

# Saint Monica Church

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
November 20, 2016

1001 Camino Pablo  
Moraga, CA 94556

**Office Hours :**

Mon - Thurs: 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Fri: 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Sat - Sun: Closed

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**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.

**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:

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## 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](mailto:children@stmonicamoraga.com) or (925) 376-6900 x203.

**CONFIRMATION:** Preparation for teens begins in Grade 9. Please contact Michele Berrios at [saintmonicamoraga@gmail.com](mailto: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...

Dear Parishioners:

Today – the last Sunday of the Church’s calendar is called the Feast of Christ the King. In a world fascinated or disgusted by earthly or political leaders, we can often forget who is really our true leader. The post- election climate is diverse to say the least. The wounds and divisions of our own nature are apparent. I would not think that it matters one bit who won the election – because either way the response would be the same. I always tend to think that these experiences in our own culture are a result of the loss of soul. As a people we have drifted far away from the will of God. We have all set up our own interests and they and the protection of them is very much at stake. What concerns me the most is that it is commonly assumed that the more a group or community of folks can no longer agree on how one should live – the corporate safety of that group is lost. It seems that the communal character of America is fractured. It has always been thought that the devil enjoys and even invites division. He can plant seeds of opposition to bring down a marriage, a family and a community. My main response to what is going on today is mostly one of sadness. I just feel very sad about the condition of our nation today. I would almost say that the main fracture seems to be the loss of community. We are often “issued- based” folks and are divided along a very sharp line of agreement or disagreement. I’m not sure how we will get out of this too soon.

We are approaching the cultural feast of Thanksgiving. Gratitude is an experience, which has been proven, to change people’s hearts. It seems more than ever that folks concentrate more on what they don’t have than what they do have. The news media is guilty of setting a tone that sensationalizes truth. They highlight the conflicts and capitalize on human failure and discord. Objective reporting seems further and further a distant memory. There seems to be a strong need to play on people’s fears – real or imagined.

Of course, I believe the Church can be the strength in the midst of all of this. Of course, it has to begin with the experience of communality and unity is the Body of Christ. Some people are really not capable of this. They are so self-focused on their own needs, that it is almost impossible for them to provide for or think about others. I believe that the lack of civility and anger in our culture is that people have lost the call to receive and give love. I experience so many people who are unable to be part of a healthy group. They are not able to really enter into the arena of life and community because they would have to let themselves be known. They would have to let themselves be seen as they really are. We are all wounded and to become vulnerable in the space of others is very difficult for some. So they stand at a distance from community and often even the church. They take refuge in a world of ideas. They have no sense of how to bridge the great divide.

Gratitude is a call from God to return to Him what is owed - to be aware of all that we have been given. To receive the generous mercy from the cross as we see in today’s gospel is at the core of gratitude. To know and feel the love that we have been given over and over in our lives is at the core of healthy community living. Allowing that love and blessing to be extended out to others is at the core of the mission of Jesus. In a conflicted world, let us take some time to stop and savor the many gifts we have been given. And may we share our blessings with others.

Happy Feast!

*Father Wayne*

### 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

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO showing
this week and next.
We will resume on December 6



The Parish Office will close
at noon on Wednesday, November 23rd
and re-open Monday, November 28th
for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

THANKSGIVING DAY
NOV 24th



MASS OF
THANKSGIVING
9:00 a.m.

Followed by a sharing
of breakfast breads and nibbles
in the PEACE Room

Feast of the Immaculate Conception



Thursday, December 8
A Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at
9:00 am, 4:00 & 7:00 pm.



ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH ADVENT FAIR

SUNDAY, November 27, 2016, 3:00PM - 5:00PM
PEACE Center Classroom 3 and 5

Come and join us as we gather together with our St. Monica community,
friends and family to celebrate Advent.

Make a fresh Advent wreath
Decorate cookies

Enjoy the company of family and friends

Cost: \$12 to defray the costs of materials

Please complete the registration form below and return before Nov. 23rd
to: St. Monica Church, 1001 Camino Pablo, Moraga, CA 94556

Or preferably, please email information below to: children@st.monicamoraga.com

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I can help by

\_\_\_ baking 2 dozens undecorated cut cookies

\_\_\_ baking goodies to eat at our celebration

\_\_\_ providing 1 bag of fresh cut greens from my yard for the Advent wreaths

## Notices and Events



### **Advent Reconciliation Service** **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** **at 7:00 pm**

Prepare yourself for the coming of Jesus by participating in the Parish Advent Reconciliation Service. All parishioners are invited for a time of confession and forgiveness. Parents are encouraged to bring their children who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

***The new Today's Missals for  
Advent - Lent are now available  
for sale in the office.***

***\$2.00 per copy***

### ***TO ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH***



SAINT MONICA WOMEN'S GUILD IS PLANNING THEIR  
ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

On Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

At the Orinda Country Club, Terrace Room

Cost \$35.00

SOCIAL HOUR WILL BEGIN AT 11:30

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 12:15

Flyers have been mailed to all members.

Please RSVP no later than December 2<sup>nd</sup>

SPACE IS LIMITED

For additional information, please contact

**CHARLENE CHRISTO @ 925-376-1591**



### **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 at 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.

### **NEW HOME FOR OUR REFUGEE FAMILY**

On October 8, a group of volunteers moved our refugee family, Tu Awng, Ji Bu and little daughter, Seng, into their tiny apartment in Oakland. Pick-up trucks were loaded with all the items that had been so generously donated and the family began to set up their home. At the end of the day, we left the family to themselves to enjoy this special and blessed day.

Since then, much has been accomplished on their journey towards integration and self-sufficiency. Our team has driven and assisted them to navigate through the many steps required of refugees before they can begin to seek employment and they have also just begun an English Language Program.

They are so appreciative for all our support and prayers and for the opportunity, after a nine year wait in camps, to begin their new life in America. We are so thankful to be a part of welcoming this family and have them celebrate their first

Thanksgiving amongst us.

If you want to learn more about this wonderful ministry, please email me. God bless.

***Marilyn Stoddard***

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Coordinator, Refugee Family Ministry

## Notices and Events



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](http://www.msjdominicans.org/pre-order)

### MASS INTENTIONS

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



### *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](http://www.magnificatsoti.org) for more information about our guest and tickets or call Jennifer at **503-709-8449** for reservations.

### SOUP TO SERVE



### Next meeting: Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Soup making will begin the first Friday in December.**

You are invited to gather at the 9:00 Mass, first to be nourished with the Body and Blood of Jesus. THEN - and only then - are we truly able to give to the Body of Christ - the poor - what we have just received at Mass. This makes it one of the most unique ministries in the parish. All are welcome to attend! No prior experience necessary, just show up and be ready to help, share stories and laugh.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Sonja Crumbaugh at 247-0155

or [scrumbaugh@comcast.net](mailto:scrumbaugh@comcast.net) or Maura Clogher at 376-9328 or [mclogher@comcast.net](mailto:mclogher@comcast.net)

### Week At A Glance

#### Sunday, November 20

#### Monday, November 21

9:00 am C Daily Mass

#### Tuesday, November 22

9:00 am C Daily Mass

#### Wednesday, November 23

9:00 am C Daily Mass  
12:00 pm REC Parish Office Closed

#### Thursday, November 24

*Parish Office CLOSED*

9:00 am C Mass of Thanksgiving

#### Friday, November 25

*Parish Office CLOSED*

9:00 am C Daily Mass

#### Saturday, November 26

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

#### Sunday, November 27

3:00 - 5:00 pm PR Advent Fair

**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

<b>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19</b>
5:00 pm In Memory of Cyrus (Bud) & Fay Hiester
<b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20</b>
7:30 am For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
9:00 am In Memory of Cyrus (Bud) Hiester
11:00 am In Memory of Anthony Rasmussen
<b>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21</b>
9:00 am In Memory of Jose Zanduetta
<b>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22</b>
9:00 am In Memory of Claudia Bishop
<b>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23</b>
9:00 am In Memory of Stephen The
<b>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24</b>
9:00 am <i>No Intentions - THANKSGIVING</i>
<b>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25</b>
9:00 am In Memory of Raquel Gerstel
<b>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26</b>
5:00 pm In Memory of Rosemarie Kamer
<b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27</b>
7:30 am For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
9:00 am In Memory of Terrisita Minoza
11:00 am In Memory of Julia Aquino & Orlando Juni, Sr.

## Collections

Sunday, November 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>\$ 8,780.00</b>
November 24th - Thanksgiving Day Collection for St. Vincent de Paul Moraga	

**Stewardship\***

Last weekend our stewardship of **\$ 439.00** went to **Bay Area Crisis Clinic.**

This weekend our stewardship will go to **Elizabeth House.**


Next weekend our stewardship will go to **Order of Malta Clinic.**

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

## Together we pray ...

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ed Ahearn JT Amador Harriet Anderson Leah Bailey Evelyn Ballment Chris Carlson Jeff Dickson Joseph DeTrane Catherine Fowler Martha Grisier Joan Haines Jon Hill Marjorie Hills Brian Kamer Terry Kolhede Eleanor Lewis Jeff Lewis	Ruby Luna Joan Marable Maryann McCauley Tom McCormack Lorry Midura Jerry Moran Joan Muer Toni Newhoff Evelyn Nosenzo Erline Paille Joan Raftery Mary Resnick James Sherman Marion Skrivanich Genevieve Smith Juanita Whitting John Whittington
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Praying for the sick is a Spiritual Work of Mercy.

## Sunday Scriptures


**November 20, 2016** 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

**November 27, 2016** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

**Stewardship**

*"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."  
Colossians 1:12*

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things". Try putting God first in all things instead.



**HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>**

Jean Schommer  
and Pat Bonnin