

Saint Monica Church

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 5, 2018*

**1001 Camino Pablo
Moraga, CA 94556**

Office Hours :

Mon - Thurs: 9:30 am-4:00 pm
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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:** (resumes in mid-Sept.)

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...

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed.

The crowd wanted to know, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?". They were looking for a way to do miracles, signs, wonders, and they expected Jesus to prove himself by doing this for them, too. They had just witnessed the multiplication of the loaves, yet it seemed not to impress them! They were asking for yet another "sign." Jesus directed their attention to the meaning of the miracles: God's loving faithfulness to them in their need. Manna in the desert and loaves in the wilderness were the signs of Jesus' gift of himself to us in love. What Jesus was looking for in these people was an attentive heart. He wanted them to see that God was providing for their needs with love and faithfulness, and had always done so. But the people didn't get it. They had just witnessed a miracle, and yet they still were asking for "a sign." What counts as a sign? Do we need to be hit over the head? Every day we witness miracles, and yet we don't really see them, or believe that they really come from God. Every day we are bread for each other, or someone is bread for us, and yet we do not make the connection! No doubt the people in the desert failed to connect the quail and the manna with their crying out to God for food. God answers our prayers and knows our needs, and sends people to us and us to others, and yet we look for other explanations of these "miracles" in our lives. God's faithful love is shown all around us, every day. We cry out to God, and yet we often explain away God's answers to our prayers, looking for something more spectacular than merely what we need or even what we have asked for. We have what we need: the Bread of Life.

If you have ever been on a diet or if you have fasted, you know the feeling of being hungry. Reducing our consumption of food leaves us with hunger pangs that are hard to ignore. Of course, this type of hunger pales in comparison with those who truly lack the nourishment they need. Some lack drinkable water. Their thirst is unimaginable to people who simply turn on a tap from which fresh water flows. There is another kind of hunger and thirst that is part of the human experience. Many of us hunger for a deep relationship with God. This spiritual hunger is sometimes not conscious, until we are attentive to it. The Israelites in the desert and the people who followed Jesus across the sea experienced a flash of insight that changed them. Suddenly, their hunger was about more than food for their physical sustenance. They became aware of their spiritual thirst, which only God can quench.

Once we become attuned to our great longing for God, we grow in trust that Jesus is the bread of life who fills us with God's goodness. Assured that we need never hunger again, our faith leads us to thirst—for justice, mercy, or care for those who are on the peripheries, and for an ever-greater relationship with God and within the Christian community. With this spiritual growth, we recognize that we must act in order to meet the needs of those who are physically hungry or thirsty, and that we may have the opportunity to lead others to Jesus, the bread from heaven that gives life to the world. In what ways is Jesus your bread of life? How are you called to provide bread, physical or spiritual, to others?

Weekly Readings

SUN	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35
MON	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
TUES	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36
WED	Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
THUR	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
FRI	2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
SAT	Hb 1:12 -- 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20
SUN	1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 -5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Stewardship Message

“Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” EXODUS 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our “wants” from our “needs”. Living a generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

Please pray for the sick...

Amparo Alverete
 Steven Atkinson
 Evelyn Ballment
 Dan Cawthon
 Nancy Donovan
 Sherman Farrell
 Ken Gandre
 Maureen Graf
 Joan Haines
 Alan Holloway
 Jeff Lewis
 Maryann McCauley
 Lito Meneses
 Jerry Moran
 Joan Muer

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

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, AUGUST 4
5:00 pm In Memory of Rosanna Franz, deceased
SUNDAY, AUGUST 5
7:30 am For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
9:00 am In Memory of Henry Salvo, deceased
11:00 am In Memory of Genevieve Smith, deceased
MONDAY, AUGUST 6
9:00 am For the Intentions of Jack & Kathi Balousek - 50 th wedding anniversary
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7
9:00 am For the Intentions of Sonja Crumbaugh
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8
9:00 am In Memory of Genevieve Smith, deceased
THURSDAY, AUGUST 9
9:00 am In Memory of Genevieve Smith, deceased
FRIDAY, AUGUST 10
9:00 am In Memory of Al Heeg, deceased
SATURDAY, AUGUST 11
5:00 pm In Memory of Gilbert & Lillian Canton, deceased
SUNDAY, AUGUST 12
7:30 am For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
9:00 am For the intentions of Father Michael Moore
11:00 am In Memory of Walt Schreiner, deceased

Collections

Sunday, July 22 nd	\$ 7,564.00
Sunday, July 29 th	\$ 6,900.80

Stewardship

For the month of **June**, our stewardship of
\$ TBD
 will be given to **TBD**.



HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: AUG 12th

LaVerne Peralta - set up
 and
TBD - serve & clean up

Notices and Events

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.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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Wednesday, August 15th is a holy day of obligation.

Mass times at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

In Loving Memory of Tanya Ojala



Funeral to be held on August 6th at 10:30am.

In Loving Memory of Evelyn Mireault



a former long time parishioner has recently passed away in Ohio

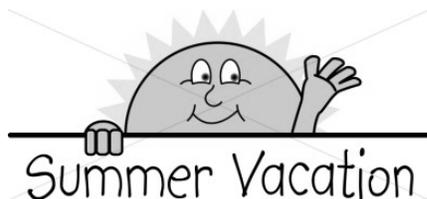


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Coffee & Fellowship on Mondays and Fridays

has been suspended and will resume at a later date in September.

Since many parishioners will be away during the summer months, we would like to offer some options to help simplify your weekly offerings.



1. Mail your envelopes to the Parish Office.
2. Consider Electronic Fund Transfers. If you would like to do this, please call the office or you can go to our website to download the EFT form.
3. Drop off your envelopes at the office.

2018 – 2019 CYO BASKETBALL SEASON



SPARTANS

REGISTRATION OPEN FROM AUGUST 1 – AUGUST 31, 2018

For BOYS (2nd – 8th grade) and GIRLS (3rd – 8th grade)

<https://stmonicacyomoraga.sportsengine-prelive.com/>



Eucharistic Adoration

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

Notices and Events

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

WHEN:

EVERY THURSDAY, STARTING SEPTEMBER 6

TIME:

9:40 -10:00 COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP,
10:00-11:00 BIBLE STUDY

PLACE:

PEACE ROOM

This study provides the easiest way to understand the Bible. **Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible** makes the complex simple. It helps you to uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so that you can get the “big picture” of the Bible. The Bible is a story about the Father’s unending love for us, a love that we are now called to share with others.

Participants will receive a workbook that follows the video series by Jeff Cavins (workbook cost - \$20).

To register, you may mail or drop off the registration form below to St. Monica Church office.

Also, on August 12 and August 19, parishioners will be available after Mass in the courtyard to answer questions and take registrations.

Any questions? Email:

Valerie Robertson, vdrobertson@comcast.net or
Patty Cone, pattycone@gmail.com

Workbooks will be distributed on September 6.

Bible Study Registration Form

Name : _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Fee: \$20 Cash: _____ Check: _____
(payable to St. Monica Church)

Volunteer Opportunities:

Group Leader Y/N _____ Hospitality Y/N _____

Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 5

Monday, August 6

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary

Tuesday, August 7

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary

Wednesday, August 8

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary

Thursday, August 9

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary
10:00 am CL St Vincent de Paul meeting

Friday, August 10

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

Saturday, August 11

7:00 - 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’**

SOUP TO SERVE



Next meeting: Friday, August 17th

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

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.*

Notices and Events

Dress A Girl Around The World...

makes dresses for children in third world countries and around the world to protect them from the dangers that come to children by simply looking uncared for. If you would like to participate by sewing a simple dress this summer, you can receive a dress kit from the Bay Area Youth Ambassador for Dress A Girl, Parishioner, Gigi Strickland. The kits include everything you need to sew a simple dress and you can return it at your convenience. Also you can join a "Sew Fest" listed on the website listed above to come lend your talents. (There is NO sewing experience necessary!) If your travels are taking you to an area that you can bring dresses to those who need them, that is wonderful too. We have just mailed 50 dresses to Kauai to help the local children of St. Williams, Hanalei made homeless by the flood. Thank you for considering this loving ministry.

To receive a dress kit please call: 510-909-0462

Benedict XVI Institute's Chant Camp Workshop for Teachers - August 9-12, 2018

Vallombrosa Center, 250 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park, CA

Children and teens love to learn to sing the Mass, and we can help you make it happen. The Benedict XVI Institute of the Archdiocese of San Francisco invites teachers, musicians, choir directors & leaders of sacred music to learn all the essentials needed to lead a chant camp for young Catholics. This four-day course, at the beautiful Vallombrosa Center, is taught by experienced professional Mary Ann Carr Wilson. Join other professionals in learning how to offer a fun, interactive, faith-enriching camp for youth that is grounded in timeless sung prayer of the Church, Gregorian chant. Tuition is \$395.

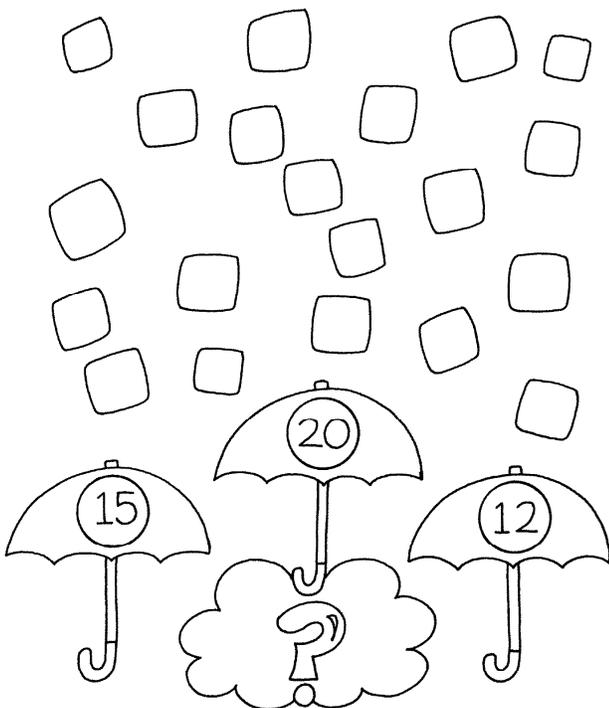
For complete information, please visit

benedictinstitute.org/chant-camp

Scholarships available for clergy and men and women religious

Children's Corner

God provided for the Hebrew people when they were traveling in the desert.
 God sent food from heaven!
 Count the flakes of bread that are falling.
 Then color the umbrella that has that number.



Jesus said that those who come to him would never hunger or thirst.
 To find what this means, write the words that are written backwards correctly.

