



# Saint Monica Church

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 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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**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.\*

\*will resume SEPT 10<sup>th</sup>

**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**

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[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 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 the parish office to arrange an appointment.

**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,

The Queen of Peace did not long delay her visit to the children. On Sunday, August 19, Lucia and Francisco were pasturing their sheep around 4pm. Jacinta was not with them. At that moment, Lucia saw the preparatory signs of the apparition and begged her brother, John, to go fetch Jacinta. She even paid him a few pennies for the errand after he initially refused. As Francisco and she waited for Jacinta, they saw the characteristic light descend this time upon a little bush. They were in the place where twice they had received the visit from the Angel of Peace the previous year. At the moment Jacinta arrived, Our Lady appeared. Lucia greeted her with her customary obedient humility: *"What do you want of me?"* **"Come again to the *Cova da Iria* on the 13<sup>th</sup> of next month and continue to say the Rosary every day. In the last month I will perform a miracle so that all may believe."** *"What are we to do with the offerings of money that people leave at the Cova da Iria?"* **"I want you to have two ardors (platforms for the carrying of statues in procession) made, for the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. I want you and Jacinta to carry one of them with two other girls. You will both dress in white. Then I want Francisco, with three boys helping him, to carry the other one. The boys, too, will be dressed in white. What is left over will help towards the construction of a chapel that is to be built here."**

We see here how Our Lady approves of public processions and devotions in her honor. Having received these instructions, Lucia then asked for the cure of some sick people. **"Some I will cure during the year."** Then Our Lady looked sadly at them, encouraging them in their vocation as victim souls: **"Pray, pray very much. Make sacrifices for sinners. Many souls go to hell, because no one is willing to help them with sacrifice."**

We see here how the salvation of many people depends on our personal fidelity to grace. Our Lady departed from the children in her usual manner, towards the east. The children brought home branches from the bush upon which Our Lady had appeared. Manuel Marto always remembered the beautiful odor emanating from those branches, calling it "magnificent." Even Lucia's unbelieving mother could not deny the beauty of the odor of sanctity contained by the branches. Several days later, the children found a large rough rope in the lone street in Aljustrel. They cut pieces of the rope to wear around their waists, against the skin, to offer the discomfort as a sacrifice for the conversion of sinners, as Our Lady had urged them to do. A week earlier, on August 12, one day before Our Lady appeared without welcome at the *Cova*, Pope Benedict XV had sent a peace proposal to all of the warring powers. It was met with unqualified approval only by Emperor Charles and King Ferdinand of Bulgaria. The other powers received the proposal, in the words of Warren Carroll, "as Arturo da Oliveira Santos had handled the Fatima children: questioned, locked up, threatened, and finally dismissed with contempt." The insane, diabolical war went on. One wonders how many of the souls of the dying soldiers were saved at the last moment by divine grace through the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, due to the sufferings of three little shepherd children of Fatima.

The most famous Marian Shrine in Moscow is the Chapel of the Iberian Virgin. The czars had always gone to pray there prior to their coronations. It is not a mere coincidence of history that the Virgin Mary had chosen the Iberian Peninsula for her apparitions by which she wished to save the people who honored her in Moscow under her Iberian title. **"If they listen to my requests, Russia will be converted and there will be peace,"** she had said. **"If not, she will scatter her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecutions of the Church."**

Georgevich Kornilov, commander-in-chief of the decimated Russian army, was a courageous patriot and a devoted son of Our Lady, but he was not a gifted politician nor a skilled military strategist. Before dying for his country, he begged all Russians: "The solemn certainty of the doom of this our country compels me in these terrible times to call upon all her loyal sons to save their dying native land. All within whom a Russian heart still beats, all who believe in God, go into the churches and pray to Our Lord for the greatest possible miracle, the salvation of our dear country." Reflecting on these dying words, Warren Carroll writes: "Kornilov's own prayers, unanswered, were soon stilled in this world by his death; but the prayers he asked for are offered to this day, in Russia and by all who hear and heed Our Lady of Fatima."

Compiled by Fr. Joseph Previtali, Archdiocese of San Francisco

## Sunday Scriptures

**October 1, 2017** Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

**October 8, 2017** Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9,12-16,19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

### Stewardship

*“Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves...”*

PHILIPPIANS 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self- image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts!

We are grateful for how they enrich our lives.

Pray every day for the people in your life.

## Weekly Readings

<b>MON</b>	Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-23,29; Mt 18:1-5,10
<b>TUES</b>	Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1B-3,4-7; Lk 9:51-56
<b>WED</b>	Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
<b>THUR</b>	Neh 8:1-4A,5-6,7B-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
<b>FRI</b>	Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1B-5,8-9; Lk 10:13-16
<b>SAT</b>	Bar 4:5-12,27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

## 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  
 Dean Schlobolm  
 Edy Schwartz  
 James Sherman  
 Marion Skrivanich  
 Genevieve Smith  
 Ellen Stice  
 Tom Spewak  
 Norma Wardle

## 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.

## Mass intentions

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

5:00 pm In Memory of Josie & Steve Escobedo, deceased

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:30 am For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners

9:00 am In Memory of Hiejung Kwon, deceased

11:00 pm For the Intentions of William Remick

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:00 am In Memory of Sister Margaret Campbell

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00 am For the Intentions of the Herman Family

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00 am For the Intentions of the O'Driscoll Family

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:00 am In Memory of Inez Ciuffreda, deceased

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:00 am In Memory of Christopher Patti, deceased

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

5:00 pm In Memory of Nora & Michael Toronto, deceased

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:30 am For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners

9:00 am For the Intentions of the Family of Reverend Kwon

11:00 pm In Memory of Harriet Anderson, deceased

## Collections

Sunday, September 24 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 9,830.77
Next Week's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection - The Catholic Voice	

### Stewardship\*

Last weekend our stewardship of **\$ 491,54** went to **Mercy Brown Bag.**

This weekend our stewardship will go to **Contra Costa Interfaith Housing.**

Next weekend our stewardship will go to **Knights of Columbus Disability Drive.**

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

## Notices and Events

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

**Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?**

**Was baptized Catholic, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist?**

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. These classes are also open to anyone interested in knowing more and deepening their understanding of the Catholic faith.

For information please contact Fr. Paul Coleman at [frcoleman@stmonicamoraga.com](mailto:frcoleman@stmonicamoraga.com).

First Session begins October 3, 2017, 7-9 pm in the Conference Room.



### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be mandatory training on

**Sunday, OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**1:00 - 3:00 p.m**

**Please meet in the church.**

This is open for all students 4th grade and up. Please contact Sister Teresa if your child will attend at

925-376-6900, ext. 203

or [children@stmonicamoraga.com](mailto:children@stmonicamoraga.com)

### PRAYER OF BLESSINGS FOR OUR CATECHISTS

Gracious God,  
source of all wisdom and knowledge,  
you sent your Son, Jesus Christ,  
to live among us and to proclaim his message  
of faith, hope and love to all nations.

In your goodness  
bless our sisters and brothers  
who have offered themselves  
as Catechists for your church.  
Strengthen them with your gifts  
that they may teach by word and example  
the truth which comes from you.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### TEMPO DE FIESTA

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

**SAINT MONICA WOMEN'S GUILD  
ANNUAL "TACO FALL LUNCHEON"**

St. Monica Peace Room

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM, Cost \$25.00

Checks Payable to St. Monica Women's Guild

Mail to: Donna Jollymour

387 Calle La Montana, Moraga 94556

**Reservations must be received by October 3rd**

### Eucharistic Adoration



Adoration will be in the main Church  
**from 1:00- 8:00 pm**

and will continue there until the Fall & cold weather!

Scripture tells of Elijah seeking the Presence of God and the sound of His Voice. Father has 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.



**VOICE  
COLLECTION  
NEXT SUNDAY**

Next weekend is the annual second collection  
for **The Catholic Voice**.

Your donation helps the parish offset its payments  
for this important communications ministry.

**The Voice** and its other operations  
(**El Heraldo Catolico**, websites and social media)  
are the only regular source of Catholic news and  
information for all parishioners in the diocese.

Please be generous in you support.

Check should be made payable to the parish.

## Notices and Events

### WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING

We are happy to start our 17<sup>th</sup> year of women walking our faith journey together. We kick off our new season on **Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Peace Room** at 9:30-11:30 a.m., right after the 9:00 Mass.

We are excited that our first speaker is our own **Fr. Paul Coleman!** We look forward to learning more about him and his personal journey to priesthood, eventually leading him from Ireland to us at St. Monica. Please join us for coffee, refreshments and fellowship. We welcome all women from our parish or from our larger community. Bring your family and friends! We all benefit from hearing and being inspired by our great speakers and from sharing in small groups at our tables our own spiritual quests and experiences. Together we pray and call upon God to strengthen us, our faith, and our relationship with Him. We truly treasure our time together, where we share our stories, our laughter, and our tears. We love getting new members to join us, so drop in and see what has kept us meeting for 17 years! **Flyers with our future meeting dates and registration forms** are at both entrances of the church. For questions, call Annmarie Claymore, 376-8146 or Pam Plant, 376-9479.

### MEN'S CLUB MEETING

**Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> / PEACE ROOM**

Guest Speaker is **Ted Clement**, Executive Director of Save Mt. Diablo. Social hour begins at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm and following dinner, our guest speaker.

**OUR GIANT SCREEN TV for Monday night football** and a terrific dinner, all for only \$10.00.

**All men are welcome, bring a guest.**

### OKTOBERFEST

The Saint Martin DePorres Unit, an auxiliary of Catholic Charities of the East Bay, has held an Oktoberfest dinner and auction at St. Monica Church each fall since 1991.

This year our "aging" members **have decided to take a year off so there will be no dinner in 2017.** We are dedicated to serving Catholic Charities and hope each of you will continue to give financial support. As he has done at each Oktoberfest auction, Gene Elam will match every \$100 donation up to \$3,000. **Make a check payable to Catholic Charities of the East Bay and mail to Pat Elam, 34 Sherwood Ct., Moraga, CA 94556 by October 30.**

### SOUP TO SERVE



**Next meeting: Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

**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](mailto:scrumbaugh@comcast.net) or Maura Clogher at 376-9328 or [mclogher@comcast.net](mailto:mclogher@comcast.net)



CLOISTERED  
DOMINICAN NUNS

### DISCERNMENT DAYS

***Praising unceasingly. Blessing by intercession.  
Preaching through a life of contemplation.***

Single, Catholic women between the ages of 18-38 are invited to experience a taste of the life of a cloistered Dominican nun.

Contact Sr. Joseph Marie, OP, vocation directress, at

[vocations@nunsmenlo.org](mailto:vocations@nunsmenlo.org),

or visit t website at

<http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-days/>  
to learn more and to register for one of ther

upcoming Come and See Days:

Saturday, October 21, and

Saturday, January 13, 2018.

The event is free and all meals will be provided.

***Space is limited and fills fast!***

## Notices and Events

### CELEBRATE LIFE

#### Dinner & Fundraiser 2017

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #14156 and the Respect Life Team to Benefit:

**B**irthright of Concord Pregnancy Support Center

**When:** Saturday, October 14, 2017, 5:30 pm  
St. Mary School Gym (1158 Bont Lane, Walnut Creek)

Join us for BBQ chicken dinner with live music, silent auction, and raffle! **Guest Speaker:** Josh Burger, an inspiring & humorous pro life speaker, will share his life story which has included many physical and medical challenges. He speaks frequently to hundreds of teens and adults on the incredible gift of life. Purchase tickets online at

[www.birthright-dinner.eventbrite.com](http://www.birthright-dinner.eventbrite.com)

**Adults/Teens: \$40 (\$50 after 9/29)**

**Youth Ages 5-12: \$20, Under 5 free**

**Tables for 8 discounted to \$300.**

*Tickets not available at the door.*

*Deadline is October 6*

**Questions:** Call Dot at 925.287.0246 or

Libby at Birthright 925.798.7227

### 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 take separately or together as degree programs. Their first program is a 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](mailto:dclayton@pontifex.university); or visit [www.Pontifex.University.com](http://www.Pontifex.University.com)

### Week At A Glance

#### Sunday, October 1

1:00 - 3:00 pm C Altar Server Training

#### Monday, October 2

9:00 am C Daily Mass  
6:00 - 9:00 pm PR Men's Club Dinner

#### Tuesday, October 3

9:00 am C Daily Mass  
9:30 - 11:30 am PR Women's Faith Sharing  
7:00 - 9:00 pm CR RCIA

#### Wednesday, October 4

9:00 am C Daily Mass

#### Thursday, October 5

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

#### Friday, October 6

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

#### Saturday, October 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'**



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### Make Your Holiday Sing "TRADITION" with Olive Oil, Bourbon Balls & Fruitcake!

Friends, we look forward to seeing you and your loved ones at our Annual Holiday Boutique on

**Saturday and Sunday, November 18-19, 10am - 4 pm**

This year we honor "TRADITION" by sharing our love of the season with generations of families & friends who delight in our Holiday Boutique.

### 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.*



### HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: OCT. 8<sup>th</sup>

LaVerne Peralta  
and  
Raquel Louie