



# Saint Monica Church

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 17, 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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**Website:**

[www.stmonicamoraga.com](http://www.stmonicamoraga.com)

**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**

**Grades 9-12 - e-mail:**

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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,

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Part of the Secret was recorded in writing by Lucia in 1944 and entrusted in a sealed envelope to the Bishop of Leiria. In 1957, the Bishop gave the envelope to the Secret Archives of the Holy Office at the Vatican for safekeeping. Two years later, Pope St. John XXIII read the contents of the Secret and chose not to reveal it. In 1965, Pope Blessed Paul VI did the same. One imagines that the events prophesied therein strengthened both saintly popes as they suffered much for the Church and the world during their tumultuous pontificates. After the assassination attempt against him on the anniversary of the 1<sup>st</sup> Apparition, May 13, 1981, Pope St. John Paul II asked to read the contents of the envelope, which now included a translation in Italian. St. John Paul II then undertook to consecrate the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as had been done by Pope Venerable Pius XII in 1950. St. John Paul consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Pentecost in 1981, less than a month after he was shot. About his assassination attempt, he said, "a mother's hand that guided the bullet's path", enabling "the Pope in his throes" to halt "at the threshold of death," thus crediting Our Lady of Fatima with saving his life. On May 13, 1982, he placed the assassin's bullet in the crown of Our Lady's image at the Shrine in Fatima. Then, on that same day, he repeated the consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and repeated it again, more solemnly and explicitly, in St. Peter's Square on March 25, 1984. On October 13, 2013, Pope Francis consecrated again the whole world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It seems certain that the Church in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and into the 21<sup>st</sup> century has been living in the time of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Part of the Secret. It is more certain that in the end her Immaculate Heart will triumph. After having communicated the intense realities and prophecies of the Secret, Our Lady enjoined on the children absolute confidentiality: **"Remember, you must not tell this to anyone except Francisco."** Indeed, Lucia only revealed the Secret to the proper Church authorities and that only with Our Lady's command later to do so. Then the Blessed Mother continued lovingly to teach her children: **"When you pray the Rosary, say after each mystery: O my Jesus, forgive us, save us from the fire of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need."** Here she taught the children the "Fatima Prayer," which is so wonderfully common in the recitation of the Holy Rosary in the Church today. *"Is there anything more that you want of me?"* **"No, I do not want anything more of you today."** *"Then,"* Lucia explained, *"as before Our Lady began to ascend towards the east, until she finally disappeared in the immense darkness of the firmament."* The possession of the Secret was a great trial for the three children. Everyone tried to get them to reveal it, against the command of Our Lady. The staggeringly supernatural character of the Secret must not be missed. The children had never heard of Russia and the Bolshevik Revolution, in which the errors of Communism would triumph in Russia and begin to be spread throughout the world, was still five months away. In August 1917, the three children were deeply engaged in suffering persecutions for the salvation of the world. The local political authorities were interested in ensuring that the Message of Our Lady would not be able to shed its light in the darkness of the falling West. Arturo da Oliveira Santos was the Administrator of the Council of Ourem, seven miles from Fatima. He was like the mayor of the area in which the children lived. The 33-year old had left the practice of the Catholic faith and was deeply involved in Freemasonry, which he had joined in 1910. Santos hated the Catholic Church. Shortly before the expected arrival of Our Lady on August 13, Santos sent notice to the fathers of the three children that he wanted to question them about the supernatural apparitions. On August 11, Manuel Marto, refusing to send his children on the long journey to Ourem, appeared before Santos on their behalf. Lucia's father, who had never believed the apparitions, journeyed the seven miles with his daughter riding a donkey, from which she fell three times along the way. The young Lucia must have understood by her falls that she was being conformed to the Way of the Cross. Santos interrogated Lucia intensively about the secret of the apparition, threatening in the presence of her father and Mr. Marto to kill her if she did not reveal it. After she refused, he let her go. The next day, Santos visited the children at their homes, demanding that they not go to the Cova da Iria for the expected apparition on the following day. The children refused for the Blessed Mother had commanded them to come to the Cova on the 13<sup>th</sup> of the month. Santos suggested that they all speak with the priest the following morning, the day of the apparition. On August 13, the children were driven by Santos himself, along with their parents, to the house of their priest, Fr. Ferreira. It seems that the priest had been overcome by the threats of the authorities, for he scolded the children when they arrived, threatening them with condemnation to Hell. The children had been promised Heaven by Our Lady and they remained at peace that they must visit the Cova to receive her. With the failure of this last attempt of abusing the authority of their priest, Santos flew into a diabolic rage. He seized the children, securing them in the cargo hold of his wagon, covered them with blankets so that they could not be seen and, cracking the whip over his horse, drove them nine miles to the jail at Vila Nova de Ourem. For the first time since she had visited them, the children would not be able to keep their appointment with the Lady from Heaven.

## Sunday Scriptures

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

**September 24, 2017** Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3,8-9,17-18; Phil 1:20C-24,27A; Mt 20:1-16A

### Stewardship

*“For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s” - ROMANS 14:8*

This is the essence of stewardship- everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely stewards” of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He wants you to use the gifts He has given you.

## Weekly Readings

<b>MON</b>	1 Tm 2:1-6; Ps 28:2,7-9; Lk 7:1-10
<b>TUES</b>	1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1B-2AB,2CD-3AB,5,6; Lk 7:11-17
<b>WED</b>	1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
<b>THUR</b>	Eph 4:1-9,11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
<b>FRI</b>	1 Tm 6:2C-12; Ps 49:6-10,17-20; Lk 8:1-3
<b>SAT</b>	1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1B-5; Lk 8:4-15

## 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 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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 am In Memory of Jerry Mullen, deceased

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:00 am In Memory of Vera & Louis Amerio, deceased

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00 am In Memory of Cornelius DeCourcy, deceased

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00 am For the Intentions of Bernadette & Frank Spagnoletti on their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 am In Memory of Charlotte DeCourcy, deceased

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

5:00 pm In Memory of Gilbert & Lillian Canton, deceased

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

9:00 am For the living and deceased members of St. Vincent de Paul Society

11:00 pm In Memory of Charlie Gard, deceased

## Collections

Sunday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>	\$11,590.25
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection - Priest Retirement	\$1,415.00
This Week’s 2nd Collection - Hurricane Harvey Assistance	

### Stewardship\*

Last weekend our stewardship of **\$ 579.51** went to **St. Paul’s School - San Pablo.**

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

Next weekend our stewardship will go to **Mercy Brown Bag.**

\*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 questions you might have will be SEPT 19, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Conference Rm.**

First Session begins October 3, 2017.

### 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 visit: [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) 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).

**There will be a live training session for those who do not have a computer on Saturday, SEPT 23 from 9-11 am in the Peace Room. We will also have someone here from the Diocese from 8:30 -9:30 am to fingerprint those who need to have that done. We will be sending emails directly to those people who will need to be fingerprinted.**

**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.



### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be mandatory altar sever training on  
**Sunday, SEPT 24<sup>th</sup> & OCT 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**1:00 - 3:00 p.m**

**Please meet in the church.**

This is open for all students 4th grade and up. Please contact Sister Teresa if your child will attend at 925-376-6900, ext. 203 or [children@stmonicamoraga.com](mailto:children@stmonicamoraga.com)



**Faith Formation  
will start this week**

K-5 start date:

**September 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>**

Middle School start date:

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**



**St. Monica Baptisms Class  
Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>  
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](mailto:children@stmonicamoraga.com)**

## Notices and Events



### WOMEN'S GUILD BOOK REVIEW

Tuesday, SEPT. 26, 2017

Our first review of this series showcases a unique and heroic episode in the closing days of World War II.

Dee Humm's choice, "The Perfect Horse", by Elizabeth Betts is the true story of the rescue of the famous Lippizzaner horses from the Nazi's and the Russians. General George Patton was instrumental in tasking Allied troops to a special mission that saved these magnificent horses. This is a well written and engaging account full of action, heartbreak and the exploits of brave soldiers.

PLAN TO JOIN US IN THE PEACE ROOM  
at 12:30 FOR A LIGHT LUNCH  
THE BOOK REVIEW BEGINS AT 1:00

Cost is \$20 for six reviews or \$5 for a single review.

Pay at the door.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

For further information, call:

Rae Atwood 376-7527 or Jan Catalano 376-3652  
or JoAnn Mayo 376-7040

### TEMPO DE FIESTA

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH  
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

### SAINT MONICA WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL "TACO FALL LUNCHEON"

St. Monica Peace Room

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM, Cost \$25.00

Checks Payable to St. Monica Women's Guild

Mail to: Donna Jollymour

387 Calle La Montana, Moraga 94556

**Reservations must be received by October 3rd**



**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)**

### 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.



Parishioner Mary Lou Stuart's

Memorial Mass will be held on

Friday, September 22, 2017

10:30am with a reception

following in the Peace Room

### 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! 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

### **B**irthright **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](http://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



### **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)



### **HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>**

Cliff Shum  
and  
TBD

## pontifex

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 take 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](mailto:dclayton@pontifex.university); or go to [www.Pontifex.University](http://www.Pontifex.University)

### Week At A Glance

#### Sunday, September 17

#### Monday, September 18

9:00 am C Daily Mass

7:00 - 9:00 pm CL3 Baptism Class

#### Tuesday, September 19

9:00 am C Daily Mass

10:00 - 12:00 pm CR Small Christian Community Group

7:00 pm CR RCIA Inquiry meeting

#### Wednesday, September 20

9:00 am C Daily Mass

#### Thursday, September 21

9:00 am C Daily Mass

7:45 pm PR Choir rehearsal

#### Friday, September 22

9:00 am C Daily Mass

1:00 - 8:00 pm C Eucharistic Adoration

#### Saturday, September 23

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

9:00 - 11:00 am PR Safe Environment Training

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