

Saint Monica Church

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26, 2017

1001 Camino Pablo
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Office Hours :

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Fri: 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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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.

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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:

*Jesus said to his disciples:
"No one can serve two masters.
He will either hate one and love the other,
or be devoted to one and despise the other.
You cannot serve God and mammon."
Matthew 6:24-34*

Wow! How many of us are divided in our loyalties? How many of us are split in our time and energy? Recently one man told me he felt like he had two wives – the wife at home and the wife that his work had become. A divided heart cannot be good for any of us. Stress is probably, in fact, a division of sorts. We are pulled here and then we are pulled there. It's like a tight rope being pulled like a tug of war – in two different directions. The tension is high and only stops when one end of the rope lets go.

In today's gospel, Jesus warns us against worry. He speaks of our value against all of the other creatures of the world. He says we will have what we need. Don't worry about physical things. He will provide. I probably find that easier than others because I have never lacked what I truly needed. I have always been provided for in everything. I'm sure for those who have experienced loss or great suffering - it might be difficult for them to trust the words of Jesus. Of course, one of the most proven of facts is that there are many in the world who might be what we call "materially poor" and yet are content. They might be rich in family, community and friends. I have always sensed that the more people own and have, the more stressed they are to protect it. In some ways they are possessed by their possessions. In the days when I had an old functional car, I worried little about it getting banged up. A new car, on the other hand, I try to protect in many ways and worry much more about it.

Stress and worry is the cause of so much unhappiness. It is the cause of so much disease and addiction. There is a basic need in each of us to rest in the care of another. For spiritual and faith-filled people – that is God. There is no way to be spiritually rich if one does not trust in God's care for them. Otherwise it is simply self-reliance and one knows how stressful that can be. They say, "*It all dependent on me*". My mom and her mom used to always say to us as kids, "*It will all work out.*" And it always did.

As I look around in the parish and hear stories of worry and stress in people's lives, I can see a relationship between those who sincerely practice their religion and those who are not steadily faithful. A lot of our younger families do not consistently practice their faith. They do not, with their children, worship God at Sunday Mass. You know, just by entering the Church for worship, one is acknowledging WHO is in charge. I am creature and God is God. What I see in many families is a more haphazard approach. Some weekends we sleep in or go away for the weekend. And when they are away they, most often, are away from the worship of God as well. Children are confused because there is no constancy in their spiritual lives. I'm always confused about how parents do not demand that their children go to Mass and yet, they would not let them stay home from school or sports. Isn't their spiritual life far more important? Isn't our goal to prepare each other for the Kingdom of God? Isn't that why Saint Monica prayed for over 20 years for the soul of her son, Augustine?

What if you gain the whole world and lose your soul? What if all of the things you run after and hope for will make you happy? What if they don't? What if it is like being on an endless treadmill? Constantly searching for something that really cannot save you. No wonder we have so much drug, alcohol and sex addiction in our culture. No wonder more than half of marriages will end in divorce. Seek first the Kingdom of God and His Lordship over you and everything else will be given to you besides! I know from the very depth of my heart that this is true!!!

Warmest blessings,
Father Wayne

Reflections, Notices, Events



The weekend of March 4/5 will be commitment weekend for the 2017 Bishop's Appeal. This year the theme will be "All God's People - United in Faith". This is a yearly appeal that assists our diocese in finding a variety of ministries, services and programs that benefit many throughout the East Bay. You will find flyers in the pews the weekend of February 25/26 with more information. Donation envelopes will be placed in the pews the weekend of March 4/5. We are very grateful for any assistance you can offer.

**** Attention St. Monica Ministers ****

(Liturgy Coordinators, Lectors, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality Volunteers, Children's Liturgy of the Word teachers)

**We will be scheduling all
St. Monica Ministers for
April 2017 and May 2017.**

Please go to www.stmonicamoraga.com
by Friday, March 10th

Click on the [Ministry Schedule link](#) on the right hand side of the screen and enter the dates you are **not available**. If you do not have access to the internet, or have forgotten your user name and password, please contact the parish office at 925-376-6900.

THANK YOU for your ministry!

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

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

ASH WEDNESDAY



March 1st

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 **March and April**
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 7th, Mar 14th, Mar 21st, Mar 28th

6:00 – 7:00 pm Lenten Soup dinner

7:00 Stations of the Cross

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.



SOUP TO SERVE



Next meeting: Friday, March 3rd

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

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

Dear Father Wayne,

You are so kind to support us through your parish tithing. May your parishioners know how grateful we are!

The Dominican Sisters have much to celebrate this month. On February 8th, we honored Mother Pia our pioneering foundress. Her commitment to Catholic education, serving youth and immigrant families continue across our schools and mission. I send Valentine prayers and our Sisters give thanks for your friendship and support!

Each day provides us with new opportunities to live the Gospel, sharing the love of Jesus with all we meet. May we embody Christ's kindness and care in all our interactions and build up the Kingdom on earth.

Please accept our gratitude as our Sisters hold you in heartfelt prayer.

May God bless you always,
Sister Cecilia



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides."

Learn how to "not sweat the small stuff" and enhance your marriage by attending a WME weekend at **San Damiano Retreat Center**, Danville on July 14-16 or September 29- October 1st.

Space is 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

Week At A Glance

Sunday, February 26

Monday, February 27

9:00 am	C	Daily Mass
7:30 pm	CR	Cancer Support Group

Tuesday, February 28

9:00 am	C	Daily Mass
12:00 pm	PR	Mardi Gras Luncheon

Wednesday, March 1

9:00 am,		
4:00, 7:00 pm	C	Ash Wednesday

Thursday, March 2

9:00 am	C	Daily Mass
7:00 - 8:00 pm	CL	Men's Club Board meeting
7:30 - 10:00 pm	PR	Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 3

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

Saturday, March 4

6:00 - 9:30 am	PR	Men's Fellowship
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Sunday, March 5

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



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

Mass intentions	
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25	
5:00 pm	OPEN
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26	
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
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27	
9:00 am	In Memory of Terence Roe and Carmel Roe Kavanagh
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28	
9:00 am	In Memory of Mildred Dill'Ard
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1	
9:00 am	No Intentions - Ash Wednesday
THURSDAY, MARCH 2	
9:00 am	In Memory of Allen Thor
FRIDAY, MARCH 3	
9:00 am	OPEN
SATURDAY, MARCH 4	
5:00 pm	In Memory of Constant Skowronek
SUNDAY, MARCH 5	
7:30 am	For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
9:00 am	In Memory of Helen Horton
11:00 pm	In Memory of Thomas McCormack

Collections	
Sunday, February 19 th	\$ 7,598.50

Stewardship*


Last weekend our stewardship of **\$ 379.93** went to **Catholic Workers - Oakland.**

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

Next weekend our stewardship will go to **St. Mary's Center - Oakland.**

*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
Sherman Farrell	Evelyn Nosenzo
Monica Foley	Erline Paille
Ken Gandre	Joan Raftery
Martha Grisier	Mary Resnick
Joan Haines	James Sherman
Marjorie Hills	Marion Skrivanich
Jeff Lewis	Genevieve Smith
Joan Marable	Ellen Stice
Maryann McCauley	Tom Spewak
Lorry Midura	



Praying for the sick is a Spiritual Work of Mercy.

Sunday Scriptures

February 26, 2017 IS 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3,6-9; 1Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34


March 5, 2017 Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6,12-13,17; Rom 5:12,17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Stewardship

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (material wealth)."

Matthew 6:24

For many people, God and money run "neck and neck" as their first priority. Making money and spending money becomes the center of their life and they actually become a slave to money. The solution – be more generous. Giving money to Church and charity frees us from slavery to money and from making money a "god" before God.



HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: Mar. 5th

Don & Dana Glasgow
and
Julie Kwon-Jabbour