

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 7, 2010



Port Au Prince by car



Dr. Toth, Barb and a grateful patient



Barb Burk helping



Jon Steele works to get safe water systems to areas in Haiti



Sunday, February 7th at 2:00pm in the Church.

Come join us in a presentation by Mark Coughlin about the emergency trip down to Haiti after the earthquake. He will discuss what has been done and what still needs to be done and what part the generous parishioners of St. Monica have played in all those events.



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Spanish Masses at Mission

Friday— 7:00pm
Saturday— 6:30pm
Sunday— 9:00am & 11:00am

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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 & 12:10pm
Sat. 9:00am

RECONCILIATION

By Appointment or
Mon. & Tues. 5:45pm-6:15pm
Sat. 3:45pm- 5:00pm
1st Fri. of month 6:30pm-7:00pm
1st Sat. of month 8:30am-8:50am
1st Sun. of month After the 8:30am & 10:30am Masses

OFFICE HOURS
9:45am- 4:30pm

Masses For The Week



Saturday	February 6
9:00 am	Our Parish Deacons
5:30 pm	Nell Elizabeth Pina (D) <i>By Joan Wunderle</i>
Sunday	February 7
8:30 am	Charlotte Mitnick (D) <i>By Dolores Kruzal</i>
10:30 am	The People of St. Monica
12:30 pm	Elizabeth Norton (D) <i>By The Lin Family</i>
5:30 pm	Ken Marion (D) <i>By Mary Anne Lehman</i>
Monday	February 8
9:00 am	Poor Souls in Purgatory <i>By Elizabeth Arendale</i>
6:30 pm	Michael McLaughlin (SI) <i>By Gabriella Furguiele</i>
Tuesday	February 9
9:00 am	Christina Hirtreiter (D) <i>By Carl and Cheri Goehmann</i>
6:30 pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory <i>By Han Le</i>
Wednesday	February 10
6:30 am	Claudio Furguiele (SI) <i>By Cyndy Furguiele</i>
9:00 am	Evelyn Lampert (D) <i>By Meg and Bill Bohn</i>
Thursday	February 11
6:30 am	Special Intention
9:00 am	Nancy Hurley (D) <i>By The Wiles Family</i>
Friday	February 12
9:00 am	Russell Aiello (D) <i>By Elaine and Greg Norton</i>
12:10 am	Milford Bohn (D) <i>By The Bohn Family</i>
Saturday	February 13
9:00 am	Poor Souls in Purgatory <i>By Linda Nguyen</i>
5:30 pm	Leo Galleos (D) <i>By Edward Gallegos</i>
Sunday	February 14
8:30 am	Couples of the Parish
10:30 am	Rebecca Harris (SI) <i>By JoAnne Loftus</i>
12:30 pm	The People of St. Monica
5:30 pm	Couples of the Parish

Are you interested in being part of all the good works done by our Knights of Columbus? Come join the newly formed **K of C Ladies Auxiliary** as we assist the Knights in their endeavors. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 22nd at 7:00pm in room 15 of the RE building. The organization is open to all women of the parish. If you have any questions call Jennie Musciano at 770-962-6899.

STEWARDSHIP
NEWS

Contributions from January 24, 2010	
Contributions	\$34,467.35
Actual Budget Need	\$34,057.70
Children's envelopes- \$30.00	26 Envelopes
There are 2444 registered families	

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, Pat Barton, Don Strohmeier, Jane Kerns, Ed Dahlquist, Gloria Jean Verret, Adriana Monsalve, Ronnie Blankenship, Jane Kerns, Monsignor Bill Hoffman, and Al Lepore. And for friends and family who have gone before us including Gita Patel, Benedict Emerenini, Jack Sullivan, Jeri Michels, Clara Julian, Bill Foster, Robert Ambreau, Jordan Woods, and Glenda Eaton, 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 Ouellette at 770-271-2349 or at julie_ouellette@mindspring.com. You can be notified of prayer intentions via e-mail or Calling Post.

Readings for the Week of February 7, 2010

Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11
Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

DONUTS TODAY!



Today, Sunday, February 7th, after the 8:30 Mass, we will have donuts, coffee and fellowship! **This ministry will occur every first Sunday of the month.** Come to Lyke Hall in the RE building and join us for fellowship, a good cup of coffee and a delicious treat.

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.



The flowers for the Mass have been donated by Raymond and Teresa Homan to commemorate the birthday of Teresa's Mother, the late Mrs. Sally Ann Hardy.

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 Furguiele for more information 678-584-9947 ext 26, or cyndyf@saintmonicas.com.

Religious Education News

Middle School News

On site events are held on Saturday nights after the 5:30 pm Mass. Service projects & socials are also held on Saturday nights. Please check the Bulletin for proper times and Dates. Have a blessed Christmas!!

- February 24 – Planning meeting for parents and core 7:15 pm in the RE building
- February 27- Service Project– Super Service Saturday, time, TBD
- March 6– Learn about St. Peter– live life on the Rock!
- March 16***NET (National Evangelization Team) Retreat Lyke Hall. This is a special event where a team of young adults come from all over the country to give this retreat. 5:00pm– 9:00pm. Cost: \$20.00 per participant.

WOW– Word of the Week

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| Grade 1 | Disciples | Grade 5 | Paschal Mystery |
| Grade 2 | Resurrection | Grade 6 | Epistles |
| Grade 3 | Pentecost | Grade 7 | Transfiguration |
| Grade 4 | Incarnation | Grade 8 | none |

SAVE THE DATE:

April 24th– Catechist and Family Appreciation Dinner– dinner, dancing and music! Begins at 6:30pm

RAINBOWS, a weekly support group for children who have experienced a significant loss or change in their lives such as death, divorce, or remarriage, will start February 9th at 7:00pm at Saint Monica’s. This is a 12 week program occurring each Tuesday night. For more information, contact Anne Hennessy at 678-584-9947 ext 16.

Please note– There will be NO Elementary RE on February 17th due to Ash Wednesday. Classes will resume February 24.

Question of the week:

Children

What abilities has God given me? How should I use them to help others?

Adults

What are my strengths personally and professionally? When have I allowed them to be mis-used?



Sunday night Youth Groups are immediately following the 5:30pm Mass until 8:30pm.

Upcoming Life Nights

- Feb. 7th: Super Bowl Sunday: Come on out for our Party!
- Feb. 14th: Valentines Day Dance! Bring friends, it’s going to be a blast!
- Feb. 21st: JASON EVERT, Internationally known speaker talking on Romance without Regret! Please bring \$5 if you have it! THIS YOUTH GROUP WILL END BETWEEN 8:45 and 9:00 PM!
- Feb. 21st: PARENT SESSION w/ JASON EVERT @ 3 PM! *Raising Chaste Teens*
- Feb. 28th: Domino Effect: Solidarity and Social Sin: My choice not to serve affects the whole world! (GUYS RETREAT WEEKEND!)
- March 7th: Global Village - How our actions, and decisions to serve or not have a Global Impact!



Pizza and Prayer is every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30pm! Join us this spring for pizza, fellowship and prayer as we strive for holiness and address the 7 Capital Sins: how they impact our lives and world and what we can do to overcome them to

be saints! Do you want to be Holy and get to Heaven??? Then this series is for you!!!

GUYS and GALS RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR MEN’S AND WOMEN’S RETREATS! Start raising now ! We are going to COVECREST and the dates are February 26th – 28th (Guys) and March 26th – 28th (Gals)! Forms are available in the lobby of the RE Building.

Save the Date! Jason Evert, internationally known chastity speaker, is coming to St. Monica’s Youth Group on Sunday, February 21st! Parents are strongly encouraged to attend! Please bring a \$5 donation for some awesome gifts!

CALLING ALL PARENTS, who are the primary catechists of their children; Jason Evert wants to speak to YOU at 3 PM on Sunday, Feb. 21st! Come to St. Monica’s for a parent session on "Raising Chaste Teens" with Jason. He will be available for any questions you may have!

Summer Schedules for youth group trips are already out for teens and spots are going to fill up quick. Secure your spot with a down payment and see Courtney for more details about Steubenville Atlanta, CoveCrest Summer Camp and more!

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

Schedule for the Week

Sunday		February 7	
Nursery	8:30am & 10:30am		
PreK-K	8:30am & 10:30am		
Donut Fellowship	after 8:30 Mass	Lyke Hall	
Inquiry	8:30am	7	
OCIC	8:30am	12/13	
Catechumen	8:30am	3/6	
Special Needs	9:30am	11	
Children's Inquiry	11:45am	12/13,11	
Familia	12:00pm	7	
Nicaragua	1:00pm	12/13	
Confirmation	3:00pm	Lyke Hall	
Youth Group	after 5:30 Mass		
Monday		February 8	
Cub Scout Dens	6:00pm	1,2,4,5,7,8,10	
American Heritage Girls	6:30pm	12/13	
BSA	7:00pm	3/6, 11	
K of C	7:30pm	Lyke Hall	
Tuesday		February 9	
Total Consecration	6:30pm	15	
Great Adventures Facil.	7:00pm	10	
RAINBOWS	7:00pm	5,7,11	
Holy Hour	7:15pm	Church	
Wednesday		February 10	
Seekers	10:00am	Lyke Hall	
Staff Holy Hour	1:00pm	Church	
RE CLASSES	4:30pm & 6:30pm		
Pizza & Prayer	6:30pm	Narthex/Church	
Thursday		February 11	
Children's Choir	6:00pm	Church	
Great Adventures	7:00pm	Narthex	
SOUL	7:00pm	5	
Men's Club	7:00pm	12/13	
Adult Choir	7:30pm	Church, Lyke Hall	
Friday		February 12	
Great Adventures	10:00am	Lyke Hall	
MOYC	10:30am	Nursery, 10	
Saturday		February 13	
LENTEN TRADITIONS	10:00am-1:00pm		



THE MENS CLUB meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 11th in the RE building. Social starts at 7pm with snacks and beverages followed by the business meeting at

7:30. All men of the parish over 21 are invited to attend. We encourage you to consider participating in this group that combines service with fun and fellowship. Our efforts support the parish community through activities such as our annual golf tournament, Christmas tree lot sale, scholarship program, Vinny d's House of Pasta, Lenten fish fry and much more. For more information contact Joe Lenzi at 770-330-0846 or jolelenzi@charter.net.

The Knights of Columbus Car Raffle

The **Knights of Columbus** have joined forces with Chick-Fil-A, Gwinnett Place Ford and Jeff Francoeur in a **raffle** to benefit the Knights of Columbus' charities. **Gwinnett Place Ford donated** a 2010 Mustang LX and each \$10.⁰⁰ ticket has \$10.⁰⁰ in Chick-Fil-A coupons effectively making it a **free ticket**. See the Knights of Columbus after all Masses to get your raffle tickets today.

CAN YOU SPARE ONE DAY out of your year for the children of our parish? If so, consider volunteering as a catechist for our pre-k and kindergarten children. While the classes are every Sunday, the total commitment time equals approximately one day out of your year, and the rewards are eternal! We are in desperate need of catechists for our 10:30am classes. Please contact Katherine Milby at 678-584-9947 ext. 22 for more details.

Are you getting the maximum enjoyment from your Greatest Gift: your Spouse??

For "Take-Home Lessons" join us for a romantic Weekend Retreat February 19 - 21 or April 23-25 at the Marriott Norcross.

You can register or learn other dates at www.wmmeatlanta.org or call Bob & Joy Lambie at 770-587-1506.

We also offer Spanish speaking weekends. Call Esteban & Gloria Nolasco at 770-425-1328 for those dates.

World Wide Marriage Encounter -
Making Good Marriages Great



MAGNIFICAT PRAYER BREAKFAST for all Catholic women will be held Saturday, February 20, 2010, 9:30-12:30 at Killian Hall, 908 Killian Hill Rd., Lilburn, GA 30047. In this Year for Priests, our speaker will be Father Timothy Gallagher, parochial vicar at St. Pius X in Conyers, who was ordained in June 2009. Father Timothy will speak about how Mary's intercession and guidance was decisive for him in embracing the mystery of the Church, hearing the call to Christ's priesthood and saying yes to his priestly vocation. **Reservations are \$10. Please mail check, payable to Magnificat, by Feb. 10 to: Lynda Cupell, 2140 Briarwillow Dr., Atlanta, GA 30345. No ticket will be sent back. Your name will be on a sign-in reservation list at the door. Advance reservations are required. Please carpool if possible. For information call Lynda Cupell 404-634-8303.**

Divorced or Separated? The Saint Monica's **SOUL** group (**S**eeking **O**urselves **U**nderstanding **L**oss) offers a support group designed to help you adjust to the ending of a love relationship. Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 7-9 PM at Saint Monica's Catholic Church. Please contact Patrick Klein: patrick.klein@saintmonica.com or Carla Fedigan: cfedigan@charter.net if you need further information, you would like to participate, or know of friends or loved ones that could benefit from this program.

LIFE Events Reminder:

All students in grades 1st-8th are required to attend 8 LIFE Events each school year to receive credit for Religious Education at our parish.

"LIFE Events are the way we learn together, pray together, get to know one another, and celebrate!"

Please find the Schedule and Attendance Record on the counter under "LIFE Events" in the Religious Education Building.

Parents maintain their child's LIFE Event Attendance Record which should be completed and submitted by May 31, 2010.

Please contact Carol - carol@saintmonicas.com - with any questions.

Upcoming LIFE Events:

Feb. 5th, 4pm - Family Holy Hour, First Friday Adoration
Feb. 13th, 10am-1pm (Open House format) - Lenten Traditions- Note: There is no sign-up for Lenten Traditions this year.

Interested in Joining the Festival Committee

Our 2010 Festival date is April 17. We are ready to begin planning for this year's event.

If you have ideas that you'd like to work with us on, to help the continued growth of this "Family Day", please contact Doug Schwendy at schwendyd@bellsouth.net or 770 831-0437.

St. Monica's Career Network Ministry – Little Flower Job Search Assistance

If you, a friend or family member is unemployed or under-employed please join St. Monica's Career Network ministry. This year we will offer a structured curriculum based on 50-250-1000. To learn more about this new job search methodology, please join us at 6:30pm in Lyke Hall on Monday, February 1st. Prior to the meeting you can get access to job leads and current job search news and articles on LinkedIn – our group is called Little Flower Job Search Assistance. All are welcome.

This ministry is also seeking volunteers to serve as Job Search Coaches. You can be a Job Search Coach with just a small donation of your time. You do not need to be available to attend the bi-monthly meetings to be a Job Search Coach. For any information regarding this ministry please contact Paige Barry at paigebarry@yahoo.com or 678-327-1707.

St. John Neumann Regional Catholic School – If you missed our Open House, please contact the school for a tour or more information – crusader@sjnracs.org or 770-381-0557. Applications are available now for the 2010-2011 school year.

We are in need of nursery volunteers at the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer contact Anne Hennessy for more details. Teens are welcome as well!

The Rosary is prayed before Masses:

8:30am Monday through Saturday

6:00pm Monday and Tuesday

6:00am Wednesday

Please come join us in prayer.



We will be collecting last year's palms until February 14th. We will burn the palms and use the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please bring in your palms and leave them in the baskets in the Narthex.

Atlanta Regional Divine Mercy Conference

There will be a special Divine Mercy Conference at St. Philip Benizi's Catholic Church in Jonesboro on February 15th from 9am to 6pm. The speakers include Divine Mercy expert Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC from the National Shrine of Divine Mercy and Fr. Pablo Straub, CSSR who is also frequently seen on EWTN Catholic TV. The \$50 registration fee includes a light breakfast, lunch, and a chance to win a life-sized framed Divine Mercy image. Register before February 12th at www.MercySunday.com or call 1-888-732-0722. Priests will be admitted for free in honor of the "Year for Priests".

Save the date for St. Monica's Catholic Camp 2010! -

June 21st - 25th from 9:30am-12:30pm right here at our parish! Camp is offered on a first-come basis to parishioners Pre-K (children must be 3 by Sept. 1, 2010) to rising (going into) 6th grade. Rising 7th graders to adults may volunteer!

Nursery will only be provided for children of volunteers who are too young to attend camp.

Dates for Registration & Workshops, and more information coming soon- watch the bulletin!

Confirmation Preparation for Adults

Are you an adult member of St. Monica's parish who has received the sacraments of Baptism and Most Holy Eucharist but has **not** been confirmed? If so, would you be interested in receiving "the special out-pouring of the Holy Spirit" that the sacrament of Confirmation gives (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, § 1302)?

Sacramental preparation classes will begin on February 23rd at 7:15pm in Room 14 of the Religious Education Building. If you are interested in registering for these classes, please contact Patrick Klein at 678-584-9947 ext. 12. Confirmation will take place this Spring!

Severe Weather closing information, if Gwinnett County Schools are closed- all activities at the church are cancelled for that day and evening. This is done for the safety of our parishioners. If the Gwinnett County authorities deem that the road conditions are not safe to travel we abide by their decisions. Safety of the children and the adults is our primary reason for having this policy.

CANCELLATION INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON 11ALIVE TV, ON OUR WEBSITE saintmonicas.com AND ON 11ALIVE.COM INTERNET SITE.

St. Monica's Presents

Nationally Acclaimed Chastity
Education Speaker

Jason Evert



"Raising Chaste Teens"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST AT 3:00PM
ST. MONICA'S - DULUTH

This talk is designed to empower parents to tackle the numerous cultural attacks on purity. How do you raise chaste teens in a sex obsessed culture? What resources are available to parents seeking to build virtue in their teens?
(Q&A will follow talk)

Parents planning to send their teens to the high school (Sunday the 21st at 7:00) or middle school (Monday the 22nd at 7:00) talk "Romance Without Regret" at St. Monica's ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE PARENT TALK.

For more information or questions, email:
triplejmk@bellsouth.net

Jason Evert is a staff apologist with Catholic Answers, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the Catholic faith through all forms of media. He is the author of many books including *Pure Love and Pure Manhood* (his wife Crystalina authored *Pure Womanhood*), which challenges young people to embrace the virtue of chastity. More info at puroverschub.com

There is no charge to attend the parent talk, but we will take up a collection to help with Jason's International Chastity Education efforts - thank you!

"Romance Without Regret"

HIGH SCHOOL TALK

SUNDAY, FEB. 21ST AT 7:00PM ST. MONICA'S - DULUTH

MIDDLE SCHOOL TALK (7th & 8th Grade Only)

MONDAY, FEB. 22ND AT 7:00PM ST. MONICA'S - DULUTH
(Mass at 6:30)

***ONE PARENT MUST ATTEND WITH EACH TEEN (EXCEPTION BEING YOUTH GROUPS) - THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF EVENT.**

We STRONGLY encourage parents to attend Jason's parent talk, "Raising Chaste Teens" on Sunday, Feb. 21st at 3:00pm at St. Monica's to learn more and have the opportunity to ask Jason questions. St. Monica's Respect Life Ministry and Knights of Columbus respectfully ask you to consider a \$5 donation per teen to help cover all the fine materials given to the teens at the talks.

YOUTH GROUPS/SCHOOLS: limited reserved seating is available on first come, first serve basis. To reserve your group seats (or for more info about this event): triplejmk@bellsouth.net

Journey of Hope 2010

A powerful and dynamic conference for separated and divorced Catholics addressing the issues of healing, faith, and navigating life after divorce.

Saturday, February 27, 2010

Sunday, February 28, 2010

Marriott Atlanta North Hotel

200 Interstate North Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30339

770-952-7900

Register and/or more information go to journeyofhopeconference.com or call
404-493-2190