



Saint Monica Church

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

1001 Camino Pablo
Moraga, CA 94556

Office Hours :

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

Fri: 9:30 am-1:00 pm

Sat - Sun: Closed

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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
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 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...

The dramatic story of God comes into focus in the readings. The passages from Acts and Gospel of Luke describe how Jesus' disciples began to understand how Jesus fits into the larger narrative of God, Israel, humanity, and creation. In the Gospel, Jesus interprets the scriptures for his followers. He shows how his shameful death was actually the fulfillment of God's promises. Jesus shows how his life, death, and resurrection are the turning point of the scripture story. We look back, to recall God's overflowing and steadfast love, beginning from Creation, through Christ, until today. We then look to the fulfillment, already launched by Jesus, of the Reign of God. With this perspective, we play our part in the drama, joining God to bring God's work to completion.

After the crucifixion of Jesus, his disciples were in despair. Not only had they seen their master's horrible death, their own lives were now at risk, for the crucifixion suggested to them that Jesus was not the awaited Messiah after all. The Messiah had been envisioned as somehow coming in power, liberating Israel from foreign domination and signaling God's long-awaited return. The Crucifixion suggested to them the possibility of God's rejection of Jesus, or Jesus' failure to achieve God's purposes. This is partly why the disciples were amazed when Jesus appeared. God had vindicated Jesus by raising him. The Resurrection revealed that God's promises were fulfilled, precisely through this death. God had truly returned, in Jesus and later in the presence of the Holy Spirit. The dominion of sin and death had been broken.

In the Gospel passage, Jesus emphasizes his bodily presence. He invites the disciples to touch him, and he eats fish in front of them. He makes it clear that he is not a ghost and did not shed his physicality or his humanity when he was raised. The disciples began to understand Jesus in a new way. The resurrected Jesus, both human and divine, reigns both in heaven and on earth. So when Jesus sent his disciples, and today sends all of us, to proclaim God's kingdom, he never means "for heaven only." God aims to renew, not reject, human bodies, human culture, and the created universe. God's project for us is here and now, within all the limitations and messiness of daily life. We are called to care for each other, for the earth, and for all God's beloved creation.

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 15

Monday, April 16

9:00 am	C Daily Mass
9:45 am	YC Coffee & Fellowship
6:30 - 8:00 pm	CL3 Pre-Baptism Class
7:00 - 8:30 pm	C Confirmation Class

Tuesday, April 17

9:00 am	C Daily Mass
10:00 am - 12:00	CR Small Christian Community mtg
3:30 - 4:30 pm	CL K-5 Faith Formation

Wednesday, April 18

9:00 am	C Daily Mass
2:15 - 3:15 pm	CL K-5 Faith Formation
6:30 - 8:00 pm	CL Middle School Faith Formation

Thursday, April 19

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

Friday, April 20

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

Saturday, April 21

6:00 - 9:00 am	PR Men's Fellowship
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**C: Church, CH: Chapel; CL: Classroom,
CR: Conference Room, K: Kitchen, PR: Peace Room,
REC: Rectory, YC/FR : Youth Center/'Fireside Room'**

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.



HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: APR 22nd

Julie Kwon Jabbour
and
TBD

Weekly Readings	
SUN	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2,4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48
MON	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
TUES	Acts 7:51 -- 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
WED	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
THUR	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
FRI	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
SAT	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
SUN	Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Mass intentions
SATURDAY, APRIL 14
5:00 pm In Memory of Tom Skowronek, deceased
SUNDAY, APRIL 15
7:30 am For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
9:00 am For the Intentions of Livia Larrabee
11:00 am In Memory of John P. Miller, Jr., deceased
MONDAY, APRIL 16
9:00 am In Memory of Arthur Jollymour, deceased
TUESDAY, APRIL 17
9:00 am In Memory of Adelina Cortez, deceased
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18
9:00 am In Memory of Myrna Lanzar, deceased
THURSDAY, APRIL 19
9:00 am In Memory of Joe Navarro, deceased
FRIDAY, APRIL 20
9:00 am In Memory of Neil DeCourcy, deceased
SATURDAY, APRIL 21
5:00 pm In Memory of Sam & Ruby Luna, deceased
SUNDAY, APRIL 22
7:30 am For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
9:00 am In Memory of Tony & John Jew, deceased
11:00 am In Memory of Manuel B. Pereira, deceased

Stewardship Message

“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...” – LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

Please pray for the sick...	
Amparo Alverete	Joan Muer
Evelyn Ballment	Toni Newhoff
Nancy Donovan	Vanessa Orth
Roy Drury	Erline Paille
Sherman Farrell	Harry Prudhomme
Ken Gandre	Mary Resnick
Maureen Graf	Dean Schlobolm
Joan Haines	Edy Schwartz
Alan Holloway	James Sherman
Marjorie Hills	Marion Skrivanich
Jeff Lewis	Genevieve Smith
Darwin Marable	Ellen Stice
Maryann McCauley	Tom Spewak
Lorry Midura	Nancy Tierney
Jerry Moran	Norma Wardle

Collections	
Sunday, April 1 st - Easter	\$ 44,249.00
Sunday, April 8 th	\$ 6,981.00

Stewardship

For the month of March, our stewardship of **\$2061.21** will go to **TBD**.

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.

Notices and Events



St. Monica Pre-Baptism Class
Monday, April 16th
at 6:30 - 8:00 pm
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 Saturday at 11:00 am or Sundays 1:00 pm.
- Pre-Baptismal Classes are scheduled Monday evening once a month from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Please register for class two weeks in advance by calling Sister Teresa at 925.376-6900 x203

**** 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 June 2 to July 29.

Please go to www.stmonicamoraga.com

By Friday, April 20th

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!



In Loving Memory of Gene Ellis

a long time parishioner of St. Monica Church.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

WOMEN'S GUILD

BOOK REVIEW

Tuesday, April 24, 2018



Karen Mendonca has chosen a disturbing and heartbreaking novel. This unforgettable true episode in set in Memphis, Tennessee where over 20 years the director of the Tennessee Children's Home Society kidnapped and sold poor children to wealth families throughout the United States.

In "**Before We Were Yours**", **Lisa Wingate** tells the true account of the Foss children; Rill Foss, the oldest at twelve years old and his four siblings are removed from their home during a family emergency, then separated and sold. Although each identity was changed, Rill helped keep his sisters and brother together in a world of danger and uncertainty. Based on one of America's most notorious real life scandals, this engrossing novel is a powerful tale of family, of sisters, of secrets kept and secrets shared.

JOIN US IN THE PEACE ROOM

at 12:30 for a light lunch.

Book review begins at 1:00.

Cost is \$20.00 for six reviews or \$5.00 for a single review, payable at the door.

For information call: Rae Atwood (376-7527) or Jan Catalano (376-5853) or JoAnn Mayo (376-7040)

PLEASE NOTE

The St. Vincent de Paul ministry is changing their meeting times **to the 2nd Thursday of each month beginning May 10th.**

Notices and Events



We Welcome

Charlotte Rose Johnson

daughter of Angelica & Brian Johnson
into the St. Monica Catholic Community
through the Sacrament of Baptism.

**Please pray for the children of our parish
who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation
and are now preparing to receive their
First Communion on May 6th**

Abigail Campbell
Azucena Cano
Molly Cecchin
William DeMar
Collin Doherty
Tessa Doherty
Michael Fagundes
Alexandre Farner
Niklas Farner
Jackson Gilmore
Noah Greenlee
Isla Hill

Inga Markey
Margaret Maxwell
Riley Schnurr
Caroline Seeman
Ben Shaffer
Makenzie Simpkins
Annabelle Sullivan
Charles Sullivan
Katherine VonderBrink
Corrine Ward
Rocco Witucki

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Monday, May 7th in the PEACE ROOM

Cinco de Mayo Dinner by Jose Avilar, Always Terrific

Social Hour @ 6:00 pm & Dinner @ 7:00 pm

Guest speaker approximately 7:40 pm

Our speaker, Ralph Samuel, is a Holocaust Survivor who was part of the Kindertransport humanitarian effort during World War II. This was a rescue of Jewish children from 1938 - 1940 from Nazi Germany to Great Britain.

His life as a 7 1/2 year old child being taken in by the Epsteins is truly remarkable.

All Men Welcome - BRING A GUEST!

**COME JOIN ST. MONICA'S WOMEN'S GUILD
ON A BUS TRIP AND TOUR OF
THE ACHADINHA CHEESE COMPANY
IN PETALUMA**



**ON TUESDAY, MAY 1st
COST \$65.00
ALL INCLUSIVE 1.5 hour tour**

Full Ranch Tour, Cheese Plant and Tasting
Animal TLC and Lunch (on site)

Time permitting: 1 hour browsing in Petaluma

Our bus will leave the Church parking lot at 8:30 am and return approximately 4:00 pm. Plan to dress comfortably and wear good walking shoes.

No open toed shoes recommended!

This tour will be enjoyed by both men and women, so bring along your significant other if you like.

**For further information and for menu selection
please contact Ellie Vaughn @ 376-0889**

Mail your check to

**Ellie at 1104 Sanders Drive, Moraga
DUE on APRIL 23rd**



SOUP TO SERVE

**Next meeting:
Friday, April 20th**

Please note:

We will switch to making sandwiches every 3rd Friday of month. The first day of sandwich making will be April 20th.

St. Vincent de Paul Advance Notice



CLOTHING DRIVE

For all you "forward planners", our next clothing collection will be the weekends of May 19 & 26 before and after all Masses.

Notices and Events

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED FOR A FIRST TIME HAPPENING TO ATTEND



**St. Mary's College Guild's
SPRING CONCERT**

**Featuring a delightful musical celebration with pianist & professor of music at St. Mary's,
LINO RIVERA, D.M.A.**

He has been featured on radio, television broadcasts and performed live in concert and symphonies on three continents. His passion for music creativity is incredible and this event promises to be a sell out!!

SAT, 4/28, 11-2:30pm @ St. Mary's Soda Center

\$45 per person includes a delicious lunch.

Wine can be purchased

**All proceeds benefit students seeking
Financial Aid Scholarships**

Make Checks Payable to: **SMC Guild** and mail to:
Jeffrey Lynn Dunne, 101 Quintas Ln, Moraga 94556
Questions? Call 925-284-7750

**DON'T HESITATE! LINO RIVERA IS INCREDIBLE!
A UNIQUE TALENTED ARTIST!!!**



Eucharistic Adoration

Please Note:

Adoration return to the normal hours of 1:00 - 8:00 pm on Fridays.

In Matthew, Jesus selects some of his disciples by inviting them to "Come, follow Me."

Adoration is a great place to personally be with the Lord. It is a time where one can willingly set some minutes (or hours!) to be with our Lord and talk with Him as if he was sitting right across from you, in skin and bones, about cares and concerns and times for when one is grateful. It is also a time to ponder through a crisis or misunderstanding, and receive His Perspective.

Additional people are needed every hour.

Please come & sign .

No phone number or obligation is required.

Children's Corner



It is written that the Messiah would suffer, die, and rise from the dead on the third day.



Jesus sent the disciples to preach repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, to all the nations.

Directions: The prefix TRI means three. Read the descriptions and write the correct word on the line.

TRICYCLE	TRICERATOPS
TRILEVEL	TRIATHLON
TRIANGLE	TRIPOD

1. A house with 3 floors. _____
2. A dinosaur with 3 horns. _____
3. A bike with 3 wheels. _____
4. A shape with 3 sides. _____
5. A stand with 3 legs. _____
6. A race with running, swimming, and biking.

Directions: Color in the spaces below that have a cross inside them.

