



# Saint Monica Church

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 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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**Website:**

[www.stmonicamoraga.com](http://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.

**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:

Today's readings are at the core of what it means to follow Jesus. I would say that Jesus asking us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute you is the most difficult and yet brilliant of all of his commandments.

It can be said that we live in a reactionary world. You hurt me and I will hurt you back. "*An eye for an eye*" can define so much of the world's behavior. We speak so often of justice being done. I will make this right by getting back or giving them what they deserve. If we consider how much energy is placed in retribution, it can seem exhaustive. We all seemingly want to level the playing field and so we are always measuring out what wrong has been done to us and how we can pay back. Jesus proposes a new way.

Some can say how we live in a cycle of violence. One angry act produces another. One show of ill will brings about another. Our instinct and human nature often responds this way. You hurt me and so I will hurt you back. And often this is called "*making it just*". We say, "*They deserve this!*" given what they had already done to us. And Jesus proposes another way. You might say that he interrupted the cycle of hatred when he died on the cross. After enduring rejection, humiliation, torture and crucifixion, he still did not strike back. He offered it all up to the Father and to show us just how deep his love was for us. And among his final words, "*Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.*"

So what we are left with is redemption. We are saved from the debt of our sins by the refusal of God's Son to return evil for evil. So to be his follower, we have to take seriously HOW we respond to evil in our lives and in the world. I think we always have to start with "Where do I get my identity or source of who I am?" It has to be from God. If I am loveable because I am made in God's image, then that changes how I feel about myself. I do not have to desperately search for my own goodness in any place except God. Society, our productivity and our popularity CANNOT give us what we truly deserve. So the first step is to allow ourselves to live and breathe in God. I always think prayer and community allow that for us.

If I can see how love interrupts the cycle of hatred and violence, then I have a good start. The other strong reason why we return hatred with love is because this prevents us from becoming like those who desire to hate us. The flow has to be stopped somewhere. Father Richard Rohr, O.F.M. once said that we have to love our enemies because they are the ones who can tell us what we need to know about our sins and foolish ways. I thought about that. Are the people that I don't like folks who reflect back to me parts of myself that I disdain or lie about? And the reason that I cannot write these people off is because they do reveal to us parts of our lives that our "friends" would never tell us about. If I think about it, every enemy of mine is a revelation of something about myself that I would not ordinarily accept.

Pray to receive the love from a community that can absorb your pain. I can't say that enough. The Amish are so willing to forgive and it has been said that they are able to do so because their strong community absorbs their individual pain. Wow! I crave to belong to that type of community or family. The disintegration of healthy family living in our culture of rampant individualism can keep that from happening. I do not believe we can do this on our own. We need to be surrounded by loving people who can absorb the pain that one feels because of tragedy or just from genuine living.

Blessings,

*Father Wayne*

# Reflections, Notices, Events



**The Parish Office will be closed  
on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>  
in observance of Presidents' Day .**

The St. Monica Staff  
would like to invite you to a



Mardi Gras Luncheon  
Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>  
Peace Room at 12:00

Food will be provided.  
Please R.S.V.P. by February 21.  
376.6900 or [office@stmonicamoraga.com](mailto:office@stmonicamoraga.com)

Catholics, ages 14 and over, are  
to **abstain from meat** on Ash  
Wednesday, Good Friday, and  
all Fridays of Lent. Individuals  
between 18 and 59 are also



Asked to **fast** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.  
The discipline of fasting is to eliminate excess food  
from your diet on that day. Snacks, desserts, extra  
portions could be eliminated to fulfill the spirit of  
fasting. Also eating more simply and perhaps,  
giving the extra money to the poor, would be  
another way to honor the sacredness of the day.  
These obligations do not apply to those whose  
health or ability to work would be seriously  
affected.

*Please pray for our children who will receive  
the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
on Monday, February 27, 2017*

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Liam Baldelli            | Greta Kenderski    |
| Isabella Beaver          | Malina Kiersnowski |
| Daniel Bonnin            | Molly Lynch        |
| Leah Campbell            | Rowan Markham      |
| Zoya Chindarkarova       | Liliya McCarthy    |
| Benjamin Cohen           | Caroline McDonnell |
| Logan Conrad             | Peter Nakhle       |
| Ellis Culleton           | Isaac Narido       |
| Clementine Damon-Espinas | Mateo Perlera      |
| Anthony Giovinazzi       | Rowen Redford      |
| Aiden Goldstein          | Nolan Shindle      |
| Sydney Gray              | Tanner Strand      |
| Luke Hays                | Phoebe Weaver      |
|                          | Nathaniel Zapala   |



**March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Mass Schedule

9:00 am, 4:00 pm (Children's Mass)  
and 7:00 p.m.

## 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



### 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

### Women's Faith Sharing 2017

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to the parish's Mardi Gras luncheon held on the same day, we will NOT BE MEETING February 28<sup>th</sup>, though our original published calendar included this date.

See you at our next meeting, March 28<sup>th</sup>!

### SOUP TO SERVE



### Next meeting: Friday, February 24<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)

### 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.

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

## Notices and Events

Dear Rev. Campbell, Board members  
and parishioners:

On behalf of St. Paul Catholic School, I would like to thank you once again for your generous donation of \$408.96 from you collection basket. The staff and I are so grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Your parish's contribution will continue to go towards providing financial assistance so that all children who want to attend St. Paul School can.

With the help of donations from supporters such as you, we will continue to see improvements in all of our programs. Each year St. Paul School continues to advance its mission to serve the diverse cultural community by assisting parents as the primary educator. We provide quality education which engages the whole child to become faith-filled, responsible human beings, with a love for God and learning. Through our programs, dedicated teachers and staff, we are continuing to affect the lives of our students and families for the better.

Thank you again  
for your generous support of our efforts.  
Blessings of Gratitude,  
Mrs. Natalie Lenz-Acuna, Principal



**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*** 925-837-9141  
***centerforlifetransitions.net*** 414-394-9347



**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)

### Week At A Glance

#### Sunday, February 19

#### Monday, February 20

*Parish Office CLOSED - Presidents' Day*

9:00 am C Daily Mass

#### Tuesday, February 21

9:00 am C Daily Mass

#### Wednesday, February 22

9:00 am C Daily Mass  
9:30 am - 1:00 pm PR Bridge

#### Thursday, February 23

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

#### Friday, February 24

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

#### Saturday, February 25

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

#### Sunday, February 26

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



## Mass intentions

<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18</b>	
5:00 pm	In Memory of Rita Fox
<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19</b>	
7:30 am	In Memory of Andrew Zaugg
9:00 am	In Memory of Thomas McCormack
11:00 pm	For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
<b>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20</b>	
9:00 am	OPEN
<b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21</b>	
9:00 am	In Memory of Donna Thomas
<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22</b>	
9:00 am	OPEN
<b>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23</b>	
9:00 am	OPEN
<b>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24</b>	
9:00 am	In Memory of Claudia Bishop
<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25</b>	
5:00 pm	OPEN
<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26</b>	
7:30 am	For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
9:00 am	In Memory of Troy Carrington
11:00 pm	In Memory of Joyce Petersen

## Collections

Sunday, February 12 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 9,434.50
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### Stewardship\*

Last weekend our stewardship of \$ 471.73 went to ***Vision of Hope - Dominican Sisters.***

This weekend our stewardship will go to ***Catholic Workers - Oakland.***

Next weekend our stewardship will go to ***Catholic Workers - Berkeley.***

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

## Together we pray ....

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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



Praying for the sick is a Spiritual Work of Mercy.

## Sunday Scriptures

**February 19, 2017** LV 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4,8,10, 12-13; 1Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48  
**February 26, 2017** IS 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3,6-9; 1Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

### Stewardship

*"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."*

*Matthew 5:44*

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well.



### HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>

Jean Schommer  
and  
Michael & Edita Romano