



Saint Monica Church

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 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 Fr. Paul at frcoleman@stmonicamoraga.com or at x103.

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 Fr. 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,

The suffering of the three little shepherd children of Fatima began almost immediately after the first apparition. The Lady had told them, **"You will have much to suffer."** For Lucia, the suffering began in her own home. Her parents, especially her mother, refused to believe the story about the Lady and scolded and threatened her to give up the story. Her mother, who was religious, believed that she was making up tales about sacred things. She brought Lucia to the parish priest, who tried also to dissuade her from believing such things. Lucia's father was an irreligious man, who felt that religion was nonsense for women. He was indifferent to the story of the apparition. In the midst of this opposition from her parents and priest and other trusted adults, Lucia was strong and peaceful.

The three children offered up these sufferings – the ridicule and incredulity of the adults – as the Lady had instructed them: for the conversion of sinners. They began to offer voluntary sacrifices, as well, going without lunch or water when they were out in the fields with the sheep. All of this was the beginning of their obedience to the vocation of love to which the Lady had invited them.

At the instruction of two visiting priests, they began to pray daily for the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XV, who was suffering greatly and had asked the world for prayers for peace. They added three Hail Mary's for him to their daily Rosary for peace, which they prayed faithfully in obedience to Our Lady.

Meanwhile, the war raged on in Europe, even though the month of May brought a lull in the hostilities, as the Queen of Peace came from Heaven with her message of peace. On the very day of her first apparition, a young papal diplomat named Eugenio Pacelli was consecrated bishop in the Sistine Chapel in Rome.

Archbishop Pacelli, the new Papal nuncio in Bavaria, would bring to the German government later in the year the rebuffed offer of peace negotiations of Pope Benedict XV. The same Archbishop Pacelli would become Pope Pius XII, the first pope to consecrate the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in obedience to Our Lady of Fatima! Amidst the darkness of war, there were still many signs of the triumph of her Immaculate Heart!

The lull in the hostilities continued into June. On the 13th of the month, the children returned at midday to the *Cova da Iria* to receive the second promised apparition of the Lady. About fifty people joined with them to witness the event. It was the great feast of St. Anthony of Padua, greatly celebrated in Portugal, where he was born. In Portugal, the feast of St. Anthony is the feast of children because of his devotion to the Child Jesus. Lucia's parents had hoped that the St. Anthony festivities would distract her from her appointment with the Lady from Heaven, but Lucia was faithful.

Lucia tells us what happened: *"After having said the rosary with Jacinta and Francisco and other people who were present, we saw again the reflection of light nearing us, (we used to say it was lightning), and following, Our Lady on the holm oak as in May. 'Please tell me, Madam, what it is that you want of me?' 'I want you to come here on the thirteenth of next month. I want you to continue saying the Rosary every day. And after each one of the mysteries, my children, I want you to pray in this way: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell. Take all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need. I want you to learn to read and write, and later I will tell you what else I want of you.' 'Will you take us to heaven?' 'Yes, I shall take Jacinta and Francisco soon, but you will remain a little longer, since Jesus wishes you to make me known and loved on earth. He wishes also for you to establish devotion in the world to my Immaculate Heart.' 'Must I remain in the world alone?' 'Not alone, my child, and you must not be sad. I will be with you always, and my Immaculate Heart will be your comfort and the way which will lead you to God.' The moment she said the last words, opening her hands, She transmitted to us, for the second time, the reflection of that intense light. In it we felt we were submerged in God. Jacinta and Francisco seemed to be in that part of the light which was rising to Heaven, and I in the part spreading over the earth. In front of the palm of Our Lady's right hand was a heart encircled with thorns which appeared to pierce it. We understood it was the Immaculate Heart of Mary offended by the sins of mankind, craving reparation."*

Sunday Scriptures

August 20, 2017 Is 56:1;6-7; Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8;
Rom 11:13-15,29-32; Mt 15:21-28
August 27, 2017 Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3,6,8;
Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Stewardship

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." -
ROMANS 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

Please pray for the sick...

Ed Ahearn	Lorry Midura
Evelyn Ballment	Jerry Moran
Nancy Donovan	Joan Muer
Roy Drury	Toni Newhoff
Sherman Farrell	Erline Paille
Ken Gandre	Joan Rafferty
Martha Grisier	Mary Resnick
Joan Haines	James Sherman
Marjorie Hills	Marion Skrivanich
Jeff Lewis	Genevieve Smith
Darwin Marable	Ellen Stice
Joan Marable	Tom Spewak
Maryann McCauley	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 19

5:00 pm In Memory of Elvia de Arrue, deceased

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

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

9:00 am In Memory of Steve Zemaitis, deceased

11:00 pm In Memory of Harriet Anderson, deceased

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 am In Memory of Kathryn Metzger, deceased

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00 am In Memory of Harriet Anderson, deceased

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

9:00 am For the Intentions of Teresa Arrue

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00 am In Memory of Millie & Louis Jabbar, deceased

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00 am In Memory of Claudia Bishop, deceased

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

5:00 pm In Memory of Elizabeth Breiner, deceased

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

7:30 am In Memory of Peggy Vance, deceased

9:00 am In Memory of John Burkmann, deceased

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

Collections

Sunday, August 6 th	\$ 9,167.00
2nd Collection - Building Fund	\$ 1,868.00
Sunday, August 13 th	\$ 9,229.00

Stewardship*

August 6 th	Seminary Fund	\$458.35
August 13 th	CCIH - Backpacks	\$461.45

This weekend our stewardship will go to
De Merrillac School - San Francisco.

Next weekend our stewardship will go to
St. Elizabeth School - Oakland.

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

Notices and Events

Mission Appeal Weekend August 26th & 27th

Father Chinnaiah Yeddanapalli
from the Diocese of Nellore, India
will be here at all Masses
to speak about the appeal.

** 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
St. Monica Ministers for
October 7 to November 26.**

Please go to www.stmonicamoraga.com
by Monday, September 11th

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!

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**

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.

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

Notices and Events

2017-2018 CYO BASKETBALL



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
THROUGH AUGUST 31ST

Please register at the website below
please note: correction in website

<https://stmonicacyomoraga.sportngin.com/register/form/350526204>

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



Orinda's Knights of Columbus' -FIRST ANNUAL- Charity Golf Tournament

Join us for an afternoon of fun at the Moraga Country Club benefiting the **Bay Area Crisis Nursery**, which provides invaluable service to families in crisis - specifically from birth to 11 years of age.
www.diablog.com/December-2016/2016-Threads-of-Hope-Award-Winners

Monday, September 25, 2017

Tee Off at 12:00 noon : Check In at 10:30 am

Four-Player Scramble : Fee: \$200/Player

Includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, box lunch on the cart and beverages, as well as heavy hors d'oeuvres with post-play awards.

Pre-Register and receive a free practice driving range ball!
To register, contact Dean Akazawa: dean.akazawa@gmail.com



SOUP TO SERVE

Next meeting:
Friday, September 15th

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.



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.

Notices and Events



Dear Rev. Paul Coleman and Friends:

Thank you for your stewardship gift of \$336.18 to the Mercy Brown Bag Program. Without donations like yours we could not continue our program and reach so many seniors in need.

Our new mobile grocery truck was delivered in April. It will allow us to reach about 2,500 more seniors by going directly to low income senior housing buildings. We are thankful to be able to help these seniors and we are thankful that you support us in this work.

Thank you so very very much! Bless you!
Krista Lucchesi, Director
 Mercy Brown Bag Program

Dear Fr. Coleman:

Thank you for your generous donation of \$388.25 in support of the Order of Malta Clinic of Northern California. Your contribution helps ensure that we can continue to provide medical services to the poor and needy. Since October 2008, volunteer doctors and nurses have cared for over 25,000 new and returning patients. We expect the demands of the Clinic will continue to increase as these patients will continue to be impacted by the economy.



Sincerely,
John P. Christian, KM, President

Thank you for your wonderful food drive donation of 209 pounds of food on 8/3/17 from the friends of Saint Monica Church.



Your donations equates to 174 meals which will brighten many faces. We are very appreciative of your continued support of the Food Bank and those in need in our community!

Those that receive your food donations, whether they are children, seniors, low-income or just hungry, gratefully appreciate your kindness in thinking of them. THANK YOU for providing food to feed them.

We hope you will continue to support the Food Bank and the new families that come to us for assistance. Together we are enduring hunger!

Sincerely,
Joan Tomasini, Food Drive Administrator

Week At A Glance

Sunday, August 20

Monday, August 21

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Tuesday, August 22

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Wednesday, August 23

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Thursday, August 24

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Friday, August 25

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

Saturday, August 26

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'**

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!



HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: Aug. 27th

Barbora Chindarkarova
 and
 TBD