

Saint Monica Church

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 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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Website:

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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:** (resumes Sept. 23rd)

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

Middle School:

middleschool@stmonicamoraga.com

Confirmation:

confirmation@stmonicamoraga.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.

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

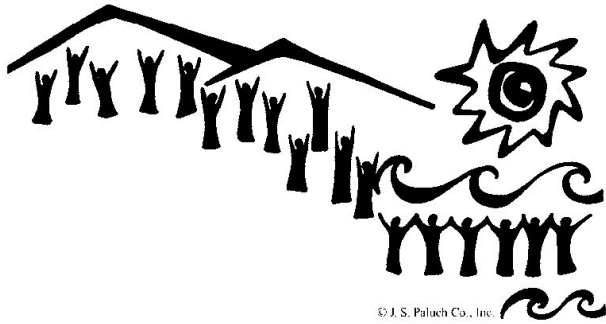
(If you would like to register in the parish, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket and we will mail you a registration form or you may fill one out—they are located at the church entrances.)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Reflections...



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Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

— James 2:5

We fear many things in our world in these times. The words of Isaiah are comforting: *"Say to those whose hearts are frightened; Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, [who] comes with vindication; with divine recompense [God] comes to save you."* Even nature thrives in God's mercy and love. *"Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water."* We worry a great deal about the state of our beautiful wild places, but here God promises healing of our lands and nature refuges as a reassurance of our own healing from sin and death. The sin of destruction of our environment, and the serious evidence all around us of storms, wildfires, tornados, rising sea levels, floods, and increasing heat testify to our lack of care for our beautiful earth. But the earth, under God, resists our destructive actions and will warn us of our sin by the ferocity of its weather and wildness.

Not only do we at times show little care for the earth and its beauty, but we resist the command of God to care for each other in our need. James warns us not to give pride of place to those who are rich and obviously so. He points out the needy, those poorly dressed, and warns us to care for them and not to look down on them, for God sees their need and also their trust in God and love for others. It is such as these whom Jesus came to heal and give hope. Similarly, in the reading from Isaiah, God's coming is accompanied by the opening of the ears of the deaf and the eyes of the blind. God comes to make the lame leap and the mute sing.

Jesus came to give hope to the little ones, those who could not fulfill the laws of the Pharisees to keep kosher with separate jugs, kettles, and so on, because they were too poor to afford two of everything. They could not afford doctors or the healing practices of the time. But Jesus gave them hope. A person who was lame and mute would have had no way to be made "normal" in those days. But Jesus has mercy on those in need, and he cured the deaf and mute man and restored him to his community. In what way are we lacking in faith or in hope that we will be healed by Christ? We often forget how much God loves us and how close God is to us every day. If we could just remember this, we would not be afraid, would not feel inadequate in our dealings with the world, nor would we lack courage in protecting our world from destruction. God loves us beyond any love we could comprehend, and stands ready to heal all our wounds and to bless us with the gifts of secure faith, firm hope, and love for each other in Christ.

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Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration will be in the main Church on **Fridays from 1:00- 8:00 pm**

Weekly Readings	
SUN	Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
MON	1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
TUES	1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
WED	1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
THUR	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
FRI	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
SAT	1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27
SUN	Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Mass intentions
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
5:00 pm In Memory of Edward Paille, deceased
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
7:30 am In Memory of Bernard Mok, deceased
9:00 am For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
11:00 am In Memory of Arthur Jollymour, deceased
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
9:00 am In Memory of Marianne DeCourcy, deceased
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
9:00 am For the Intentions of Confirmation Students
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
9:00 am In Memory of Thomas Thompson, deceased
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
9:00 am In Memory of Tom Murray, deceased
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
9:00 am In Memory of Jonathan Cain, deceased
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
5:00 pm In Memory of Manuel Perry, deceased
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
7:30 am For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
9:00 am In Memory of William, Teresa & Gordon Wright, deceased
11:00 am In Memory of Doris Elisabeth Chavez, deceased

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
 Steven Atkinson
 Evelyn Ballment
 Mary Carroll
 Nancy Donovan
 Sherman Farrell
 Ken Gandre
 Maureen Graf
 Joan Haines
 Alan Holloway
 Jeff Lewis
 Maryann McCauley
 Lito Meneses
 Jerry Moran
 Toni Newhoff

John Nohr
 Rebecca Olson
 Erline Paille
 Harry Prudhomme
 Mary Resnick
 Dean Schlobolm
 Edy Schwartz
 James Sherman
 Marion Skrivanich
 Ellen Stice
 Tom Spewak
 Nancy Tierney
 Norma Wardle
 Elizabeth White

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.*

Collections

Sunday, September 2 nd	\$ 6,294.00
2 nd Collection - Building Fund	\$ 1,709.00

Stewardship

For the month of **JUNE**, our stewardship of **\$ 1,714.10** will be given to **St. Paul School, A Lumen Christi Academy** in San Pablo. The funds will purchase uniforms for low income families struggling to prepare their children for the academic year.



HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: SEPT 16th

Jenny & Christopher Schnurr - set up
 and
John Campbell - serve/clean up

Notices and Events

St. Monica Confirmation Program 2018-19

We are accepting new intakes for year one students. Classes will be held twice monthly on Sundays with attendance at 9 am Mass required. Attendance at Mass on other Sundays is assumed.

CLASSES BEGIN SEPT 23rd

Program Schedule

Sunday 9 am Mass

10:00 - 10:25 Coffee & Donuts

10:30 - 11:30 Class

Registration forms are available on the website and in the Parish Office. Office hours are MON - THURS 9:30am - 4pm and FRI 9:30 am - 1pm

**** 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 October 6 to November 25.

Please go to www.stmonicamoraga.com

By Friday, September 14th

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!

Faith Formation News

TIME TO PREPARE FOR 2018-2019 CLASSES

If you are planning to enroll your child in any classes, and if he/she was not baptized at St. Monica, please be sure to provide the child's baptismal certificate at the time of registration. Registrations will not be accepted without the certificate.

CLASSES BEGIN SEPT 18th/19th

Faith Formation Office Hours

Monday - 9:00am - 2:30pm

Tuesday - 9:00am - 5:30pm

Wednesday - 9:00am - 5:30pm

Sunday - 9:00am - 1:00pm

Contact the Parish Office if you have any questions or need assistance when Sr. Teresa is not available.

ST. MONICA WOMEN'S GUILD

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

We would like to extend an invitation to **all** women of the Parish to join St. Monica Women's Guild.

Flyers have been sent to current members and should be returned by September 15th

to be listed in our new Directory. To those who would be interested in becoming new members, please contact Nancy Masar at [925-376-6810](tel:925-376-6810) or email to njmasar@yahoo.com. A Membership form will be sent to you. Annual dues are \$25.00.

The Women's Guild is a social group, with approximately five events a year. This gives us a wonderful opportunity to meet other women in our Parish and to form new friendships.

WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING

We kick off our 2018-2019 session on

Tuesday, September 25th!

All women of the parish are invited to join us in the Peace Room from 9:30 am to 11:30 am

If you have never attended, please join us and see why we have been meeting for 18 years! We are inspired by the talks given by our guest speakers, have good food and coffee, and enjoy sharing our faith and friendship with each other. We love to welcome new members, so join us and bring friends or family as well. Mark your calendars now; more details and registration forms available soon.

For questions: email Pam Plant
pamelaplant@yahoo.com

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The first meeting of the season is **September 10th** in the Peace Room with Social Hour at 6 pm, Dinner at 7 pm and guest speaker at approx. 7:40. Fantastic dinner of pork loin roast and the speaker is Brain Miller, former Exxon lobbyist who joined the solar industry with Sun Run, the largest US solar company. The speaker will cover what the energy producers have done to slow the solar industry world wide. Brian is a graduate of George Washington Law School and received his Juris Doctorate in 2000

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME.

This is the kick off for joining the Men's Club with dues at \$30 yearly and dinner at \$10.00

Notices and Events



SOUP TO SERVE

Next meeting: Fri., Sept. 21st

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. 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. For questions contact Sonja Crumbaugh at 247-0155 or scrumbaugh@comcast.net or Maura Clogher at 376-9328 or mclogher@comcast.net

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE GUILD INVITES ALL TO JOIN OUR WELCOME BACK TEA PARTY



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Clay's Lounge in the Soda Center

A delicious array of sandwiches & desserts are provided. As well as wine or refreshing beverages.

The cost is \$30. Checks payable to: **SMC Guild**

Mail to: 39 Carr Dr., Moraga, CA 94556

For more information contact Pat at: 925-376-6088

Proceeds benefit students applying for Financial Aid.

Please join The Hat Contest - Prizes to be awarded

Birthright Fall Dinner and Fundraiser

You are invited to attend the Annual Fall Dinner
Saturday, OCT 20th at St. Mary's Church Hall

1158 Bont Lane, Walnut Creek, CA

5:30: No host bar, 6:15: Chicken Piccata Pasta Dinner catered by Bambino's Italian Restaurant.

Silent Auction, Live Music, and Raffle!

Be inspired by guest speaker Dawn Marie Perez, Executive Director of Standup Girl Foundation and a client speaker.

Cost: \$40 (after October 1: \$50)

Ages 5-12: \$20, Under 5: Free, Family of 4: \$100

Tickets may be purchased online at

birthrightdinner.eventbrite.com

or by calling the Birthright office at (925)798-7227

RSVP by October 10. No tickets sold at the door.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 9

Monday, September 10

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary
6:00 pm PR Men's Club Dinner

Tuesday, September 11

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary
9:30 am - 2:00 pm CL3 Women's Guild Meeting

Wednesday, September 12

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary

Thursday, September 13

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary
10:00 - 11:00 am PR Bible Study
10:00 - 11:00 am CR St. Vincent dePaul Meeting
7:45 pm PR Choir rehearsals

Friday, September 14

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary
1:00 - 8:00 pm C Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, September 15

8:00 - 9:00 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'**



Oktoberfest

The St. Martin DePorres Unit, has held an Oktoberfest dinner and auction at St. Monica Church each fall since 1991. Last year we elected not to hold the event but instead asked for donations from parishioners and DePorres members. We were so successful, we decided to try this approach again.

Members of DePorres are dedicated to serving Catholic Charities and hope you will continue to give financial support. As he has done at previous auctions, Gene Elam will match each \$100 donation up to \$3,000. Several others also did some matching and we were able to give Catholic Charities \$11,750.

To participate in this year's fund raising, please make a check payable to **Catholic Charities of the East Bay** and mail to Pat Elam,
34 Sherwood Court, Moraga, CA 94556
by October 30

Notices and Events

Attention All Bocce Bowlers & People Who Enjoy Great Food & Supporting a Great Cause!

Who: St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa and Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa

What: "The Big La Bocce 2018" Bocce Ball Tournament

When: Saturday, September 22, 2018, 11am - 3pm

Where: Martinez Bocce Courts, 100 Joe DiMaggio Drive, Martinez CA 94553

How: To register, please visit: www.svdpc-cc.org or contact Barb Hunt: bhunt@svdpc-cc.org or 925-330-6732



Join us for

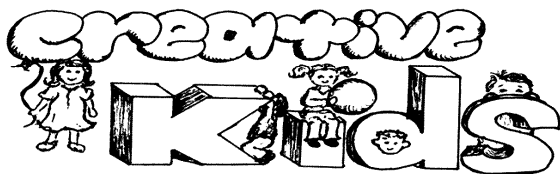
"The Big La Bocce 2018" Charity Bocce Ball Tournament

benefiting both Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa and St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa. *First-time bowlers encouraged to participate!* Includes a light breakfast, lunch, beverages, a silent auction, raffle and minimum 3 games per team.

Registration and practice start at 10:30am.

Thank You To Our Sponsors: Sutter Health, Kaiser Permanente, John Muir Health, Jim & Leanne Noe, Mercedes-Benz of Walnut Creek, Green Escrow Services, Rina Accountancy Corp., Prestige Printing & Graphics, Gallagher Insurance, and New Mecca Café.

Children's Corner



Senses Walk

On a beautiful day, go for a walk with an adult or a friend. Bring along a notebook and a pen/pencil. The walk can be in your neighborhood, in the woods, at a park, or anywhere you would like.

The most important thing about this walk is that you are to listen to everything in the environment. When you hear a sound write it down on a piece of paper.

Go home when you are finished with your walk and compare your list to that of the other person who was with you during the walk. Talk about your adventure. Did you hear more things than you thought you would? What surprised you the most about your walk?



GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

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The people brought a deaf man with a speech impediment to Jesus and begged Him to lay His hands on him to help the man.

Is 35:4-7 Ps 146:7-10 Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37

Directions: Put the following words in ABC order

deaf	speech	people
begged	hands	man

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____