



# Saint Monica Church

Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

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Mon - Thurs: 9:30 am-4:00 pm

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**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 pm

**Sunday Masses:** 7:30, 9:00  
and 11:00 am

**Children's Liturgy of the  
Word:** Sundays, 9:00 am

**Daily Mass:**

Monday - Friday at 9:00 am

**Adoration:**

Friday 1:00 - 8:00 pm

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 pm or  
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**Faith Formation:**

**Grades K-5 x 203**

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## 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](mailto:frcoleman@stmonicamoraga.com) or at x103.

**CONFIRMATION:** Preparation for teens begins in Grade 9 -11. Please contact Fr. Paul at [frcoleman@stmonicamoraga.com](mailto: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 [housebound@stmonicamoraga.com](mailto:housebound@stmonicamoraga.com) or call x112.

**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](mailto: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,  
I want to bring to your attention two Lenten Exhibitions we will have during the month of March.

### SACRED CLOTHS OF THE PASSION

Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

Passion Exhibit: 3:00 - 8:30 pm

Live Presentation: 6:30 pm

### VATICAN'S INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

Vatican Exhibit: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Live Presentation: after each Mass

Below is a brief explanation of what will be presented by Faith Based Communication.

*"Sacred Cloths of the Passion"* deals with the *Shroud of Turin*, the *Sudarium of Oviedo* and the *Tunic of Argenteuil*. The presentation takes audiences through the history of each cloth, the scientific analyses that have been done, current data that refutes the C-14 dating of the Shroud, analogies between the Man of the Shroud and Jesus through scripture, etc. The inability to explain the mechanism by which the image on the Shroud was created is also explored, along with the photo-negative & 3D characteristics of the image. Finally, the links among these three cloths having been in contact with the same crucified person, and its implications are examined. Materials include full size Shroud images, relics of the True Cross and St. Longinus, interactive operational VP-8 Image Analyzer, as well as crown of thorns, crucifixion nails, flagrum (whip), titulus crucis (cross title), 1st century Roman lance, 1/3 size corpus and Shroud for interactively exploring the relative position of body features, images and blood between the body and Shroud, biblical coins, Roman dice, etc.

The *"Vatican's International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of the World"* will display approximately half of the 137 Eucharistic miracles (152 panels) approved by the Church that are included in the Vatican sponsored exhibit. The presentation takes audiences through the scriptural basis of the Real Presence, and presents examples of various manifestations typically experienced during a Eucharistic Miracle. Scientific data associated with the study of a few of the miracles is also presented. The presentation includes modern Eucharistic Miracles to assure the audience that this is an ongoing phenomenon. Emphasis is placed on the fact that the Real Presence is there at every consecration regardless of any physical manifestations.

## Week at a Glance

### Sunday, March 4

### Monday, March 5

8:30am	C	Morning Prayer
9:00 am	C	Daily Mass
9:45 am	YC	Coffee & Fellowship
6:00 - 9:30 pm	PR	Men's Club Dinner
7:00 - 8:30 pm	C	Confirmation Class

### Tuesday, March 6

8:30 am	C	Morning Prayer
9:00 am	C	Daily Mass
3:30 - 4:30 pm	CL	K-5 Faith Formation
7:00 - 9:00 pm	C	RCIA

### Wednesday, March 7

8:30 am	C	Morning Prayer
9:00 am	C	Daily Mass
2:15 - 3:15 pm	CL	K-5 Faith Formation
6:30 - 8:00 pm	CL	Middle School Faith Formation

### Thursday, March 8

8:30 am	C	Morning Prayer
9:00 am	C	Daily Mass
7:45 pm	PR	Choir rehearsal

### Friday, March 9

8:30 am	C	Morning Prayer
9:00 am	C	Daily Mass
9:45 am	YC	Coffee & Fellowship
9:45 am	K	Soup to Serve
1:00 - 5:30 pm	C	Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 pm	PR	Soup & Stations

### Saturday, March 10

6:00 - 9:00 am	PR	Men's Fellowship
3:00 - 8:30 pm	PR	Sacred Cloths of the Passion

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

### 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.*

Weekly Readings	
<b>SUN</b>	Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
<b>MON</b>	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
<b>TUES</b>	Dn 3:25,34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab,6-7bc,8-9; Mt 18:21-35
<b>WED</b>	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
<b>THUR</b>	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
<b>FRI</b>	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
<b>SAT</b>	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
<b>SUN</b>	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

**Stewardship Message**

*“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...” - Exodus 20:4*

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

*Please pray for the sick...*

Amparo Alverete  
Ed Atwood  
Evelyn Ballment  
Nancy Donovan  
Roy Drury  
Sherman Farrell  
Ken Gandre  
Maureen Graf  
Joan Haines  
Marjorie Hills  
Jeff Lewis  
Darwin Marable  
Maryann McCauley  
Lorry Midura  
Jerry Moran

Joan Muer  
Toni Newhoff  
Erline Paille  
Harry Prudhomme  
Mary Resnick  
Dean Schlobolm  
Edy Schwartz  
James Sherman  
Marion Skrivanich  
Genevieve Smith  
Ellen Stice  
Tom Spewak  
Nancy Tierney  
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	
<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 3</b>	
5:00 pm In Memory of Ed Ahearn, deceased	
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 4</b>	
7:30 am For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners	
9:00 am For the Intentions of Lou Reginato	
11:00 am In Memory of Evelyn Rapozo, deceased	
<b>MONDAY, MARCH 5</b>	
9:00 am In Memory of Joan Rosemary Gleason, Deceased	
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 6</b>	
9:00 am In Memory of Brian Black, deceased	
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7</b>	
9:00 am In Memory of Eddie Eugene Nova, deceased	
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 8</b>	
9:00 am In Memory of Clarence & Suzanne Timock, deceased	
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 9</b>	
9:00 am For the Intentions of the McGowan Family	
<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 10</b>	
5:00 pm In Memory of Brian May, deceased	
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 11</b>	
7:30 am For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners	
9:00 am In Memory of Robert Barry, deceased	
11:00 am In Memory of John P. Miller Sr., deceased	

Collections	
Sunday, February 25 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 7,223.00

**Stewardship**

Over the past number of years, St. Monica parish has generously donated 5% of our weekly plate collection to various Catholic charities in and around the Bay Area. Depending upon the amount of the collection, this normally meant that a given charity would receive between \$350 - \$450. Having consulted with our Parish Council, we decided to refine our procedure. Going forward, we will nominate twelve charities in a given year and they will receive 5% of our monthly plate collections. This will mean that the nominated charities will receive a bigger donation.

## Notices and Events



**JUST A REMINDER...**  
**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**  
**STARTS NEXT WEEK**  
**MARCH 11**

### \*\* 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 Ministers for April 7 to May 27.**

Please go to [www.stmonicamoraga.com](http://www.stmonicamoraga.com)

**By Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

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!**



**Soup and Stations with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**



We will have Soup and Stations every Friday evening from FEB 16<sup>th</sup> ~ MAR 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm in the Peace Room, followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm. During this time, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude at 5:30 pm.

### MEN'S CLUB MEETING

**Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**In the PEACE ROOM**

Guest Speaker Amy Worth, Mayor of Orinda and 4<sup>th</sup> Bore Tunnel CEO, built under budget & in less time.

Social Hour - 6:00 pm

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner @ 7:00 pm

Guest speaker approximately 7:45 pm

**All Men Welcome - BRING A GUEST!**



There will be morning prayer in the Church at 8:30 am Monday - Friday during Lent from FEB 14<sup>th</sup> - MAR 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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.



Bishop Robert Barron will discuss **"Looking at the World Through the Catholic Lens: Principle Themes in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition"** March 21, 7:30-9 p.m. at the Main Chapel on the campus of Saint Mary's College of California (1928 St. Mary's Road, Moraga). In this talk, widely acclaimed theologian and author Bishop Barron will explore the beauty, wisdom, and vitality of our rich Catholic intellectual tradition and how it can be a rich resource for the renewal of culture today. The event is free and open to the public; guests are advised to arrive early to secure admission.

For more information, contact Fr. Dave Gentry, at [dgentry@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:dgentry@stmarys-ca.edu) or call 925.631.4790



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In Memory of  
**William S. Widman**

Muffin Man, Saturday morning men's group and past parishioner of St. Monica Church, William S. Widman or "Bill" passed away on February 22, 2018 surrounded by the love of his family.



**SOUP TO SERVE**  
Next meeting  
**Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Please note:**

**We will prepare soup every Friday until Easter week.**

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)

***"Science versus Religion: The War That Never Was,"*** presented by Dr. Joshua Moritz, will be held March 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The School of Applied Theology, St. Albert's Priory, 5890 Birch Ct., Oakland. Many think the relationship between science and religion—especially the Christian religion— has been one of conflict, debate, or even all-out warfare. This common notion, that science and religion have experienced a long history of conflict or warfare, is called the conflict thesis by historians of science and religion. This presentation examines the historical roots and social context of the origin of the conflict thesis. Registration is \$95; go to <http://www.satgtu.org/course-offerings/> or call 510.652.1651.

Continuing Education Units are available.



All are invited to celebrate with  
**St. Mary's College Guild**  
**St. Patrick's Day**

**Dinner / Auction / Fundraiser**  
at St. Mary's Soda Center

Saturday, MAR 10 - 5:30 - 9:30 pm

**Featuring:**

**ROHAN MURPHY ACADEMY IRISH DANCERS  
& THE FRANK O'CONNOR BAND**

**Dinner:**

A Delicious, Traditional, Irish Corned Beef Dinner with all the trimmings  
Guinness, Harp, Wine, Irish Coffee available

**Tickets:**

\$50 per person

Make Checks Payable to: **SMC Guild** and mail to: Shirley Bohuslav, 782 Augusta Drive, Moraga 94556

Questions: Call Shirley Bohuslav at 925-376-1036 or Jeffrey-Lynn Dunne at 925-284-7750

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO  
FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Next Week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**

The **Catholic Relief Services** Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. *"The U.S. Catholic bishops stand firmly behind CRS in its commitment to promote and defend human dignity and the sacredness of every human life from the moment of conception until natural death, and at every moment in between."*



**HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: MAR 11<sup>th</sup>**

Rachel Louie  
and  
Patricia Bonnin

# Notices and Events

February 14 - March 25  
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE™**

## HELP SAVE LIVES IN WALNUT CREEK!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 750,00 volunteers! We can use your presence and help an hour a day, OR an hour a week, or even an hour in total during these 40 days. Any time you give helps a life!

### Here's how to take part:

**Vigil location:** Outside Walnut Creek Planned Parenthood: 1357 Oakland Blvd. off of Mt. Diablo Bl.

**Vigil hours:** 7am - 7pm daily, except Sundays

**Local contact:** Friendsforlifetrivalley@gmail.com

Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign at the address below!

[40daysforlife.com/walnutcreek](http://40daysforlife.com/walnutcreek)



## Eucharistic Adoration

(1:00 - 5:30 pm during Lent)

Adoration will be held in the Church because of electrical problems with the Chapel heaters. We urge you to bring extra wraps and/or blankets to keep yourselves warm during your stay with the Lord.

In Matthew, Jesus selects some of his disciples by inviting them to "Come, follow Me." Adoration is one of the greatest places to personally be with the Lord.

It is an occasion where one can willingly set some minutes (or hours!) to be with our Lord, and talk with Him as if he was sitting right across from you, in skin and bones, about cares and concerns, and times for when one is grateful. It is also a time to ponder through a crisis or misunderstanding, and receive His Perspective. Additional people are needed at every hour! Please come and sign in—no telephone number or obligation is required.

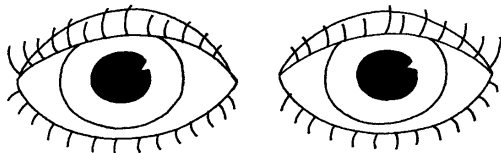
# Children's Corner

Psalm 25:15 says,  
"My eyes are ever fixed on the LORD."

That means we should follow and look to God for help.  
To remind you of this, write your name on the blank.

Color the eyes the same as yours. Color the rest of the certificate.  
Cut it out and hang it up.

\_\_\_\_\_ 's  
(your name)



are Fixed on  
the Lord

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## Third Sunday of Lent

Once when Jesus was in Jerusalem, he found animals being sold in the Temple. He sent the sellers away because he wanted the Temple to be his Father's house of prayer, not a store. Look at both pictures.

Circle five extra things in the bottom one.

