

# Saint Monica Church

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 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:

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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:

***“That there be no divisions among you. But that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose”***

This selection above taken from the second reading today is quite profound for us and our world. I think it is safe to say that we all feel division and even bitter separations in America today. They may have been long-standing but seem more visible now during this time. We are quite divided in vision and purpose and, of course, this sends a strong message to our friends and enemies around the world. So many of us are actually divided in our own hearts. Our relationships can often be strained as we are divided between allegiance to our families, our work and our faith. We often spend so much time shifting or refusing to shift our priorities.

The stress and strain experienced by so many is not always helpful to a peaceful and spiritual life. In fact, stress is seen by many as a strong factor in health issues that can often be fatal if not just disruptive to one's well-being. How does unity come about? We can see strong statistics among married folk and that over half of all marriages – the strongest experience of unity among humans – end in separation and divorce. And this experience is deeply troubling for all involved. How does one prevent such division and separation?

Well Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, speaks of unity in Christ. So I would recommend that God be number one in the life of one who wishes to live in unity and peace. God has to be the source of unity. What I believe happens is that many folks, through experiences of hurt, fear or selfishness, develop very strong defense mechanisms to protect themselves from further hurt. I am so often astounded, in my years of ministry, how many people becomes so divided and so angry at those they once so deeply loved. What? How can this be? And how many lonely people there are who never open their hearts again to love and community. So many just cannot trust as deeply as they need to in order to be part of a greater whole.

The poor often are more connected with others. They are unable to be self-sufficient. They necessarily depend on each other just to survive and even flourish. In order to create unity and connection, one has to be able to surrender a bit of one's ego needs. One has to experience the need for others. One has to know how important it is to belong to a peaceful group or community. If one always has to be right – it will be very difficult for that person to see truth anywhere else other than in oneself. One always enters into the arena out of balance, so to speak. Humility is the first real requirement for being an instrument of unity. Also it takes the capacity to set the legitimate need in others who are different. There is no compromising of self but I think only folks who truly know their own truth are able to comfortably dialogue with others who are different. It is a real grace to be able to see God in all of the diversity of creation and humanity.

Did you ever notice in all of the political commentaries and panels during the campaigning and after the election – very few ever just stop and listen. They are always interrupting each other and sometimes there are several voices going at once and no one can be heard. For those who share a common faith in Jesus as Lord and not just a notion – but a true living faith – there will be an automatic unity in one's faith and not just issue based. For some people who live exclusively in their heads, they often only see things in black and white. Often real unity is one of heart and spirit. I think sometimes people are so insecure in their beliefs that they have to constantly pick fights to prove a useless point. And if our personal life is filled with conflict, would we not take that same conflict to the public arena. And if we are at peace inside – reconciling are supposed differences – would we not take that same peace to our world?

Blessings,

*Father Wayne*

## Reflections, Notices, Events

## St. Vincent de Paul Annual Winter Clothing Drive



Our trailer is here this weekend  
JAN 21 - 22.

We are in need of gently used  
warm winter clothing.

## Women's Faith Sharing 2016

All women are invited to join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**. 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.



## 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)



## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

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 students 4th grade and up.  
Please contact Sister Teresa if your child will attend at 925-376-6900, ext. 203 or [children@stmonicamoraga.com](mailto:children@stmonicamoraga.com)

## 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.*

## Notices and Events



Dear Fathers,

Each year in February, around the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Order of Malta celebrates World Day of the Sick at the Cathedral. This year, the day will be celebrated on February 11, 2017 at 11:00 am. During the Mass, those who are ill will be invited to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

I want to invite you to concelebrate the Mass and join me in administering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. I encourage you to invite any parishioner who may be ill, their caregivers, family and friends to join us as well. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this Sacrament in a communal setting in our Cathedral and to offer our prayerful support to those who are ill as well as those who care for them. I also wish to thank the members of the Order of Malta for arranging this event and all their good work in our diocese.

With every best wish, I am,  
Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Michael Barber S.J.*

Bishop of Oakland



Ministry of  
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**The Order of Malta**



**Saturday, February 11, 2017, 11:00 am**  
The Cathedral of Christ the Light  
2121 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA 94612

World Day of the Sick, initiated by Pope St. John Paul II and held annually worldwide near the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, is a ministry of the Diocese of Oakland and Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ.

Bishop Barber invites all who are sick or ill, as well as family members, caregivers, and healthcare providers to observe this day with him and many priests, religious and laity from throughout the Diocese of Oakland.

Please join us in this special opportunity to pray for healing and hope in this fragile population.

No RSVP is necessary.

For more information please visit  
[oakdiocese.org/WDS](http://oakdiocese.org/WDS)



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS**  
**NOW**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**COUNCIL #7683**

**22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CRAB FEED**

**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, 5 Arnold Dr. #3, Martinez, CA 94553.



## Notices and Events

**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](mailto:vocations@oakdiocese.org) or **510-267-8356**

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



### SOUP TO SERVE

Next meeting  
**Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

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, January 22**

SVDP Winter Clothing Drive

**Monday, January 23**

9:00 am C Daily Mass

**Tuesday, January 24**

9:00 am C Daily Mass  
9:30 - 11:30 am PR Women's Faith Sharing  
12:30 pm PR Women's Guild Book Review

**Wednesday, January 25**

9:00 am C Daily Mass  
9:30 - 1:00 pm PR Bridge  
10:00 am - noon CR Small Christian Community

**Thursday, January 26**

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

**Friday, January 27**

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

**Saturday, January 28**

6:00 - 9:00 am PR Men's Fellowship  
6:00 pm PR Knight's Annual Crab Feed

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



**Marriage Help** - Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on February 24, 25 & 26, 2017 call (510) 276-4118 email [Oakland@RetroCA.com](mailto:Oakland@RetroCA.com) or visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)



### 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.

## Mass intentions

<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 21</b>
5:00 pm In Memory of Gloria Applefield
<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 22</b>
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
<b>MONDAY, JANUARY 23</b>
9:00 am In Memory of Edward W. Campbell
<b>TUESDAY, JANUARY 24</b>
9:00 am In Memory of Thomas McCormack
<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25</b>
9:00 am In Memory of Claudia Bishop
<b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 26</b>
9:00 am In Memory of Edward Paille
<b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 27</b>
9:00 am In Memory of John Dabrowski
<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 28</b>
5:00 pm In Memory of Kevin & Bob Foley
<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 29</b>
7:30 am In Memory of Eileen Jacobs
9:00 am In Memory of Father John Clogher
11:00 pm For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners

## Collections

Sunday, January 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 7,823.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection - Seminary	\$ 4,920.00

**Stewardship\***

Last weekend our stewardship of **\$ 391.15** went to **St. Patrick's Seminary.**

This weekend our stewardship will go to **Next Step.**


Next weekend our stewardship will go to **Loaves and Fishes.**

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

## Together we pray ...

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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



Praying for the sick is a Spiritual Work of Mercy.

## Sunday Scriptures


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

**January 29, 2017** Zep 2:3;3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12A

### Stewardship

*"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." Matthew 4:22*

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.



**HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>**

Jean Schommer  
and TBD