



# Saint Monica Church

The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 7, 2018

1001 Camino Pablo  
Moraga, CA 94556

**Office Hours :**

Mon - Thurs: 9:30 am-4:00 pm  
Fri: 9:30 am-1:00 pm  
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[www.stmonicamoraga.com](http://www.stmonicamoraga.com)

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 pm

**Sunday Masses:** 7:30, 9:00  
and 11:00 am

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Sundays, 9:00 am

**Daily Mass:**

Monday - Friday at 9:00 am

**Adoration:**

Friday 1:00 - 8:00 pm

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 pm 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 [housebound@stmonicamoraga.com](mailto:housebound@stmonicamoraga.com) or call x112.

**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...

## The Epiphany of the Lord

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

Isaiah, probably the greatest of the prophets, prophesies extensively on the coming of the savior, the Messiah. His prophecies are so specific it is hard not to believe that he is telling a contemporary story rather than proclaiming the future far in advance. *"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you."* This proclamation about the coming of the Gentiles and all nations to worship the Lord is wonderful news indeed, for it presages our own worship of Jesus the Christ. Saint Paul says that *"the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."* We who are Gentiles can rejoice in our loving acceptance by our God.

*"Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.'"* These words are joyous news for those through the ages who worship Christ, but bad news to those who, like Herod, selfishly guard their own prominence and kingship. *"Herod called the magi secretly . . ."* Those who act in secret often have evil motives, and like Herod, are full of lies--". . . *that I too may go and do him homage."* Herod has no such intent, but plans to murder the Christ child and, he thinks, protect his own rule. Evil is always at work in the world, but God protects the innocent, in this case sending the magi home by a different route rather than back to Herod.

The magi *"were overjoyed at seeing the star."* So many of the words of Isaiah positively glow at the prophecy of the shining light of Israel, Jesus. *"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance . . . Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow."*

Christmas day, with all of its light and glory, has passed, and yet we forget that the Christmas season continues until tomorrow. The glory of the Lord continues to shine and manifest the glory to all nations. We who are members of these nations of the earth should continue to celebrate and rejoice at the coming of the Lord into our lives. We are indeed the Gentiles who have come to worship Christ, and to be saved by his glorious appearance. Blessed be the God who reaches out to us in mercy and love, and may the joy of his coming fill our hearts forever.

## Sunday Scriptures

**January 7, 2018** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**January 14, 2018** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

### Stewardship

*"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - Matthew 2:11*

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

## Weekly Readings

<b>MON</b>	Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mk 1:7-11
<b>TUES</b>	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
<b>WED</b>	1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20; Ps 40:2,5,7-10; Mk 1:29-39
<b>THUR</b>	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
<b>FRI</b>	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
<b>SAT</b>	1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

## Please pray for the sick...

Amparo Alverete  
Evelyn Ballment  
Nancy Donovan  
Sherman Farrell  
Ken Gandre  
Joan Haines  
Marjorie Hills  
Jeff Lewis  
Darwin Marable  
Maryann McCauley  
Louis Meyer  
Lorry Midura  
Jerry Moran  
Joan Muer

Toni Newhoff  
Erline Paille  
Harry Prudhomme  
Joan Raftery  
Mary Resnick  
Dean Schlobolm  
Edy Schwartz  
James Sherman  
Marion Skrivanich  
Genevieve Smith  
Ellen Stice  
Tom Spewak  
Norma Wardle

### 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.*

## Mass intentions

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

5:00 pm In Memory of Marie, Pauline  
& John Franczak, deceased

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

7:30 am OPEN

9:00 am For the Intentions of Edgar Gonzalez

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00 am In Memory of Dolores LaBasco, deceased

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

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

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00 am In Memory of David Ward Jones, deceased

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 am For the Intentions of Edgar Gonzalez

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 am In Memory of Alice Ann Bullock, deceased

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

5:00 pm In Memory of Michael McHugh, deceased

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

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

9:00 am In Memory of Michelle Choi, deceased

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

## Collections

Sunday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 8,191.00
Sunday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 9,890.00
Monday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 1,996.00

### Stewardship\*

On Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, our stewardships of **\$491.51** went to **St. Vincent de Paul - Moraga**.

This weekend our stewardship will go to **TBD**.

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

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

## Notices and Events



We Welcome

**Harper Lily Rich**

daughter of Jennifer & Sean Rich  
into the St. Monica Catholic Community  
through the Sacrament of Baptism.

### Thank You

Dear Parishioners,  
Our refugee family from Burma has asked me to express their sincere gratitude for all the kindness shown towards them this Christmas. They were overwhelmed and so appreciative of the warm welcome that was extended to them during Christmas Eve Mass. Little Seng got to sit right in front of the beautiful crèche and she was amazed by it! God bless you for adding to their Christmas joy!

Marilyn Stoddard for Ji Bu, Tu Awng and Seng



### SOUP TO SERVE

**Next meeting:  
Friday, January 12, 2018**

Please note:

**We will prepare soup every Friday until Easter week.**

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](mailto:scrumbaugh@comcast.net) or Maura Clogher at 376-9328 or [mclogher@comcast.net](mailto:mclogher@comcast.net)

### St. Monica Men's Club Crab Feed



**CRAB FEED**

**Dinner and meeting will be January 9th**  
with social hour at 6pm, dinner at 7pm  
and speaker at 7:45pm.

**Speaker will be Kevin Macy,**  
head football coach at Campolindo High School,  
repeat state football champions.  
This is the second state championship and their  
appearance in four state finals in the last five years.

***Come for a great crab dinner and speaker.***

### \*\* 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 Ministers for  
February 3 to March 31.**

Please go to [www.stmonicamoraga.com](http://www.stmonicamoraga.com)  
By Friday, January 12<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!***



### ***Please Join Us...***

for coffee, fellowship  
& the recitation of the rosary.

Meet in the Fireside/Youth Center after morning Mass on Mondays & Fridays.  
All are welcome! Please feel free to bring a breakfast bread to share.

## Notices and Events

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**Saturday & Sunday, January 13-14, 2018**

are the dates for our clothing drive.

Collection bags are available **after** all the Masses at the church entrances this weekend.

**WOMEN'S GUILD BOOK REVIEW**

**Tuesday, January 23, 2018**

Sharon Flower continues our book review series with "Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI", the Amazon Editors pick for best book of 2017.

David Grann gives a well-researched account of the Osage Indian Tribe in Oklahoma. In it he captures lawlessness and greed on the frontier and tells an untold part of our history. J. Edgar Hoover's fledgling FBI used its prestige and power to correct these unbelievable injustices.

**Join us in the Peace Room on at 12:30 for a light lunch. Review begins at 1:00pm.**

Cost is \$20 for 6 reviews or \$5 for a single review, payable at the door. All are Welcome!

For further information:

Rae Atwood (376-7527) or Jan Catalano (376-3653) or JoAnn Mayo (376-7040)

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Adoration will be in the main Church on **Fridays from 1:00- 8:00 pm** and will continue there until the Fall and cold weather! Do come during the Advent

Season to find peace and serenity! Take a well earned break from the hectic and busyness of the holiday season to prepare your heart for the celebration of our Lord born in a stable.



CLOISTERED  
DOMINICAN NUNS

**DISCERNMENT DAY**

Saturday, January 13, 2018

*Praising unceasingly. Blessing by intercession.  
Preaching through a life of contemplation.*

Single, Catholic women between the ages of 18-38 are invited to experience a taste of the life of a cloistered Dominican nun.

Contact Sr. Joseph Marie, OP, vocation directress, at

[vocations@nunsmenlo.org](mailto:vocations@nunsmenlo.org),

or visit t website at

<http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-days/>

The event is free and all meals will be provided.

*Space is limited and fills fast!*

St. Mary's College Guild presents  
**Game Day and Luncheon**

Join friends for a day of

***Bridge and Bunco***

Thursday, February 8th, 2018  
9:30 am - 2:00 pm

St. Mary's College Soda Center



A buffet luncheon served at Noon

- Wine will be available
- Table prizes for winners
- Bring your Luck!



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be playing:  Bunco  Bridge

Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

I will just come for lunch

Others at table: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions call Shirley Holloway at (925) 376-6588  
Amount: \$36 per person  
(make checks payable to St. Mary's College Guild)  
**Proceeds go to St. Mary's College Guild Scholarship Fund**

Mail to: Dolores McGonigle (925)376-4339  
828 Crossbrook Ct. Moraga, CA 94566  
by Sat. Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Notices and Events

Dear Father Coleman and the St. Monica Community,



We would like to sincerely thank you for your recent generous donation of \$436.75. We understand this is from your stewardship fund and that we were chosen as a worthy organization. That means a lot to us. We strive hard to make all our donations count by using the money wisely and using money directly for our mission.

Birthright has been in Concord for over 40 years and is solely in the business of helping others and relies completely on donations from the community. This year we have had over 300 clients and have given out hundreds of maternity and baby items as well as helped find resources for women in need of housing and food. Your donation is a great help to us and we greatly appreciate it. Thank you very much and God bless you in your new role at St. Monica's

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Pat Depaoli, Board of Directors member

Dear Rev. Coleman  
Happy Holidays to you and your family! On behalf of Loaves and Fishes of Contra



Costa, thank you for your recent donation of \$413.59 received on 12/13/2017. Because of your contribution we are able to give hope to individuals in need of food. Each donation, combined with those of your neighbors, will make a significant impact on the lives of children, families, individuals and seniors who cannot provide healthy food for themselves. Our meal program is a place where the hungry know they can come to be served, have a balanced, healthy meal and be in a warm and friendly environment.

Thank you again for your generous donation. We appreciate your support during the holiday season and hope you will continue to support us in 2018!

Sincerely,  
Joleen Lafayette, Executive Director

### 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.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter



New Year' resolution... how about to take some time for the two of you -- to be alone and rekindle that flame of love and intimacy.

Relax, let go and grow your love for one another by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend held at **San Damiano Retreat Center**, Danville on **May 18-20th**.

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](http://oaklandwwme.org)

### Week At A Glance

#### Sunday, January 7

#### Monday, January 8

9:00 C Daily Mass  
6:00 - 9:30 pm PR Men's Club Crab Feed

#### Tuesday, January 9

9:00 am C Daily Mass  
9:30 am - 2:00 pm CL3 Women's Guild Meeting  
7:00 - 9:00 pm CR RCIA

#### Wednesday, January 10

9:00 am C Daily Mass

#### Thursday, January 11

9:00 am C Daily Mass  
7:45 pm PR Choir rehearsal

#### Friday, January 12

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

#### Saturday, January 13

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'**



### HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: JAN. 14<sup>th</sup>

Raquel Louie  
and  
John Campbell