



Saint Monica Church

The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6, 2016

1001 Camino Pablo
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Office Hours :

Mon - Thurs: 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Fri: 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00
and 11:00 a.m.

**Children's Liturgy of the
Word:** Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

Daily Mass:

Monday - Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Adoration:

Friday 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 4:00-4:30 p.m. or
by appointment: 925.376.6900

Faith Formation:

Grades K-5 x 203

Grades 9-12 - e-mail:

saintmonicamoraga@gmail.com

Our Vision/Mission Statement

VISION: We, the community of St. Monica Parish, are Jesus Christ embodied.

MISSION: St. Monica Church fosters spiritual growth and vibrant participation through a welcoming Christ-centered community where everyone is valued.

BAPTISM: Please contact Sr. Mary Teresa at children@stmonicamoraga.com or (925) 376-6900 x203.

CONFIRMATION: Preparation for teens begins in Grade 9. Please contact Michele Berrios at saintmonicamoraga@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE: The couple should contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date to arrange a meeting with Fr. Wayne.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:

For anyone experiencing chronic illness or preparing for medical treatment, surgery, etc. or if you would like to receive communion at home, please contact Sister Mary LaSalette to arrange an appointment at (925) 376-6900 x112.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) : Anyone who is not Baptized, or is Baptized in another faith, and is interested in inquiring into the Catholic Faith, please contact Father Wayne at x103.

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WELCOME TO VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS

(If you would like to register in the parish, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket and we will mail you a registration form or you may fill one out—they are located at the church entrances.)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Reflections...

We are nearing the end of the liturgical year. Today's readings remind us that our own lives will draw to a close one day, and we can be certain that the Lord will encourage, strengthen, and save us --both now and at the last. The astonishing story of the Maccabees invigorates our faith as we behold an entire family willing to die rather than deny the Law of Moses. The psalm response echoes the faithful cries of the Maccabees: "I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God." That same confidence appears in Saint Paul's letter to the Thessalonians. "The Lord is faithful," he testifies; "he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one." In the Gospel, Jesus explains just how long God's protection will endure. The children of God whom God guards, Jesus says, will live forever like angels.

ALL TOO REAL

Some thinkers laugh at religion, accusing believers of making up the idea of an all-powerful God in heaven just to comfort themselves. The Maccabees story turns that argument to dust. One after another, seven brothers and their mother accept torture and death because of their faith in God. Their religious belief brings not sugary comfort, but excessive cruelty. All the king asks them to do is to eat "forbidden" meat. If the Maccabees could agree that their religious laws are based on made-up fairy tales, then how easy it would be to ignore the Mosaic prohibition against eating pork! The king promises to make the last son rich and happy if he gives in. Instead, the faithful young Israelite holds firm to his religion and endures unspeakable torture. Religious belief, for the Maccabees, is no "opiate," no painkiller. No, they testify to the truth that God is real, and that following the Lord in discipleship can be difficult.

CONFIDENCE

God is real. With complete faith in God's intimate love and mercy, believers face both joyful and tragic circumstances with confidence. Saint Paul prays for us to know this confidence: "May our Lord . . . encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." We join Saint Paul in this prayer, asking the Lord to give us the strength to speak and act rightly. Jesus encourages us at all times. He gives us hope that God's strength in us will grow, making us worthy to live forever in heaven. There, in paradise, we will no longer know death. As Jesus says in our Gospel today, we will be "like angels." Even though our lives on this earth must end, we live in hope. We may not be asked to die as martyrs, like the Maccabees, but every moment of every day, God offers us the very same hope and strength that helped the martyrs remain faithful to the end.

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Eucharistic Adoration



Come and have a silent audience with our Lord every Friday in the Church from **1 to 8 p.m.** We can always use more people during the early hours of the afternoon, but you are always welcome whenever your schedule allows. **There will be no Adoration on 11/ 25 or 12/23.** We look forward to having you visit our Lord in Adoration before and after these dates especially in view of our country and all the commotion. Enjoy the serenity and quiet peacefulness as you place your challenges before Him.

Reflections, Notices, Events

The Pivotal Players - Bishop Robert Barron
TUESDAYS - 7:30 pm in the PEACE Room
ALL ARE INVITED!

Nov 8: St. Catherine of Siena – The Mystic
 Mystic, wonderworker and confidant to popes and kings, St. Catherine exemplified the power of a life lived in relationship with Jesus. St. Catherine provided an example of faith that changed her culture and left an enduring legacy that the Church still resources today.

Nov 15: Blessed John Henry Newman – The Convert.

John Henry Newman came into the Church as a convert and used his prodigious intellectual gifts to help the Church better understand its identity and mission, and engage the assaults of a secular age. In this episode of the series, Bishop Barron and his team travel to Oxford, London, Dublin, and all of the locations that played a significant role in the formation and vocation of Blessed John Henry Newman, which in turn formed the life of the Church.



2017 Offertory Envelopes

Saint Monica has contracted with *Our Sunday Visitor* to provide us with new offertory envelopes. Beginning DEC 2016, your offertory envelopes for JAN and FEB will be delivered to your homes by mail. You will continue to receive envelopes every two months instead of receiving the entire year's supply a once. Please let the office know as soon as possible if you have an address change or other change that will affect your account. Thank you for your cooperation! We hope you will find this new method convenient for you. Please let the office know if you have any questions.



Altar Servers

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

The training dates will be
Thursday, November 10 & 17,
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Please meet in the church.

This is open for all 4th graders up. Please contact Sister Teresa if your child will attend.

925-376-6900, ext. 203

or children@stmonicamoraga.com

WINTER NIGHTS

continues through Nov 7th

Thank you to all who have volunteered their time & talent so far. Anyone still interested to volunteer can contact **Christine Ayers** for any openings at christineayers04@gmail.com or call **510-295-7298**

You can also help through Donations. Winter Nights serves the homeless through the winter months.

They are still in need of many things:

- sleeping bags
- WalMart, Target and Payless Shoes gift card
- Socks
- Gas, bus and BART cards
- packing and duct tape
- Clorox or Lysol wipes
- twin size fitted sheets
- flash lights

If you'd like to donate money and indicate what you would like it to go towards, or if you would like to supply any of these things directly -- all would be appreciated. All checks should be made payable to WINTER NIGHTS and can be dropped at the church office or call Christine for pick up.

** Attention St. Monica Ministers **

(Liturgy Coordinators, Lectors, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality Volunteers, Children's Liturgy of the Word teachers)

**We will be scheduling all
 St. Monica Ministers for
 December 2016 and January 2017.**

Please go to www.stmonicamoraga.com
 by **Monday, November 7th.**

Click on the **Ministry Schedule link** on the right hand side of the screen and enter the dates you are **not available**. If you do not have access to the internet, or have forgotten your user name and password, please contact the parish office at 925-376-6900.

THANK YOU for your ministry!

Notices and Events



The Parish Office will be **CLOSED**
Friday, November 11th
 in observance of **Veteran's Day.**

**PLEASE
NOTE**

There will be no
Children's Liturgy of the Word
 on **Sunday, November 13th**



Remember Our Dead

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. Our annual memorial Mass for our deceased loved ones will be on

Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 pm
in the church

followed by a reception in the Peace Room.

Beginning Tuesday, November 2nd you may bring pictures of your deceased loved ones with their name to put on our memorial tables. We will have cards out for you to write names of your deceased loved ones to be read at our memorial Mass. These are due by Sunday November 13th. We hope you can join us in keeping the memory of our deceased loved ones with us in our prayer.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK - November 6-12

Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women.

May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016

Join us in the St. Monica Peace Center for a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Dave Mike Donovan and crew. All men of are invited.

Social hour starts at 6:00 pm

Dinner is served at 7:00pm

This is the dinner not to be missed! And it is a bargain at \$10.00. Be sure to join us for a great dinner and time to socialize!

In addition, we have as our highlight speaker, CA Senator, Steve Glazer, Representing the 7th District. His reflections the day prior to the election promises to be informative and stimulating!

MASS INTENTIONS

*If you have a special anniversary or other special date during the month of **November and December** for Mass Intentions, please contact the office.*

Save the Date



Our Annual Advent Fair
 is scheduled for
Sunday, November 27th

More information to follow.



We Welcome

**Samantha Audrey Johnson &
 Jackson Vaughn Johnson**

*daughter & son of Angelica & Brian Johnson
 into the St. Monica Catholic Community
 through the Sacrament of Baptism.*

Notices and Events

*Calling All Women!*

MagnificatSOTI, a Ministry for Women invites you to join them at a

Prayer Breakfast

DEC 3, 2016, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

St. Mary's Church, 2039 Mt. Diablo Blvd., WC

Please note the change in time and location!

Join us in welcoming Mrs. Christine Watkins MTS, LCSW as our speaker. We will be inspired by this well known speaker, author, spiritual director and television host as she tells us of her salvation from life as an atheist to a life centered in Christ through her physical and spiritual healing by Jesus through His Mother, Mary.

Tickets are \$25/\$30 after Nov. 26.

Go to www.magnificatsoti.org for more information about our guest and tickets or call Jennifer at [503-709-8449](tel:503-709-8449) for reservations.

Fatima, 100 Year Old Solution to World Troubles

Producer of "Fatima," a New Catholic Movie, To Share the Miraculous Apparition's Relevance Today

In 1917 the Blessed Mother made a miraculous appearance to three shepherd children in Portugal.

Her powerful appearance when the world was suffering the ravages of war and atheistic ideologies will come to the big screen in 2017 with the amazing story of the Fatima miracle.

Natasha Howes, executive producer of the Fatima movie will be the guest speaker at the

Catholics@Work breakfast on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville.

Program begins at 7am, ends at 8:15 and is preceded by Mass.

Howes will share little-known insights into the story of Fatima, the remarkable journey of Fatima's three shepherd children, and its impact on the world.

All are welcome, including walk-ins, but pre-registration is appreciated.

Go to www.catholicsatwork.com



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43326 Mission Circle, Fremont, CA 94539 - 5829

Find FUN in Tradition at our Annual Holiday Boutique!

Friends, we look forward to seeing you and your loved ones on

SAT and SUN, November 19-20, 10am - 4 pm

Our Holiday Boutique provides a relaxed event for generations of families and friends to gather and begin the Holiday Season.

You can pre-order your Dominican Olive Oil, Bourbon Balls and Fruitcake. We have limited supplies and don't want you to miss out.

www.msjdominicans.org/pre-order

Week At A Glance

Sunday, November 6

PR Winter Nights

Monday, November 7

9:00 am C Daily Mass
PR Winter Nights
6:00 pm PR Men's Club Dinner

Tuesday, November 8

9:00 am C Daily Mass
9:30 am - 3:00 pm CL5 Women's Guild
7:30 pm PR The Pivotal Players

Wednesday, November 9

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Thursday, November 10

9:00 am C Daily Mass
3:30 - 4:30 pm C Altar Server Training
7:30 - 10:00 pm PR Choir Rehearsals

Friday, November 11

Parish Office CLOSED - Veteran's Day

9:00 am C Daily Mass
1:00 - 8:00 pm C Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, November 12

7:30 - 9:30 am PR Men's Fellowship

Sunday, November 13

10:00 am CL3 St. Vincent de Paul meeting

C: Church, CH: Chapel, CL: Classroom, CR: Conference Room, K: Kitchen, PR: Peace Room, REC: Rectory, YC/FR : Youth Center/'Fireside Room', ---: Off-site

Mass intentions	
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5	
5:00 pm	In Memory of Mary & Constant Skowronek
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6	
7:30 am	For the Intentions of Guillermo Zanduetta
9:00 am	For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
11:00 am	In Memory of Herbert Fink
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7	
9:00 am	In Memory of Rita Reginato
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8	
9:00 am	In Memory of Odelia Perry
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9	
9:00 am	In Memory of Elio Tabacco
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10	
9:00 am	In Memory of Rita Reginato
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11	
9:00 am	In Memory of Marion Doerr
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12	
5:00 pm	OPEN
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13	
7:30 am	OPEN
9:00 am	For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
11:00 am	In Memory of Roy Smith and Frank & Margaret Muster

Collections	
Sunday, October 30 th	\$ 8,806.00

Stewardship*


Last weekend our stewardship of **\$ 440.30** went to **CCIH - Winter Nights.**

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Next weekend our stewardship will go to **St. Vincent dePaul - Moraga.**

*normally equals 5% of plate collection + average of month's EFT/wk

Together we pray ...	
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK	
Ed Ahearn	Jeff Lewis
JT Amador	Ruby Luna
Harriet Anderson	Joan Marable
Leah Bailey	Tom McCormack
Evelyn Ballment	Lorry Midura
Chris Carlson	Jerry Moran
Jeff Dickson	Joan Muer
Joseph DeTrane	Toni Newhoff
Catherine Fowler	Evelyn Nosenzo
Martha Grisier	Erline Paille
Joan Haines	Joan Raftery
Jon Hill	Mary Resnick
Marjorie Hills	James Sherman
Brian Kamer	Marion Skrivanich
Terry Kolhede	Genevieve Smith
Eleanor Lewis	Juanita Whitting
	John Whittington



Praying for the sick is a Spiritual Work of Mercy.

Sunday Scriptures

November 6, 2016 2 Mc 7:1-2,9-14; Ps 17:1,5-6,8,15
2 Thes 2:16-3:25; Lk 20:27,34-38

November 13, 2016 Mal 3:19-20A; Ps 98:5-9;
2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

Stewardship

“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.” 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well.



HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: Nov. 13th

**Margaret & David Stearns
and Jenny & Christopher Schnurr**