

Saint Monica Church

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 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 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 Sr. Mary Teresa at children@stmonicamoraga.com or (925) 376-6900 x203.

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 Father 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,

To understand Our Lady of Fatima, we must understand the situation of the world 100 years ago. In 1914, the Great War had begun in Europe. World War I, as we call it now, brought untold devastation to the world, with the newest weapons technologies being wielded unto the lowest depths of human moral depravity. Millions of men, on all sides, were mowed down in the trenches by machine guns, only to gain or lose a few yards on the battlefield. Pope Benedict XV, through the promotion of the Holy Rosary, and Blessed Charles of Austria, the Holy Roman Emperor, through peace negotiations, sought a swift end to the senseless violence to no avail. Europe was in the process of losing her sanity and her soul.

At the same time, the Bolshevik Revolution was brewing in Russia throughout most of 1917, which would become the first Communist country in the history of the world. Russia became Communist on November 8, 1917. Our Lady of Fatima had appeared to the children for the final time one month earlier, on October 13. The ceasefire of World War I was called on November 11, 1918. With Russia Communist and Europe shell-shocked by unprecedented violence, God had brought light into the darkness through the loving presence of His Mother.

We have the tendency to view human history as if God has no part in our affairs. This comes from the custom in our schools of discussing human affairs from a purely secular point of view for fear of offending people of different faiths. However, effects of Our Lady on our history are so clear that to ignore them is to distort reality until it appears irrational. The motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary is real and historical and it is the means through which Jesus Christ wishes to save us. He has made us His brothers and sisters, children of His Mother. The saints tell us that Christ wishes to triumph over the darkness of sin and evil especially through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Lady of Fatima is part of this history.

The story of Our Lady of Fatima begins in the spring of 1916 with three shepherd children. Lucia dos Santos, nine years old, was with her cousins, Francisco Marto, age eight, and Jacinta Marto, age six. Lucia tells us what happened in her own words:

"We went on that occasion to my parents' property, which is at the bottom of the Cabeco, facing east. It is called Chousa Velha. About the middle of the morning it began to drizzle and we climbed up the hill, followed by our sheep, in search of a rock that would shelter us. And so it was that we entered for the first time into that blessed place. It is in the middle of an olive grove that belongs to my godfather, Anastacio. From there one can see the village where I was born, my father's house, and also Casa Velha and Eira da Pedra. The olive grove, which really belongs to several people, extends as far as these places. We spent the day there, in spite of the fact that the rain had stopped and the sun was shining in a clear sky. We ate our lunch and began to say the Rosary. After that we began to play a game with pebbles. We had only been at it a few moments when a strong wind began to shake the trees and we looked up to see what was happening, since it was such a calm day. And then we began to see, in the distance, above the trees that stretched to the east, a light whiter than snow in the form of a young man, quite transparent, and as brilliant as crystal in the rays of the sun. As he came near we were able to see his features. We were astonished and absorbed and we said nothing to one another. And then he said: 'Do not be afraid. I am the angel of peace. Pray with me.' He knelt, bending his forehead to the ground. With a supernatural impulse we did the same, repeating the words we heard him say: 'My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You.' After repeating this prayer three times the angel rose and said to us: 'Pray in this way. The hearts of Jesus and Mary are ready to listen to you.' And he disappeared. He left us in an atmosphere of the supernatural that was so intense we were for a long time unaware of our own existence. The presence of God was so powerful and intimate that even among ourselves we could not speak. On the next day, too, this same atmosphere held us bound, and it lessened and disappeared only gradually. None of us thought of talking about this apparition or any pledge of secrecy. We were locked in silence without having willed it."

Sunday Scriptures

July 23, 2017 Wis 12:13,16-19; Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16;
Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-30

July 30, 2017 1 Kgs 3:5;7-11; Ps 119:57,72,76-77,
127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-46

Stewardship

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.”

MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all “good seeds,” blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God’s plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship we sow “good seeds” on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

Please pray for the sick...

Ed Ahearn
Evelyn Ballment
Nancy Donovan
Roy Drury
Sherman Farrell
Monica Foley
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

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, JULY 22

5:00 pm In Memory of Janet Perry

SUNDAY, JULY 23

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

9:00 am For the Intentions of Joan Moura

11:00 pm OPEN

MONDAY, JULY 24

9:00 am In Memory of Frances Gee

TUESDAY, JULY 25

9:00 am In Memory of Claudia Bishop

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

9:00 am For the Intentions of Nicholas Maurice

THURSDAY, JULY 27

9:00 am For the Intentions of Thomas Maurice

FRIDAY, JULY 28

9:00 am In Memory of Jim Roberts

SATURDAY, JULY 29

5:00 pm In Memory of John Frier

SUNDAY, JULY 30

7:30 am OPEN

9:00 am For the Intentions of Jeff Carlson

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

Collections

Sunday, July 16th

\$ 8,213.00

Stewardship*

Last weekend our stewardship of **\$ 410.65** went to **Bay Area Crisis Clinic.**

This weekend our stewardship will go to **Food Bank of Contra Costa County.**

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

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

Notices and Events



The Heart of Mary, Peterskirche, Vienna, Austria,
by Leopold Kupelwieser (1796-1862)

High School Confirmation Program

The Saint Monica Confirmation program is a two year process with a weekly meeting commitment.

We encourage 9th graders registered in the parish to begin this process next fall; however, ALL high school youth are welcome to begin.

Classes meet once a week for both 1st year and 2nd year students on **Mondays from 7:00—8:30 p.m.**

Registration forms will be sent out via email to all registered high school youth. Additional registration forms will be available online at www.stmonicamoraga.com, in both church entrances, and in the Parish Office.

Classes begin Monday, September 18th.

Questions: Call the office (925-376-6900) or email saintmonicamoraga@gmail.com

Grades K-5 Faith Formation Registration

St. Monica Elementary Faith Formation Program offers religious instruction for children in grades K—5th.

Classes meet once a week for one hour at the following times:

Tuesdays 3:30—4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 2:15—3:15 p.m.

Wednesdays 3:45—4:45 p.m.

Registration forms will be emailed to families who were registered in the Faith Formation program this past year. Additional forms are available online at www.stmonicamoraga.com, in both church entrances, and in the rectory office.

Children are placed in classes on a first come, first serve basis, so please register early to ensure the best day and time for your child. Children must be enrolled in a faith formation program for at least one year before beginning the preparation process for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Faith Formation classes begin:

Tuesday, Sept. 19 or Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017

Questions: Call Sister Mary Teresa at (925) 376-6900 x.203 or email children@stmonicamoraga.com.

Middle School Faith Formation Registration

St. Monica Middle School Faith Formation Program offers religious instruction for children in grades 6th—8th.

Classes meet once a week at the following time:
Wednesday 6:30—8:00 p.m.

Registration forms will be emailed to families registered in the Faith Formation program this past year, and can also be found online and in the church. Children are placed in classes on a first come, first serve basis, so please register early to ensure the best day and time for your child.

Middle School Faith Formation Classes begin:

Wednesday Sept. 20, 2017

Notices and Events

2017-2018 CYO BASKETBALL



REGISTRATION WILL OPEN AUGUST 1ST -31ST

Please register at the website below.

<https://stmonicacyomoraga.sportngin.com/register/form/720063482>

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

SOUP TO SERVE



Next meeting: Friday, August 18th

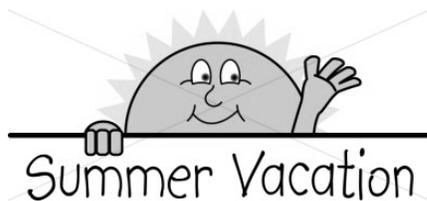
Please Note: We will begin meeting every third Friday of the month until Thanksgiving.

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

Since many parishioners will be away during the summer months, we would like to offer some options to help simplify your weekly offerings.



1. Mail your envelopes to the Parish Office.
2. Consider Electronic Fund Transfers. If you would like to do this, please call the office or you can go to our website to download the EFT form.
3. Drop off your envelopes at the office.

MASS INTENTIONS

*If you have a special anniversary
or other special date
during the month of
July and August for Mass Intentions,
please contact the office.*

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!

A verse from the Prophet Zephaniah 3:17...

The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you. He will quiet you with His Love; He will rejoice over you with singing.

Do come for a visit and open up your hearts to Him!

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Summer 2017 Opportunities for Involvement

Homework Club Support: We are looking for compassionate individuals to help in our afterschool Homework Club that goes from August through June. Sites we serve are Pleasant Hill, Concord & Pittsburg. You will provide academic and mentoring support to children from extremely low-income homes in grades K-12. Commitment is one afternoon per week for the entire school year. Adults and high school sophomores through seniors are encouraged to apply at

www.ccinterfaithhousing.org/volunteer

START DATE: AUGUST 28, 2017

After School Snack Helpers: We are looking for volunteers to help prepare & serve after school snacks at Homework Club at our Garden Park (Pleasant Hill) and Lakeside (Concord) Apartments. Collaborate with the Youth Enrichment Coordinator to plan out the snacks for the week, communicate what is needed, prepare (cook/no-cook recipes), help serve and clean up. Hours: M, T, Th (2:15-3:30); W (12:30- 1:45).

Please contact Gloria Bertolozzi at Gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.org if interested or with questions.



PEAR HARVEST SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

The Men's Club along with the Scout Troop of the parish will sync again with the Moraga Park and Recreation Department to pick pears from the trees in the parish parking area for the Contra Costa Food Bank. In addition to the trees on the Parish property, the trees adjacent to Joaquin Moraga School are also picked. Pear picking tools are provided so we do not climb onto the trees.

Picking will start at 9 am and end at 3 pm. so as not to interfere with 5:00 Mass.

**BRING YOUR PRUNING SHEARS
AND PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS VERY
WORTHWHILE EVENT!**

Week At A Glance

Sunday, July 23

Monday, July 24

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Tuesday, July 25

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Wednesday, July 26

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Thursday, July 27

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Friday, July 28

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

Saturday, July 29

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'**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Just as a small mustard seed can become a large and elaborate bush, discover how a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend can encourage your marriage to blossom and provide a lifetime of joy.

The next weekend is 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



HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: July 30th

Jean Schommer
and
John Campbell