

Saint Monica Church

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2017

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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, 4:00-4:30 pm or
by appointment: 925.376.6900

Faith Formation:

Grades K-5 x 203

Grades 9-12 - e-mail:

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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 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

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,

At this point in the final apparition, we are in the presence of the deep apocalyptic meaning of the apparitions of Fatima. The children and the crowd both witnessed marvelous wonders. Lucia tells us what the children saw in the blue window in the sky: *"After our Lady had disappeared into the immense distance of the firmament, we beheld St. Joseph with the Child Jesus and Our Lady robed in white with a blue mantle, beside the sun. St. Joseph and the Child Jesus seemed to bless the world, for they traced the Sign of the Cross with their hands. When, a little later, this apparition disappeared, I saw Our Lord and Our Lady; it seemed to me too that it was Our Lady of Sorrows. Our Lord appeared to bless the world in the same manner as St. Joseph had done. This apparition also vanished, and I saw Our Lady once more, this time resembling Our Lady of Carmel."*

Thus the promise of Our Lady had been fulfilled. She had said in September, **"In October Our Lord will come, as well as Our Lady of Sorrows and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Saint Joseph will appear with the Child Jesus to bless the world."** One can meditate for a long time on the significance of this final vision received by the children. Certainly one notices the presence of the Holy Family, so important for the breakdown of the family in the past 100 years, and the strong protection of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church. One also notices the particular emphasis on the role of Our Lady in the Passion and Death of Our Lord, which we must imitate in our own lives, and of her Brown Scapular of Carmel, which we must wear with great purity of heart and mind. Additionally, Lucia alone saw the vision of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel to show her that she must enter the Carmelite Order.

As the children were seeing the vision of the mysteries of faith, the crowd of 70,000 witnessed a startling miracle. Warren Carroll describes it thus: *"From the time it had broken through the clouds, the sun, unlike any other time they had ever seen it high in the sky, could be looked upon directly, with joy and without pain. Then it began to dance, then to whirl violently, then to fling off brilliant streamers of colored light, like a fireworks display. Then it seemed to plunge, zigzagging towards the earth. Thousands of people cried out and sank to the ground in terror, crying to Jesus and Mary for help."*

Indeed, they thought the world was ending. Carroll continues: *"The sun climbed back up to its normal place in the sky. Its dance, ejection of the streamers of colored light, and descent and return had occupied, altogether, about ten minutes. It is the greatest, most abundantly recorded miracle in history since Jesus Christ walked the earth and founded His Church."* Twenty-five miles away from the *Cova*, the poet Alfonso Lopes Vieira saw the miracle from his own house. Fr. Ignacio Lourenco was a nine-year old boy at the time and he saw the miracle from 10 miles away at his school in Alburitel. The event was reported even in the anti-Catholic newspapers of Portugal. The deep apocalyptic urgency of the Message of Peace had been delivered to the world through the language of nature in the Miracle of the Sun.

O Seculo, the pro-government and anti-Catholic newspaper in Lisbon reported the following about the Miracle of the Sun:

*"From the road, where the vehicles were parked and where hundreds of people who had not dared to brave the mud were congregated, one could see the immense multitude turn toward the sun, which appeared free from clouds and in its zenith. It looked like a plaque of dull silver, and it was possible to look at it without the least discomfort. It might have been an eclipse which was taking place. But at that moment a great shout went up, and one could hear the spectators nearest at hand shouting: 'A miracle! A miracle!' Before the astonished eyes of the crowd, whose aspect was biblical as they stood bareheaded, eagerly searching the sky, the sun trembled, made sudden incredible movements outside all cosmic laws--- the sun "danced" according to the typical expression of the people. Standing at the step of an omnibus was an old man. With his face turned to the sun, he recited the *Credo* in a loud voice. I asked who he was and was told Senior Joao da Cunha Vasconcelos. I saw him afterwards going up to those around him who still had their hats on, and vehemently imploring them to uncover before such an extraordinary demonstration of the existence of God. Identical scenes were repeated elsewhere, and in one place a woman cried out: 'How terrible! There are even men who do not uncover before such a stupendous miracle!' People then began to ask each other what they had seen. The great majority admitted to having seen the trembling*

Sunday Scriptures

October 22, 2017 Is 45:1,4-6; Ps 96:1,3-5,7-10;
1 Thes 1:1-5B; Mt 22:15-21

October 29, 2017 Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4,47,51;
1Thes 1:5C-10; Mt 22:34-40

Stewardship

“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.”

MATTHEW 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second.

Weekly Readings

MON	Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
TUES	Rom 5:12,15B,17-19,20B-21; Ps 40:7-10,17; Lk 12:35-38
WED	Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1B-3,4-8; Lk 12:39-48
THUR	Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4,6; Phil 12:49-53
FRI	Rom 7:18-25A; Ps 119:66,68,76-77,93-94; Lk 12:54-59
SAT	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Please pray for the sick...

Ed Ahearn
Evelyn Ballment
Nancy Donovan
Sherman Farrell
Ken Gandre
Joan Haines
Marjorie Hills
Jeff Lewis
Darwin Marable
Maryann McCauley
Lorry Midura
Jerry Moran
Joan Muer

Toni Newhoff
Erline Paille
Harry Prudhomme
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, OCTOBER 21

5:00 pm In Memory of Jose & Amalia Sosa, deceased

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

9:00 am In Memory of Joan Marable, deceased

11:00 pm For the Intentions of Lee Maurice

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

9:00 am For the Intentions of Grace Landers

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00 am In Memory of Patricia Betty Ford, deceased

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:00 am In Memory of Claudia Bishop, deceased

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:00 am For the Intentions of Jason Stolpa

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:00 am In Memory of Linda Speicher, deceased

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

5:00 pm In Memory of Mary & Constant Skowronek, deceased

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

9:00 am In Memory of Christopher Patti, deceased

11:00 pm In Memory of Jane Przekop, deceased

Collections

Sunday, October 15 th	\$ 8,143.00
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Stewardship*

Last weekend our stewardship of \$ 407.15 went to
Catholic Charities - Puerto Rico.

This weekend our stewardship will go to
St. Anne’s Home.

Next weekend our stewardship will go to
St. Vincent de Paul.

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



HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: OCT. 29th

LaVerne Peralta
and
Jean Schommer

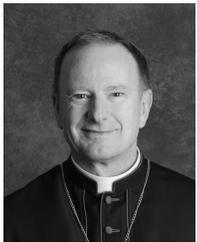
Notices and Events

and the dancing of the sun; others affirmed that they saw the face of the Blessed Virgin; others, swore that the sun whirled on itself like a giant Catherine wheel and that it lowered itself to the earth as if to burn it in its rays. Some said they saw it change colors successively....”

O Dia, another newspaper of Lisbon also reported on the miracle:

“At 1:00 in the afternoon, midday by the sun, the rain stopped. The sky, pearly grey in color, illuminated the vast arid landscape with a strange light. The sun had a transparent gauzy veil so that the eyes could easily be fixed upon it. The grey mother-of-pearl tone turned into a sheet of silver which broke up as the clouds were torn apart and the silver sun, enveloped in the same gauzy grey light, was seen to whirl and turn in the circle of broken clouds. A cry went up from every mouth and people fell on their knees on the muddy ground... The light turned a beautiful blue, as if it had come through the stained-glass windows of a cathedral, and spread itself over the people who knelt with outstretched hands. The blue faded slowly, and then the light seemed to pass through yellow glass. Yellow stains fell against white handkerchiefs, against the dark skirts of the women. They were repeated on the trees, on the stones and on the serra. People wept and prayed with uncovered heads, in the presence of a miracle they had awaited. The seconds seemed like hours, so vivid were they.”

Compiled by Fr. Joseph Previtali, Archdiocese of San Francisco



Helping our neighbors affected by fires

As the loss of life and property mounts due to the wildfires north of our Diocese, our hearts ache for our sisters and brothers in the Santa Rosa Diocese. Please join with me in praying for the dead and for those who are suffering, whether from physical injury or from the loss of their homes and livelihoods. We also pray for the firefighters, medical personnel, social workers and others who are aiding the victims and their loved ones.

I have spoken with Bishop Robert Vasa, the bishop of Santa Rosa. He is grateful for our prayers, and is providing regular updates on his website: <http://srdiocese.org/signofhope>. He is encouraging everyone to participate in a holy hour of adoration to pray for those affected and for the fires to subside. I ask all parishes to consider a special collection for the victims of the fires. Please select a weekend to accommodate your parish's calendar, and send the money per our usual process for special collections. We will send immediately to the Santa Rosa Diocese.

Catholic Charities of Santa Rosa (<http://www.srcharities.org/fire-recovery>) is working with other agencies to provide short-term and long-term support for victims. People who are in shelters will need to find temporary housing while their homes are being rebuilt. Monetary donations will be the most useful contribution to that work; you can find information on how to donate at their website. They are also able to accept a limited number of the following items: diapers, baby wipes, face masks, twin size blankets, toiletries, towels and warm adult coats. Catholic Charities is also in need of bi-lingual volunteers; you may call [707.528.8712](tel:707.528.8712), ext. 160, for more details. Sometimes people in shelters appreciate having someone willing to listen and to pray with them. This ministry of presence is truly an act of mercy.

I am grateful for your compassion and outreach to our sisters and brothers.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.

Bishop of Oakland



Rite of Welcome Mass
for all First Communion
Candidates and their families.

Sunday, October 29th at the 11:00 am Mass
A potluck lunch will follow in the Peace Room.

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.

Notices and Events



St. Monica Baptisms Class
Monday, October 23rd
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.

For more information and to register for the class, please contact Sister Teresa at 925.376-6900 x203 Or email children@stmonicamoraga.com



WOMEN'S GUILD BOOK REVIEW
Tuesday, October 24, 2017
in the Peace Room @ 12:30

"Dead Wake" by Eric Larson is the well-written and exhaustively researched account of a famous naval disaster. This non-fiction novel commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the sinking of the Passenger ship, The Lusitania, off the coast of Ireland by a German U-Boat; a tragedy that caused the USA to enter World War I.

Our reviewer, Charlotte Marnane, has chosen an exciting yet true episode in our history to share.

A light lunch will be served before the review at 1:00.

Cost is \$20.00 for the six reviews

Or \$5.00 for a single review.

Payable at the door.

ALL ARE WELCOME. BRING A GUEST.

For further information contact:

Rae Atwood (376-7527), Jan Catalano (376-3653)
 or JoAnn May (376-7040)

WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING

All women are invited to our next meeting on **Tuesday, October 24th in the Peace Room** at 9:30-11:30 a.m., right after the 9:00 Mass.

Our speaker **Sister Mary Teresa** heads our Children's Faith Formation program. Sister begins her second year with our children's ministry and we look forward to getting to know her better. She will share how she decided to enter the convent, what jobs she has had over the years, and what eventually led her to us at St. Monica. We are also very interested to hear about our Children's Faith Formation program.

Please join us for coffee, refreshments & fellowship. Bring your family and friends! We all benefit from being inspired by our great speakers and from sharing at our tables our own spiritual quests and experiences. Together we pray and call upon God to strengthen our faith and our relationship with Him. We truly treasure our time together, where we can share our stories, our laughter, and our tears. We love getting new members, so drop in and see what has kept us meeting for 17 years!

Flyers with our future meeting dates and registration forms are available at the entrances of the church. For questions, call Annmarie Claymore, 376-8146 or Pam Plant, 376-9479.

All Saints Day Masses
Wednesday, November 1st
9:00 am, *4:00 pm & 7:00 pm



***Procession of Saints at 4 pm Mass**

We invite all children to dress up as their favorite Saint. Sister Teresa will help you to pick out one from her Saint's wardrobe in her office.

Call Sister Teresa at 376-6900 x203
 or email children@stmonicamoraga.com

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 Ministers for December 2 to January 28.

Please go to www.stmonicamoraga.com
By Monday, November 13th

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!



**Dominican Sisters
OF MISSION SAN JOSE**

43326 Mission Circle, Fremont, CA 94539 - 5829

Make Your Holiday Sing "TRADITION" with Olive Oil and 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.

****Correction in last week's bulletin:**

There is still time for Paid Pre-orders.

Please visit www.msjdominicans.org

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 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.**



We Welcome

Renee Lylia Hill-Piggee

*daughter of Carmen & Mitchell Piggee
into the St. Monica Catholic Community
through the Sacrament of Baptism.*



CARONDELET
HIGH SCHOOL

Interested 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls and their parents/guardians are invited to attend **Carondelet High School's Open House** on Sunday, November 5 from 2 to 4 pm. 1133 Winton Drive (corner of Treat Blvd in Concord)

To register for this event, please visit www.carondeleths.org/admissions

Week At A Glance

Sunday, October 22

Monday, October 23

9:00 am	C	Daily Mass
6:30 - 8:00 pm	CL3	Baptism Class
7:30 - 9:00 pm	CR	Cancer Support Group

Tuesday, October 24

9:00 am	C	Daily Mass
9:30 am - 12:00 pm	PR	Women's Faith Sharing
12:30 - 3:00 pm	PR	Book Review
7:00 - 9:00 pm	CR	RCIA

Wednesday, October 25

9:00 am	C	Daily Mass
9:30 am - 1:00 pm	PR	Bridge

Thursday, October 26

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

Friday, October 27

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

Saturday, October 28

6:00 - 9:00 am	PR	Men's Fellowship
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C: Church, CH: Chapel; CL: Classroom, CR: Conference Room, K: Kitchen, PR: Peace Room, REC: Rectory, YC/FR : Youth Center/'Fireside Room'