

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 6, 2009



Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest

Mt 11:28

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MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday:
8:30am, 10:30am,
12:30pm 5:30pm

Holy Days of Obligation
See Bulletin for schedule

WEEKDAY MASSES
Mon. & Tues.
9:00am & 6:30pm
Wed. & Thurs.
6:30am & 9:00am
Fri.
9:00am & 12:10 pm
Sat.
9:00am

OFFICE HOURS
9:45am– 4:30pm

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678-992-2516
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404-374-1714
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Spanish Masses:
Friday– 8:00pm
Saturday– 7:30pm
Sunday– 2:30pm

Masses For The Week



Saturday September 5
 9:00 am Madonna Estafen (D)
By Janine Kourieh
 5:30 pm Deceased Members of the Maloof Family
By Tony and Marilyn Maloof

Sunday September 6
 8:30 am William Headford (D)
By The Homan Family
 10:30 am George J. Bailey (D)
By Rose Marie Bailey
 12:30 pm Karen and Mark Lastufka (SI)
By Mark Lastufka
 5:30 pm The People of St. Monica

Monday September 7
 9:00 am Nell Elizabeth Pina (D)
By Mary Lou Ventry
 6:30 pm NO MASS

Tuesday September 8
 9:00 am William Clear (D)
By Ruth Clear
 6:30 pm In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered
By The Day Family

Wednesday September 9
 6:30 am Louise Alexander (SI)
By The Alexander Family
 9:00 am Joanne Loftus (SI)
By Joanne Loftus

Thursday September 10
 6:30 am Special Intention
 9:00 am The Day Family (SI)
By The Day Family

Friday September 11
 9:00 am Loretta Estafen (D)
By Janine Kourieh
 12:10 pm Our Nation and Peace
6:30 pm Our Nation and Peace

Saturday September 12
 9:00 am Theodore Milby (D)
By Katherine Milby
 5:30 pm The People of St. Monica

Sunday September 13
 8:30 am Harry Moran (D)
By Catherine Moran
 10:30 am Nicola Vetrano (D)
By The Terrazzano Family
 12:30 pm Mary Ann Bedinghaus (D)
By The McLaughlin Family
 5:30 pm Thomas McMahon (D)
By The McCallum Family

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Contributions from August 23, 2009

Contributions	\$32,258.90
Average Weekly Parish Needs	\$48,280.00
Envelopes Used	679
Loose Checks	140
Families using envelopes	28%
Children's envelopes- \$24.00.....	19 Envelopes

There are 2406 registered families

**2009 Archbishop's Appeal
 As of August 20, 2009**

2009 Goal	Pledged	% Goal	+/-Pledged Goal
\$156,914.00	\$137,263.00	87%	-\$19,651.00

Please Pray For

For all those in our faith community who are serving our nation overseas and their loved ones here at home. For those among us who are sick and suffering, that by our ministry and the help of the Holy Spirit, they may be healed according to God's will especially, Debbie Colehower, Justin Deedy, Kathy Saxon, Beth Panter, Paula Mansapit, Shelly Theaux, Corey Barnard, Norma Askew, Kathryn Gamble, Drew Foley, and Nancy Todd. And for friends and family who have gone before us including Ray Slater, Michael Santiago, Emmet Dean, Marilyn McDannald, Paula Sydney, Jim Sharkey, and Vernie Marcos, we pray to the Lord.

Please become active in praying for those who are ill, deceased, or have special needs by joining the Prayer Chain Ministry by contacting Julie Perry at 678-473-9660 or juliaperry@charter.net. You can be notified of prayer intentions via e-mail or Calling Post.

Readings for the Week of September 6, 2009

Sunday	Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
Monday	Col 1:24—2:3; Ps 62; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Wednesday	Col 3:1-11; Ps 145; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	Col 3:12-17; Ps 150; Lk 6:27-38
Friday	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday	Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

For parish verification, required for Baptisms, Marriages, Catholic school admittance, etc., a person must be registered in the parish, attend Mass regularly and be involved in Time, Talent & Stewardship. Participation through parish offertory envelopes is one means of verification. If you choose not to use envelopes or are unable to contribute at this time, please make a notation of your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the offertory basket. We will then be aware of your participation and not move you to our inactive list.

If you would like to commemorate a special event, anniversary or



the memory of a loved one, by making a donation for the altar flowers, Please contact Cyndy Fugieue for more information 678-584-9947 ext 26, or cyndyf@saintmonicas.com.

Tomorrow, Monday, September 7th there will only be a 9:00am Mass— no 6:30pm Mass. The Parish Offices will be closed for the Labor Holiday on the 7th. Office Hours will resume on Tuesday the 8th.

On Friday, September 11th there will be a special Mass offered at 6:30pm for our Nation and World Peace. This Mass is in honor of the 8th Anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center.

Religious Education News



Events are held Saturdays after the 5:30 Mass
Please check the bulletin frequently for updates!

August 31 – Middle School Youth group CORE meeting.
6:30 p.m.

September 19 – Middle School Youth Group
Kickoff!! This will be one event you won't want to miss!
RSVP to Anne Hennessy by September 17.

September 26– Learn about some radical living!! Hear
what John the Baptist has to say about living out our
faith.

**Looking for a way to evangelize?
Love working with children?**

Then consider joining the team for Christian Initiation of Children (OCIC)! OCIC helps prepare children with no previous religious education prepare for the sacraments and meets on Sundays. We are still in need of five more catechists. Families are welcomed and encouraged to participate together. Prior knowledge of the Christian Initiation process is encouraged but not required. Please contact Katherine at ext. 22 for more information.

The Nursery is open after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses each Sunday. This is open for anyone to use on a co-op basis. Please consider volunteering your time for this wonderful ministry. Contact Anne at the parish office.

Returning Catholics



Are you or someone you know interested in making a journey back to the Catholic Church? Do you need some refreshers on how to practice the Catholic Faith again? Would you like to receive a warm welcome back into the parish community?

If so, your family awaits your coming home to St. Monica's Catholic Church. Please join us, for our six Monday evening sessions beginning September 21st at 6:30pm in Room 3 of the Religious Education Building. Call Patrick Klein at 678-584-9947 ext. 12 to sign-up!

Calling all Middle School Artists! Catholic Charities Atlanta is sponsoring a T-shirt design contest for kids in grades 6-8. We want to feature YOUR design on our 8th Annual Scott's Run T-shirt. Additional details can be found on our web site at www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org. Entries must be received by September 4th to C. Fuss, Catholic Charities, 680 W. Peachtree St, NW, Atlanta GA 30308.

If you have a special needs child who needs to prepare for a sacrament, please contact Anne Hennessy at the parish office. New classes are forming now
Anne.hennessy@saintmonicas.com.



High School Youth Group is kicking off on Sunday, September 13th. Youth Group is immediately following the 5:30 PM Mass until 8:30 PM. All registrations for High School Youth Group are past due!

Upcoming Youth Nights

- September 13th:** Youth Group Kick-off! Fun night/ Heroic Virtue
- September 20th:** GRACED- Overview of the Sacraments
- September 27th:** IMMERSED- the Sacrament of Baptism (Bring a pack of diapers for the night!)



Pizza and Prayer is kicking off on Wednesday, September 16th! All grades 9 – 12, please join us every Wednesday from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. We will hang out,

eat pizza, dive into the Word of God and Pray! This will continue every Wednesday throughout the fall, see Courtney for more details.



Next XLT is Tuesday, October 6th! Come join other teens

from around the diocese as we gather for adoration, worship, fellowship and prayer! We will depart St. Monica's at 5:45 PM and stop for dinner on the way to St. John Neumann.

Adults of all ages, do you have a love for the Lord and a desire to witness that to teens? Please contact Courtney in youth ministry if you're interested in helping on the CORE Team!

All High School teens and parents, if you would like to be on the YOUTH GROUP EMAIL LIST and receive emails on upcoming YOUTH GROUP events, please email Courtney, the Youth Minister and ask to be put on the list! Courtney.desmond@saintmonicas.com.

Active PARENTING NOW in 3! by parenting expert Dr. Michael Popkin. For parents of children ages 5 to 12, we're bringing this acclaimed video and discussion program directly to St. Monica's! The three-session workshop will be offered Wednesdays on Sept. 16, 23, & 30 from 4:30-6:00pm. Learn effective ways to...

- discipline, communicate with your children, teach responsibility, stimulate independence,
- defuse power struggles, and encourage your children to be their very best!

Space is limited so register today by contacting carol@saintmonicas.com, or call Carol: 678-584-9947 x.23 to sign up!

Free childcare will be available in our Parish Nursery on a first-come basis.



Schedule for the Week

Sunday	September 6		
Nursery	8:30 & 10:30		
Donut Fellowship	after the 8:30am Mass	3/6	
Monday	September 7		
PARISH OFFICES CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY			
Tuesday	September 8		
RE Classes	4:30pm & 6:30pm		
Prayer Chain Rosary	6:00pm		Church
Great Adventures Facil.	7:00pm		10
FPU	7:00pm		12/13
Holy Hour	after 6:30pm Mass		Church
Wednesday	September 9		
Men's Rosary	6:00am		Church
Seeker	9:30am		Lyke Hall
RE Classes	4:30pm & 6:30pm		
8th Grade RE Class	6:30pm		Lyke Hall
Thursday	September 10		
Great Adventures	7:00pm	3/6, 4, 11, 14, 15	
RAINBOWS	7:00pm		5, 7, 10
SOUL	7:00pm		2
Men's Club	7:00pm		12/13
Adult Choir	7:30pm	Church,	Lyke Hall
Friday	September 11		
Pasta Dinner	5:30pm		Lyke Hall
Special Mass	6:30pm		Church
Saturday	September 12		

We have a NEW DAY for the 55 Plus meeting. It will be on the **third Thursday** of the month. The first meeting will be September 17th, in the Narthex. Please be reminded this is our first meeting of the new year and the annual membership dues are payable at this meeting. Dues are \$10 per person for the year. Our dinner fees are \$12 per person. Our dinner menu will be Beef Stroganoff, Salad Bar, Veggie and Apple Pie. Table set up will begin at 4:30, anyone who would like to help please let me know. Social: 6:00, Business Meeting: 6:30; Dinner: 6:45; the program: 7:30. Bring your thinking caps for Trivia to entertain us. The table who answers the most questions correctly will win the prize. Our facility clean-up will begin at 8:30. All who can help are appreciated. Please contact Carol Carter, carter.carol@att.net or 770.331.3456 for questions.



St. Monica's will be hosting a study this fall known as "The Great Adventure." This study will take you step by step on a journey through the Sacred Scriptures. You will be given great tools to help you get familiar with the overarching story told in the Scriptures.

Know that there is no previous Biblical experience needed! Jeff Cavins will be our guide as we embark on this *Great Adventure*. He'll provide all of the information you need to get started and he will be with us every step of the way. Jeff's captivating and informative DVD presentations will be sure to keep you coming back for more!

I look forward to seeing you there! There are two options for the Bible Study. We have one on Thursday evenings from 7-9pm. The other is on Friday mornings from 10-Noon. The starting dates for the series are Sept 3rd (for the Thursday series) and Sept. 4th (for the Friday series). The series includes 24 sessions and will run through the month of May. The cost of the program is \$45.00. Call Patrick Klein (678-584-9947 ext. 12) to register today!

Parent Sacramental Meeting Reminder:

All Parents of children who are eligible to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are reminded to attend the first mandatory Sacramental Meeting. You may choose one of the three available dates for this Informational meeting; Monday, Sept. 14 at 7:15pm, Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 10:00am or Sunday, Sept. 20 at 2:00pm.

This meeting includes all eligible Catholic School, Home School, Home Study, and regular Religious Education both Fall and Spring Semester families. If you have any questions please call Katherine at 678-584-9947 ex22

If you have not already done so, please fill out the Sacramental Registration form. It can be found on our Web page or on the front counter of the education building.

Little Rock Scripture starts September 24th, Thursday, from 10:00-11:30am. Hebrews: Examine and enter into the priestly ministry of Jesus and consider your role in the Kingdom of God today. Contact Julie Stewart for information julieastewart@hotmail.com or 404-368-9226.

RAINBOWS is a weekly support group for children who have experienced a significant loss or change in their lives such as death, divorce, or remarriage.

While Rainbows is neither counseling nor therapy, it is a peer support group led by trained facilitators.

RAINBOWS guides children through the myriad of feelings and emotion, helping them work through their grief and focus, instead, on developing constructive coping skills.

The Next Session of Rainbows starts September 10, 2009 and runs through December 2009. To register, please call Anne Hennessy at the Parish office.

MENS CLUB MEETING-All men of the parish over age 21 are invited to join us at our monthly meeting this Thursday, Sept. 10th, in the RE building. Social starts at 7pm with light snacks and assorted beverages, followed by our business meeting at 7:30. Come and share in fellowship, fun and faith in a variety of activities to support our parish mission and funding of its activities. For more information, contact Joe Lenzi at 770-330-0846 or joelenzi@charter.net.



Attention Married & Engaged Couples

Natural Family Planning Classes will be held at St. Monica's parish in Duluth this fall. The series has three classes – Sundays: September 13, October 18 and November 15 from 10am to 12:30pm in the parish RE building. Classes will give all the resources necessary to easily, simply and successfully practice NFP in your marriage. The classes are great for both married and engaged couples who are seeking to bring their relationship in accord with Church teaching, as well as those seeking to leading a more natural, healthy lifestyle. NFP is perfect for those couples having problems achieving pregnancy and also for those who wish to postpone pregnancy. Class materials include everything necessary to successfully practice NFP for a lifetime. **You must register by August 31.** For more information or to register, call Kate Sell at 678.943.3673 or email at kasell2@gmail.com

St. Monica's next BLOOD DRIVE will be held on SUNDAY, Sept. 27th from 8am – 2pm. Please consider volunteering in one of the following ways:

- ◆ Be a blood donor
- ◆ Help sign-up donors after Masses in the coming weeks
- ◆ Sign donors in on the day of the drive
- ◆ Donate food for the donors

Look for the Blood Drive table after Masses. To ask questions, or to volunteer, please call Lisa Dickerson at 770 271-4595 or e-mail lisad1@charter.net. Thank You!

ST. VINNY D'S HOUSE OF PASTA REOPENS



Come one, come all as ST. VINNY D'S HOUSE OF PASTA reopens this Friday from 5:30 to 7:30pm in Lyke Hall. Bring your appetite and enjoy a home cooked meal of assorted pastas and sauces with garlic bread, salad and all the trimmings. We ask only for a free will offering with this month's proceeds benefiting the St Vincent de Paul Society. There'll be plenty of beverages to wash your dinner down. For more information call Joe Lenzi at 770-330-0846 or John Volpert at 770-652-3485.

The purpose of the LAOH (Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians) is to promote Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity; to foster and sustain loyalty to the Roman Catholic Church and to foster and sustain loyalty to the United States of America among its members; to aid and advance by all legitimate means the aspiration and endeavors of the Irish people for complete and absolute independence; to promote the Irish culture. To start an LAOH division (for juniors and all ladies who are Irish or of Irish descent), please contact the State President, Dee Ramp at afr201@comcast.net hopefully you will share my enthusiasm for the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians for your city and Parrish. Several Catholic Parishes can join together to have one division in a given city. May the Peace of Christ be with each of you.

Hope for Haiti Gala

The time is quickly approaching for our annual Hope for Haiti Gala on September 18th. This night of dinner and dancing includes the auction of new items and services for the support of our brothers and sisters in Hinche, Haiti. Your donations of new products, handmade items and services are needed to make the auction a success. If you are interested in supporting the auction this year, please contact Peg DeMaine at pegmark@charter.net or call Peg at 678-641-8614.

WEDS NEWS! If you have been to a marriage encounter and want to continue that wonderful experience with your spouse, come visit the Saint Monica's WEDS group. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, September 12th, 7:00pm, at the home of Amy & Dan Doherty.

St. John Neumann invites you to come study with us the Book of Genesis. You will learn salvation history, God's covenant history, how Jesus fulfills the covenant, and how we are participants. The women's study is on Wednesday mornings from 10-12 (contact Judy Butterick 770-630-5893), the adult study is on Monday nights from 7-9 (contact Ann Hayes 770-982-8564), and the men's study is on Saturday mornings from 7-8:30 (contact Ken Fehner 678-380-8960).

Seekers: New Series Starting Soon!

Would you like to become a more prayerful person? You don't have to go far in order to find wonderful models of prayerful living. In our new 6 week series entitled, Becoming a Praying Person, we will take a look at six people from the Sacred Scriptures who exemplify what it means to be a prayerful person. Taking them as our models, we will learn to deepen our own prayer life. **All adult women of the parish are invited to join our new session which will meet Wednesdays in Lyke Hall from 9:45-11:45AM starting September 9th.** Call Patrick Klein (678-584-9947 ext. 12) by August 27th so that he can order you a book.

We have childcare available for participants. If you have children and would like to take advantage of such a service let us know as space will be limited. Contact Kim Johnston at 770-513-3409 (kimmerjohns@charter.net) or Michelle Dickerson at 770-757-5270 (mpdcge@bellsouth.net).



The 3rd Annual HOPE FOR HAITI Gala, benefiting the needs of our brothers and sisters in Haiti, will be held at the Gwinnett Place Marriott.

An Unforgettable Night!

- *Friday, September 18, 2009*
- *6:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.*
- ***Dancing to The Rupert's Orchestra***
- *Cocktail Reception with Hors D'oeuvres*
- *Open Bar Serving Wine, Beer & Soft Drinks*
 - *Cash Bar Serving Liquor*
 - *Three-Course Dinner*
 - *Silent and Live Auction*
 - *Black-Tie Optional*

Tickets

\$100 per Individual · \$1,000 per Table of Ten

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Tickets available online during August at
www.saintmonicasinhaiti.com.