

Saint Monica Church

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 2, 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 . . .

Saint James begins by instructing us that *"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above."* We don't make the rules, but God grants us good gifts that we are to share generously with others. He says, *"Be doers of the word and not hearers only . . . Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world."* We are to care for our brothers and sisters in need, and especially for the children, who are often the forgotten little ones. Jesus further defines what being defiled by the world really means. *"From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly."* Quite a list! Jesus asserts that *"All these evils come from within and they defile."* *"Not following man-made laws"* did not make the list.

It would be easy to wonder why the disciples ate *"with unwashed hands,"* especially in those times when dust and dirt were plentiful and the disciples worked with their hands as fishermen. But these scriptures are not concerned so much with physical cleanliness as with spiritual cleanliness. The Pharisees, who were so picky about following every letter of every law, had an "aha" moment in which they saw an opportunity to accuse Jesus and the disciples of breaking the law of Moses. Jesus responds in a very sensible way. He says, *"Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; In vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."*

The same could be said about some of today's Christians, who are so enamored of the past that they cannot see that Jesus has brought about a new interpretation of tradition. Just as we celebrate birthdays with cake and candles, perhaps now with chocolate cake and tiny candles--whereas in the past it was only white cake and bigger candles--tradition adapts to the times while holding on to the essence of what was celebrated before. Tradition preserves the essence while changing the details, something that some of us may fail to grasp. Such people may want everything to be the same in every detail, and accuse others of failure to worship properly because they do not hold to past practices. Like the Pharisees, sometimes we want to cling to the way things were done our childhood, never accepting change of any kind. We fail to see the essence of the tradition preserved in a new way of doing things. Perhaps we don't understand the essence of tradition, or perhaps we are so unsure of ourselves that we want to be instructed strictly in the old ways, like the Pharisees who knew the law by heart and were quite comfortable practicing what poorer people had no way of doing perfectly. It was the poorer people who followed Jesus because he offered them hope. It would be well for us to remember that the essence of tradition is the worship of God, not the preservation of human habits. We can learn to practice charity and love in emulation of others who have willingly, in following Jesus, held their faith to mean loving their neighbor.

Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co



**The Parish Office
will be CLOSED
Monday, September 3rd
in observance of Labor Day**



**Resumes SEPT 23 at
the 9am Mass**



Eucharistic Adoration

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

Please note: On September 7th, First Friday, Adoration will end at 5pm, followed by Benediction and Holy Hour, concluding at 6pm.

Weekly Readings	
SUN	4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
MON	1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30
TUES	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
WED	1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
THUR	1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
FRI	1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
SAT	Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
SUN	Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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
Toni Newhoff	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.

Mass intentions
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
5:00 pm In Memory of Belinda Canton-Kelly, deceased
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
7:30 am In Memory of Peggy Vance, deceased
9:00 am For the Intentions of Karen Cain
11:00 am For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
9:00 am In Memory of Peggy Vance, deceased
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
9:00 am In Memory of Cornelius DeCourcy, deceased
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
9:00 am In Memory of Robert Pouget, deceased
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
9:00 am In Memory of Poor Souls, deceased
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
9:00 am In Memory of Albert George Melville, deceased
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

Collections	
Sunday, August 26 th	\$ 7,120.00
Next week's 2 nd Collection	
- Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefits	

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.

	<p><u>HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: SEPT 9th</u></p> <p>TBD</p>
--	--

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.

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



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Claey'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

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

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 unfailing 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.

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, September 2

Monday, September 3

Parish Office CLOSED - Labor Day

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary

Tuesday, September 4

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary

Wednesday, September 5

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary

Thursday, September 6

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary
10:00 - 11:00 am PR Bible Study
7:45 pm PR Choir rehearsals

Friday, September 7

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary
1:00 - 5:00 pm C Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 - 6:00 pm C Benediction and Holy Hour

Saturday, September 8

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’**



Catholic Charities
of the East Bay

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@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.

Children's Corner

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We can wash dirt from our hands and bodies to get clean.

But only God can make our hearts clean by forgiving our sins!

Read the number on each bar of soap.

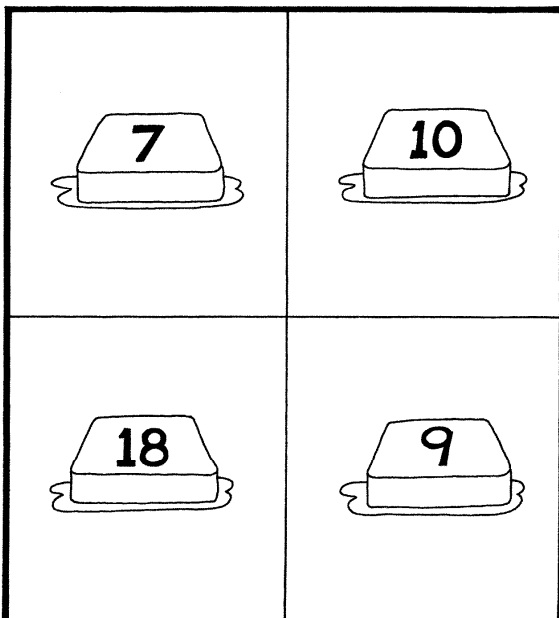
Then draw that number of bubbles around it.

When you've finished, thank God for the forgiveness that makes our hearts clean.

Live the commandments from your heart, not just because the rules tell you to do so.



Draw a heart around each item that belongs to the Ten Commandments.



You shall not steal.

You shall not eat.

I, the Lord, am your God; you shall only worship money before me.

Honor your friends.

You shall not kill.

I, the Lord, am your God; you shall not have other gods besides me.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor unless they are not looking.

Honor your father and mother.