

May 16, 2010 - 7th Sunday of Easter



Tim Grumbach and SMCES students at the recent Career Day.

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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

Our final Sunday of Easter is this weekend, as we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. My sisters and brothers, these past weeks have been an extraordinary time.



It began with our Lenten journey, Holy Week, and then Easter. Thirty new individuals came into our Church, and a flourish of 1st Communions and Confirmations have followed in the community of our youth. The wonders of life, and the sorrows of death, have also visited us in this time. There they are – just beneath the surface of all things. But this weekend is a great reminder and call of our faith – the Ascension of our Lord into life reunited with God. Jesus Christ, in His life, death, and resurrection, answers our deepest yearnings and testifies to our greatest hope. And if that were not enough, next weekend, we celebrate Pentecost, and the great gift of the Holy Spirit. I am convinced, more and more, that our partnership with the Holy Spirit is the key to our living this life of faith, in all of its joys and struggles. The Holy Spirit gives us the words and the wisdom to live out our days, and I'm here to tell you, to think that we do it alone is wrong. Jesus promises us the Spirit – this gift, these words, this way to move about our lives. Alleluia!

This coming Saturday, on May 22nd, Jim Finley will lead a retreat in "Learning to see God in all things." Jim will guide us, as we close the Lenten-Easter loop, on a silent retreat that follows the mystics through the narrow gate, to a peace that surpasses understanding. What a tremendous gift this man is to our community – please come and join us if you can.

Our schools and religious education programs are coming to their summer conclusion. Let us keep our wonderful youth, their parents, and their families in our prayers. God bless,

Msgr. Lloyd Torgerson, Pastor
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Administration

Jesus spends the time just before his arrest praying for us...for those who believe in Him. Who needs our prayers this week?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

2010 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL TOGETHER IN MISSION

2010 Goal: \$214,000

Pledges to Date: \$153,850

Difference: \$60,150

Prior to last year the St Monica Parish Community has always met or exceeded the parish goal for Together in Mission. Last year, however, we fell \$30,000 short of our goal. The difference was made up from general offertory funds. This year we find ourselves over \$60,000 below goal. We can ill afford to make up this difference from our operating funds.

Thank you to all of you who have already given to Together in Mission. The funds you gave have helped to keep the doors open at many of the parishes and schools supported by the campaign. Together in Mission provides substantial financial support to 35 parishes and 61 schools in our Archdiocese. These parishes and schools provide education, ministry and a Catholic presence for tens of thousands of our sisters and brothers.

We need everyone's support. If you have not made a pledge commitment to Together in Mission as yet, please do so as soon as possible. Pledge envelopes are available in the racks by the doors. On behalf of our parish, but most especially on behalf of those who will benefit from your generosity, thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response to Together in Mission.

SPECIAL APPEALS SUNDAY: MAY 16, 2010

During the course of the Church year we have a variety of special collections for various worthy causes. These can sometimes become distracting or confusing. In an effort to simplify the process we have consolidated eight of those collections into a single appeal this weekend. You are invited to support any or all of these worthy cause. Envelopes are available in the pews.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2009

Stewards of St Monica ~ Volunteer Appreciation Event following the 5:30 PM Mass

Celebrate a Weekend of Stewardship of Talent!

ST. MONICA BOUTIQUE

St. Monica Boutique welcomes new members and visitors every Wednesday morning in the Duval center 9-12 am. Come stitch, knit, crochet or just visit. We have coffee and refreshments. More information?? Call **Toni (310) 393-7907, Suzanne, (310) 828-0426, or Nancy (310) 451-9598**

"BUILDING OUR FUTURE" update

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Give online -- it's fast and easy. Here's how: Go to the St. Monica Campaign Website (see address below). Then click on "Donate Online" and follow the simple instructions. You'll need to use a major credit card. Gifts can be one-time or pledged over time (you'll be billed accordingly). So consider giving online! Be a part of the Campaign.

PLEGGED: \$16.33 million

GOAL: \$27 million

BLDG. START: 2011

INFORMATION: www.stmonica.net/campaign

**The Campaign
for St. Monica** 
Catholic Community

PENTECOST VIGIL

Next Saturday, May 22, at 5:00 pm (prior to the 5:30 pm Mass), we will celebrate a short vigil of Pentecost in the spirit of Taize with Scripture, prayers, and music. The Vigil will be an opportunity to pray for openness to the gifts of the Holy Spirit; in particular lifting up Archbishop Jose Gomez, who will be formally welcomed to the archdiocese as the Coadjutor in a ceremony at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral on May 26. If you appreciated Taize prayer during Lent, this will be another opportunity for a prayer experience in this same format.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Next Sunday, May 23, is Pentecost Sunday. Bright red is the feast's liturgical color; you are invited to wear red at our Pentecost celebrations! Please note—the 1:15 pm Mass next Sunday, May 23, is cancelled. St. Monica Catholic High School's Baccalaureate Mass will take place during that time and seating in the church is reserved for members of the senior class and their families only. Those parishioners who normally attend the Sunday 1:15 liturgy are invited to attend one of St. Monica's other vibrant liturgies next weekend. Thank you for your patience and understanding; we apologize for the inconvenience.

MARRIAGE INFORMATION NIGHT

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 Wednesday, May 26, 7:15 pm in the Duval Center.

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Sunday, May 16, 2010

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

- 7:30 am Shirley & Leo Pascual Msgr. Lloyd
- 9:30 am Robert Tummolo Fr. Willy
- 11:30 am Mothers' Day Novena Fr. David
- 1:15 pm John Connors† Fr. Tim
- 5:30 pm St. Monica Parishioners Fr. David

Monday, May 17, 2010 | Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:20-33

- 8:00 am Mothers' Day Novena

Tuesday, May 18, 2010 | Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

- 6:30 am Thomas Trahey†
- 8:00 am Paz Johns†
- 12:10 pm Peg Grant

Wednesday, May 19, 2010 | Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

- 6:30 am Paz Johns†
- 8:00 am In thanksgiving
- 12:10 pm Maureen Tucker

Thursday, May 20, 2010 | Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

- 6:30 am Dorothy Lang†
- 8:00 am Kate Wafer
- 12:10 pm Paz Johns†

Friday, May 21, 2010 | Acts 25:13bb-21; Jn 21:20-25

- 6:30 am Shanna Bressler
- 8:00 am Janice Karman
- 12:10 pm Francis & Vicente Ortega†

Saturday, May 22, 2010 | Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

- 8:00 am Lillian Enzena†
- Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26*
- 5:30 pm Anna Nguyen Thi-Tin & Nguyen Duc-Phu† Msgr. Lloyd

Sunday, May 23, 2010

- 7:30 am Joao Virgilio Silva† Fr. David
- 9:30 am Christine Lilly-Hicks† Msgr. Lloyd
- 11:30 am Mario Chetcuti† Fr. Willy
- 2:00 pm HS Baccalaureate Mass Msgr. Lloyd
- 5:30 pm St. Monica Parishioners Msgr. Lloyd

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

CONFESSIONS

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

INTERCESSIONS

Pray for the Sick

Guy Carter Botero, Sal Carrota, Oscar Garcia, Angel Melkian, Rick Sellers, P Y Yen

Pray for the Dead

Peter Lopez

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

David Wong and Lynh Ho

FAITH-SHARING QUESTIONS

THEME: Jesus gives us special gifts.

ADULTS: Jesus invites us to be one with God. Name a moment when you were one with God this past week.

CHILDREN: Jesus tells us He is always with us. Name a time this past week when you knew that God was with you in a special way.

SIXTH GRADE FIELD TRIP

On May 3rd, 2010, the sixth grade and Mr. Nelson went on a “gnarly” field trip. We had an awesome time. We watched a movie called, “Ultimate Wave Tahiti,” which showed us the Tahitian waves, which were “psychedelic.” It also showed how waves are formed by energy, how islands are formed by hot spots, and how important it is to protect our coral reefs.

We also explored some of the museum’s most interesting exhibits. For example, we took a tour of the human body exhibit, which showed us the human brain, heart, and lungs. Another exhibit was the Lost Egypt Exhibit, which showed us some of Egypt’s most fascinating artifacts, like the mummy. We also played with a machine which showed us how fast we react. It was kind of like ping-pong. We found out we had “crouching-tiger” reflexes. After the museum, we relaxed and had lunch in the rose garden, which was picturesque and exquisite, but to us it was the McDonald’s burger smell that was dangerously delicious.

After lunch we had an experiment with erosion and deposition. We built land features with something that looked like sand but it was made out of shoe grit. The shoe grit gave our hands a scrub. Then we were paired up with partners and brought upstairs to have our own erosion experiments but with sand and rock. We had to put a plastic house and two fake trees into the sand and rock and pour water on them to see if our house and trees would stay safe or get carried away. Luckily, our house and trees were safe. After that, we had a permeability experiment to find out if water traveled faster in moss, sand, or rock. The winner was rock.

We had a “gnarly” visit at the California Science Center. We learned many new things; we can’t wait to go back to learn some more!

By Katrina and Elena



STUDENTS PURSUE COLLEGE CREDIT THROUGH ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES, EXAMS

Beginning on May 3rd and continuing through May 12th, SMCHS students from various grade levels participated in this year’s round of Advanced Placement (AP) tests offered by the College Board and administered at St. Monica Catholic High School. A total of 154 tests were administered to students from the sophomore, junior, and senior grade levels in 11 different subjects. Each year, students who want to learn and achieve at the highest level become AP students. Through the Advanced Placement program’s college-level courses and exams, students can earn college credit and advanced placement in college courses, and stand out in the college admissions process.

Even though test scores will not be available for a few months, the SMCHS community wishes to congratulate all students who have strived for success in their respective Advanced Placement courses, and their teachers for the additional support given to the students leading up to the AP exams.

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. Come out for a great day of golf and a delicious dinner following your historic day on the course! For more information, including registration and sponsorship 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!

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 or visit our website at www.stmonicahs.org to apply online.

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

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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YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

BIBLE CAMP

Registration is now open for our Summer Bible Camp. Students will come daily for the week of June 28 through July 2. The actual sessions are 9:00 to 3:00. Students learn by active participation in games, relay races, plays, and various activities that make their faith come alive. Students need to wear comfortable clothing as this is an activity-oriented camp and they will be participating in fun activities. If you would like to register for this event, please e-mail Marie@stmonica.net as the enrollment is limited and students are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

EARLY CHILDHOOD REGISTRATION

Glenn Angeles conducted the Closing Ceremony on May 2. We honored the teachers and students who have celebrated a year of learning about their faith. We have begun accepting registration for the new school year beginning October 3, 2010. This is a program that fills up fast and children are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Marie Slaton if you would like information about enrollment.

9:30 MASS CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children, ages 5 and up, are invited to join Jill Orcutt for a children's Liturgy of the Word celebration. After the opening prayer, Jill leads the children to the Pastoral Center Chapel where the First Reading and Gospel are read followed by an interactive discussion/role play. The children then return to the church and gather around the altar for the Consecration. After the sign of peace they rejoin their families in their pews. This is a special way to help children get a true understanding of the meaning of the Gospel.

Closing Ceremony: May 23 will be our closing ceremonies in the Auditorium. An adult should come to class with each child to participate in this special event. Please go directly to the auditorium.

BREAD MAKING WORKSHOP

Jamie and Melissa Palmieri conducted the bread making workshop as a preparation for students making First Communion.



Here students are tasting the fruits of their labors

Marie Slaton (Sunday through Thursday)

Family Religious Education Coordinator
(310) 395-8903 | marie@stmonica.net
www.stmonica.net

YOUTH MINISTRY

TEEN CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

We are now registering for the Teen Confirmation Program for the 2010-2011 program year. Please contact **Natalie Hoskins** at nataliehoskins@stmonica.net to sign up.

FISH MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

The St. Monica FISH will once again be meeting up with the St. Martin EDGE!! This time, we will be meeting here at St. Monica! This event will be Friday, May 21 at 6:30 pm.

FISH SUMMER PROGRAM

Our FISH Ministry will be running live all summer long!!! If you are interested in our summer social events- please contact **Natalie Hoskins** at nataliehoskins@stmonica.net or (310) 566-1508.

YOUTH MINISTRY BAKE SALE!

Youth Ministry will be sponsoring the Bake Sale for May 23. Please support our ministry and buy lots of coffee and treats on the patio after every Mass on May 23!! We appreciate your help.

WORLD YOUTH DAY—SPAIN & PORTUGAL!

Calling all teens! Are you interested in attending the 2011 World Youth Day? Thousands of youth will be gathering together for this awesome once-in-a-lifetime experience! We will be having an informational meeting on May 17 at 7 pm in the Duval. If you would like to attend, please contact **Natalie** at nataliehoskins@stmonica.net or call (310) 566-1508. (You must be 16 by August 1, 2011 to participate)

DID YOU KNOW?

CHOOSING SAFE TOYS FOR CHILDREN

Millions of toys are out there, and hundreds of new ones hit the stores each year. Toys are supposed to be fun and are an important part of any child's development. But each year, scores of kids are treated in hospital emergency departments for toy-related injuries. Choking is a particular risk for kids ages 3 or younger, because they tend to put objects in their mouths. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) closely monitors and regulates toys. For a helpful checklist on how to determine which toys are safest for young children, please visit: www.kidshealth.org and click on "First Aid & Safety."

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

Natalie Hoskins, Faith Formation Assistant

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Fr. Tim Klosterman, YM Director

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community life and groups

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

YMA

Tonight, May 16th, for all young adults in their 20s and 30s YMA asks...have you...Got Happiness? Unhappy at work? Stressed about the future? Worried about finding your perfect mate?

Then don't miss the YMA Speaker Fellowship and an evening with Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre! She will give us tips and tools on how to replace toxic thoughts and deal with difficult people, so that we have more happiness and joy in our lives. Meet us at 7 pm on the 2nd floor of the Trepp Center. \$5. Light refreshments will be served. Contact **Azi Motahari azisheerin@gmail.com** or **Anne Tobin (818) 281-8058**.

TTF

Tonight Sunday, May 16th, stop by the TTF Thirty Five through Forties Ministry monthly Social after the 5:30 Mass. We'll be over in the Pastoral Center enjoying an evening of great conversation, good wines, and light refreshments. For more about this event, please contact us at st.monicatff@yahoo.com or Gerard at 310-430-0101 or Karen at 310-464-7337.

GLO

Our next two hikes will take place on May 22 and June 19. If you like air, nature and fellowship, this is for you! Each hike begins with a prayer. After some time to walk and reflect in nature, hikers pause to reflect on their experience. This walking prayer ends with a scripture reading. It's fun, it's prayerful, it's exercise! Our faith-sharing hike takes place every 3rd Saturday of the month except in May due to the GLO retreat. If you would like more information on this faith-sharing group, contact **Dennis** at dennisphardwick@yahoo.com.

BAKE SALE

Sponsored today by:

Shelter Groups

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

The GLO Rosary Group gathers at 4:45 pm on the last Sunday of each month. Not a member of GLO? No problem! All are welcome to join us upstairs in the Spirituality Center on Sunday, May 30th 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

Monthly Message from the Queen of Peace

Dear children! At this time, when in a special way you are praying and seeking my intercession, I call you, little children, to pray so that through your prayers I can help you to have all the more hearts be opened to my messages. Pray for my intentions. I am with you and I intercede before my Son for each of you. Thank you for having responded to my call. — April 25, 2010

YOUNG MINISTERING ADULTS (FOR ADULTS IN THEIR 20S AND 30S)

YMA PEACE & JUSTICE HOSTS THE OXFAM AMERICA HUNGER BANQUET – SUNDAY, MAY 23RD, 2010

We invite you to share a special meal with us on Sunday, May 23rd, 2010 from 7 - 8:30 pm in the Pastoral Conference Room. Here's how it works: Guests draw tickets at random that assign them each to either a high-, middle-, or low-income tier—based on the latest statistics about the number of people living in poverty. Each income level receives a corresponding meal: high-income tier are served a sumptuous meal; middle-income section eat a simple meal of rice and beans; and the low-income tier help themselves to small portions of rice and water. This is a truly eye-opening experience to gain a better understanding of global hunger and poverty. A \$5 donation to cover food and materials is requested. For more information on Oxfam America and what they do, please visit <http://www.oxfamamerica.org/> Any questions or if you would like to volunteer with this event, please contact **Niamh (408) 483-8307; niamh_doherty@yahoo.com** or **Elsa (310) 409-9435; ecce1921@hotmail.com**

VESPERS

Vespers is an opportunity to nurture your spirituality with other young adults from our community. We share prayer, scripture

reading, and discussion of topics relevant to our lives as young Catholics. Every week we have a different topic and presenter and every week we take time to offer our own intentions and prayers as well. Meet up with us in the Spirituality Center at 7:30 pm on Tuesday nights. Upcoming topics: May 18th: Finding Light in the Darkness. May 25th: Catholic Jeopardy-The Game. June 1st: The Nature of Doubt.

TTF THIRTY FIVE THROUGH FORTIES 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.

Jot down Tuesday, May 18th at 7 pm, and 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 tffspirituality@yahoo.com

For general information about TTF, please contact **Christine** at (310) 566-1530 or christine@stmonica.net

50 AND OVER MINISTRY

Join us for our annual "End of the Year" Picnic and help us feast, recall, and pray for a great year of fellowship together on Sunday, May 23rd, at 7 pm in the Spirituality Center.

Bring \$5 and a dish to share with about 6 people. We will provide chicken, rolls, and beverages.

When deciding what to bring, we recommend you follow the schedule below according to the initial of your last name:

A-G: desserts (You know what dessert is.)

H-O: salad (green, fruit, potato, pasta)

P-Z: side dish (e.g., beans, corn, potatoes, brussel sprouts)

RSVP to : **Pat Bruce (310) 591-7939** or paddybruce@aol.com

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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 7:30 pm 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 7:00 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.

Next session will be held on May 20th. Next month's sessions will be on June 3 and 17.

A PASTORAL PLAN FOR ADULT FAITH FORMATION IN THE UNITED STATES

"The Church's pastoral ministry exists to sustain the work of the Gospel. One way it does this is by nourishing and strengthening Lay men and women in their calling and identity as people of faith, as contributors to the life and work of the Church, and as disciples whose mission is to the world.

To grow in discipleship throughout life, all believers need and are called to build vibrant parish and diocesan communities of faith and service."

"We are entering a period of new vitality for the Church, a period in which adult Catholic laity will play a pivotal leadership role in fulfilling the Christian mission of evangelizing and transforming society. For adults to fulfill their roles in this new era of the Church, their faith formation must be lifelong, just as they must continue to learn to keep up in the changing world."

Excerpts from "Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us- Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops"

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.

CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT

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

Jesus said, "Narrow is the gate that leads to life and few there are who enter it."

Join Jim Finley for this silent retreat day where we will follow the mystics through this narrow gate. Seeing God in all things and all things in God we will experience the peace that surpasses understanding.

This contemplative retreat will be held on Saturday, May 22, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Trepp. We will begin with refreshments and fellowship at 8:30 am and there will be a 1-hour break for lunch and quiet time.

Don't miss this wonderful day to experience God's love in a special way. Please RSVP by May 19. Donation: \$40

Registration Flyers on the Welcome Table or you can contact **Natalie Hoskins** at nataliehoskins@stmonica.net or (310) 566-1508.

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

SHELTER GROUPS

Today, Sunday, May 16th, after all the morning liturgies, help support the work of all of our ministries that serve the poor in local transitional shelters...PATH, Samoshel, and Turning Point... by stopping by the Morning Refreshments and Bake Sale in the Duval Patio.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

St. Monica's Habitat for Humanity Ministry is sponsoring two upcoming service trips, one to Northern Ireland and the second to Isleta Pueblo in New Mexico! To learn more of the details and costs of either or both of these trips, please join us at an informational meeting at St. Monica on Sunday, May 16th at 5 p.m. in the PC Living Room.

Our trip to Northern Ireland is scheduled for Friday, July 30th through Monday August 9th. We'll be returning to Belfast to continue our work with Habitat's Global Village Program. Questions? Contact **Karen** at kkrishfield@gmail.com or **christine** at stmonica.net.

We'll also be travelling to Isleta Pueblo, in northern New Mexico (Saturday June 19th through Sunday June 27th). We'll be working with the Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity chapter to help build homes on a Native American reservation. Questions? Contact **Mark** at thomasaquinas@verizon.net, **cmercu01** at cmercu01@gmail.com, or **christine** at stmonica.net.

You can sign up for either of these trips after Mass in the Duval Center on May 15th & 16th. The deadline for Northern Ireland applications is May 23rd, and the deadline for registration/payment for New Mexico is June 1st.

JUSTFAITH BEGINS

The next JustFaith course will begin the week of August 25th and continue on Wednesday nights till the end of May. Registration forms available at Welcome Table and Pastoral Center. Orientations to be held at St. Monica Parish on June 23rd and July 28th at 7pm. Location TBA.

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.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT JUSTFAITH

JustFaith, used in over 1,000 parishes and churches involving 20,000 people, is a 30-week process that empowers participants to develop a passion and thirst for justice, and prepares them for the work of social ministry.

The 2010-2011 year will be the fourth consecutive year that St. Monica Catholic Community has hosted a JustFaith course for members from our parish and other local Catholic parishes as well.

JustFaith focuses on discipleship—engagement in the life of Jesus—and the call to be about God's dream of justice and compassion in a world scarred by the domestic and global crisis called poverty. Meeting weekly, small groups of 10–15 people employ books, videos, discussion, prayer, retreats, and hands-on experiences. The intent is to provide a tapestry of learning opportunities that emphasize and enliven the healing work of God's compassion found in scripture, church history and teaching, and faithful witnesses.

Answers to other questions you might have about JustFaith:

What organizations are affiliated with JustFaith?

JustFaith works in partnership with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Charities USA, Catholic Relief Services, and Bread for the World.

Do participants need to have previous social justice experience or knowledge?

People benefit from JustFaith whether they have been involved in social ministry for a long time or they are newly interested. Testimonies from around the country attest to the fact that both experienced and inexperienced participants have derived great benefit.

What is the focus of JustFaith sessions?

The primary focus of JustFaith is on domestic and international poverty. The intention of JustFaith is to help

participants see the world with eyes wide open and recognize God's call in fresh and critical ways. To accomplish this, the foundational insights of the Bible and Catholic social teaching are incorporated throughout.

What kind of commitment is involved in JustFaith?

JustFaith involves a substantial commitment. The process involves thirty weekly sessions, two retreats, and four immersion experiences. In addition, participants are expected to do one to two hours of reading each week. The program asks a lot, just like the Gospel.

What does the JustFaith program cost?

Our fee for the last three years has been approximately \$175-\$180, primarily covering books, and materials. Payment arrangements are possible.

When can I register?

Registrations will open June 15th, 2010. Informational flyers and registration forms will become available at the Pastoral Center and Welcome Table. Contact any member of the JustFaith team if you wish to talk to someone about the program.

Rebecca Mendoza (310) 338-9321/beccalvm@hotmail.com; **Ed Sause** (310) 795-8297/esause@americanairports.net, **Dennis Hardwick** (818) 535-8099 dennisphardwick@yahoo.com, **Francesca Baugh** (310) 206-3314 FrancescaBaugh@aol.com

Delis G. Alejandro, *Pastoral Associate* (310) 566-1531 | delis@stmonica.net

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.

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 during office hours M-F, 8:30 am to 8:30 pm and Saturday 9-5 pm and you will be connected to the Helping Hand line. 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 by women and men experiencing the emotional turmoil associated with separation, divorce, and annulment. The peer support group is composed of women and men who have had the experience. Contact **Jynvy** 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. Contact **Delis** at (310) 566-1531.

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THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND BAKE SALE

On Sunday, May 30th, the St. Monica Pastoral Care ministries will be sponsoring the Parish Bake Sale after all the morning liturgies. Our hope is to raise some funds to cover promotion expenses, leadership training for some of our ministries, and activities and programming for parishioners out there who can't really raise funds on their own (our events for our Seniors and those with chronic illnesses)

As it is the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend we expect that a lot of you can't be there in person; however, there are lots of ways you can help and not need to be here that morning. Here is a sample:

You can help with...

Donating a baked treat.

Donating gallons of OJ, whole milk, or apple juice.

Donating large cans of coffee.

Donating funds towards purchase of supplies and donuts for the am.

Staffing the bake sale after the 7:30 am, 9:30 am, or 11:30 am liturgies

Donated baked goods can be brought to the Pastoral Center by Saturday night, May 29th, before 5 pm. (The Pastoral Center closes at 5 pm on Saturday. Make sure items are well labeled and wrapped) or you can bring your item to the Church patio on Sunday by 9 am.

Donated milk and juices can also be brought to the Pastoral Center.

Checks are made payable to St. Monica Church. Write "Pastoral Care Min" in memo. Leave in Delis' box at Pastoral Center or mail to her attention at the parish. Receipts for tax purposes will be mailed to you.

Please contact **Delis Alejandro**, at delis@stmonica.net or (310) 566-1531 if you can help.

Fun for the Family

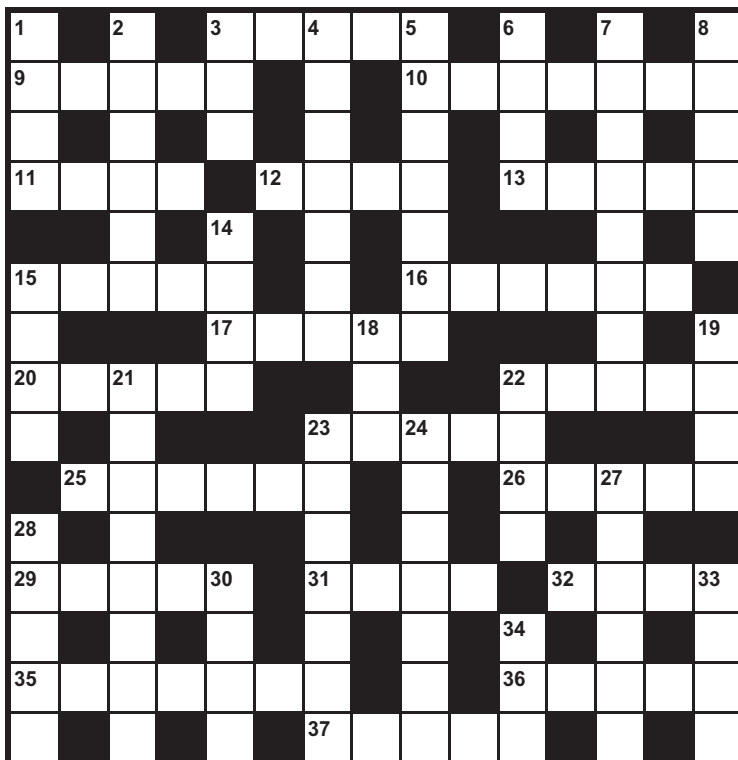
Answers for the May 9th crossword.



BIBLICAL FOOD AND DRINK

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- ALMONDS
- BREAD
- CAKES
- FIGS
- FISH
- GRAPES
- HONEY
- LAMB
- LOCUST
- MANNA
- MILK
- SALT
- VENISON
- VINEGAR
- WINE



ACROSS

- 3 Notre Dame nickname, "The Fighting ___"
- 9 One of the prophets
- 10 "___ Grace"
- 11 River Moses turned to blood
- 12 Medieval English monk
- 13 Destroyed, biblically
- 15 Father of David
- 16 Book written by St. Thomas More
- 17 Reverent attitude
- 20 "Let there be ___..." (Gn 1:3)
- 22 Aquinas' opus, for short
- 23 Prince of ___
- 25 Rebekah, to Jacob
- 26 Abraham, in the beginning
- 29 Spiritual program
- 31 Adjective for "Reverend"
- 32 Refer to a biblical passage
- 35 Sin against hope
- 36 One of the 7 deadly sins
- 37 "___ us, O Lord..."

DOWN

- 1 So be it!
- 2 Proverbs follower (abbr.)
- 3 Congregational initials
- 4 Hell
- 5 "___ papam"
- 6 Liturgy
- 7 Sacred vessel
- 8 Patron saint of young girls
- 14 What Peter did when he heard the cock crow for the third time
- 15 St. Veronica's feast day is in this month
- 18 Script conclusion?
- 19 Liturgical leaf
- 21 Fruit of the Holy Spirit
- 22 Galilee, and others
- 23 Wise saying
- 24 Patron saint of candle makers
- 27 What it did after Noah entered the ark
- 28 One of the 7 deadly sins
- 30 What the flesh is sometimes
- 33 "...to the ___ of the earth." (Acts 1:8)
- 34 OT book

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ADMINISTRATION	BOUTIQUE	FUNERALS	SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN
Msgr. Lloyd Torgerson, Pastor (310) 566-1500 Rev. Tim Klosterman, Assoc. Pastor (310) 566-1512 Delis Alejandro, Pastoral Associate (310) 566-1531 Jason Farmer, Dir. of Communication and Technology, (310) 566-1548 Mike Mottola, Parish Administrator (310) 566-1519 Sr. Catherine Ryan, Pastoral Associate (310) 566-1536 Dale Sieverding, SLD, Dir. of Music and Liturgy, (310) 566-1542	Toni Miller, (310) 393-7907	Veronica Gray, (310) 566-1503	Daphne Bass, (310) 829-2805
ADVERTISING IN THE BULLETIN	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	GAY & LESBIAN OUTREACH (GLO)	SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY
(800) 231-0805	Gretchen Willison, (310) 566-1537 Renita Lloyd-Smith, (310) 566-1535	Delis Alejandro, (310) 566-1531	Christine Gerety, (310) 566-1530 Marcus Johnson, (310) 566-1540
ADULT ED. & ENRICHMENT	COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY	HELPING HAND MINISTRY	SEPARATED & DIVORCED (PHOENIX)
Sr. Catherine Ryan, (310) 566-1536	Jason Farmer, (310) 566-1548	(310) 566-1576	(310) 566-1577
AIDS MINISTRY	COMMUNITY RESOURCES	HIGH SCHOOL	SERRA CLUB
Delis Alejandro (310) 566-1531	Adolescent Suicide Hotline: (800) 621-4000 Alcoholics Anonymous: (800) 923-8722 Al-Anon Family Groups: (818) 760-7122 Child Abuse Hotline: (800) 541-4000 Domestic and Teen Abuse: (800) 992-2600 Domestic Violence Hotline: (310) 370-5902 Elder Abuse Hotline: (877) 477-3646 Pregnancy Resource Center: (310)-268-8400 Suicide Prevention Hotline: (310) 391-1253	Principal: Thom Gasper, (310) 394-3701	Daniel Cragin, (310) 450-7830
ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY	CONFIRMATION	HOSPITALITY	STEPHEN MINISTRY
Fr. Tim Klosterman, (310) 566-1512	Sr. Catherine Ryan, (310) 566-1536	John Putnam, (310) 428-3689	(310) 566-1575
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES	DATABASE	LIBRARIAN, SPIRITUALITY CENTER	STEWARDSHIP
(213) 637-7000	Chrystal Hagerty, (310) 566-1513	Sr. Catherine Ryan, (310) 566-1536	Jim Carper, (310) 566-1523
ANNULMENTS	EARLY CHILDHOOD RELIGIOUS ED.	LITURGY & WORSHIP	TEEN CONFIRMATION
Fr. Tim (310) 566-1512	Natalie Hoskins, (310) 566-1587	Dale Sieverding, SLD, (310) 566-1542 Fran Curry, (310) 566-1533	Fr. Tim Klosterman (310) 566-1512
AUDIO-VISUAL	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	LOST & FOUND	TTF (ADULTS, 35-49)
Ric Perez-Selsky (310) 566-1546	Principal: Dr. Neil Quinly, Ed.D., (310) 451-9801	Pastoral Center, (310) 566-1500	Christine Gerety, (310) 566-1530
BAPTISMS	ENTERTAINMENT FELLOWSHIP	MUSIC MINISTRY	VOLUNTEERS
Sacrament Office, (310) 566-1503	Marcus Johnson, (310) 566-1540	Dale Sieverding, SLD, (310) 566-1542 Ed Archer, (310) 566-1539	Jim Carper, (310) 566-1523
BEREAVEMENT	EUCHARIST TO HOSPITAL / HOMES	PARISH COUNCIL	WEBSITE
Christine Gerety, (310) 566-1530	Christine Gerety, (310) 566-1530	Geoconda Ruiz-Hoffman, (310) 566-1500	Jason Farmer, (310) 566-1548
BOOKKEEPING	50 + (ADULTS, 50 & OVER)	PEACE & JUSTICE	WEDDING COORDINATION
Donna Damian, (310) 566-1520	Delis Alejandro, (310) 566-1531	Delis Alejandro, (310) 566-1531 Christine Gerety, (310) 566-1530	Veronica Gray, (310) 566-1503
BOOKSTORE	FACILITY RESERVATIONS	PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT GROUP	YMA (YOUNG ADULTS, 20s & 30s)
Michelle Crenshaw, (310) 566-1549	(310) 566-1500	Philip Tirone, (310) 453-1901	Delis Alejandro, (310) 566-1531
	FAITH SHARING / FOUNDATIONS	PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE	YOUTH MINISTRY
	Sr. Catherine Ryan, (310) 566-1536	Rev. David Guffey, CSC, (310) 566-1500 Rev. Willy Raymond, CSC, (310) 566-1500	Fr. Tim Klosterman (310) 566-1512
		RCIA	
		Sr. Catherine Ryan, (310) 566-1536	
		RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	
		Marie Slaton, (310) 395-1534	

BENEFIT CONCERT

A benefit concert will be held at 7 pm on May 22 at St. Maximilian Kolbe, Westlake Village. Proceeds will go to the fund begun by St. Monica parishioners 11 years ago to aid John & Ben Sikorra (now 15 & 18) who suffer from Batters disease, a rare, inherited neurological degenerative disease. As our community embraced this family then, let's do it again! For information or to donate contact **Rose Marie Layman, (310) 452-1139.**

ALUMNI REUNION

St. Rose of Lima School
Saturday, May 22, 2010
Beginning with Mass at 5:00 pm

Please send your contact information to the school alumni email at srl_alumni@hotmail.com or call **Mrs. Salgado** at **(323) 560-3376** so that we may send you an invitation and ticket order. Welcome back to Maywood!

in the neighborhood

ROSARY SERVICE

Today, Sunday, May 16, 2:00 pm

You are invited to a Rosary-centered service at the Shrine to the Unborn in Holy Cross Cemetery, 5835 W Slauson Ave. Service will begin at the Main Mausoleum with a procession to the Shrine. For information, contact **Tom Ullman (310) 670-0605.**

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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: MAY 16 - MAY 22

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BOOKSTORE OPEN 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. YMA SPEAKER FELLOWSHIP: GOT HAPPINESS? 7:00 p.m. (T)	RCIA MONDAY NIGHT 7:30 p.m. (T)	WOMEN'S ACA 7:00 p.m. (D) LEGION OF MARY 7:00 p.m. (SC) SPIRITUALITY 12 STEPS 7:00 p.m. (T) YMA VESPERS 7:30 p.m. (SC) WELCOME HOME 7:30 p.m. (PC) TTF SPIRITUALITY NIGHT 7:00 p.m. (D)	BOUTIQUE 9:00 a.m. (D) MEN'S CORNERSTONE 7:00 p.m. (D) PHOENIX MINISTRY 7:00 p.m. (SC) LEGION OF MARY 8:00 p.m. (D) CHRISTIAN MEDITATION 7:30 p.m. (SPC)	FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY 7:00 p.m. (PC) CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER 7:30 p.m. (T)	RESPECT LIFE ROSARY 5:00 p.m. (PC)	

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NEXT WEEK: MAY 23 - MAY 29

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BOOKSTORE OPEN 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. ART OF LIVING BREATHING SESSION 3:00 p.m. (SPC)	RCIA MONDAY NIGHT 7:30 p.m. (T) MEN'S CORNERSTONE 2011 DISCERNMENT 7:00 p.m. (C)	WOMEN'S ACA 7:00 p.m. (D) LEGION OF MARY 7:00 p.m. (SC) SPIRITUALITY 12 STEPS 7:00 p.m. (T) YMA VESPERS 7:30 p.m. (SC) WELCOME HOME 7:30 p.m. (PC)	BOUTIQUE 9:00 a.m. (D) MEN'S CORNERSTONE 7:00 p.m. (D) PHOENIX MINISTRY 7:00 p.m. (SC) LEGION OF MARY 8:00 p.m. (D) CHRISTIAN MEDITATION 7:30 p.m. (SPC) MARRIAGE INFO NIGHT 7:15 p.m. (D)	FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY 7:00 p.m. (PC)	RESPECT LIFE ROSARY 5:00 p.m. (PC)	

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FAITH-SHARING QUESTIONS

THEME: Jesus gives us special gifts.

ADULTS: Jesus invites us to be one with God. Name a moment when you were one with God this past week.

CHILDREN: Jesus tells us He is always with us. Name a time this past week when you knew that God was with you in a special way.

BOOKSTORE

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

SPIRITUALITY CENTER LIBRARY

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 1st and 3rd Fridays: 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.