



Saint Monica Church

Easter Sunday
April 1, 2018

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Office Hours :

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
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 -11. Please contact Fr. Paul at 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 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 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,

Along with the staff here at Saint Monica, I would like to wish you and your family a very happy and holy Easter. For the past couple of weeks, many individuals have stepped up to the mark to help make this Lent a truly spiritual time of preparation for the Solemnity that is now upon us. We started our Lenten journey with many people attending Mass on Ash Wednesday. Through the very simple gesture of the imposition of ashes, along with the humbling words, "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return," each of us entered into the season of conversion. The dry ashes have long since disappeared and the Lenten season now gives way to the great Solemnity of Easter. The joyful singing of the Easter Alleluia along with being sprinkled with the Easter Holy water are meant to remind us of the day of our Baptism and the promise of eternal life.

In particular, I would like to thank all those who participated in our "Soup and Stations" on the Fridays during Lent. Each week a group of parishioners provided soup and refreshments for 60 to 70 people. The soups were outstanding and thoroughly enjoyed by all participants.

I would also like to thank the small group of people who attended Lauds (morning prayer) in the church before our daily Mass. Priests are obliged to say the Liturgy of Hours each day, so it was very encouraging for me to be joined by parishioners each morning. A few weeks ago we had some wonderful and enlightening presentations on the Shroud of Turin and various Eucharistic miracles throughout the world that are approved by the Church. As well as providing some spiritual nourishment for those who attended, we also enjoyed a very nice evening of food and conversation. I hope to have more of these events in the future.

The liturgy for Lent and especially Holy Week is very beautiful. The Church has been celebrating the liturgies of Triduum and Holy Week for centuries. I extend a word of thanks to all those who helped decorate the church and especially those who are involved as ministers in the liturgy. The choir, under the leadership of Brad Brennan and Sharon Meggers, our accompanist, have been working very hard preparing various music and hymns for this sacred season. Along with our Sunday cantors, they have made the music very beautiful, meditative and prayerful. This year we did not have any candidates for Baptism or Reception into the Church during the Easter Vigil. There are two candidates who I hope will be ready in the early Fall to be baptized and welcomed into the Church. Our new RCIA program will commence in the Fall of this year. If you or a family member are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact us at the parish office.

Looking to the month ahead, our parish will have some events to be proud of. In May of this year, Deacon Mario Rizzo will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood by Bishop Michael Barber, S.J. I am currently working with Deacon Mario to organize his first Mass, which will be celebrated here at St. Monica. The next few months will be very important for Deacon Mario, and I ask that you would keep him in your prayer intentions. Our parish will also be celebrating First Communion on May 6th. This will be a day of great rejoicing when some of the youngest members of our parish will receive the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time. Our teachers have been working very diligently to ensure that our children are aware of the great sacrament they will be receiving.

Lastly, on May 29th, we will be honored to have Bishop Barber confer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 42 of our youth, who will have completed their Confirmation preparation. I would ask that you keep them, too, in your prayers, as they prepare to take on the responsibility of being confirmed members of our Church and parish.

Happy Easter,
Fr. Paul

Weekly Readings	
SUN	Acts 10:34A,37-43; Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23; Col 3:1-4; Mk 16:1-7
MON	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
TUES	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
WED	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
THUR	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
FRI	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
SAT	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15
SUN	Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Mass intentions	
SATURDAY, MARCH 31	
5:00 pm	In Memory of Marian Potter, deceased
SUNDAY, APRIL 1	
7:30 am	For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
9:00 am	In Memory of Dionisio de Luna Esperas, deceased
11:00 am	In Memory of Joan Raftery, deceased
MONDAY, APRIL 2	
9:00 am	For the Intentions of Bubba Tierney
TUESDAY, APRIL 3	
9:00 am	In Memory of Jim Murphy, deceased
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4	
9:00 am	For the Intentions of Nancy Tierney
THURSDAY, APRIL 5	
9:00 am	In Memory of Walter Puccini, deceased
FRIDAY, APRIL 6	
9:00 am	In Memory of Betty Puccini, deceased
SATURDAY, APRIL 7	
5:00 pm	In Memory of Constant Skowronek, deceased
SUNDAY, APRIL 8	
7:30 am	In Memory of Peggy Vance, deceased
9:00 am	For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
11:00 am	In Memory of Roy Smith and Frank & Margaret Muster, deceased

Stewardship Message

“Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.”
COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing *“Alleluia.”* Let’s try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

Please pray for the sick...

Amparo Alverete	Jerry Moran
Ed Atwood	Joan Muer
Evelyn Ballment	Toni Newhoff
Nancy Donovan	Vanessa Orth
Roy Drury	Erline Paille
Sherman Farrell	Harry Prudhomme
Ken Gandre	Mary Resnick
Maureen Graf	Dean Schlobolm
Joan Haines	Edy Schwartz
Alan Holloway	James Sherman
Marjorie Hills	Marion Skrivanich
Jeff Lewis	Genevieve Smith
Darwin Marable	Ellen Stice
Maryann McCauley	Tom Spewak
Lorry Midura	Nancy Tierney
	Norma Wardle


Collections	
Sunday, March 25 th	\$ TBD

Stewardship

For the month of March, our stewardship will go to
 TBD

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.

	<p align="center">HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: APR 8th</p> <p align="center">Jean Schommer and TBD</p>
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Notices and Events



**The Parish Office closes
at 4:00pm on Thursday, March 29th
and re-opens at 9:30am on Monday, April 2**

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

**Monday, April 2nd
In the PEACE ROOM**

Guest Speaker Chris Ford

The secret history of Astronomy and Hollywood.
How computer scientist created the modern
revolution in special effects.

MAY GUEST SPEAKER is Ralph Samuel, one of the
Holocaust Survivors of the Kindertransport
rescue of thousands of Jewish children out of Nazi
Germany and taken to Great Britain from 1938-1940.

Social Hour - 6:00 pm

Dinner @ 7:00 pm

Guest speaker approximately 7:40 pm

All Men Welcome - BRING A GUEST!

WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING

Reminder: Mark your calendars!

There will be NO MEETING on March 27th.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 24th.

SOUP TO SERVE



Next meeting: Friday, April 20th

Please note:

We will switch to making sandwiches every
3rd Friday of month. The first day of sandwich
making will be April 19th.



Eucharistic Adoration

In Matthew, Jesus selects some of his
disciples by inviting them to
"Come, follow Me."

Adoration is a great place to personally be
with the Lord. It is a time 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
from 1:00 - 8:00 pm!

Please come and sign in—no telephone number or
obligation is required.



Coffee & Fellowship

Please Note:

Coffee & Fellowship will resume
every Monday & Friday in the
Fireside/Youth Center after
morning Mass.

All are welcome! Please feel free to bring a
breakfast bread to share.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

He is risen!

May the joy of Easter be with you.

Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you
resurrect the romance in your marriage.
Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends
on May 18-20th or September 7-9th.

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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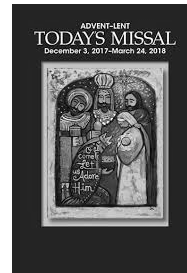


St. Monica Pre-Baptism Class
Monday, April 16th
at 6:30 - 8:00 pm
in the Peace Center, Classroom #3

The expectation of the Church for the parents who present their child for Baptism includes the following:

- One of the parents must give evidence of practicing the Catholic faith.
- They must be registered members of the parish (4 months) with exceptions made for grandchildren of our parishioners as long as the parents of the child present a letter from the pastor of their church where they worship and they meet all St. Monica's baptismal requirements.
- The parents and godparents must attend a Pre-Baptismal Class at St. Monica or at their home church
- Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday at 11:00 am or Sundays 1:00 pm.
- Pre-Baptismal Classes are scheduled Monday evening once a month from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Please register for class two weeks in advance by calling Sister Teresa at 925.376-6900 x203



The new Today's Missal for Holy Week - Pentecost is available for sale in the office.
\$2.00 per copy

Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 1

7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am C Easter Masses

Monday, April 2

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, April 3

9:00 am C Daily Mass
 3:30 - 4:30 pm CL K-5 Faith Formation

Wednesday, April 4

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, April 5

9:00 am C Daily Mass
 7:45 pm PR Choir rehearsal

Friday, April 6

9:00 am C Daily Mass
 9:45 am YC Coffee & Fellowship
 1:00 - 8:00 pm C Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, April 7

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'**



**Come hear the Official
 Chaplain to Congress
 Speak at the
 Catholics@Work Breakfast**

Be inspired and hear the story of a Jesuit Priest and Chaplain to the U.S. House of Representatives at the Catholics@Work breakfast in San Ramon.

Rev. Patrick J. Conroy, SJ, the official Chaplain, is the visible reminder of God's presence. He will share his unique insights from his journey of walking alongside the 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Please join us for breakfast, networking and his inspiring story on **Tuesday, April 10th** at **7:00am at Crow Canyon Country Club**, in San Ramon, preceded by Mass at 6:30am.

All are welcome, so please bring a friend!

Sign up today at Catholics@Work.org for \$20 per member or \$30 per non-member.


Catholics@Work is an authorized ministry of the Oakland Diocese.

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.

Notices and Events

Birthright of Concord Pregnancy Support Center would like to invite you to our **"Spring into Action" Luncheon** on Thursday, April 19 at 11:30 am The Clubhouse Ballroom Boundary Oak Golf Course 3800 Valley Vista Rd., Walnut Creek The guest speaker will be **Clare Caputi**, an inspiring young leader and formerly President of Students for Life at UNLV. She is currently a Co-Coordinator for Gabriel Project. Cost is \$40 per person Menu choices available when making reservations. Please contact Pat or Libby at the Office at **925-789-7227** or on-line at birthrightlunch2018.eventbrite.com Please respond by April 1st



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 1, 2018

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.

— Psalm 118:17

CARONDELET HIGH SCHOOL

Summer @ Carondelet

Whether your child is looking for educational, enrichment or sports programs this summer, Carondelet High School has it all!

Our co-ed programs for students ages 7-17 include: Middle School Classes; High School Advancement and Remediation; Sports Clinic's for Girls; ID Tech Courses; and a Girls Leadership camp.

Visit www.CarondeletHS.org/Summer for more details and register today!

Children's Corner



A man with a white robe was sitting on the right side of the tomb. He said, "Do not be afraid! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here."

Directions: Cross off the three words that have nothing to do with Easter.

PAPER
CROSS
CROWN
LENT MARY RAISED TOMB
DIED TENT JESUS STONE
CRUCIFIED
BURIED
THREE
SEVEN
ALIVE
DEAD
LOVE

God sacrificed His Son for us and Jesus was raised from the dead so that we may believe.



Directions: Find the following words in the seek-n-find below.

JESUS SACRIFICE DEAD
STONE RAISED MARY
CHRIST EASTER TOMB
GOD

O	E	D	N	C	U	D	Y	Z	B	X
B	T	E	U	R	P	Q	F	S	A	I
D	O	S	E	J	M	E	H	J	V	H
G	M	I	A	P	O	L	N	U	K	W
A	V	A	S	C	R	A	M	T	G	F
F	W	R	T	Z	R	Y	S	O	O	I
I	D	A	E	D	X	I	V	M	D	R
D	M	A	R	Y	R	H	F	B	X	C
Q	B	A	F	H	E	D	R	I	J	A
S	L	R	C	J	E	S	U	S	C	S
C	G	T	Y	E	N	O	T	S	Z	E