

Saint Monica Church

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 7, 2018

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and 11:00 am

Children's Liturgy of the

Word: Sundays, 9:00 am

Daily Mass:

Monday - Friday at 9:00 am

Adoration:

Friday 1:00 - 8:00 pm

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 pm or

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Grades K-5: x 203

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middleschool@stmonicamoraga.com

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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

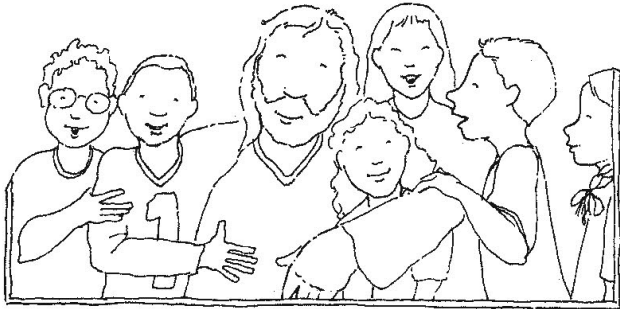
(If you would like to register in the parish, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket and we will mail you a registration form or you may fill one out—they are located at the church entrances.)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Reflections . . .



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Let the children come to me,
do not prevent them, for the kingdom of
God belongs to such as these.

— Mark 10:14

Today Jesus stresses how children embody the reign of God. They are trusting and loving and have hearts that are open to love. They are joyful when they are made aware of God's love for them, and are eager to return that love. This is the model Jesus holds out to us if we want to welcome the reign of God. We need to have open, loving hearts. We must drop our defenses, however we came by them, and welcome Christ's love for us with joy. This is impossible for us on our own. Only the grace of God will enable us to do this, but that grace is freely and generously given. We have only to accept it.

In today's Gospel story, the Lord Jesus embraces and blesses the children whom the apostles tried to prevent from coming to him. He simply states that *"whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it"*. Perhaps we can make a connection between what psychologists say about the trust level of the developing child and the words of Jesus. Part of our Christian journey involves learning how to place our trust in God. Sometimes this is a challenge, especially when bad things happen to us or to those whom we love. Just as the small child who fully trusts the loving parent moves through very different expressions of emotion, so, too, when we fully trust God, should we be comfortable moving from expressions of joy to cries of lament. This is an honest way of living the Christian life. Those in whom we have placed our trust are usually those with whom we feel we can share our feelings of deep joy and sharp disappointment. This is the kind of relationship that we are called to cultivate with our God. To accept the kingdom of God like a child may mean a change in the way we approach God. We are assured that when we are honest about who we are, honest with God about our deepest longings, joys, and sorrows, God's loving embrace will remain always. We hear in the Letter to the Hebrews that Christ is made one with us in his suffering. We are all made in the image of God, and therefore are one in Christ. We sometimes forget that Christ is our brother as well as our Lord. The love he has for us is faithful and never ending. *"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife."* For *"God made them male and female,"* equal in love and respect for one another. Jesus' love extends not only to adults. It extends not only to those in loving and respectful marriages, but extends to all people, especially children big and little. The disciples tried to prevent parents from bringing their children to Jesus for a blessing. Jesus rebuked the disciples and said, *"Let the children come to me . . . for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* His teachings always emphasized humility and trust, and he held up these children as the best examples. *"Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."* Children are by nature curious and humble; they know that they are small and depend on their parents for everything. Likewise, we must be humble and recognize that we are small before God and depend on God for everything in our lives that is good. To have this attitude is to look for the kingdom of God and to be ready to enter it. And, like the children, we will be touched and blessed by Jesus and welcomed into his arms.

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Eucharistic Adoration

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

Weekly Readings	
SUN	Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16
MON	Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
TUES	Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
WED	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
THUR	Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
FRI	Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
SAT	Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
SUN	Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

Mass intentions
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6
5:00 pm In Memory of Josie & Steve Escobar, deceased
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7
7:30 am For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
9:00 am In Memory of Bernard Mok, deceased
11:00 am In Memory of Genevieve Smith, deceased
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8
9:00 am For the Intentions of Alicia Potter
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9
9:00 am In Memory of Mary & Frank Gohr, deceased
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10
9:00 am In Memory of Howard Metzger, deceased
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11
9:00 am For the Intentions of Dawn Beardsley
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12
9:00 am In Memory of Donald Anderson, deceased
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13
5:00 pm In Memory of Ernie Perry, deceased
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14
7:30 am For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners
9:00 am In Memory of John Cullen, deceased
11:00 am In Memory of Genevieve Smith, 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	Jerry Moran
Steven Atkinson	Toni Newhoff
Evelyn Ballment	John Nohr
Mary Carroll	Rebecca Olson
Janet Davis	Erline Paille
Nancy Donovan	Harry Prudhomme
Roy Drury	Mary Resnick
Sherman Farrell	James Sherman
Ken Gandre	Marion Skrivanich
Maureen Graf	Ellen Stice
Joan Haines	Tom Spewak
Alan Holloway	Nancy Tierney
Jeff Lewis	Norma Wardle
Maryann McCauley	Elizabeth White
Lito Meneses	


Collections	
Sunday, September 30 th	\$ 7,257.00

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: OCT 14th

Schnurr Family - set up
and
Jeff & Kathleen Hill - serve/clean up

Notices and Events



The Parish Office will be CLOSED
Monday, October 8th
in observance of Columbus Day

A big **Thank you** again to all who participated in the pancake breakfast, especially **Mr. Joseph Wong**, for contributing much of the food

Save the Date

St. Monica Oktoberfest Dinner
FRI, OCT 26th at 6:30PM in the Peace Center
 Join us for a fun evening of cheer as we celebrate each other and Oktoberfest!!
Including an Old-Fashioned Bratwurst Dinner!

Cost is \$15.00/per Adult
and \$10.00/per Child under 10.

Reservations will be limited.

Ticket Sales will be done following all
the Masses the weekends of
10/7, 10/14 and 10/21.

You can also purchase Tickets from the
Parish Office during business hours.

Wine and Beer may be purchased separately.
Entertainment will include Karaoke.

All are welcome to participate



COLLECTION **NEXT SUNDAY**

Next weekend's second collection will be for **The Catholic Voice**.

Your donation helps the parish offset its payments for this important communications ministry.

The Voice and its other operations are the only regular source of Catholic news and information for all parishioners in the diocese.

Please be generous in your support.



St. Monica Pre-Baptism Class
Monday, October 22nd
at 6:30 - 8:00 pm
in the Peace Center, Classroom #3

The expectation of the Church for the parents who present their child for Baptism includes the following:

- One of the parents must give evidence of practicing the Catholic faith.
- They must be registered members of the parish (4 months) with exceptions made for grandchildren of our parishioners as long as the parents of the child present a letter from the pastor of their church where they worship and they meet all St. Monica's baptismal requirements.
- The parents and godparents must attend a Pre-Baptismal Class at St. Monica or at their home church
- Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday at 11:00 am or Sundays 1:00 pm.
- Pre-Baptismal Classes are scheduled Monday evening once a month from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Please register for class two weeks in advance
by calling Sister Teresa at 925.376-6900 x203

PLEASE PRAY WITH US!

Please prayerfully consider standing for Life in conjunction with other Christians and like minded people during the **40 Days for Life campaign**, **September 26 through November 3.**

40 Days for Life is not a "protest" group. It is a world-wide organization that promotes 40 Days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

You are invited to stand and peacefully pray for a one hour period during the 40-day vigil in the public right of way outside the Planned Parenthood in Walnut Creek at 1537 Oakland Blvd.

We will be praying from 7am through 7pm, Monday through Saturday, during the 40 Day vigil. Please sign up for an hour or two, and join us! Sign up on the website: 40DaysForLife.com/walnutcreek or for questions, call Ann Vaccaro (925) 212-7938. Thank you.

Notices and Events

DOMINICAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Motherhouse,
43326 Mission Circle (off Mission Tierra), Fremont
510.933.6360.

The Five Languages of Love will be presented by Sr. Rebecca Shinas, OP on three consecutive Tuesday evenings in October: Oct. 2, 9 and 16 from 7-8:30 pm. Cost is \$10 per session. Register by Sept. 26 at <http://bit.ly/2018FiveLove>

Spiritual Guides for Today: *The Essential Henri Nouwen*, a four part series on Thursdays in October, Sessions are 1-2:30 pm. on Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25; suggested offering of \$10 per session. Register by Sept. 27 at <http://bit.ly/2018HenriNouwen>.

Dorothy Day: The Word Will be Saved by Beauty will be presented by Kate Hennessy on Oct. 13, 9-11:30 am at the Dominican Center. Register at <http://bit.ly/2018KateHennessy> or call. \$20 fee.

Haiti: Symphony of Hope will be presented by Sr. Mary Sean Nov. 3, 10:00 am - 2 pm. This event also honors Dominican Sr. Stella Marie Goodpasture, "Giant for Justice," for her 60+ years of tireless, passionate work for social justice. Register by Oct. 26 at <http://bit.ly/2018Haiti> or call.

Taizé - Prayer around the Cross will be offered from 8-9 pm on Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15, and May 17 at . For more information call 510.657.2468

All Are Cordially Invited To Attend SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE GUILD *A Night in Italy*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH at 5:00 - 9:00 PM
Saint Mary's College Soda Center

Bella Musica by Joe Simone Duo
Great Food and Fellowship. \$45 per person
All proceeds benefit

the College Student Financial Aid Programs.

Please note: This event will be open seating with the exception of full tables of 8 or 10 purchased under one reservation form. Tables of ten are limited and will be reserved under a first come first serve basis.

Make checks payable to SMC Guild and mail to Donna Jollymour, 387 Calle la Monatana, Moraga, CA 94556. Questions? Call Donna at 925-299-1651

Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 7

Monday, October 8

Parish Office CLOSED - Columbus Day

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary

Tuesday, October 9

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary

11:30 am PR Women's Guild Luncheon

Wednesday, October 10

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary

Thursday, October 11

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary

9:30 - 12:00 pm PR Bible Study

10:00 am CR St. Vincent de Paul meeting

7:45 pm PR Choir rehearsals

Friday, October 12

9:00 am C Daily Mass and Rosary

1:00 - 8:00 pm C Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, October 13

7:30 - 8:30 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'**

GRIEF RETREAT FOR THE BEREAVED AND DIVORCED

Presented by Fr. Padraig Greene, NOV 16 – 18

Give yourself or a loved one the gift of a retreat weekend away to be comforted, given the strength to integrate the memories of your loved one who has died and your marriage which has died, as well as face the sadness, anger, guilt, resentment which are the faces of grief. Your healing will begin. This retreat offers you the opportunity to rest, slow down and get in touch with what is deep and painful within you. You will be in the presence of God and people who understand, in a beautiful, safe and compassionate environment as you share memories through prayer and sacraments, journaling, reflection, music and ritual. Registration begins at 4pm, Social at 6pm and Dinner at 7pm. First session begins at 8pm and concludes with lunch on Sunday.

\$245 for private room; \$215 per person for double occupancy. Registration available online at www.sandamiano.org or call 924-837-9141 to make a reservation by phone.

Notices and Events

Join Denver Archbishop and Learn How We Can Build a Strong Lay Apostolate Together Monday Evening, October 8th

All Catholics in the Oakland diocese are invited to learn how the Archbishop of Denver, Samuel J. Aquila, is building a strong lay apostolate movement. Pope Benedict XVI named Aquila archbishop of Denver in 2012.

Denver is considered the epicenter of evangelization in the U.S. since the 1993 World Youth Day.

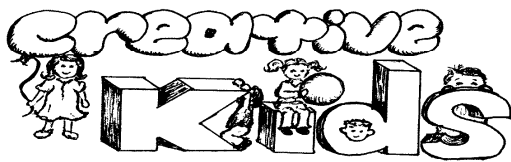
This free program is brought to you by Catholics at Work (C@W) and takes place on Monday evening, October 8th at 7 pm at St. Raymond's Catholic Church in Dublin.

Continuing the energy of Pope John Paul II's powerful 1993 World Youth Day (WYD), which was held in Denver, Aquila's goal is to encourage people to "be more than you realize. Jesus should be your rock!" This grassroots Catholic movement throughout the entire Denver archdiocese builds upon the ongoing WYD energy. Aquila's episcopal motto, "Do whatever He tells you," Mary's guidance at the wedding in Cana, is the theme encouraging us to embrace the apostleship. Aquila is speaking in a new evening-format Catholics@Work program, Monday, Oct. 8 at St. Raymond's parish located at 11555 Shannon Ave. in Dublin.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the program begins at 7 pm. This inspirational event is open to C@W members and to all others in the Oakland diocese community. Oakland Bishop Michael Barber will also join Archbishop Aquila for this special engagement.

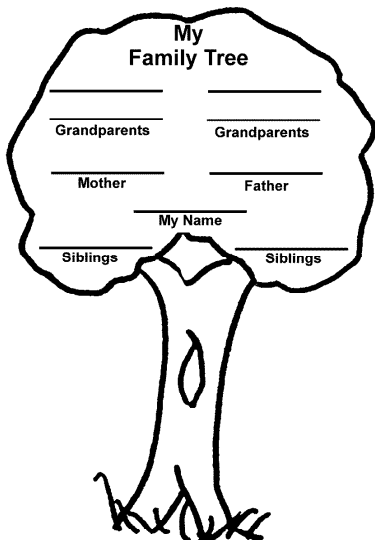
There is no charge for admission but a free-will offering is greatly appreciated to help cover the costs. Please register beforehand online at <http://www.catholicsatwork.com/> and consider joining Catholics at Work membership to support this inspirational speaker series. Catholics at Work is an Oakland diocese ministry to bring inspiring Catholic speakers to our East Bay community.

Children's Corner



Parents & Children may do these activities together at home.

With the help of an adult, complete the family tree.



GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

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God created humans as male and female.

Gn 2:18-24 Ps 128:1-6 Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16

Directions: Look at the pictures below and count the number of males and females. Then circle the correct number.

<p>MALE</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p> <p>FEMALE</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p>	
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