

Saint Monica Church

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 19, 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:** (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

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...

Some things about human nature don't change, even over the course of centuries. When we celebrate a holiday, we have a meal; when we celebrate a significant event, we have a feast. In today's first reading, Lady Wisdom is setting a feast, a sign of celebrating the covenant that Israel has with God. Israel's central remembrance of its saving Exodus covenant is the Passover meal. So it is natural--and not coincidental--that the Christian celebration of the new covenant sealed by the blood of Christ on the cross happens at a meal, our Eucharist, offered first by Jesus in the context of Passover remembrance. It is easy for us, sometimes, to forget the very long and rich religious and human origins of our eucharistic feasting on the bread and cup that are the Body and Blood of Jesus. Today, and for the next few Sundays that we hear the *"Bread of Life"* discourse from John, let us bring to mind the loving covenant that God makes with us, and be filled with great joy at this marvelous feast that we have come to attend!

The Letter to the Ephesians speaks to us, urging wisdom in our discernment of how to live the Christian life. We are to *"watch carefully . . . making the most of opportunity,"* and *"try to understand what is the will of the Lord"*. We are promised a generous outpouring of God's help in our attempts to live the gospel: the Eucharist. This is the *"living bread,"* the Body and Blood of the Lord. To those who can only think literally, this seems not only foolish, but repulsive as well. We need to have more wisdom, understanding, and faith to understand properly what we have been asked to believe. For our bread, which is food, and our wine, which is drink, to be transformed from things that give life to the body into Christ, who gives life to the soul, another great transformation must take place. Not only are the physical elements transformed, we are transformed as well. If we become people of Wisdom, eating of this banquet, we become one with Christ, who is one with God. We become the Body of Christ, his living and real presence. This wisdom for us is foolishness to the world. But there is a saying, *"The proof of the pudding is in the eating."* When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we become what we eat; that is, we become one with the Lord and with each other. The proof of this is in our love. If we love God, if we love each other, and if we love others and serve them in charity, our love will be living proof of God's life and work in the world. We truly become the Body of Christ.

Wisdom is a quality that appears to be sorely lacking in our society today. Sometimes it seems that our leaders are promoting action after action that is the exact opposite of wise or good. How can our faith survive when so much around us seems to be pulling in the opposite direction? Our readings today encourage us to seek wisdom and learn how to apply it in our own lives and in the world around us. Wisdom (in the first reading) says, *"Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding."* Our second reading urges that we *"do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord."* Jesus teaches that *"the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."* For the sake of the life of our world, we must be willing to grow into wisdom.

"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" In those days, before our understanding of the Eucharist, before the Last Supper when Jesus offered himself to his disciples in the bread and wine, this may have been a reasonable theological question, as well as a logical one. They did not understand. They did not have the wisdom to see the metaphor, or to know that further understanding would be forthcoming. But to those who were open to Jesus' words, the bread of life was offered and accepted as the way to life eternal. They may not have understood that Jesus was speaking of eternal life, not our physical life on Earth, that would be given forever, but they were captivated by the metaphor and believed. *"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life."* It is possible to be puzzled and still believe.

So what does this mean for us today? Wisdom is something we sorely need in our world, and it is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Partaking of the Body and Blood of the Lord is to gain wisdom as well as eternal life, to participate in the life of God, the Trinity, and of each other in love and caring. We must abandon our foolish ways and believe.

Weekly Readings	
SUN	Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58
MON	Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
TUES	Ez 28:1-10;Dt 32:26-28,30,35cd-36ab;Mt 19:23-30
WED	Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
THUR	Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
FRI	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
SAT	Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
SUN	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

Mass intentions	
SATURDAY, AUGUST 18	
5:00 pm	In Memory of Rosanna Franz, deceased
SUNDAY, AUGUST 19	
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 Roy & Genevieve Smith and Frank & Margaret Muster, deceased
MONDAY, AUGUST 20	
9:00 am	For the Intentions of Confirmation Students
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21	
9:00 am	In Memory of Kathryn Metzger and Edna Lewis, deceased
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22	
9:00 am	In Memory of Marco Lozano, deceased
THURSDAY, AUGUST 23	
9:00 am	For the Intentions of William Remick
FRIDAY, AUGUST 24	
9:00 am	In Memory of Millie & Louis Jabbar, deceased
SATURDAY, AUGUST 25	
5:00 pm	In Memory of Claudia Bishop, deceased
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26	
7:30 am	For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
9:00 am	In Memory of John W. Allen, deceased
11:00 am	In Memory of the deceased members of St. Jarlath Class 1954

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

Collections	
Sunday, August 12 th	\$ TBA

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.

Stewardship

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

	<p align="center"><u>HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: AUG 26th</u></p> <p align="center">Cliff Shum - set up and TBD</p>
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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.

Faith Formation Office Hours

Monday - 9:00am - 2:30pm

Tuesday - 9:00am - 5:30pm

Wednesday - 9:00am - 5:30pm

Sunday - 9:00am - 1:00pm

Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions or need assistance when Sister Teresa is not available.



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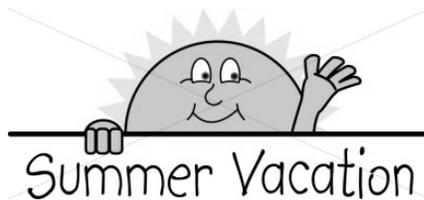
St. Vincent de Paul's monthly meetings have been moved to the 2nd Thursday of the month and will meet in the Conference Room.



In Loving Memory of

*Michael Nohr
&
Dan Cawthon*

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



ST. MONICA 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, vdrobotson@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 19

Monday, August 20

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary

Tuesday, August 21

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary

Wednesday, August 22

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary

Thursday, August 23

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary

Friday, August 24

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

Saturday, August 25

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, September 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. 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

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



Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women invite you to their Prayer Breakfast

SEPT 8, 2018 - 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Crowne Plaza, 45 John Glenn Dr, Concord

Please join us for a morning of Praise, Prayer, and Inspiration from our speaker **Yolanda Rodriguez!** Answering the call of her heart to serve women and lead others to Jesus through Mary, Yolanda has dedicated her life to the Immaculata teaching women about their God-given dignity, mission, and beauty as daughters of God.

Men are always welcome to attend!

Tickets are \$33 / \$40 after September 1st.

For more information:

<https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/chapter-states-a-d/ca-walnut-creek/>

For reservations or questions:

email Magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com or call

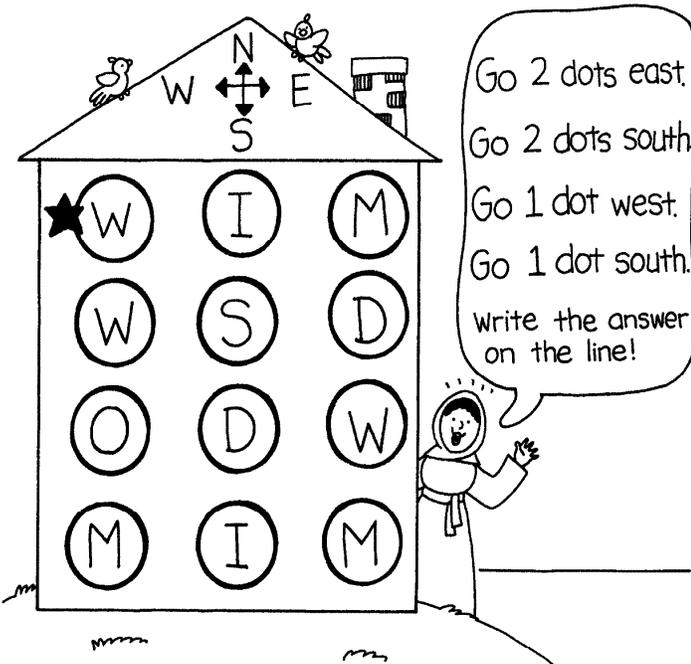
Kim Sullivan at 925-683-8220.

Children's Corner

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you know who the woman in Proverbs 9:1-6 stands for?

Draw a line starting at the star and let the lady's instructions help you find the answer!



Jesus said, "Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me."



Directions: Write a rhyming word on the line for each word below.

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|-----------|----------|
| 1. he | 1. _____ |
| 2. said | 2. _____ |
| 3. living | 3. _____ |
| 4. sent | 4. _____ |
| 5. life | 5. _____ |
| 6. bread | 6. _____ |
| 7. feeds | 7. _____ |