

# Saint Monica Church

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 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](mailto: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](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:

This wonderful passage from today's first reading says so much about what God asks of us in our lives. I always think that the starting point of any spiritual journey is **GRATITUDE!** So many folks constantly think that everything they have is because of them., instead of acknowledging that everything I they have – including their own life – is a gift from God. The word I use is **entitled**. So often people believe that where they are in life and what they have is a result of their own hard work. While some of that might be true, the talents and the very gift of our being alive is from God.

There are two kinds of people – those who take the credit for everything for themselves and those who acknowledge that all is a gift from God. The first type is often found among the powerful and the rich. It takes an exhausting amount of energy to maintain oneself as the center of one's life. The pressure is on. If everything is dependent on my efforts, it is so important that one continues to maintain what one believes they need to do. And there is an insatiable need for constant recognition and applause. I see the results so much in the stressful lives that so many lead. I can't tell you the stories of stress and unhappiness that are part of these people with driven lives. And their children suffer as well. The stories from high school kids who constantly feel so much pressure to achieve and succeed are multitude. What a weight to carry through life this burden which prevents, so often, people to trust and to receive.

The second kind of person is one who acknowledges the goodness and the care of God for them. Their favorite phrases are, *"We are so blessed"* and *"thank you"*. There is a natural humility that goes along with the lifestyles of these spiritual people. We try to encourage people to acknowledge the kindness of others towards them. So often people just take each other for granted. *"That's what you are supposed to do!"* *"That's your job!"* It makes for a miserable life for themselves and those around them.

When the US Airways jet was descending into the Hudson River after losing power in both of her engines because of flying geese, the main concern of most passengers when they thought they were going to die – was that their loved ones did not know how much they were loved. Hastily scribbled texts, "I love you", led folks to believe that they did not express gratitude enough. So often I meet so many folks just distraught with guilt and remorse because they took for granted their marriages or their family life. Constant prayer is where we receive the sense of God and His love for us and it is the basic experience which allows this awareness of God's gifts. I am loved. I am blessed.

The other night Sister Mary Teresa and I presented an evening for parents whose children were preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. You pour your heart and soul into the evening – a lot of the parents wish they did not have to be there, I'm sure. I asked Sister, did anyone write you and thank you for helping their children? No one wrote me and expressed gratitude for the evening. I think they are often just trying to survive. What an awful way to live. While expressions of gratitude are not essential for our ministry, it just seems that so many people are a bit lacking when it comes to expressing gratitude for each other. I'm sure so many of them live in families where gratitude and appreciation is simply absent.

Gratitude is expressed in sharing. In this **"me"** generation, we often see folks who are simply unable to share their bread with the hungry. They really are unable to nurture those so hungry for companionship. They are unable to welcome into their lives those who are so in need of love and community. When our lives and our world becomes "all about me!" – then we spiritually die. The beauty of this country is that, over the years, she has drawn so many who come for life and light. They come to this land seeking more than they had. The reason, I believe, that America is so blessed, is that there has always been room at the table. This is who we are. Christ, Himself, says, *"I was a stranger and you welcomed me"*. And those who had no room for Him to be born 2,000 years ago are no different than those of today who have closed the doors of their hearts to the stranger.

Warmest blessings and thanks for sharing your gifts.

*Father Wayne*

## Reflections, Notices, Events



## SAVE THE DATE SOUP AND STATIONS



We will have Lenten soup in the PEACE Center on four Tuesdays during lent.

Come any time from 6:00 – 6:45 and share a simple, yet tasty, soup dinner. You are invited to place a donation into the basket as you enter the Peace Center for the hungry. After sharing a meal with each other, proceed to the Church for the Stations of the Cross. This meaningful remembrance has been well-received here in the parish.

Tuesday, Mar 7<sup>th</sup>, Mar 14<sup>th</sup>, Mar 21<sup>st</sup>, Mar 28<sup>th</sup>

6:00 – 7:00 pm Lenten Soup dinner

7:00 Stations of the Cross

### 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.*

### **PIZZA NIGHT**



**ST. MONICA WOMEN'S GUILD  
INVITE ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH TO  
OUR ANNUAL "LADIES NIGHT OUT"**

**Date:** February 16th

**Time:** 5:30

**Place:** Peace Center

**Cost:** \$20.00

For questions regarding reservations call Elizabeth White, 376-1429 or Carolyn Anderson, 376-3933. Flyers have been sent to members of the Guild.

**Deadline is February 13<sup>th</sup>.**

***The New American Bible -  
Catholic Readers Edition  
is available for sale  
in the parish office.  
\$9.00 per copy***

### 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.

## Notices and Events



Ministry of  
The Diocese of Oakland  
Supported by  
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)



**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,

call (510) 276-4118 or email

[Oakland@RetroCA.com](mailto:Oakland@RetroCA.com) or visit the website at  
[www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

## SOUP TO SERVE



**Next meeting: Friday, February 10<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 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)



**March 10-12, 2017**

**LifeSHIFT : Work & the Christian Journey** helps people define and secure new, meaningful work opportunities while exploring their Christian faith. Leading career development ideas come together with prayer and Christian resources and the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

The weekend retreat/workshop is for those underemployed, unemployed, planning for retirement or looking for a new meaningful direction in their work.

Information and Registration:

[sandamiano.org](http://sandamiano.org) 925-837-9141  
[centerforlifetransitions.net](http://centerforlifetransitions.net) 414-394-9347

## Notices and Events



**Dominican Sisters**  
OF MISSION SAN JOSE

Dear Fr. Wayne and Parishioners:

This is the season to celebrate and welcome the gift of Emmanuel - our God among us. We also give thanks for your generous hearts and your recent gift of \$443.00 to the Dominican Sisters toward our Congregation's greatest need. Thank you for your support of our Dominican mission.

The hills behind our Motherhouse are green from recent rains and our fall olive harvest is complete. The abundance of our God is so present in this young New Year, which calls us to share our lives and love with our families and neighbors, especially those in need.

Together let us join our hearts and hands and bring Christ's love into our world. Our Sisters offer their prayers that the year ahead will be richly blessed by God's grace and mercy.

Blessings and love,

*Margaret McCarthy*

Mission Advancement Director

*Sr. Francis Clare Fischer, OP*

Mission Advancement Associate



DOMINICAN SISTERS  
**Vision of Hope**

### Next Week's Stewardship:

The Dominican Sisters Vision of Hope was created to ensure the quality, affordability and vibrant future of 8 inner-city Dominicans Schools and the children and communities they serve. Under the umbrella of the Dominican Sisters Vision of Hope each school has a development director responsible for generating broad-based community support.

Thanks to the generosity of loyal donors, Vision of Hope has distributed to the schools over \$ 9.6 million, including \$5.4 million in tuition assistance, since 2004 when distributions began.



### *Valentine's Dinner and Movie*

Sunday, February 12

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

San Damiano Retreat Center, 710 Highland Dr., Danville

Celebrate Life and Love at San Damiano's annual Valentine's Dinner and Movie night.

Adult singles and couples are welcome.

This year's movie is French Kiss.

The cost is \$50 per person.

For more information or to purchase tickets

[visit SanDamiano.org](http://visitSanDamiano.org).

or call/email Kateri Kautai 925-837-9141, ext. 315

katerik@sandamiano.org SanDamiano.org

### Week At A Glance

#### Sunday, February 5

#### Monday, February 6

9:00 am C Daily Mass  
6:00 - 10:00 pm PR Men's Club Dinner

#### Tuesday, February 7

9:00 am C Daily Mass  
9:30 am CL5 Women's Guild

#### Wednesday, February 8

9:00 am C Daily Mass

#### Thursday, February 9

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

#### Friday, February 10

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

#### Saturday, February 11

6:00 - 9:30 am PR Men's Fellowship

#### Sunday, February 12

10:00 am CL3 St Vincent dePaul meeting

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

## Mass intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4	
5:00 pm	In Memory of Lorraine Curotto
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5	
7:30 am	In Memory of Anne Gervais
9:00 am	For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
11:00 pm	In Memory of Roy Smith and Frank & Margaret Muster
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6	
9:00 am	For the Intentions of Millie McCormack
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7	
9:00 am	For the Intentions of Bonnie Danielson
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8	
9:00 am	In Memory of Valsain Hernandez
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9	
9:00 am	In Memory of Michael Skapura
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10	
9:00 am	For the Intentions of Lito Meneses and Family
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11	
5:00 pm	In Memory of Mary Skowronek
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12	
7:30 am	In Memory of Corinne Coggins
9:00 am	For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
11:00 pm	In Memory of Thomas McCormack

## Collections

Sunday, January 29 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 9,944.00
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**Stewardship\***

Last weekend our stewardship of **\$ 497.20** went to ***Loaves and Fishes.***

This weekend our stewardship will go to ***St. Vincent de Paul - Moraga.***


Next weekend our stewardship will go to ***Vision of Hope - Dominican Sisters.***

\*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 Ken Gandre 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 James Sherman Marion Skrivanich Genevieve Smith Tom Spewak Juanita Whitting
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**AND FOR THE DECEASED**

*Robert Campbell*

## Sunday Scriptures


**February 5, 2017** Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

**February 12, 2017** SIR 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34; 1Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:20-22A,27-18,33-34A,37

**Stewardship**

*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16*

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.



**HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>**

Don & Dana Glasgow  
and  
David & Margaret Stearns