

Saint Monica Church

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 28, 2018

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Mon - Thurs: 9:30 am-4:00 pm

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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

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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 or at x103.

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 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 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...

Last week Mark "made an example" of James and John. In today's Gospel passage he gives us an example of faith in Bartimaeus, whose name means "son of fear" (our English word "timid" is in there). Most of us can identify with James and John during those times when we would like to acquire or think we have obtained places of honor and authority. We can also identify with those times we are timid, fearful, unsure. Perhaps because he was sightless, Bartimaeus was able to tell that there was a certain something special and out of the ordinary coming down the road that day. Like most blind people of his time, he spent his days begging for alms or food, hoping to get enough to sustain him for one more day. So he had nothing to lose in crying out to Jesus for help, and in accepting Jesus' invitation to come and be healed.

Scripture scholars have long noted the "Messianic secret" in Mark's Gospel, wherein Jesus attempts to silence people who have discerned his true identity. In today's miracle-the last Jesus will perform in Mark's Gospel before entering Jerusalem to meet his suffering and death-Mark reverses this pattern. When Bartimaeus cries out to Jesus, Son of David, it is the crowd that tries to silence him. This time, however, Jesus himself invites Bartimaeus, who has already displayed his faith in crying out to Jesus for healing, to come forward, to be vocal about his faith and to regain his sight. Giving up everything he has, Bartimaeus does come forward to "see" Jesus' identity revealed, and to go forth proclaiming the Good News of his renewed life. Last week we learned that true discipleship exists in living for the service of others; this week we learn that true discipleship is in accepting the invitation to faith in Jesus, and going forth to shout that faith to everyone.

Today's readings are about those whom society often looks down on, those who are physically disabled, who have been imprisoned. We read about those whose losses are so great that they cannot stop weeping. Hebrews reminds us that even those in the exalted position of priest are themselves beset by weakness. Weakness is at the very heart of the priest's ability to minister to others. Finally it is a blind man, shouting from the side of the road, shushed by those around him, told not to make a scene, whom Jesus sees. His sight is returned because of his faith, and his first choice as a sighted person is to follow Jesus.

The lesson of today's readings is that God is focused on the marginalized, on the outsiders, on those whom we too often try to silence. God is focused on those parts of ourselves, our weaknesses that we try to hide by turning our attention to anything else. The readings are all about the less-than-perfect. They talk about weakness, deep crushing sorrow, brokenness that is part of our humanity, and a strength rooted in the love of God for us despite all of that.

Success is not measured by strength, wholeness, or power. Success is measured by our weakness, by God's embracing of that weakness and our choice to follow God. The priest has power only because of the weakness that is a part of each person. We are the blind, the lame, the sorrowing. And we are the ones whom God saves and transforms. The blind man in us cries out when decorum would have us be quiet. Our faith cries out for salvation, for wholeness, for redemption, for sight, and we are heard. Our blindness is transformed into sight, and with such vision we see the world as God sees it, broken and beloved.

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Eucharistic Adoration

On November 2nd, First Friday, Adoration will be from 1:00 - 5:00pm.

Followed by Holy Hour and Benediction, beginning at 5 PM and ending at 6 PM.

Weekly Readings	
SUN	Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52
MON	Eph 4:32 -- 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17
TUES	Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a,25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21
WED	Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30
THUR	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
FRI	Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40
SAT	Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11
SUN	Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

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.

Please pray for the sick...

Amparo Alverete	Jerry Moran
Steven Atkinson	Toni Newhoff
Evelyn Ballment	John Nohr
Mary Carroll	Rebecca Olson
Janet Davis	Erline Paille
Nancy Donovan	Harry Prudhomme
Roy Drury	Mary Resnick
Sherman Farrell	James Sherman
Ken Gandre	Marion Skrivanich
Maureen Graf	Ellen Stice
Joan Haines	Tom Spewak
Alan Holloway	Nancy Tierney
Jeff Lewis	Norma Wardle
Maryann McCauley	Elizabeth White
Lito Meneses	

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, OCTOBER 27
5:00 pm In Memory of John Perry
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28
7:30 am For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
9:00 am For the Intentions of Maryann McCauley
11:00 am In Memory of Stephen & Cecilia The
MONDAY, OCTOBER 29
9:00 am In Memory of Michael Nohr
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30
9:00 am For the Intentions of Rebecca Olson
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31
9:00 am For the Intentions of Michele Kavanaugh
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1
9:00 am In Memory of Mary & Constant Skowronek
7:00 pm For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2
9:00 am In Memory of Brad Perry
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3
5:00 pm In Memory of Bernark Mok
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4
7:30 am For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
9:00 am In Memory of Star Black,
11:00 am In Memory of Stephen & Cecilia The

Collections	
Sunday, October 21 st	\$ 7,081.00
2 nd Collection	
- World Mission Sunday	\$ 2,299.00

Stewardship

Our September stewardship of **\$2,109.39** will go to **St. Vincent de Paul - Moraga.**



HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: NOV 4th

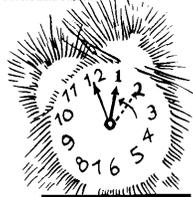
Andrew Johnston - set up
and
John Campbell - serve/clean up

Notices and Events



All Saints Day Masses
Thursday, November 1st
9:00am & 7:00pm

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End daylight saving time;
set clocks back 1 hour

Don't forget!

*Daylight Savings Time ends
the first Sunday of November.
Make your clocks **fall back**
next Saturday night.*

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Monday, November 5th in the PEACE ROOM

Social hour at 6pm, great dinner at 7pm and guest speaker **Kevin Hamilton** at approximately 7:40pm.

Kevin and his partners are renovating the former World Savings building in Moraga to be the Canyon Club Brewery and Restaurant. He will talk about what it has taken to get all the licenses and permits and surprises encountered. It is a long road from concept to opening night which is a moving target.

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

Have you paid your yearly dues of \$30?
Dinner is \$10.00

PLEASE PRAY WITH US!

Please prayerfully consider standing for Life in conjunction with other Christians and like minded people during the **40 Days for Life campaign**, **September 26 through November 3.**

40 Days for Life is not a "protest" group. It is a world-wide organization that promotes 40 Days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray for a one hour period during the 40-day vigil in the public right of way outside the Planned Parenthood in Walnut Creek at 1537 Oakland Blvd.

We will be praying from 7am - 7pm, MON - SAT, during the 40 Day vigil. Please sign up for an hour or two, and join us! Sign up on the website: 40DaysForLife.com/walnutcreek For questions, call Ann Vaccaro (925) 212-7938. Thank you.

**** 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

December 1 to January 27, 2019.

Please go to www.stmonicamoraga.com

By Friday, November 16th

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.

THANK YOU for your ministry!



SOUP TO SERVE

**Next meeting:
Friday, November 16th**

Please note: We have switched to making sandwiches every 3rd Friday of month.

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. 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



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2019 Mass Intentions are now being accepted. Please contact the Parish Office.

***The Today's Missals for Advent - Lent are available for sale in the Parish Office.
\$2.00 per copy***

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BECOME A DOCENT

THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

- Docents are volunteer educators who guide groups through The Cathedral of Christ the Light.
- They facilitate dialogue that help visitors experience the history, art, architecture and beauty of the Cathedral.
- As a volunteer docent, you'll be a vital part of the Cathedral's mission "to know Christ better and make Him better known".
- For Docent Requirements and to apply online, visit: <https://www.ctlcathedral.org/get-involved/cathedral-center-ministries/bearers-of-light>

THURSDAY MORNING WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

9:45 - 10:00 am COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP
 10:15 - 11:15am BIBLE STUDY
 IN THE PEACE ROOM

Our next Bible Study is Matthew: The King and His Kingdom, a 28 week session which will take us to the end of our study year, mid-May 2019. Set in the rich context of Jesus' life, Matthew shows us who Jesus is and what his life and teachings mean for us today.

Registration is \$30 for the cost of the workbook. The workbooks will be distributed on November 1.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you have any questions, email Valerie Robertson, vdrobotson@comcast.net. You may drop your payment at the office or bring to Bible Study.

BIBLE STUDY REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Fee: \$30 Cash: _____ Check: _____
 (payable to St. Monica Church)

Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 28

Monday, October 29

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary

Tuesday, October 30

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary

Wednesday, October 31

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary

Thursday, November 1

9:00 am & 7:00 pm C All Saints Mass

9:45 - 11:15 am PR Bible Study

8:00 pm PR Choir rehearsals

Friday, November 2

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary

1:00 - 5:00 pm C Eucharistic Adoration

5:00 - 6:00 pm C Holy Hour and Benediction

Saturday, November 3

7:30 - 8:30 am PR Men's Fellowship Breakfast

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

GRIEF RETREAT

FOR THE BEREAVED AND DIVORCED

Presented by Fr. Padraig Greene, NOV 16 – 18

Give yourself or a loved one the gift of a retreat weekend away to be comforted, given the strength to integrate the memories of your loved one who has died and your marriage which has died, as well as face the sadness, anger, guilt, resentment which are the faces of grief. Your healing will begin. This retreat offers you the opportunity to rest, slow down and get in touch with what is deep and painful within you. You will be in the presence of God and people who understand, in a beautiful, safe and compassionate environment as you share memories through prayer and sacraments, journaling, reflection, music and ritual. Registration begins at 4pm, Social at 6pm and Dinner at 7pm. First session begins at 8pm and concludes with lunch on Sunday. \$245 for private room; \$215 per person for double occupancy. Register online at www.sandamiano.org or call 925-837-9141 to make a reservation by phone.

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SPIRITUALITY CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

43326 Mission Circle (off Mission Tierra), Fremont
Taizé - Prayer around the Cross will be offered from 8-9 pm Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15, and May 17. For more information call 510.657.2468



The St. Martin DePorres unit, an auxiliary of Catholic Charities of the East Bay thanks the parishioners of St. Monica for their generous contributions to Catholic Charities during October. We collected \$12,350 which was given to CCEB to help support their many programs. If you want to learn more about Catholic Charities, go to www.cceb.org and click on Transforming Lives Tour.

Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose 2018 Holiday Boutique

Fruitcakes, Olive Oil, Bourbon Balls, Gingerbread Christmas Trees & German Lebkuchen Cookies

Please Note: The last day for online pre-ordering was October 26th

To purchase merchandise, please attend the Holiday Boutique on Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 17th & 18th from 10 am to 4 pm
 For more information: Sister Rose Marie Hennessy at (510) 933 - 6334



If you would like to make dresses for girls in need, please pick up a dress kit in the church office. You can return it there as well. Take as many kits as you feel comfortable taking and go at your own pace.. If you have any questions, contact Gigi Strickland, Youth Dress a Girl Ambassador at 510-909-0462.

Children's Corner

GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

A blind man called out to Jesus in a crowd, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me."

Jer 31:7-9 Ps 126:1-6 Heb 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52

Directions: Change one letter in the word BLIND to make a new word with the clues given. Then write it on the line.

1. A certain color of hair.

2. When you mix something together.

3. When something tastes plain.

Jesus replied, "Your faith has saved you." Immediately the man could see and followed Jesus.



Directions: Complete the dot-to-dot.

