



Saint Monica Church

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10, 2017

1001 Camino Pablo
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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 10th

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 -11. Please contact Fr. Paul at 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 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,

After showing the children a vision of Hell, Our Lady then instructed them concerning some specific details of history and Divine Providence, explaining especially that the Great War was like a self-inflicted punishment for the sins of the world: **“This war will end, but if men do not refrain from offending God, another and more terrible war will begin during the pontificate of Pius XI. When you see a night that is lit by a strange and unknown light [This event, prophesied by Our Lady, occurred on JAN 25, 1938, 1.5 years before the beginning of World War II, with what is called the “Great Aurora.” The event was reported in newspapers across the world and was documented in scientific journals.], you will know it is the sign God gives you that He is to punish the world with war and with hunger, and by the persecution of the Church and the Holy Father. To prevent this, I shall come to the world to ask that Russia be consecrated to my Immaculate Heart, and I shall ask on the First Saturday of every month Communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world. If my wishes are fulfilled, Russia will be converted and there will be peace; if not, then Russia will spread her errors throughout the world, bringing new wars and persecution of the church; the good will be martyred and the Holy Father will have much to suffer; certain nations will be annihilated. But in the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she will be converted, and the world will enjoy a period of peace. In Portugal the faith will always be preserved...”**

The remaining part of Our Lady’s words to the children in her 3rd Apparition form what is commonly called the “3rd Secret” or “3rd Part of the Secret” of Fatima. The vision of Hell is considered the “1st Secret” or “1st Part of the Secret” and the prophecy of the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is considered the “2nd Secret” or “2nd Part of the Secret.” The 3rd Part of the Secret was not revealed to the public until the year 2000, when, after the beatification of Francisco and Jacinta in Fatima on May 13, the first Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, it was published by Pope St. John Paul II through his doctrinal office, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Lucia related the 3rd Part of the Secret of Fatima:

“After the 2 parts which I have already explained, at the left of Our Lady and a little above, we saw an Angel with a flaming sword in his left hand; flashing, it gave out flames that looked as though they would set the world on fire; but they died out in contact with the splendour that Our Lady radiated towards him from her right hand: pointing to the earth with his right hand, the Angel cried out in a loud voice: ‘Penance, Penance, Penance!’. And we saw in an immense light that is God; something similar to how people appear in a mirror when they pass in front of it, a Bishop dressed in White, we had the impression that it was the Holy Father. Other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious going up a steep mountain, at the top of which there was a big Cross of rough-hewn trunks as of a cork-tree with the bark; before reaching there the Holy Father passed through a big city half in ruins and half trembling with halting step, afflicted with pain and sorrow, he prayed for the souls of the corpses he met on his way; having reached the top of the mountain, on his knees at the foot of the big Cross he was killed by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows at him, and in the same way there died one after another the other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious, and various lay people of different ranks and positions. Beneath the two arms of the Cross there were two Angels each with a crystal aspersorium in his hand, in which they gathered up the blood of the Martyrs and with it sprinkled the souls that were making their way to God.”

Lucia gives us the interpretive key for understanding the Third Part of the Secret: *“The 3rd part of the secret refers to Our Lady’s words: ‘If not [Russia] will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated’ (13-VII-1917). The 3rd part of the secret is a symbolic revelation, referring to this part of the Message, conditioned by whether we accept or not what the Message itself asks of us: ‘If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, etc.’ Since we did not heed this appeal of the Message, we see that it has been fulfilled, Russia has invaded the world with her errors. And if we have not yet seen the complete fulfillment of the final part of this prophecy, we are going towards it little by little with great strides. If we do not reject the path of sin, hatred, revenge, injustice, violations of the rights of the human person, immorality and violence, etc. Let us not say that it is God who is punishing us in this way; on the contrary, it is people themselves who are preparing their own punishment. In his kindness God warns us and calls us to the right path, while respecting the freedom he has given us; hence people are responsible.”*

Sunday Scriptures

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

September 17, 2017 Sir 27:30-28:7; Ps 103:1-4,9-12;
Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Stewardship

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel." - EZEKIEL 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.

Weekly Readings

MON	Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7,9; Lk 6:6-11
TUES	Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1B-2,8-11; Lk 6:12-19
WED	Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3,10-13AB; Lk 6:20-26
THUR	Nm 21:4B-9; Ps 78:1BC-2,34-38; Phil 2:6-11
FRI	1Tm1:1-2,12-14;Ps16:1B-2A,5,7-8,11;Lk2:33-35
SAT	1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1B-4,5-7; Lk 6:43-49

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 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00 am In Memory of Arthur Jollymour, deceased

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:00 am In Memory of Henry (Hank) Allan, deceased

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:00 am In Memory of John & Rose Allan, deceased

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00 am For the Intentions of the Children of St. Anthony's School in Oakland

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

5:00 pm In Memory of William David Hynes, deceased

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:30 am For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
9:00 am For the Intentions of Danny Cruz
11:00 pm In Memory of Harriet Anderson, deceased

Collections

Sunday, September 3 rd	\$ 7,643.25
2 nd Collection - Building Fund	\$ 2,580.00
Next Week's 2nd Collection - Hurricane Harvey Assistance	

Stewardship*

Last weekend our stewardship of \$ 382.16 went to **St. Cornelius School - Richmond.**

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

Next weekend our stewardship will go to **Next Step.**

*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.

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.



**St. Monica Baptisms Class
Monday, September 18th
at 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

in the Peace Center, Classroom #3

The expectation of the Church for the parents who present their child for Baptism includes the following:

- One of the parents must give evidence of practicing the Catholic faith.
- They must be registered members of the parish (4 months) with exceptions made for grandchildren of our parishioners as long as the parents of the child present a letter from the pastor of their church where they worship and they meet all St. Monica's baptismal requirements.
- The parents and godparents must attend a Pre-Baptismal Class at St. Monica or at their home church
- Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of the month after the 11 AM Mass.
- Pre-Baptismal Classes are scheduled one evening every other month at 7:00 pm.

**For more information and to register for the class, please contact Sister Teresa at 925.376-6900 x203
Or email children@stmonicamoraga.com**

Beginning Monday, September 11th



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.

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 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.

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.

MEN'S CLUB: Falls 1st meeting will be SEPT 11th.

Social hour at 6pm, dinner at 7pm and guest speaker Dick Callahan at approx. 7:40pm. Dick is always a fun and interesting speaker with his many side jokes and good humor. Enjoy Monday Night Football in the PEACE CENTER during the social hour on our giant screen. Dinner and libations are \$10.00. All men in the Parish and the Lamorinda area are welcome.



CALLING ALL YOUTH!

Faith Formation Registration for 2017 - 2018

Registration packets are available in the church vestibule now. Deadline for registering is by SEPT 11th.

**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:

Sister M. Teresa Parker, Faith Formation Director

children@stmonicamoraga.com

High School Youth Ministry: saintmonicamoraga@gmail.com

Notices and Events

** 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!

Birthright **CELEBRATE LIFE** **Dinner & Fundraiser 2017**

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #14156 and the Respect Life Team to Benefit:

Birthright of Concord Pregnancy Support Center

When: Saturday, October 14, 2017, 5:30 pm
St. Mary School Gym

1158 Bont Lane, Walnut Creek

Join us for a catered BBQ chicken dinner with live music, silent auction, and raffle!

Guest Speaker: Josh Burger, an inspiring & humorous pro life speaker, will share his life story which has included many physical and medical challenges.

He speaks frequently to hundreds of teens and adults on the incredible gift of life.

Purchase tickets online at

www.birthright-dinner.eventbrite.com

Adults/Teens: \$40 (\$50 after 9/29)

Youth Ages 5-12: \$20, Under 5 free

Tables for 8 discounted to \$300.

Tickets not available at the door. Deadline is October 6

Questions: Call Dot at 925.287.0246 or Libby at Birthright 925.798.7227



**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

OKTOBERFEST

The Saint Martin DePorres Unit, an auxiliary of Catholic Charities of the East Bay, has held an Oktoberfest dinner and auction at St. Monica Church each fall since 1991.

This year our "aging" members **have decided to take a year off so there will be no dinner in 2017**. We are dedicated to serving Catholic Charities and hope each of you will continue to give financial support.

As he has done at each Oktoberfest auction, Gene Elam will match every \$100 donation up to \$3,000.

Make a check payable to Catholic Charities of the East Bay mail to Pat Elam, 34 Sherwood Ct., Moraga, CA 94556 by October 30.

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Saint Mary's College Guild INSTALLATION TEA PARTY

SEPT 14th 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM @ SMC Soda Center
Cost: \$30 per person. WINE PURCHASE IS AVAILABLE
All event proceeds go to students seeking financial aid scholarships. For more information call Pat W. at 925-376-6088

Make check payable to: SMC GUILD Send to:
Patricia Wiegmann 39 Carr Drive, Moraga, CA 94556
Please RSVP by September 10th

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



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



SOUP TO SERVE
Next meeting:
Friday, September 15th

Diocesan Catholic Speaker Series Starts 17th 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 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 2nd 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



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

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

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.

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Pontifex University is a Roman Catholic university, loyal to the Magisterium and grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. It offers high quality online educational programs for credit or for personal enrichment. Courses can be taken separately or together as degree programs.

Their first program is a unique Masters in Sacred Arts which offers a Catholic inculturation to creative people or anyone interested in the arts and Catholic culture. It combines the study of scripture, theology, philosophy, art history and the fine arts so as to create a formation in beauty that directs the person to the evangelization of modern culture.

For more information contact David Clayton, Provost of Pontifex University at dclayton@pontifex.university; or go to www.Pontifex.University

Week At A Glance

Sunday, September 10

10:00 am CL3 St. Vincent de Paul meeting

Monday, September 11

9:00 am C Daily Mass
 6:00 pm PR Men's Club meeting

Tuesday, September 12

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Wednesday, September 13

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Thursday, September 14

9:00 am C Daily Mass

Friday, September 15

9:00 am C Daily Mass
 9:45 am K Soup to Serve
 1:00 - 8:00 pm C Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, September 16

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

Sunday, September 17

**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. 17th

Don & Dana Glasgow
 and
 Julie Kwon-Jabbour