

Saint Monica Church

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 16, 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

Phone: 925.376.6900

Office Email:

office@stmonicamoraga.com

Bulletin Email:

communications@stmonicamoraga.com

Website:

www.stmonicamoraga.com

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.

St. Monica Pastoral Team:

Fr. Paul Coleman, Parochial Administrator
x103, frcoleman@stmonicamoraga.com

Sr. Mary Teresa, O.P., Children's Faith Formation
x203, children@stmonicamoraga.com

Christine Amerio, Office Manager
x101, office@stmonicamoraga.com

For Confirmation Inquiries, contact Cathi Farber
confirmation@stmonicamoraga.com

Tricia Holloway, Bookkeeper
X104, bookkeeper@stmonicamoraga.com

Bulletin Editor
communications@stmonicamoraga.com

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...



© Anthony J. Bellomo

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.

— Isaiah 50:7

Often when we read the Prophets or the Psalms, we place ourselves in the first person narrative. It is easy to pray a psalm that speaks to something we ourselves are suffering or experiencing. But today's prophecy from Isaiah cannot mean anything but a prophecy of Jesus and his suffering. The Psalm as well could apply to our suffering, but applies better as a prophecy of Jesus' suffering and death. In the letter of James, we are chided to accompany our faith with works. *"So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead."* We are urged to reach out from our faith, the gift of God, to go further into good works to those who suffer. If we reach out to those who need our help, we are truly fulfilling our faith in Christ.

Just as Isaiah prophesies the suffering of Jesus in rather specific terms--*"I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting"*--Jesus, in speaking to his disciples, clearly reveals to them that he will suffer and die, which bewilders and shocks them. *"The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly."* They don't know what to do with this information, and they can't envision their beloved Lord suffering and dying in this way.

Jesus asks the disciples who the people say he is. Some say, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." This answer shows that the disciples were beginning to form a rudimentary understanding that it was possible to rise from the dead. So it is puzzling that when Jesus says that he will *"rise after three days,"* they would seemingly not quite comprehend this. But when Jesus asks, *"Who do you say that I am?"* Peter speaks for the disciples: *"You are the Christ."* Moments later, the rather confused Peter objects to the Jesus' assertion that he will suffer and die. Jesus stunningly rebukes him for his objection, *"Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."*

Although Peter is beginning to form true faith in his declaration of belief in Christ, he still is thinking like a human, and has not yet begun to see the world through God's eyes. Peter's faith has not yet grown to its full stature, as it will after the Resurrection. Our gift of faith sees and believes the suffering and death of Christ, but we still might not see the consequences of that faith. Our works arise out of our belief in and love for the Lord. Through our faith, we must not only believe, but help others as Christ would do. This is seeing the world through God's eyes.

Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co



Eucharistic Adoration

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

Weekly Readings	
SUN	Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35
MON	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
TUES	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
WED	1 Cor 12:31 -- 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
THUR	1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
FRI	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
SAT	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
SUN	Wis 2:12,17-20; Ps54:3-8; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Mass intentions
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
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
9:00 am For the Intentions of Gene McGowan & Family
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
9:00 am In Memory of Deceased Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
9:00 am In Memory of Jerry Mullen, deceased
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
9:00 am In Memory of Don Peralta, deceased
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
9:00 am For the Intentions of Barbara White
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
5:00 pm In Memory of Ollie Perry, deceased
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
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 Roy & Genevieve Smith and Frank & Margaret Muster, 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	John Nohr
Steven Atkinson	Rebecca Olson
Evelyn Ballment	Erline Paille
Mary Carroll	Harry Prudhomme
Nancy Donovan	Mary Resnick
Sherman Farrell	Dean Schlobolm
Ken Gandre	Edy Schwartz
Maureen Graf	James Sherman
Joan Haines	Marion Skrivanich
Alan Holloway	Ellen Stice
Jeff Lewis	Tom Spewak
Maryann McCauley	Nancy Tierney
Lito Meneses	Norma Wardle
Jerry Moran	Elizabeth White
Toni Newhoff	

Collections	
Sunday, September 9 th	\$ 8,240.00
2 nd Collection - Priest Retirement	\$ 1,127.00


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.

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: SEPT 23rd



Julie Kwon-Jabbour - set up
and
LaVerne Peralta - 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.

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 & 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.



"The God-Ladies Gave Them To Me!"

2nd Grade Student

St. Anthony School, Oakland

Welcome back, St. Monica parishioners! Today marks the beginning of our parish's 20th year for the *Shoes That Fit* program. It's an easy, uniquely personal way for providing seriously poor children with the new shoes, socks, and other school clothing they desperately need . . . and maybe even impacting their lives in the process.

We often receive moving feedback, from the school's teachers, staff and even parents, about the positive emotional effect on these children upon receiving a new pair of shoes or item of clothing *from a complete stranger!* When asked where she got her new shoes, socks and school uniform, a little second grade girl cheerfully chirped, "The God-Ladies gave them to me!" Without realizing it, of course, this child was referring to the generous St. Monica *Shoes That Fit* supporters who provided everything.

Seventy-five percent of these families—heavily immigrant—are living below the minimum poverty level in one of the most expensive cost-of-living areas in the country. Virtually all require financial aid, yet they choose to send their children to St. Anthony School because they're so committed to a Catholic education. They clearly are struggling and St. Monica parishioners are one of their most important lifelines.

The *Shoes That Fit* program works the same way this year as it has in the past. In both vestibules of Church you'll find bulletin boards pinned with yellow index cards. Each card has the first name and clothing needs of girls and boys at St. Anthony School. Simply select a card and follow the Helpful Hints handout on the board. Most items can be purchased by phone with a credit card and shipped directly to your home.

Once you've received the item, drop it in one of the *Shoes That Fit* bins located in the vestibules of Church. Feel free to drop your item off on Sunday or any other day—*Shoes That Fit* volunteers make deliveries to the school every week. This ministry is a uniquely personal way to engage your whole family in a Random Act of Kindness. *And*, there's an item on the bulletin board for every budget—guaranteed!

Most of all, *Thank you* St. Monica parishioners for your 20 years of faithful support. May God bless you for your love, concern and remarkable generosity!

Kathi Balousek (376-8934), *Shoes That Fit* Coordinator

Notices and Events

WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING

We kick of 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. Flyers available at both entrances of the Church. More details and registration forms available soon.

For questions: email Pam Plant
 pamelaplant@yahoo.com

Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 16	
Monday, September 17	
9:00 am	C Daily Mass and Rosary
Tuesday, September 18	
9:00 am	C Daily Mass and Rosary
10:00 am - 12:00	CR Small Christian Community mtg
Wednesday, September 19	
9:00 am	C Daily Mass and Rosary
Thursday, September 20	
9:00 am	C Daily Mass and Rosary
10:00 - 11:00 am	PR Bible Study
7:45 pm	PR Choir rehearsals
Friday, September 21	
9:00 am	C Daily Mass and Rosary
9:45 am	K Soup to Serve
1:00 - 8:00 pm	C Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday, September 22	
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'	

SAINT MONICA WOMEN'S GUILD WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH TO OUR "WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON"

Place: St. Monica Peace Room
 Date: October 9th
 Time 11:30
 Cost: \$25.00

CATERED BY SUNRISE BISTRO

Plan to join us for a pleasant afternoon with good friends and a delicious lunch.
 Guests are welcome

Checks payable to: **St. Monica Women's Guild**
 Mail your check with attached form to: **Ellie Vaughn**
1104 Sanders Drive, Moraga CA 94556
Reservations must be received by October 2nd

.....

Name _____

Guest _____

Phone# _____

Email _____



The first meeting of St. Monica **WOMEN'S GUILD BOOK REVIEW**

will be held on Tuesday, SEPT 25th

Reviewer Dee Humm will re-acquaint us with Alexander McCall Smith's premier Lady Detective, Mma Precious Ramotswe, Mma Makutsi, her Associate, and her kind-hearted husband Mr. J.L.B. Matekoni, who falls under the fruitcake spell of Mma Potokwane, the matron in charge of the Botswana Orphanage. We will sip Rooibus bush tea and taste a bit of fruitcake which is Mr. Matekone's downfall.

Come join us for a fun Review.

A light lunch will be provided at 12:30 and the review starts at 1:00 pm.

Mark your calendar: Tuesday, September 25
 Individual Reviews \$5.00 each; 6 Reviews \$20.00

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@svdp-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.



SOUP TO SERVE

**Next meeting:
Friday, Sept. 21st**

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

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.

Children's Corner

Peter said, "You are the Messiah!" and Jesus told him not to tell anyone.



Directions: Find the word Messiah in the jumble below.

R	S	G	P	F	E	R	W	H	J	A	K	Z	B	N
V	S	W	W	U	T	D	P	F	T	D	T	H	U	M
H	Y	D	H	F	M	L	B	H	I	P	X	H	Q	T
O	N	T	L	Z	E	W	A	Y	P	R	K	O	E	F
M	E	D	I	A	S	O	F	W	X	T	N	F	V	L
P	E	O	C	B	S	L	K	E	M	T	S	Y	I	A
M	I	J	O	H	I	H	U	S	A	G	N	K	J	A
F	D	N	D	H	A	C	N	U	U	Q	U	N	L	P
H	A	J	L	Z	H	K	R	D	P	T	S	R	F	H
C	U	T	R	M	S	W	D	Y	H	T	M	L	O	Y
N	Q	K	E	Y	N	R	I	V	V	W	E	I	J	R
G	U	O	S	P	F	B	E	X	T	J	Q	S	I	G
V	E	R	B	Y	N	M	E	C	N	N	T	S	H	D
H	Z	M	K	A	W	D	G	H	O	L	D	F	E	O
T	Y	R	G	F	T	U	I	N	M	A	Y	O	W	H