

Saint Monica Church

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 2017

1001 Camino Pablo
Moraga, CA 94556

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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,

As the children of Fatima, instructed by the angel, passed the autumn and winter months of 1916-1917 in prayer and penance, Europe fell deeper into blind and senseless war, with the United States soon to enter the fray on Good Friday of 1917. Meanwhile, with the death of the demonic Rasputin and the abdication of the eviscerated Czar Nicholas II, the foundations of Russia were crumbling quickly, allowing an opening for the Communist revolution. On April 15, 1917, Easter morning in the Julian Calendar, Vladimir Lenin returned to Russia.

One bright light in the darkness was Blessed Charles II of Austria, who became Holy Roman Emperor at the end of 1916. Blessed Charles would do his best in 1917 to achieve peace in Europe and an end to the war, to no avail. Eventually, left without a state by the Treaty of Versailles, he would die in 1922 in exile on the Portuguese island of Madeira. Fifty years later, his body was found incorrupt and he was beatified by the Catholic Church in 2004. The cause for the canonization of his devoted wife, Zita, is also in process.

Charles and Zita prayed the Rosary together daily. Pope Benedict XV, who denounced the Great War from its beginning in strong and eloquent preaching and writing, also turned to the Holy Rosary as the instrument for bringing peace to the world. He had especially asked for the children of the world to pray for peace, a plea which reached the shepherd children of Fatima through their faithful local priests. Lucia added three Hail Mary's for the intentions of the Holy Father to their daily Rosary. On May 5, 1917, the Month of Our Lady, Pope Benedict XV solemnly directed that the title "Queen of Peace" be added to the Litany of Loreto. In that act of his supreme and universal authority as Shepherd of the Flock of Christ on Earth, he invoked the Mother of God, "omnipotent by grace," and entrusted to her special intercession the peace of the world. Eight days later, she came, in person, to bring peace.

May 13, 1917, began a glorious spring Sunday in the heart of rural Portugal. Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta attended Holy Mass at their parish church in the morning and then had taken their flocks to pasture in the little grassy valley among the hills, called the "Cova da Iria." They played as children do, as the sheep fed on the grass. They had their lunch and then began to pray the Rosary in their shortened form of it, saying only the first words of the two parts of the prayers.

They were then startled by what Lucia described as "lightning in a clear sky." They thought a storm must be approaching and debated returning to town with their sheep. *"And we began to go down the slope driving the sheep towards the road,"* Lucia explained. *"When we were half-way down, near a holm oak tree, we saw another flash of lightening, and after a few steps we saw on a holm oak a lady dressed in white, shining brighter than the sun, giving out rays of clear and intense light, just like a crystal goblet full of pure water when the fiery sun passes through it. We stopped astounded by the Apparition. We were so near that we were in the light that encircled her, or which she radiated, perhaps a meter and a half away."*

The lady's face was brilliant with a dazzling white. Lucia described her beautiful countenance as *"not sad, not happy, but serious."* Her hands were joined in prayer and a Rosary hung from her right hand. Her voice was low, musical, and gentle.

"Please don't be afraid of me, I'm not going to harm you." Lucia asked the lady, *"Where are you from?"* **"I come from heaven."** Lucia was not afraid or overcome, but filled with great peace and confidence. *"And what do you want of me?"* **"I want you to return here on the thirteenth of each month for the next six months, and at the very same hour. Later I shall tell you who I am, and what it is that I most desire. And I shall return here yet a seventh time."** *"And shall I go to heaven?"* **"Yes, you will."** *"And Jacinta?"* **"She will go too."** *"And Francisco?"* **"Francisco, too, my dear, but he will first have many Rosaries to say."**

Sunday Scriptures

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

August 13, 2017 1 Kgs 19:9A,1A-13A; Ps 85:9-14;
Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Stewardship

“And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.”

MATTHEW 17:2

Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, we should reflect Christ’s light to the world. When we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, we are called to be supernatural to reflect His love, mercy and forgiveness to others. When we are grateful for all that God has given us, generosity flows through us because we are made in God’s Image.

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, 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

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00 am In Memory of Alice Baum, deceased

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

9:00 am In Memory of Alex & Jean Sarran, deceased

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

9:00 am OPEN

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

9:00 am OPEN

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00 am OPEN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

5:00 pm For the Intentions of Joan Marable

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

7:30 am OPEN

9:00 am For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners

11:00 pm In Memory of Walt Schreiner, deceased

Collections

Sunday, July 23 rd	\$ TBD
Sunday, July 30 th	\$ TBD

Stewardship*

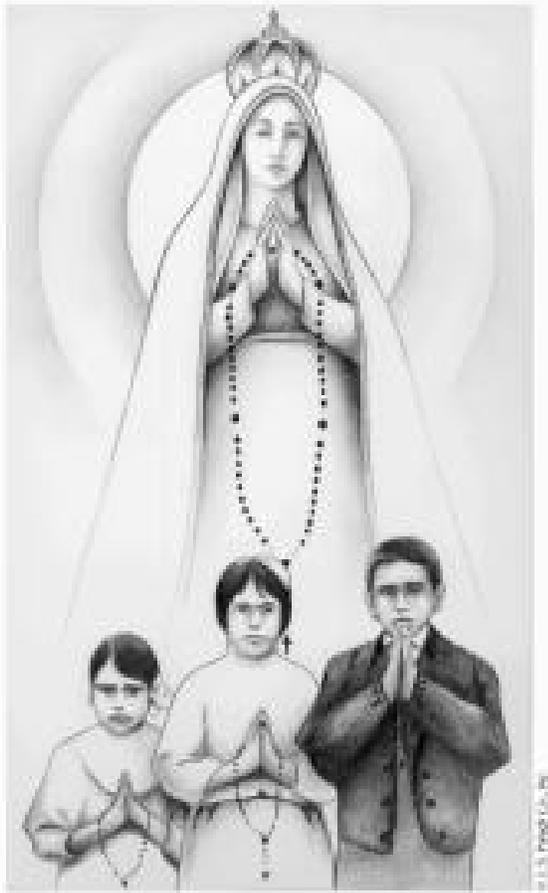
Last weekends our stewardships of \$ TBD went to **Food Bank of Contra Costa County** & \$ TBD went to **St. Vincent de Paul - Moraga.**

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

Next weekend our stewardship will go to **CCIH - Backpacks.**

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

Notices and Events



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

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2017-2018 CYO BASKETBALL



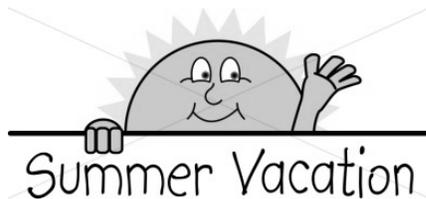
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Please register at the website below
THROUGH AUGUST 31ST.

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

For questions, please email Martha White
at mwhite2301@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.

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

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!

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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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Married Couples:

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Improve your listening skills by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend with your spouse.

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



THE HEART OF CLARE: RIPENING THE FRUIT OF LOVE

Friday, August 11, 2017, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

A day of careful study in the writings of St. Clare of Assisi. The Woman we may say co-founded the Franciscan movement used the word *caritas* often in the texts we have from her. Tracing the different meanings she gave it will lead us to the heart of Clare-and to the One she loved.

Registration begins at 9:00 am.
\$40 per person; Lunch included

To make a reservation, please visit
www.sandamiano.org or
to make a reservation by phone, call 925-837-9141.

Week At A Glance

Sunday, August 6

Monday, August 7

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Tuesday, August 8

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Wednesday, August 9

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Thursday, August 10

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Friday, August 11

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

Saturday, August 12

**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. 13th

TBD