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† From the Pastor †

Albert Einstein was traveling by train from Princeton to New York City. The conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets. When he came to Albert, the old man couldn't find his ticket. Finally, the conductor said, "Don't worry, Dr. Einstein, I don't need your ticket, I know who you are." Albert replied, "Young man, I know who I am too. But I need that ticket because I have forgotten where I am going!"

It may be that the passing of time has not yet made us that forgetful, but young or old, it is easy to lose sight of where we are going.

We get wrapped up in family activities, and rushing to practices and games and events, and we fuss and complain and come home worn out. And we lose sight of where we are going – growing closer together in love and service to those who are most important to us.

We come to Mass and get distracted by the way a child is acting, or worried over someone else's attire, or do not approve of the sermon or the music, and so we go home dissatisfied

with our worship. And we lose sight of where we are going – Jesus himself spoke in the gospel, and became present on the Altar, and united us to himself in the closest union possible this side of heaven.

In those moments when we are honest, we know that we are not yet perfect. Others may not see it, but we know of times of laziness and anger and selfishness. And we hear the familiar words of Jesus calling us again

“Remembering where we are going”

in today's gospel to repent. He is not asking that we be content if we have not committed any serious sins lately. He invites us to a life of love for him,

not a life of avoiding infractions against the law. It is all about remembering where we are going. Jesus will come for us, and we have to be sure that we are always moving toward Him in our daily life.

– Fr. Stephen W. Bierschenk

Family Vocation Chalice

Saturday, Jan. 29 at 5 p.m.

Al & Ann Virant

Sunday, Jan. 30 at 7:30 a.m.

Terry & Michele Alley

Sunday, Jan. 30 at 9:00 a.m.

Cos & Kristin Monpho

Sunday, Jan. 30 at 11:00 a.m.

Matt & Cecilia Martin

Sunday, Jan. 30 at 5:00 p.m.

Frederick & Karen Young

To participate call (214) 368-3640

Parish Home Rosary

Monday, January 24 at 5:30 p.m.

Maureen Wijeweera
9968 Elmada | (214) 350-8405

Tuesday, January 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Catherine Cook
4175 Park Ln. | (214) 351-3154

Wednesday, January 26 at 3:00 p.m.

Barbara Miller
10210 Carry Back Cr. | (214) 351-5044

Thursday, January 27 at 3:00 p.m.

Barbara Miller

Friday, January 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Dottie Rulien
Contact Barbara Miller (214-351-5044)
for location

To schedule a rosary call: (214) 280-9879



Need Support?

STEPHEN MINISTRY

God has called us to build up and encourage one another. If you are experiencing a difficult time, our Stephen ministers can provide the special care and support you need. Call our confidential hotline at (214) 290-0803 and leave your name and number.

Ministry Updates

Stephen Ministry

Become a Stephen Minister

The Stephen Ministry Outreach at St. Monica is celebrating its tenth year of service to the St. Monica community. In honor of this ministry, Stephen Ministers will be attending the 11 a.m. Mass on Feb. 6. Immediately following the Mass, Stephen Ministers will be available in the vestibule of the church to share information. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or are in need of a caring person to confide in, visit us on Feb. 6 or call the Confidential Referral Line at 214.290.0803 or visit stmonicachurch.org/stephenministry

Music Ministry

Broadway Dinner Theater Performers Needed!

This spring the St. Monica Community will hold its first Annual Broadway Review and Dinner Theatre. The event will feature a series of solos and group numbers from famous Broadway shows, showcasing the diverse talent of the St. Monica Community. Auditions for performers will be held the afternoon of Jan. 30 and the evening of Jan. 31, or by appointment. All ages are welcome! For more details or to schedule an audition please contact Jeremy Wirths at the church office or jwirths@stmonicachurch.org.

Bach and Vivaldi Concert

On Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. the St. Monica Cafeteria will be transformed into a concert hall, as the St. Monica Choir and Orchestra present a concert featuring two classics of sacred music, Vivaldi's Gloria and J.S. Bach's Cantata 29. The concert is free and open to the public. A brief introduction to each piece will be offered. This concert will appeal to Catholics and non-Catholics alike, so please invite all lovers of great music!

Youth Ministry

Teen Music Ministry

Bring your passion for playing to St. Monica's Teen Music Ministry for grades 8-12. Learn to play with a contemporary ensemble, basic music theory, improve techniques, and more! Practices are Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in McManus Hall – music room. We practice in the church every Sunday to set up at 3:30 p.m. for the 5 p.m. Youth Mass

Youth Lector Training

A lector training class will be held today, Jan. 23 from 3 - 4:30 p.m. in the Family Center youth room. Teens (grades 6-12) are invited into this ministry to serve at all Masses. To register, contact Michelle Tomlinson at 214-357-8549 x 135 or mtomlinson@stmonicachurch.org

Service Opportunity

Bring your servant heart and participate in the Valentine's Dinner for the St. Monica Social Club, as a teen volunteer on Feb. 7, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Family Center downstairs lounge. To register go to stmonicachurch.org/ymservice



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JAN. 23, 2011

- 7:30 AM Priest's Intention
- 9:00 AM Priest's Intention
- 11:00 AM For the People of the Parish
- 12:30 PM Priest's Intention
- 2:00 PM Priest's Intention
- 5:00 PM Priest's Intention

MONDAY, JAN. 24, 2011

- 6:45 AM McLaren † & Holland † Families
- 8:00 AM Patrick Taylor † by Joan & Walter Minigutti

TUESDAY, JAN. 25, 2011

- 6:45 AM Int. of Baby Finnerty McGrath by Samantha & Tom Fears
- 8:00 AM Dorie Franke † by Sharon & Brian Mitchell

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26, 2011

- 6:45 AM Fenton R. Fitzpatrick † by M/M Gary Melle
- 8:00 AM Patrick James Collins † by Margaret Hogan

THURSDAY, JAN. 27, 2011

- 6:45 AM Ellis Budai by Ima Scott
- 8:00 AM For Our Priests

FRIDAY, JAN. 28, 2011

- 6:45 PM Candelaria Peñaloza † by Mercedes Daly
- 8:00 AM Edward Cory † by Joseph Bielecki

SATURDAY, JAN. 29, 2011

- 8:00 AM James E. Jenkins † by Jenkins Family
- 5:00 PM Morgan Filhiol † by Cathy Golden

For our sick:

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| Joe A. Cedillo | Frank Harrison | Ralph Rodriguez |
| Maria G. Plata | Jill Rapsey | Peter Brandeberger |
| Ben Abeyta | Dorothy LaDue | Rafaela Negron |
| Mary Haba | Carrie Gehling | Gerald Palmer |
| Jesus Canchola | Louise Flournoy | Shirley Simpson |
| Maria E. Jaimes | Franco | Ryan McMullen |
| Claude Harmon | Miramontes | Jerry Saucedo |
| Margaret Dundas | Francine Holmberg | Pat Saucedo |
| Nancy Poulos | Thelma Leuck | Barbara Stanley |
| Charlie Kyong | Janice Salas | Albert Tristan |
| Jeanne Brandenberger | Stephen Davila | Michael Carroll |
| Victor Sanchez | Beatris Santana | Yolanda Bellows |
| Baby Rebecca Muhlenkamp | Juan Jose Mejia | Brenda Copes |
| Christopher Jr. | Chris Martinez, | Martin Cachola |
| McGehee | Dona Gower | Laura Vasquez |
| Dot Huffhines | Cynthia Gonzales | Lou Samuels |
| Lillian Leal | | |

St. Monica School News



Support St. Monica School

Dads' Club's largest fundraising event is back! Support SMS by donating items to the live/silent auction for the Dads' Club Auction/Gala. The Disco Ball will be held on Feb. 26 from 6:30 to 1:30 a.m. at the Westin Galleria Hotel. See details at smsdadsclub.org, or call (214) 415-4018.

Sanctuary Light

This week, the sanctuary light burning in the Chapel is in memory of Terry Harrison

News & Events

Be the Man God Created You to Be

A men's ten-week study program will begin on Feb. 1 and continue through April 5. The program is based on Fr. Larry Richards' book, *Be a Man! Becoming the Man God Created You to Be*. Father Richards is a popular, captivating preacher who travels the country speaking to men in his own manly style—pulling no spiritual punches. You are guaranteed to be blessed by it. If you're interested contact Monk Simons 214-353-8789; Joe Campos 214-796-2850; Jeff Libby 214-395-3303; Pat O'Brien 214-750-1879; Tim Taylor 469-360-7267; Scott Wetzal 214-908-0877; Kevin Grant 214-346-4004 or Deacon Brian Mitchell 214-352-2357

Help Save Unborn Babies

Our annual Pro-Life Baby Bank Campaign for the Catholic Pro-Life Committee Ministries, White Rose and Birth Choice Women's Resource Centers began Jan. 16. Please pick up one or more Banks during January at any door of the church and return it with your coins, bills, and/or checks by April 1 by leaving them in the Church with an usher, our clergy, or placing them in the Sacristy.



Young Serra Community Series

On Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. the Young Serra Community of Dallas will begin our series on The Catechism of the Catholic Church in room 217 of the Family Center. For details contact Christi Sanchez at 214-533-1431.



Welcoming Prayer Workshop

The Dallas Chapter of Contemplative Outreach announces a One-Day Welcoming Prayer Workshop, Feb. 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St Joseph Church. The workshop leader, Fr Bill Sheehan, an Oblate of Mary priest from Massachusetts, will show how the Welcoming Prayer assists in healing the wounds of the human condition. Details can be found at CellOfPeace.com or 972-722-6029 or by emailing CPDallas@CellOfPeace.com.

Testing at Cistercian

Cistercian Preparatory School will conduct admissions testing for boys on Jan. 29 and Feb. 5. For details please call 469-499-5400, check the school website at cistercian.org or email at admissions@cistercian.org.

Concert Preview

Birth Choice of Dallas will hold its second annual Culture for Life classical music concert on Feb. 5. Musicians will be in the vestibule after the 11 a.m. Mass today to entertain and to share details about the event. Birth Choice is a crisis pregnancy counseling center, providing advice to women seeking understanding and support in their unplanned pregnancy. Stop by to say "hello" and pick up a flyer.

Social Club Potluck

The Social Club invites parishioners 50 and over to an evening of fun & fellowship led by the youth program, on Feb. 7 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Family Center downstairs lounge. For details contact rhondadelarosa@sbcglobal.net

*Valentine's is our theme
Bring your favorite side dish
And don't forget a friend
The date is right
around the bend!*



Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society will hold a Relay For Life information session on Jan. 29 at 10 a.m. at Starbucks at 12262 Inwood Rd. across from Jesuit. Information about the event, forming teams or becoming a team captain will be available. For details email Angelique Lorocco at alorocco@tx.rr.com or visit relayforlife.org/northdallastx



Spend an Hour with Jesus

Eucharistic adorers are needed for:

- Mondays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Thursdays at 8 p.m.
- Wednesdays at 12 p.m.

This time will bring graces to you and your family.

Stewardship of
Treasure for
January 16, 2011
Regular - \$33,928.00
JP II HS - \$1,515.00

Parish Calendar

Sunday, January 23, 2011

9:30 a.m. Breaking Open of the Word | Library Mtg. Room
9:30 a.m. Adult Education Class
12:00 p.m. & 2 p.m. Spanish RICA | 201/Lib
12:00 p.m. Safe Environment | Lib Mtg Rm
12:00 p.m. Spanish Young Adults | 211
6:00 p.m. - 12 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel

Monday, January 24, 2011

7:30 a.m. Rosary | Chapel
8:30 a.m. Legion of Mary | Conference
9:00 a.m. - 12 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel
1:00 p.m. Monday Bible Study | 129
2:00 p.m. Padre Pio Prayer Grp | Chapel
6:00 p.m. Centering Prayer | Mary Shrine
7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul | 129

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

7:30 a.m. Rosary | Chapel
9:00 a.m. - 12 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel
9:00 a.m. 39ers | Conference Room
10:30 a.m. Social Club Tai Chi | 201
1:30 p.m. Tuesday Scripture Study | Conf
5:30 p.m. Safe Environment | Lib Mtg Rm
7:00 p.m. HS Youth Ministry Band | A15
7:00 p.m. RCIA | 109
7:00 p.m. Clases Pre-Matrimoniales | Lib

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

7:30 a.m. Rosary | Chapel
9:00 a.m. - 12 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel
7:00 p.m. WOW! Wednesday | 201
7:00 p.m. SoulSeekers | 220
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice | Church
7:00 p.m. Ambiente Seguro | 109
8:00 p.m. Young Serrans Holy Hour Chapel

Thursday, January 27, 2011

7:30 a.m. Rosary | Chapel
9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel
6:30 p.m. Pastoral Familiar | PF Rooms
7:00 p.m. Ministry Forum | 109

Friday, January 28, 2011

7:30 a.m. Rosary | Chapel
9:00 a.m. - 12 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration | Chapel
6:00 p.m. Holy Face Cenacle | Chapel

Saturday, January 29, 2011

2:00 p.m. Rivera Quinceañera | Church
3:30 p.m. Adult Education Class | 217

Mass Attendance for January 16 2011

5:00 PM (Sat. Vigil) 406	12:30 PM 205
7:30 AM 188	2:00 PM 602
9:00 AM 368	5:00 PM 672
11:00 AM 636	

Total Attendance: 3,077

Noticias y Eventos

¿No pudieron permanecer despiertos ni una hora conmigo?

Adoradores Eucarísticos son necesitados para:

- Lunes de 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Miércoles a las 12 p.m.
- Jueves a las 8 p.m.

Este tiempo cada semana, traerá grandes bendiciones a usted y a su familia.



Taller para Parejas

Durante el mes del amor y la amistad es importante revivir los bellos detalles que hicieron que se enamorara de su pareja. Si viven en una relación donde todo se ha hecho cotidiano o por rutina dense la oportunidad de aprender a enamorarse nuevamente de su pareja. ¡Aun es posible! Si su relación esta estable, también es importante mantenerse enfocados en los pequeños detalles. Este taller les ayudara a aprender o fortalecer las herramientas que transformaran su matrimonio de bueno a mejor. Como resolver los problemas juntos, que es una comunicación efectiva, valores familiares, compartiendo tiempo de calidad. El taller será el 5 de febrero de 9 a.m. a 5 p.m. en el Centro Familiar salón 201. Para detalles llame al 469-682-4143.



Rincón de Raquel Por medio de sanación de los traumas post-aborto, desesperación da camino a la esperanza, aislamiento da camino a relacionarse, y el odio hacia otros y uno mismo da camino a la capacidad de desear un amor auténtico, dándose amor así mismo.

-Dolor Prohibido, por Theresa Burke, Ph. D.

¡Hay esperanza! Nosotros podemos ayudarle.

Restauración Después del Aborto
972-679-4760 healing@racheldallas.org

Taller de Quinceañeras

Si está pensando celebrar los quince años de su hija es importante que considere estos requisitos:

1. La joven debe de tener sus sacramentos de iniciación (Bautismo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación o estar en clases de preparación para recibir su Confirmación) y deben de presentar certificados
2. Deben de asistir a dos talleres de preparación (la joven y sus papas). Estos talleres se imparten dos veces al año, los próximos serán el 5 y 12 de Febrero.
3. Solamente después de asistir a los talleres puede apartar la fecha de la Misa.

Para inscribirse a los talleres o detalles llame al Ministerio Hispano 214-357-8549.

Clases de Ingles como Segundo Idioma

La parroquia de Santa Mónica con el programa de LIFT estará ofreciendo clases de Ingles para adultos. Las clases serán los lunes y miércoles de 6:30 pm. a 8:30 p.m. en la escuela. El costo por semestre es \$25 y incluye el libro y debe ser saldado el día de la inscripción. Si está en el nivel de conversación puede haber un costo adicional. Las fechas de inscripción son el 6 de febrero a las 3:30 p.m. y el 9 de febrero a las 7 p.m. Las clases iniciaran el 14 de Febrero. Para detalles llame al 214-357-8549.



Conoce tu Fe

Una vida de fe requiere del coraje de un corazón bueno. Es el coraje de enfrentarse al mundo y encontrar un lugar centrado en Jesucristo. La próxima clase de Conoce tu

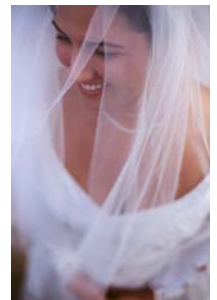
Fe, llamada: *La humanidad de los grandes héroes bíblicos: Abrahán, Jacobo, José, etc.* será en el centro de Retiros de Montserrat el 24 de enero de 7:30 p.m. a 9 p.m. Por favor llame a la oficina de Ministerio Hispano, 214-357-8549 para registrarse. El costo por clase es \$10.

Clases de Ambiente Seguro

Por seguridad propia y para los demás se les pide a todos los voluntarios que tomen un curso cada año de entrenamiento de ambiente seguro para prevenir incidentes. El 26 de Enero se dará una clase para las personas que ya han recibido alguna clase (preparación anual) de 7 p.m. a 9 p.m. en el Centro Familiar salón 109. Si hay menores de edad o personas de edad avanzada es su ministerio, es necesario que cumpla con estos requisitos. Para más información llame al 214-357-8549.

Sacramento de Matrimonio

Si está planeando casarse es importante que considere seis meses de anticipación para los preparativos de la ceremonia religiosa. La pareja debe hacer una cita con el Padre para obtener la fecha de la celebración. El sacerdote les informa de la papelería necesaria y los refiera a los coordinadores de las platicas prematrimoniales. Las próximas clases pre-matrimoniales comienzan el 25 de Enero. Para detalles o para inscribirse llame al 214-357-8549



† Del Pastor †

Cáliz Vocacional Familiar

23 de enero
Alonzo Lopez

30 de enero
Montserrat Lopez

Para llevarse el Cáliz llame a
Annette Diaz al (214) 358-1453.



Necesitas Apoyo?

Dios nos ha llamado a fortalecernos y a ayudarnos unos a otros. Si estas pasando por tiempos difíciles, el Ministerio de Esteban puede proporcionarle el apoyo que necesita durante esta etapa. Llame a la línea confidencial (214) 290-0803. Por favor deje su numero antes de colgar y le regresaremos su llamada

**¿Embarazada?
¿Confundida?
¿Necesita ayuda?**
**Llame al 972-BABY DUE
(972-222-9383)
para consejería gratis**



Albert Einstein viajaba en tren de Princeton a Nueva York. El conductor salió por el pasillo, perforando los boletos. Cuando llego a Albert, el anciano no podía encontrar su boleto. Finalmente el conductor dijo "No se preocupe, Doctor Einstein, no ocupo su boleto, yo se quien es usted." Albert le contesto, "Joven, se quien soy también. ¡Pero yo ocupo ese boleto porque me he olvidado adonde voy!

Puede ser que el paso del tiempo no nos ha hecho tan olvidados, pero joven o viejo, es fácil perder vista hacia donde vamos.

Nos envolvemos en actividades familiares, practicas, y juegos, y eventos y nos agitamos y nos quejamos y llegamos a casa agotados. Y perdemos de vista donde vamos—creciendo mas juntos en amor y servicio a los que son mas importantes a nosotros.

Llegamos a Misa y nos distraemos con el comportamiento un niño, o nos preocupamos por como otro esta vestido, o no aprobamos del sermón o la música, y llegamos a casa insatisfechos con nuestra adoración. Y

perdemos vista de donde vamos— Jesús mismo hablo en el evangelio, y se hizo presente en el Altar, y nos unió a Si mismo en la unión mas cercana a este lado del cielo.

En esos momentos cuando somos honestos, sabemos que aun no somos perfectos. Otros quizás no lo ven, pero sabemos de tiempos de pereza y ira y egoísmo. Y escuchamos la palabras conocidas de Jesús llamándonos otra vez en el evangelio de hoy que nos arrepintamos. El no nos pide que seamos satisfechos si no hemos cometido un pecado grave recientemente. Nos invita a una vida de

“ **Recordar
adonde
vamos** ”

amor para El, no una vida evitando infracciones contra la ley. Se trata de recordar adonde vamos. Jesús llegara para nosotros, y tenemos que estar seguros que siempre nos estamos moviendo hacia El en nuestra vida diaria.

- Padre Stephen W.
Bierschenk

Ayude a salvar a Bebés No Nacidos

Nuestra campaña Pro-Vida anual de Bancos de Bebes para el ministerio Comité Catolico Pro-Vida, y los centros de White Rose and Birth Choice para Mujeres inició el 16 de enero. Por favor recoge uno o varios bancos durante enero en cualquier puerta de la iglesia y regrese con sus monedas, billetes y / o cheques el 1 de abril al dejarlos en la Iglesia con un ujier, nuestro clero, o colocarlos en la Sacristía.

Concierto de Bach y Vivaldi

El 13 de febrero a las 7 p.m. la cafetería de Santa Mónica se transforma en una sala de conciertos, el coro y orquesta de Santa Mónica presentará un concierto con dos clásicos de música sagrada, *Gloria* de Vivaldi y *Cantata 29* de J.S. Bach. El concierto es gratis y abierto al público. Este concierto será de interés para Católicos y no-Católicos también, así que por favor invite a todos los amantes de la música buena!