



Saint Monica Church

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2017

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:

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.

St. Monica Pastoral Team:

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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:

Last Monday we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Usually that feast is on a Sunday, but this year, because Christmas was on a Sunday, it reverted to a weekday.

In the gospel of that feast, we hear of the baptism of Jesus given by St John the Baptist. And at the baptism a voice was heard from heaven

“This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

There are two elements in this expression that could also be applied to every person baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity- Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In baptism we are adopted by God as His sons and daughters. What we have no real right to have – we have been given by the kind generosity of God. The alienation we experience because of our sins has been overcome by the Blood of the Cross. We belong to God.

I say this over and over again. We so often stray from the sense and experience of being “BELOVED” by God. We all crave to know that we are “ok”. We crave to believe, somehow, that we are special. We want a sense of being safe in goodness and love. Even our sins can be strange and very wrong ways to try to find that sense of being loved. Usually when we “fall in love” or allow love into our being – our heart – we then surrender. That’s why the Responsorial Psalm is

“HERE I AM LORD, I COME TO DO YOUR WILL”.

I think we are so unable to experience the tremendous love God has for us here on earth. Just to look at the crucifix is to give us a sense of what price Jesus paid so that we could be saved. What great lengths God has gone for us so that we can share eternal life with Him.

At the end of the First Reading we hear from Isaiah

***I will make you a light unto the nations
That my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.***

What if that was God’s desire for you? What if God put you on this earth to be a light? There is so much darkness around us – but do you know what it is like to be around someone who just brightens up a room? Do you know what a joy it is to be around folks who are uplifting? There are folks who really have that calling. Their energy is uplifting. They radiate and captivate with God’s gifts. Good people want to be around them. And they desire to be around people who appreciate life-giving energy. To this day I find my natural impulse is to avoid people who are negative or depressed. It just wears me out.

What if God has called us to be bearers of good news? What if we have been called to bring light to this broken world of ours? To even consider the possibility that God could use either you or me in his mission is almost too much to contain? But what if that were so? What if this is our calling? Not an easy one, I’m sure. But it would be a meaningful one. I think so few people really have a sense of their divine calling? So few people really understand the dignity and value of having a God-given vocation. In a world filled with so much darkness, what a joy it would be to be a bright light. It is something worth living for.

Blessings,

Father Wayne

Reflections, Notices, Events



St. Monica Baptisms Class
Tuesday, January 17th
at 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
in the Peace Center
Classroom #3

The expectation of the Church for the parents who present their child for Baptism includes the following:

- One of the parents must give evidence of practicing the Catholic faith.
- They must be registered members of the parish (4 months) with exceptions made for grandchildren of our parishioners as long as the parents of the child present a letter from the pastor of their church where they worship and they meet all St. Monica's baptismal requirements.
- The parents and godparents must attend a Pre-Baptismal Class at St. Monica or at their home church.
- Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of the month after the 11 AM Mass.
- Pre-Baptismal Classes are scheduled one evening every other month at 7:00 pm.

Contact Sister Teresa for more information



ST. MONICA'S
WOMEN'S GUILD
BOOK REVIEW

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017 @ 12:30
IN THE PEACE ROOM

We begin the New Year with "New York" by Edward Rutherford. This historical fiction novel covers 350 years of the growth and history of New York. We follow fictional characters as they experienced the events of their time, e.g. The War of Independence, the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire, the Civil War and The Panic of 1907. Enjoy an engaging walk through history as the author incorporates real people into historic events as a backdrop for story lines involving fictional families.

The other book chosen by reviewer, Dee Humm, is "The Defense", narrated by Attorney Joseph Antinelli, a defense lawyer who has never lost a case.

Can he win this one?

Join us in the Peace Room on Tuesday, January 24, at 12:30 for a light lunch. The review begins at 1:00. Cost is \$15.00 for six reviews or \$5.00 for a single review.

All are Welcome!!!!

Rae Atwood (925-376-7527) or Jan Catalano (925-376-3653) or JoAnn Mayo (925-376-7040)

SOUP TO SERVE



Next meeting
Friday, January 20th

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 or Maura Clogher at 376-9328 or mclogher@comcast.net

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Altar Servers

The next training date will be

Thursday, January 26
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 at 925-376-6900, ext. 203 or children@stmonicamoraga.com

Notices and Events

Women's Faith Sharing 2016

All women are invited to join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday, January 24th**. We are looking forward to our speakers from Catholic Charities of the East Bay. During their "**Transforming Lives Tour**" we will have the opportunity to hear how Catholic Charities moves youth and families from crisis to stability to prosperity. We will hear about:

- Legal immigration and refugee resettlement services
- Homelessness prevention through housing and utilities support
- An update on Claire's House, a home for trafficked minors
- School-based behavioral health services programs for youth
- Grief counseling and family support for victims of crime

We meet **9:30-11:30 am in the Peace Room**, right after the 9:00 daily morning Mass. If you have never attended, come check us out and see why we have been meeting monthly for 16 years! We would love you to join us for coffee, refreshments and fellowship with us.

2017 Offertory Envelopes

St. Monica has contracted with *Our Sunday Visitor* to provide us with new offertory envelopes. You will receive envelopes by mail every two months instead of receiving the entire year's supply at once.

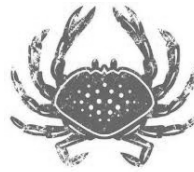


You should have received your JAN and FEB offertory envelopes in the mail by now. Please let the office know if you have not yet received them.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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



CRAB FEED

22ND ANNUAL CRAB FEED

SAVE THE DATE & PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #7683

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our Annual Crab Feed will be held **on Saturday, January 28, 2017**

in St. Monica's Peace Room, Moraga.

Appetizers and no-host cocktails will be served beginning at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 7:30 pm and will include salad, pasta, French bread, fresh cracked crab and dessert. **Chicken is available when ordered in advance.** Our exciting Raffle and Silent Auction of many wonderful gifts will immediately follow dinner. Due to our Alcohol, Beverage Control (ABC) license, **bringing alcoholic beverages is prohibited.**

Tickets are **\$60**, must be reserved and paid for in advance and are non-refundable. 100% of all funds raised go to Bay Area charities. **This is always a popular event so buy your tickets early before we sell out!**

Please call Stephanie Anderson at (925)946-9003 ASAP to reserve your place. After calling, please mail payment to Stephanie c/o Anderson Bros. Movers, 815 Arnold Dr. #3, Martinez, CA 94553.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Winter Clothing Drive



Please start saving gently used warm winter clothing. Our trailer will be here the weekend of January 21 - 22.

Notices and Events

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him." Encourage the Holy Spirit to enrich your marriage by taking part in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on

July 14 - 16 or September 29 - October 1st.

We are pleased and excited that our next WME weekends will be held at the peaceful, serene and faith filled of places -- San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville. What a wonderful environment for our Couples & Religious to build upon the beauty of their relationship with one another and our Lord!

Early registration is highly recommended. For more information contact Mike & Jeanne @ 925.672.2016 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767. Or go to oaklandwwme.org

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. We look forward to having you visit our Lord in Adoration especially in view of our country and all the commotion. Enjoy the serenity and quiet peacefulness as you place your Challenges before Him.

Week At A Glance

Sunday, January 15

Monday, January 16

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Tuesday, January 17

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Wednesday, January 18

9:00 am C Daily Mass
10:00 am - noon CR Small Christian Community

Thursday, January 19

9:00 am C Daily Mass
7:30 - 10:00 pm PR Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 20

9:00 am C Daily Mass
9:45 am K Soup to Serve
1:00 - 8:00 pm C Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, January 21

6:00 - 9:00 am PR Men's Fellowship

Sunday, January 22

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

MANY CATHOLIC MEN HAVE ASKED THEMSELVES: SHOULD I CONSIDER THE PRIESTHOOD?



St. Patrick's Seminary Discernment Retreat Weekend

WHEN

Friday - Sunday, January 27-29, 2017

WHERE

St. Patrick's Seminary & University
Menlo Park, CA

REGISTRATION

To register contact Father Neal Clemens at vocations@oakdiocese.org or **510-267-8356**

For more information contact discernment.retreat@stpsu.edu or **(650) 325-5621**

Mass intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14
5:00 pm For the Intentions of Joan Marable
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15
7:30 am In Memory of Elizabeth Lee
9:00 am In Memory of Albert Azaro
11:00 pm For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
MONDAY, JANUARY 16
9:00 am In Memory of Andrew Zaugg
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17
9:00 am In Memory of Louis Amerio
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
9:00 am In Memory of Virginia Zanduetta
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19
9:00 am For the Intentions of J.D. Fitzpatrick
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20
9:00 am In Memory of Thomas McCormack
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21
5:00 pm In Memory of Gloria Applefield
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22
7:30 am In Memory of Judie Dickson
9:00 am In Memory of Terrisita Minoza
11:00 pm For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners

Collections

Sunday, January 8 th	\$ 8,179.24
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Stewardship*

Last weekend our stewardship of **\$ 408.96** went to **St. Paul's School - San Pablo.**

This weekend our stewardship will go to **St. Patrick's Seminary.**

Next weekend our stewardship will go to **STAND.**

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

Together we pray

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ed Ahearn Harriet Anderson Evelyn Ballment Martha Grisier Joan Haines Marjorie Hills Jeff Lewis Joan Marable Maryann McCauley Lorry Midura Jerry Moran	Joan Muer Toni Newhoff Evelyn Nosenzo Erline Paille Joan Raftery Mary Resnick Marion Skrivanich Genevieve Smith Tom Spewak Juanita Whitting
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AND FOR THE DECEASED

Catherine Fowler

Sunday Scriptures

January 15, 2017 Is 49:3,5-6; Ps 40:2,4,7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

January 22, 2017 Is 8:23-9:3; Ps 27:1,4,13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13,17; Mt 4:12-17

Stewardship

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." Isaiah 49:5

You have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. Guess what, each of us has been given a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: Jan. 22nd

Julie Kwon-Jabbour
and Cliff Shum