



Saint Monica Church

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 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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www.stmonicamoraga.com

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.*

*will resume SEPT 10th

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 Fr. Paul at frcoleman@stmonicamoraga.com or at x103.

CONFIRMATION: Preparation for teens begins in Grade 9 -11. Please contact Fr. Paul at frcoleman@stmonicamoraga.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. Paul.

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 the parish office to arrange an appointment.

FUNERAL: Please contact the parish office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: RCIA, is the process by which adults are initiated into the Catholic faith. Whether you have already been baptized Catholic, but have yet to receive First Communion or Confirmation, or you've never been baptized, this is the place for you! Please contact Fr. Paul at frcoleman@stmonicamoraga.com or 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,

On October 12, 1917, Vladimir Lenin, still in hiding in Finland, published his famous article, "The Crisis is Ripe," in which he argued that the time had come for the Communist Revolution in Russia, which would then spread throughout the whole of Europe, decimated as she was by war. "We are on the threshold," Lenin wrote, with a mad confidence, "of a world proletarian revolution." The evil revolutionary genius Lenin, with his knowledge of the destruction of civilization brought about by the Great War, understood how vulnerable the Christian West had become to a total re-ordering along atheistic and materialist lines.

The following day, Our Lady appeared for the final time to the three children in Fatima. The night of October 12 and the morning of October 13 saw a downpour of rain in Portugal and across Europe. The same rain that covered the trenches at Passchendaele covered the 70,000-plus pilgrims who came that morning to the *Cova* – on foot, in carts, and even in automobiles – to wait in the thick mud. So many young men had died in the muddy trenches of Europe during the almost three years of war, some of them losing their lives not by the bullets of a machine gun but by the suffocation of drowning in the filthy mire. The pilgrims of the *Cova* on October 13 were a kind of heavenly counterbalance to the hell of the trenches. One wonders how many souls of the fallen soldiers were delivered from Purgatory on October 13 through the sufferings of the pilgrims, no doubt offered in reparation in their pious hearts.

However, not all hearts present at the *Cova* that day were pious. Among the large crowd were many of the skeptics, who continued to ridicule the children and question their truthfulness. When noontime arrived, and Our Lady did not come, the skeptics, including a priest, ridiculed the children about the lack of punctuality of Our Lady. "Away with all this!" the priest exclaimed. "It is an illusion." The parents of the children even had been warned by neighbors not to go to the *Cova* in case the promised miracle did not occur. It was a dangerous environment for the three little shepherd children of Fatima. They were not afraid. Neither was Manuel Marto, the father of Francisco and Jacinta.

It is very important to understand that many persons present at the *Cova* that day did not have faith or piety and were not expecting or hoping for a miracle. Indeed, they would have preferred nothing more than to prove that the apparitions of Fatima were a hoax. These wicked men and women prove that the events of October 13, 1917, cannot be understood in facile psychological categories of mass hysteria or hallucination. They would become, by their skepticism, the most important witnesses to the miracle that Our Lady had promised to work to prove the truthfulness of her apparitions.

As the sun reached its high point – true midday – sometime after noon, Our Lady appeared as she had promised. Lucia shouted to the crowd, "*Put down your umbrellas!*" They obeyed her, despite the rain. Then her face flushed and was seen as if transfigured. Francisco and Jacinta also stood rapt in attention at the arrival of Our Lady. Then Lucia greeted Our Lady with her customary obedience: "*What do you want of me?*" "**I want a chapel built here in my honor. I want you to continue saying the Rosary every day. The war will end soon, and the soldiers will return to their homes.**" "*Yes. Yes.*" Then Lucia made bold to ask: "*Will you tell me your name?*" "**I am the Lady of the Rosary.**" We see here Our Lady identify herself specifically and primarily with the Holy Rosary. We must pray the Holy Rosary every day for our own salvation and for the salvation of the world. It is a great privilege to pray the Holy Rosary. Lucia then made her petitions known: "*I have many petitions from many people. Will you grant them?*" "**Some I shall grant, and others I must deny. People must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend our Lord any more, for He is already too much offended!**"

The last apparition of Fatima recapitulates the original instruction of the Angel of Peace: "Penance! Penance! Penance!" Lucia then asked: "*And is that all you have to ask?*" "**There is nothing more.**" Then Our Lady opened her hands and Lucia saw light streaming up from her hands to the sky. The rain had stopped but the sky was still dark, the sun obscured by dark rain clouds. Suddenly, the sun burst through the clouds and appeared to the crowd as a soft spinning disk of silver. A kind of blue window opened in the clouds, through which the spinning sun was seen. "*Look at the sun!*" Lucia cried. The crowd of 70,000 raised their eyes to the heavens and witnessed the miracle promised by Our Lady.

Sunday Scriptures

October 15, 2017 Is 25:6-10A; Ps 23:1-3A,3B-6; Phil 4:12-14,19-20; Mt 22:1-10

October 22, 2017 Is 45:1,4-6; Ps 96:1,3-5,7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5B; Mt 22:15-21

Stewardship

“My God will supply whatever you need...”
PHILIPPIANS 4:19

God provides for those who are grateful & generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

Weekly Readings

MON	Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1BCDE, 2-3AB, 3CD-4; Lk 11:29-32
TUES	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
WED	2Tm 4:10-17B; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
THUR	Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1B-6AB; Lk 11:47-54
FRI	Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1B-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
SAT	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

Please pray for the sick...

Ed Ahearn	Joan Muer
Evelyn Ballment	Toni Newhoff
Nancy Donovan	Erline Paille
Sherman Farrell	Joan Raftery
Ken Gandre	Mary Resnick
Joan Haines	Dean Schlobolm
Marjorie Hills	Edy Schwartz
Jeff Lewis	James Sherman
Darwin Marable	Marion Skrivanich
Joan Marable	Genevieve Smith
Maryann McCauley	Ellen Stice
Lorry Midura	Tom Spewak
Jerry Moran	Norma Wardle

MASS INTENTIONS

If you have a special intention for living or deceased family members or friends, or for any other intentions (sick, anniversaries or birthdays) please contact the parish office.

Mass intentions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

5:00 pm In Memory of Dan & Teresa Spagnoletti, deceased

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:30 am For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners

9:00 am In Memory of William, Teresa & Gordon Wright, deceased

11:00 pm In Memory of Roy Smith and Frank & Margaret Muster, deceased

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:00 am In Memory of Fritz Mast, deceased

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00 am In Memory of Nora Gong, deceased

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00 am For the Intentions of Mo & Marge Richman and Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:00 am In Memory of Harold Bullock

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:00 am For the Intentions of Dieter von Breyman

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

5:00 pm In Memory of Jose & Amalia Sosa, deceased

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:30 am For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners

9:00 am In Memory of Joan Marable, deceased

11:00 pm For the Intentions of Lee Maurice

Collections

Sunday, October 8 th	\$ 8,721.00
2 nd Collection - Catholic Voice	\$ 1,935.00

Stewardship*

Last weekend our stewardship of **\$ 436.05** went to ***Knights of Columbus Disability Drive.***

This weekend our stewardship will go to ***Catholic Charities - Puerto Rico.***

Next weekend our stewardship will go to ***St. Anne's Home.***

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

Notices and Events



We Welcome
Robert Ely Frase

*son of Sharon Frase
into the St. Monica Catholic Community
through the Sacrament of Baptism.*

SOUP TO SERVE



Next meeting: Friday, October 20th

Please Note: We will begin meeting every third Friday of the month until Thanksgiving.

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 contact Sonja Crumbaugh at 247-0155 or scrumbaugh@comcast.net or Maura Clogher at 376-9328 or mclogher@comcast.net



Rite of Welcome Mass

for all
First Communion Candidates
and their families .

Sunday, October 29th at the 11:00 am Mass
A potluck lunch will follow in the Peace Room



Dominican Sisters
OF MISSION SAN JOSE

43326 Mission Circle, Fremont, CA 94539 - 5829

Make Your Holiday Sing "TRADITION" with Olive Oil and Fruitcake!

(no more Pre-Orders Online)

Friends, we look forward to seeing you and your loved ones at our Annual Holiday Boutique on **Saturday and Sunday, November 18-19, 10am - 4 pm**. This year we honor "TRADITION" by sharing our love of the season with generations of families & friends who delight in our Holiday Boutique.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

*We are happy to have you with us!
If you are new to the parish, or have never registered, please fill in the New Member form on the front page of the bulletin.
You can also find registration forms on our website, at both entrances to the Church, or in the parish office.*



St. Monica Baptisms Class
Monday, October 23rd
at 6:30 - 8:00 pm

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 Saturday at 11:00 am or Sundays 1:00 pm.
- Pre-Baptismal Classes are scheduled Monday evening once a month from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

**For more information and to register for the class, please contact Sister Teresa at 925.376-6900 x203
Or email children@stmonicamoraga.com**

Notices and Events

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Saint Mary's College Guild

ITALIAN NIGHT "AMORE"

5 TO 9 p.m. on Saturday, October 21st

All proceeds benefit student financial aid scholarships

THE EVENT WILL FEATURE DINNER, WINE,
ENTERTAINMENT AND MORE

TICKETS ARE \$40 per person

Please make checks payable to: SMC GUILD
and mail to: DONNA JOLLYMOUR
387 Calle la Montana, Moraga, CA 94556

For further information call:
Jeffrey-Lynn Dunne at 925-284-7750

WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING

All women are invited to join us for our next meeting
on **Tuesday, October 24th in the Peace Room**

at 9:30-11:30 a.m., right after the 9:00 Mass.

Our speaker will be **Sister Mary Teresa**, who heads
our Children's Faith Formation program here at
St. Monica. Sister begins her second year with our
children's ministry and we look forward to getting
to know her better. She will share her story, from
how she decided to enter the convent, what jobs
she has had over the years as a Sister, and what
eventually led her to us at St. Monica. We are also
very interested to hear about our Children's Faith
Formation program. Please join us for coffee,
refreshments and fellowship. We welcome all

women, whether from our parish or from our larger
community. Bring your family and friends! We all
benefit from hearing and being inspired by our great
speakers, and from sharing in small groups at our
tables our own spiritual quests and experiences.

Together we pray and call upon God to strengthen
us, our faith, and our relationship with Him. We
truly treasure our time together, where we can share

our stories, our laughter, and our tears. We love
getting new members to join us, so drop in and see
what has kept us meeting for 17 years! **Flyers with
our future meeting dates and registration forms** are

available at the entrances of the church. For
questions, call Annmarie Claymore, 376-8146 or
Pam Plant, 376-9479.



WOMEN'S GUILD BOOK REVIEW

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

in the Peace Room @ 12:30

"Dead Wake" by Eric Larson is the well-written
and exhaustively researched account of a famous
naval disaster. This non-fiction novel commemorates
the 100th Anniversary of the sinking of the
Passenger ship, The Lusitania, off the coast of
Ireland by a German U-Boat; a tragedy that caused
the USA to enter World War I.

Our reviewer, Charlotte Marnane, has chosen an
exciting yet true episode in our history to share.

A light lunch will be served before the review at 1:00.

Cost is \$20.00 for the six reviews

Or \$5.00 for a single review.

Payable at the door.

ALL ARE WELCOME. BRING A GUEST.

For further information contact:

Rae Atwood (376-7527), Jan Catalano (376-3653)
or JoAnn May (376-7040)

OKTOBERFEST

The Saint Martin DePorres Unit, an auxiliary of
Catholic Charities of the East Bay, has held an
Oktoberfest dinner and auction at
St. Monica Church each fall since 1991.

This year our "aging" members **have decided to take
a year off so there will be no dinner in 2017.**

We are dedicated to serving Catholic Charities and
hope you will continue to give financial support.

As he has done at each Oktoberfest auction, Gene
Elam will match every \$100 donation up to \$3,000.

**Make a check payable to Catholic Charities of the
East Bay and mail to Pat Elam,**

34 Sherwood Ct., Moraga, CA 94556

by October 30.

Eucharistic Adoration will be in the main Church
on **Fridays from 1:00- 8:00 pm** and will continue there
until the Fall & cold weather. Scripture tells of Elijah
seeking the Presence of God and the sound of His
Voice. Father has urged us to take time to do the
same. Spending time during Adoration is an excellent
place to relax and enjoy the quiet and serenity while
seeking God's Presence and Voice. Do come and take
Elijah's example of listening for God.

Notices and Events



CARONDELET
HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

Interested 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls and their parents/guardians are invited to attend **Carondelet High School's Open House** on Sunday, November 5 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 1133 Winton Drive (corner of Treat Blvd.) in Concord. To register for this event, please visit www.carondeleths.org/admissions.



CLOISTERED
DOMINICAN NUNS

DISCERNMENT DAYS

*Praising unceasingly. Blessing by intercession.
Preaching through a life of contemplation.*

Single, Catholic women between the ages of 18-38 are invited to experience a taste of the life of a cloistered Dominican nun. Contact Sr. Joseph Marie, OP, vocation directress, at vocations@nunsmenlo.org, or visit their website at <http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-days/> to learn more and to register for one of their upcoming Come and See Days: Saturday, October 21, and Saturday, January 13, 2018.

The event is free and all meals will be provided.
Space is limited and fills fast!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



"On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples,"

Learn how to put aside the veils & masks that prevent true intimacy with your spouse by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend.

The next weekends are held at **San Damiano Retreat Center**, Danville on **January 12-14th** or **May 18-20th**.

Space is VERY limited! 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

Pontifex University is a Roman Catholic university, loyal to the Magisterium and grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. It offers high quality online educational programs for credit or for personal enrichment. Courses can be taken separately or together as degree programs. Their first program is a Masters in Sacred Arts which offers a Catholic inculturation to creative people or anyone interested in the arts and Catholic culture. It combines the study of scripture, theology, philosophy, art history and the fine arts so as to create a formation in beauty that directs the person to the evangelization of modern culture. For more information contact David Clayton, Provost of Pontifex University at dclayton@pontifex.university; or visit www.Pontifex.University.com

Week At A Glance

Sunday, October 15

Monday, October 16

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Tuesday, October 17

9:00 am C Daily Mass
10:00 - 12:00 pm CR Small Christian Community mtg
7:00 - 9:00 pm CR RCIA

Wednesday, October 18

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Thursday, October 19

9:00 am C Daily Mass
7:45 pm PR Choir rehearsal

Friday, October 20

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

Saturday, October 21

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

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



HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: OCT. 22nd

Jenny & Christopher Schnurr
and
John Campbell