



Saint Monica Church

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2017

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Office Hours :

Mon - Thurs: 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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

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and 11:00 a.m.

Children's Liturgy of the

Word: Sundays, 9:00 a.m.*

*will resume in the fall

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. 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 Father 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) : Anyone who is not Baptized, or is Baptized in another faith, and is interested in inquiring into the Catholic Faith, please contact Fr. Paul 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,

The June apparition concluded in the same manner as the first one in May, with Our Lady departing towards the east, from which she had come, and disappearing into the “immensity of heaven.” The upper leaves of the little holm oak tree remained for several hours stretched and bent towards the east. The pattern of the communication of Our Lady with the children remained the same as before: she conversed with Lucia, who could both see her and hear her. St. Jacinta could see her and hear her. St. Francisco could only see her and could not hear her.

The 50 or so persons present at the June apparition were a consolation to the three children. The onlookers knew something special had happened. None of them saw Our Lady, but Maria Carreira reported hearing a faint sound, “like the buzzing of a bee,” from the top of the tree when Lucia reported that Our Lady was speaking to her. Others noticed the brief dimming of the sun’s light and the bending of the branches and leaves of the tree. Other saw the “lightning” and a little gray cloud that came and went as the apparition did.

Despite these gifts of consolation, the children were faced with a great deal of suffering from the incredulity of those closest to them. Their mothers especially were alarmed by the apparitions, as the intensity of the situation was now increasing. Their parish priest, Fr. Manuel Ferreira, suspected that the apparitions might be real but of demonic origin. On June 14, he closely questioned the children and concluded that they were not lying about the apparitions. When he suggested that they might be from the devil, the children indignantly rejected the idea. In the end, the careful priest could not make up his mind about the origin of the apparitions, even as he concluded that the children were telling the truth.

The doubt of Fr. Ferreira would become a month-long spiritual and emotional trial for Lucia, who greatly respected the authority of her pastor. Her heart would be eased at the next month’s apparition, in which Our Lady would reveal to her a great secret. *“In my second account I have already described in detail the doubt which tormented me from 13 June until 13 July,”* Lucia wrote, *“and how it disappeared completely during the Apparition on that day.”*

On June 26, 1917, Archbishop Pacelli presented his credentials as new papal ambassador to Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg in Berlin. In his meeting a few days later with the German Kaiser Wilhelm, he presented a personal letter to the Kaiser from Pope Benedict XV, pleading for a greater effort for peace. The Kaiser responded with irrational outbursts of anger towards the Holy Father. The grim truth was that Wilhelm was no longer really running Germany, nor was Bethmann-Hollweg. General Erich Ludendorff, who would become the main supporter of Adolf Hitler’s rise to power in Munich, was two weeks away from being the effective ruler of Germany. The only cool head involved in the war was that of Blessed Charles II, the Holy Roman Emperor. His own peace negotiations with Germany and France (through his wife’s brothers) were precarious at best and would later fail. It was becoming quite clear that the only solution to the Great War would be obedience to the message of Our Lady in Fatima. She had said in May, **“Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world, and the end of the war.”**

July 13, 1917, was the day of Our Lady’s third apparition in Fatima. Lucia, suffering her internal doubts, was under great pressure from her mother and almost did not go to meet Our Lady. She had confided her doubts to St. Jacinta, who, filled with holy simplicity and supported by her devout father and brother, convinced her at the last minute to be faithful to Our Lady. On the morning of July 13, Lucia was filled with great peace and kept her midday appointment joyfully. When the three children arrived at the Cova da Iria, they found at least two thousand people waiting there, including their own parents. Their mothers were deeply distraught over all the commotion. Together the large crowd recited the Holy Rosary. Manuel Marto, the father of Francisco and Jacinta, was already deeply convinced of the truth of the apparitions and he was present to protect the children. He never took his eyes off them the entire time. He reported seeing Lucia go pale immediately before she cried out that Our Lady was coming. Then he saw “something like a small cloud” come down upon the small holm oak tree. He felt a cool and refreshing breeze in the mid-July heat and he heard a sound which he described as a “like a horse-fly in an empty water pot.” Then Our Lady revealed to the children what would become the most controversial part of the Message of Peace given in Fatima.

Sunday Scriptures

August 27, 2017 Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3,6,8;
Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

September 3, 2017 Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6,8-9;
Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Stewardship

*“Or who has given the Lord anything
that he may be repaid?”*

ROMANS 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot **give** the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is **return** a portion of God’s many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!

Mass intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

5:00 pm In Memory of Elizabeth Breiner, deceased

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

7:30 am In Memory of Peggy Vance, deceased

9:00 am In Memory of John Burkmann, deceased

11:00 pm For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00 am In Memory of
Liana Borgonovo Cauz, deceased

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00 am In Memory of Neil DeCourcy, deceased

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

9:00 am In Memory of Elizabeth Hart, deceased

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00 am In Memory of Albert Aganon, deceased

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:00 am For the Intentions of the Crumbaugh Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

5:00 pm For the Intentions of Joan Raftery

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:30 am In Memory of Ray Gardner, deceased

9:00 am For the Intentions of Greg Perez

11:00 pm In Memory of Tom Conway, deceased

Please pray for the sick...

Ed Ahearn
Evelyn Ballment
Nancy Donovan
Sherman Farrell
Ken Gandre
Martha Grisier
Joan Haines
Marjorie Hills
Jeff Lewis
Darwin Marable
Joan Marable
Maryann McCauley

Lorry Midura
Jerry Moran
Joan Muer
Toni Newhoff
Erline Paille
Joan Raftery
Mary Resnick
James Sherman
Marion Skrivanich
Genevieve Smith
Ellen Stice
Tom Spewak
Norma Wardle

Collections

August 15 th - Assumption	\$ 669.00
Sunday, August 20 th	\$ 11,483.00

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.

Stewardship*

Last weekend our stewardship of **\$ 574.15** went to
De Merrillac School - San Francisco.

This weekend our stewardship will go to
St. Elizabeth School - Oakland.

Next weekend our stewardship will go to
St. Cornelius School - Richmond.

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

Notices and Events

** 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

October 7 to November 26.

Please go to www.stmonicamoraga.com
by **Monday, September 11th**

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!

Mission Appeal Weekend August 26th & 27th

St. Monica Church welcomes Father Chinnaiah Yeddanapalli from the Diocese of Nellore, India.

Father will be at all Masses to speak about the appeal.



CALLING ALL YOUTH!

Faith Formation Registration for 2017 - 2018

Registration packets are available in the church vestibule now. Deadline for registering is by September 11th.

FF (Faith Formation, Grades K - 5) TUES or WED
MSYM (Middle School Youth Ministry, Grades 6 - 8)
Confirmation, Years I & II (High School, Grades 9 - 11)



For additional information, please contact:

Sister M. Teresa Parker Faith Formation Director

children@stmonicamoraga.com

High School Youth Ministry: saintmonicamoraga@gmail.com



SOUP TO SERVE Next meeting: Friday, September 15th

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



**The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, September 4
in observance of Labor Day.**



Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration will be in the main Church from 1:00- 8:00 pm and will continue there until the Fall and cold weather!

Last Sunday's First Reading told of Elijah seeking the Presence of God and the sound of His Voice. Father 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



2017-2018 CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN THROUGH AUGUST 31ST

Please register at the website below
<https://stmonicacyomoraga.sportngin.com/register/form/350526204>

For questions, please email Martha White
at mwhite2301@comcast.net

ARE YOU ON FIRE?

The Dioceses of Northern California
are proud to announce



featuring Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, Jesse Manibusan, Joe Melendrez, Fr. Joseph Espailat II, Cecilia Flores, and local bands to be announced!

Saturday, September 6, 2017
9am - 9pm

Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, CA

ON FIRE is a PERFECT way to kick off your ministry for
2017-18, and YOU'RE INVITED to be part of it!

Don't miss this day-long opportunity
for prayer and inspiration!

More information and ticket order forms can be
found on the Larch Street church bulletin board.

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.*



Orinda's Knights of Columbus' -FIRST ANNUAL- Charity Golf Tournament

Join us for an afternoon of fun at the Moraga Country Club
benefiting the **Bay Area Crisis Nursery**,
which provides invaluable service to families in crisis -
specifically from birth to 11 years of age.
www.diablogmag.com/December-2016/2016-Threads-of-Hope-Award-Winners

Monday, September 25, 2017

Tee Off at 12:00 noon : Check In at 10:30 am

Four-Player Scramble : Fee: \$200/Player

Includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, box lunch on the cart and
beverages, as well as heavy hors d'oeuvres with post-play awards.

Pre-Register and receive a free practice driving range ball!
To register, contact Dean Akazawa: dean.akazawa@gmail.com

Beginning Monday, September 11th



Coffee after daily Mass will
resume every Monday and Friday
after the recitation of the rosary.

Everyone will meet in
the Fireside/YC Room adjacent to the Church.
Please stop by for coffee and conversation
with daily Mass attendees.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Married Couples; let a
Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)
weekend, be the 'rock' upon which you
build a Faith filled, loving & intimate
relationship. Help discover the keys to
your marriage by participating at our next
weekend held at **San Damiano Retreat Center**,
Danville on September 29- October 1st.
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

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University offers formation in the 'way of beauty' for the whole person, giving students an intellectual, spiritual and human sense of God's revelation to the world through beauty."

His Excellency James D. Conley, Bishop of Lincoln, Nebraska.

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 unique 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 go to www.Pontifex.University

Diocesan Catholic Speaker Series Starts 17th Year

A long-term ministry of the Oakland diocese, **Catholics@Work**, will begin on Sept. 12 with a speaker who regained control of her life after a very difficult start and now operates a ministry for homeless parents and their children.

Jess Echeverry, who was homeless herself, will tell the story of her climb from the depths that led her to serve people most in need. Echeverry was pregnant at 16, homeless & living on the streets.

Eventually she regained control of her life, became a Catholic & married. Her husband recently was ordained a permanent deacon and now helps homeless families, bringing them food, shoes, plus special help for the children.

Programs, on the 2nd Tuesday, are open to all. **They begin with Mass at 6:30 am, followed by breakfast and the speaker from 7 to 8:15 am, at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville.**

Including a generous breakfast, the cost is **\$20 for members, \$30 for non-members.**

People are encouraged to register on-line.

Walk-ins are welcome.

More information: www.catholicsatwork.org

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND Saint Mary's College Guild INSTALLATION TEA PARTY

Thursday, September 14th
10:30 AM - 2:00 PM @ the SMC Soda Center

Cost: \$30 per person
All event proceeds go to students seeking financial aid scholarships

WINE PURCHASE IS AVAILABLE
Make check payable to: SMC GUILD
Send to: Patricia Wiegmann
39 Carr Drive, Moraga, CA 94556

For more information
call Pat W. 925-376-6088
Please RSVP by September 10th

ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN A HAT CONTEST

Week At A Glance

Sunday, August 27

Monday, August 28

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Tuesday, August 29

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Wednesday, August 30

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Thursday, August 31

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Friday, September 1

9:00 am C Daily Mass
1:00 - 8:00 pm C Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, September 2

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: Sept. 3rd

Jean Schommer
and
John Campbell