



# Saint Monica Church

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 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 SEPT 10<sup>th</sup>

**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**

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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](mailto:frcoleman@stmonicamoraga.com) or at x103.

**CONFIRMATION:** Preparation for teens begins in Grade 9 -11. Please contact Fr. Paul at [frcoleman@stmonicamoraga.com](mailto: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 the parish office to arrange an appointment.

**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](mailto: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,

Lucia recalls for us the July apparition in her own words: *"A few moments after arriving at the Cova da Iria, near the holm oak, where a large number of people were praying the Rosary, we saw the flash of light once more, and a moment later Our Lady appeared on the holm oak. 'Lucia,' Jacinta said, 'speak. Our Lady is talking to you.' 'Yes?' said Lucia."*

We must recall that Lucia had been tormented during the prior month by doubts about the veracity of the apparitions. Lucia spoke humbly, asking pardon for her doubts with every gesture, and asked Our Lady: *"What do you want of me?"*

Our Lady replied: **"I want you to come back here on the thirteenth of next month.**

**Continue to say the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, to obtain the peace of the world and the end of the war, because only she can obtain it."** *"Yes, yes,"* was Lucia's reply.

Then she continued her conversation with the Mother of God: *"I would like to ask who you are, and if you will do a miracle so that everyone will know for certain that you have appeared to us."* Here Lucia asked Our Lady for the miracle that would become the famous "Miracle of the Sun." We see Lucia here trying to deal with the doubt of so many of the important and trusted people in her life. Our Lady responded mercifully to her request for a sign: **"You must come here every month, and in October I will tell you who I am and what I want. I will then perform a miracle so that all may believe."**

Having received the promise of a miracle, Lucia then began to intercede with Our Lady for the many people who had asked her to pray for them. Our Lady explained gently that she would cure some, but others she would not cure. Here the children were given a lesson in the wisdom of Divine Providence and the priority of eternal salvation in our desires and our prayers. Lucia asked Our Lady: *"And the crippled son of Maria da Capelinha?"* **"No, neither of his infirmity nor of his poverty would he be cured, and he must be certain to say the Rosary with his family every day."**

There was a sick woman from Atougia who was growing weary in her illness and asked to be taken to Heaven. Our Lady replied: **"Tell her not to be in a hurry. Tell her I know very well when I shall come to fetch her."** The children continued to be instructed in their vocation as victim souls, offering reparation for the sins of the world. Our Lady instructed them: **"Make sacrifices for sinners, and say often, especially while making a sacrifice: O Jesus, this is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for offences committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."**

After teaching them this manner of offering sacrifices, she showed the three little children a vision of Hell, where the souls of unrepentant sinners go when they die. In this, she was teaching them the urgency of offering their sacrifices for the conversion of sinners who would otherwise fall into eternal damnation. Lucia relates the vision: *"As Our Lady spoke these words she opened her hands once more, as had during the two previous months. The rays of light seemed to penetrate the earth, and we saw as it were a sea of fire. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished bronze, floating about in the conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames that issued from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke, now following back on every side like sparks in huge fires, without weight or equilibrium, amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair, which horrified us and made us tremble with fear. (It must have been this sight which caused me to cry out, as people say they heard me do). The demons could be distinguished by their terrifying and repellent likeness to frightful and unknown animals, black and transparent like burning coals, terrified and as if to plead for succor, we looked up at Our Lady, who said to us, so kindly and so sadly: 'You have seen hell, where the souls of poor sinners go. It is to save them that God wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If you do what I tell you, many souls will be saved, and there will be peace.'"*

## Sunday Scriptures

**September 3, 2017** Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6,8-9;  
Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

**September 10, 2017** Ex 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2,6-9;  
Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15

### Stewardship

*“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” -MATTHEW 16:26*

St. Francis of Assisi once said, *“Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.”* We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and not the values of the material world.

## Weekly Readings

<b>MON</b>	1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1,3,4-5,11-13; Lk 4:16-30
<b>TUES</b>	1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11; Ps 27:1,4,13-14; Lk 4:31-37
<b>WED</b>	Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10,11; Lk 4:38-44
<b>THUR</b>	Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3AB,3CD-4,5-6; Lk 5:1-11
<b>FRI</b>	Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6AB,6C; Mt 1:18-23
<b>SAT</b>	Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4,6,8; Lk 6:1-5

## Please pray for the sick...

Ed Ahearn	Lorry Midura
Evelyn Ballment	Jerry Moran
Nancy Donovan	Joan Muer
Sherman Farrell	Toni Newhoff
Ken Gandre	Erline Paille
Martha Grisier	Joan Raftery
Joan Haines	Mary Resnick
Marjorie Hills	James Sherman
Jeff Lewis	Marion Skrivanich
Darwin Marable	Genevieve Smith
Joan Marable	Ellen Stice
Maryann McCauley	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, SEPTEMBER 2

5:00 pm For the Intentions of Joan Raftery

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:30 am In Memory of Ray Gardner, deceased

9:00 am For the Intentions of Greg Perez

11:00 pm In Memory of Tom Conway, deceased

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00 am In Memory of Janet Perry, deceased

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:00 am In Memory of Ed Paille, deceased

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 am In Memory of Marianne DeCourcy, deceased

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00 am For the Intentions of Stella & Ashour Warda

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

5:00 pm In Memory of Ken McNamara and Kathleen Spagnoletto, deceased

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:30 am In Memory of Leota Whittington, deceased

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

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

## Collections

Sunday, August 27 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 9,371.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection - Mission Co-Op	\$ 4,542.00

### Stewardship\*

Last weekend our stewardship of **\$ 468.55** went to **St. Elizabeth School - Oakland.**

This weekend our stewardship will go to **St. Cornelius School - Richmond.**

Next weekend our stewardship will go to **St. Paul's School - San Pablo.**

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

## Notices and Events

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

*Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?*

**Was baptized Catholic, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist?**

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. These classes are also open to anyone interested in knowing more and deepening their understanding of the Catholic faith.

For information please contact Fr. Paul Coleman at [frcoleman@stmonicamoraga.com](mailto:frcoleman@stmonicamoraga.com).

First meeting to answer any questions you might have will be September 19, 2017 at 7:00 at the Church.

First Session begins October 3, 2017.

### \*\* 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](http://www.stmonicamoraga.com) by Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

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!**

### Ministry to Homebound (Communion) Meeting

Introductory training meeting for all current ministers and those interested in the ministry.

**Friday, September 8th 10:30 - 11:30 am  
in the Conference Room.**



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**The Parish Office will be closed  
Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>  
in observance of Labor Day.**

**PLEASE  
NOTE**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word  
will resume**

**SEPT 10<sup>th</sup> @ at the 9:00am Mass**

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOR ALL ST. MONICA MINISTERS

It is time for all St. Monica ministers to re-train in Safe Environment. Safe Environment training is required in every (Arch) Diocese in the country.

The policy in the Diocese of Oakland is retraining every 3 years for anyone who is employed or volunteers. This includes every ministry in the parish. If you have direct, ongoing contact with children, you must also be fingerprinted for the Diocese and cleared.

Please go to: [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) and choose online training - "Protecting God's Children Online Awareness 3.0.". Instructions for registration, and a link to the training are also available on the home page of the Diocesan website: [www.oakdiocese.org](http://www.oakdiocese.org).

**Please complete your training no later than October 1.**

Thank you for your cooperation! Please contact Christine at the Parish Office at 925-376-6900 if you have any questions, or you do not have access to a computer.



**Faith Formation Registration  
for 2017 - 2018**

*CALLING ALL YOUTH!*

**Registration packets are available in the church vestibule now. Deadline for registering is by SEPT 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**FF (Faith Formation, Grades K - 5) TUES or WED  
MSYM (Middle School Youth Ministry, Grades 6 - 8)  
Confirmation, Years I & II (High School, Grades 9 - 11)**



**For additional information, please contact:**

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High School Youth Ministry: [saintmonicamoraga@gmail.com](mailto:saintmonicamoraga@gmail.com)

## Notices and Events



THANK & HONOR THOSE IN  
**PHYSICAL,  
MENTAL, &  
SPIRITUAL**  
HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS

blessing healers • building community

**Saturday, September 30, 2017**

Mass: 10:00am

Celebrant: Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ

**The Cathedral of Christ the Light**

Reception: After Mass

We encourage all who provide healthcare services, direct and administrative, to attend this multicultural Mass, as we celebrate your energy, dedication & generosity.

Details, updates & invitations at  
[oakdiocese.org/BlessingHealers](http://oakdiocese.org/BlessingHealers)

**Beginning Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**



Coffee after daily Mass will resume every Monday and Friday after the recitation of the rosary.

Everyone will meet in the Fireside/YC Room adjacent to the Church. Please stop by for coffee and conversation with daily Mass attendees.



**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.diablogmag.com/December-2016/2016-Threads-of-Hope-Award-Winners](http://www.diablogmag.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](mailto:dean.akazawa@gmail.com)

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

**Saint Mary's College Guild  
INSTALLATION TEA PARTY**

Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

10:30 AM - 2:00 PM @ the SMC Soda Center  
Cost: \$30 per person. All event proceeds go to students seeking financial aid scholarships

WINE PURCHASE IS AVAILABLE

Make check payable to: SMC GUILD

Send to: Patricia Wiegmann

39 Carr Drive, Moraga, CA 94556

For more information call Pat W. at 925-376-6088

Please RSVP by September 10<sup>th</sup>

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN  
A HAT CONTEST**

**ARE YOU ON FIRE?**

The Dioceses of Nor Cal are proud to announce



featuring Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, Jesse Manibusan, Joe Melendrez, Fr. Joseph Espailat II, Cecilia Flores, and local bands to be announced!

**Saturday, SEPT 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9am - 9pm**

**Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, CA**

ON FIRE is a PERFECT way to kick off your ministry for 2017-18, and YOU'RE INVITED to be part of it!

Don't miss this day-long opportunity for prayer and inspiration!

More information and ticket order forms can be found on the Larch Street church bulletin board.



**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!

Scripture tells of Elijah seeking the Presence of God and the sound of His Voice. Father has urged us to take time to do the same. Spending time during Adoration is an excellent place to relax and enjoy the quiet and serenity while seeking God's Presence and Voice. Do come and take Elijah's example of listening for God.

## Notices and Events

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your recent \$361.20 gift on 8/8/2017 to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano. We believe everyone should have access to proper nutrition, which is why over half of the total food we distribute consists of fresh fruits & vegetables. The reality is, 1 in 8 of our neighbors who turn to the Food Bank, fresh produce is not always within their grocery budgets. Your support goes a long way to connecting thousands of people to fresh produce. Children especially benefit from your compassion. With your help, our youth receive the nourishment their growing bodies need to thrive now and establish healthy lifelong eating habits along the way. Know that your generosity is making a real difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Thank you for making our work possible.  
Larry Sly, Executive Director



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### Diocesan Catholic Speaker Series Starts 17<sup>th</sup> Year

A long-term ministry of the Oakland diocese, **Catholics@Work**, will begin on **Sept. 12** with a speaker who regained control of her life after a very difficult start and now operates a ministry for homeless parents and their children. Jess Echeverry, who was homeless herself, will tell the story of her climb from the depths that led her to serve people most in need. Echeverry was pregnant at 16, homeless & living on the streets. Eventually she regained control of her life, became a Catholic & married. Her husband recently was ordained a permanent deacon and now helps homeless families, bringing them food, shoes, plus special help for the children.

Programs, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, are open to all. **They begin with Mass at 6:30 am, followed by breakfast and the speaker from 7 to 8:15 am, at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville.**

Including a generous breakfast, the cost is **\$20 for members, \$30 for non-members.**

People are encouraged to register on-line. Walk-ins are welcome. More information: [www.catholicsatwork.org](http://www.catholicsatwork.org)

### 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.*

### Week At A Glance

#### Sunday, September 3

#### Monday, September 4

**Parish Office CLOSED - Labor Day**

9:00 am C Daily Mass

#### Tuesday, September 5

9:00 am C Daily Mass

#### Wednesday, September 6

9:00 am C Daily Mass

#### Thursday, September 7

9:00 am C Daily Mass

#### Friday, September 8

9:00 am C Daily Mass  
10:30 - 11:30 am CR Ministry to Homebound meeting  
1:00 - 8:00 pm C Eucharistic Adoration

#### Saturday, September 9

6:00 - 9:00 am PR Men's Fellowship

#### Sunday, September 10

9:00 am PR Children's Liturgy resumes  
10:00 am CL3 St. Vincent de Paul meeting

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



### HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

Raquel Louie  
and  
Cliff Shum