

Saint Monica Church

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 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.

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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,

We continue with the story of Our Lady of Fatima. As Lucia related, the children were deeply affected by this apparition from the heavenly messenger: *"I don't know why, but the apparitions of our Lady produced in us effects quite different from the angel's visitations. We felt in both instances the same intimate happiness, peace and joy, but instead of the physical prostration the angel imposed, our Lady brought a feeling of expansion and freedom; and instead of this annihilation in the divine presence, we wished only to exult in our joy. There was no difficulty of speech when our Lady appeared; there was rather on my part a desire to communicate."*

The three little shepherd children had encountered a celestial being who, in his purely spiritual nature, communicated to them something of the awesome holiness and transcendence of Almighty God. *"His words sank so deeply into our minds that we never forgot them, and ever after we used to spend long periods on our knees repeating them, sometimes until we fell down exhausted."*

Later in the summer of 1916, the children received a second apparition from the angel, as they were playing in the heat of day. Lucia relates: *"Suddenly we saw the same angel near us. 'What are you doing? You must pray! Pray! The hearts of Jesus and Mary have merciful designs for you. You must offer your prayers and sacrifices to God, the Most High.' 'But how are we to sacrifice?' I asked. 'In every way you can offer sacrifice to God in reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for sinners. In this way you will bring peace to our country, for I am its guardian angel, the Angel of Portugal. Above all, bear and accept with patience the sufferings God will send you.'"*

The children were again deeply affected by the magnificence and awesomeness of the holiness of God, communicated through the Angel of Portugal. Francisco could only see the apparitions but he could not hear the words spoken either by the angel or by Our Lady the next year. Try as he might, he could not get the girls to tell him what the angel had said, so overcome were they by the holiness of the encounter. *"The Angels' words sank deeply into our souls like a gleaming torch, showing us Who God is, what is His love for us, and how he wants us to love Him too; the value of sacrifice and how it pleases Him; how He receives it for the conversion of sinners. That is why from that moment we began to offer Him whatever mortified us."*

The children received a third apparition from the angel in September or October of 1916. Once again, the children were out in the pasture with their flocks at the place where they had seen the angel before, called "The Head" (*Cabeço* in Portuguese). At this holy place, they were inspired to remember the instruction of the angel about the necessity of prayer, and so they began to pray the prayer he had taught them: *"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."*

Lucia tells us what happened as they were praying: *"After we had repeated this prayer I don't know how many times we saw a strange light shining over us. We lifted our heads to see what was happening. The Angel was holding in his left hand a chalice and over it, in the air, was a host from which drops of blood fell into the chalice. The Angel leaves the chalice in the air, kneels near us and tells us to repeat three times: 'Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly, and I offer You the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. And by the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.'"*

Then, most extraordinarily and by a great miraculous gift of God, the angel gave to the children their First Holy Communion. *"After that he rose, took again in his hand the chalice and the host. The host he gave to me and the contents of the chalice he gave to Jacinta and Francisco, saying at the same time, 'Eat and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ terribly outraged by the ingratitude of men. Offer reparation for their sakes and console God.' Once more he bowed to the ground repeating with us the same prayer thrice: 'Oh, Blessed Trinity etc.' and disappeared. Overwhelmed by the supernatural atmosphere that involved us, we imitated the Angel in everything, kneeling prostrate as he did and repeating the prayers he said."*

They didn't know it at the time, but the visits of the angel to the children in 1916 were preparing them for the visits of the Mother of God in 1917.

Sunday Scriptures

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
August 6, 2017 Dn 7:9-10,13-14; Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Stewardship

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." - ROMANS 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work for good? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, means that God's plan for our lives may be different than our plan. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

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

Mass intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 29

5:00 pm In Memory of John Frier, deceased

SUNDAY, JULY 30

7:30 am For the Intentions of the Maurice Family

9:00 am For the Intentions of Jeff Carlson

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

MONDAY, JULY 31

9:00 am For the Intentions of Nilda Redoblado

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

9:00 am For the Intentions of Graciela Cateriano

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00 am In Memory of John Anthony Riggle, deceased

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00 am In Memory of Agnes Dalberg, deceased

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

9:00 am OPEN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

5:00 pm In Memory of Harriet Anderson, deceased

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

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

9:00 am In Memory of William Bordenave, deceased

11:00 pm In Memory of Roy Smith and Frank & Margaret Muster, deceased

Collections

Sunday, July 23rd

\$ TBD

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.

Stewardship*

Last weekend our stewardship of \$ TBD went to **Food Bank of Contra Costa County.**

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

Next weekend our stewardship will go to **Seminary Fund of the Diocese of Oakland.**

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

Notices and Events



Stained glass, Our Lady of Fatima Chapel,
Pequannock, New Jersey

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

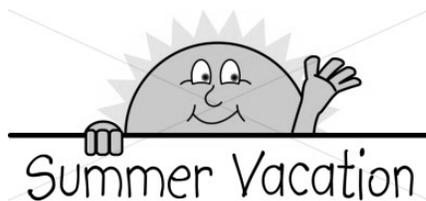
Please Note: We will begin meeting every third Friday of the month until Thanksgiving.

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 intention for living or deceased family members or friends, or for any other intentions (sick, anniversaries or birthdays) please contact the parish 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!

Notices and Events



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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Married Couples: *"Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart . . ."*
Help encourage our own understanding hearts by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend.

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



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 30

Monday, July 31

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Tuesday, August 1

9:00 am C Daily Mass
CYO Registration

Wednesday, August 2

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Thursday, August 3

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Friday, August 4

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

Saturday, August 5

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Pear Harvest

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



HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: Aug 6th

Julie Kwon-Jabbour
and
Patricia Bonnin