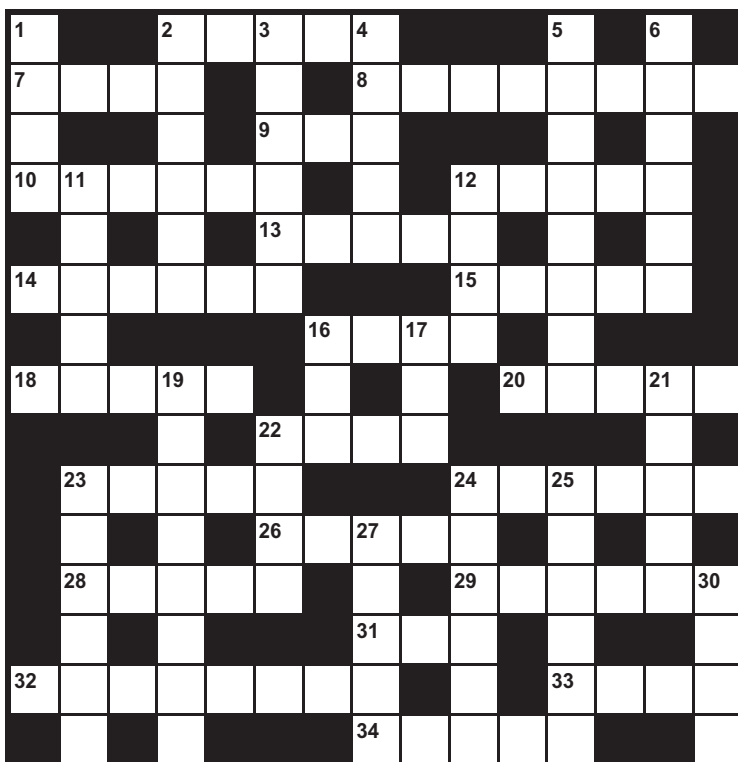


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- SAUL
- SOLOMON
- UZZIAH
- ZEDEKIAH



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ACROSS

- 2 Catholic actor of "Taxi" fame
- 7 Sacred Roman ___ (tribunal)
- 8 Jesus was born in the reign of this Caesar
- 9 Abbr. for two OT books
- 10 Divine ___
- 12 People looked like this to the blind man Jesus cured (Mt 8:24)
- 13 A non-coveting commandment
- 14 Holy one, in Paris
- 15 Church instrument, sometimes
- 16 Diocese of Honolulu home
- 18 Vestment made of a narrow strip of cloth
- 20 Son of Abraham
- 22 Shepherd-turned-prophet
- 23 Make void a sacrament
- 24 Religion of Jesus
- 26 Catholic pastime?
- 28 Some are in purgatory
- 29 Number of sacraments, in Mainz
- 31 Vatican crowd?
- 32 Dinah's relationship to Jacob
- 33 "Do not put the Lord your God to the ___" (Lk 4:12)
- 34 Biblical measure

DOWN

- 1 Woody's son, a convert to Catholicism
- 2 Partner of Cosmas
- 3 ___ Creed
- 4 Brother of Miriam
- 5 Ritual cleansing with holy water
- 6 Diocese in Arizona
- 11 Christ the King is one
- 12 Commandment pronoun
- 16 Order abbreviation
- 17 OT prophetic bk.
- 19 The whole earth had one before the Tower of Babel
- 21 Church runway
- 22 Tunic-like vestments
- 23 Patron saint of Scandinavia
- 24 Husband of Mary
- 25 Advent foliage
- 27 First word in the Lord's Prayer, in Paris
- 30 Tools of trade for Peter and Andrew

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Fr. Patrick Hill, MA, JCL, DMin., presents "Continuity of Prayer from Temple Times to Christian Times." Join us to reflect, renew, and rebuild. It is God's desire for us to change our mourning into a strong spirit strengthened through prayer and

in the neighborhood

meditation. **Cost: \$15** (incl. materials, lunch, and parking). Registration 10:30-11am. Early registration 8:30-9:15am for a tour of the Wilshire Blvd. Temple (optional). Workshop and Mass start at 11am. RSVP by 4/28 to **Julie** at (213) 637-7249 or jmonelli@altrionet.com

