

# Saint Monica Church

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
November 23, 2014

1001 Camino Pablo  
Moraga, CA 94556

**Office Hours :**

Mon.-Thurs. 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Lunch 12-1  
Fri - 9:30 - 12:30  
Sat. - Sun. Closed

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**Website:**

[www.stmonicamoraga.com](http://www.stmonicamoraga.com)

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 pm

**Sunday Masses:** 7:30, 9:00  
and 11:00 am

**Children's Liturgy of the**

**Word:** 9:00 am Sundays  
and 11:00 a.m. (resuming 9/7)

**Daily Mass:**

Monday—Friday at 9:00 am

**Adoration:**

Friday - 1:00—8:00 pm

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 4:00-4:30 pm or by  
appointment: 925.376.6900

**Faith Formation:**

Grades K-5 x 203

Grades 9-12 - e-mail:

[saintmonicamoraga@gmail.com](mailto: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 Sister Marie Claire at (925) 376-6900 x203.

**CONFIRMATION:** Preparation for teens begins in Grade 9. Please contact Miranda at [saintmonicamoraga@gmail.com](mailto:saintmonicamoraga@gmail.com).

**MARRIAGE:** The couple should contact the Parish Center at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date to arrange a meeting with Fr. Wayne.

**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 Sister Mary LaSalette to arrange an appointment at (925) 376-6900 x.112.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) :** Anyone who is not Baptized, or is Baptized in another faith, and is interested in inquiring into the Catholic Faith, please contact Father Wayne at x103.

### St. Monica Pastoral Team:

**Rev. Wayne Campbell**, x103, Pastor  
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**Lucille Oliver**, x104 Bookkeeper  
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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 . . .

*This year St Monica Church is providing a list of charities (see below) to all parishioners for Christmas Outreach. Please feel free to look over and study this list of charities, and their needs, to decide which one (or more) of these outreaches that you wish to assist during this Christmas Season. During the first and second week of Advent (November 29/30 and December 6/7) the Church will begin receiving gifts for these charities. As you come to Mass during these two weeks before Christmas you may bring your gifts and place them in front of and around the empty manger, on the steps of the sanctuary. If you wish to give a monetary donation, place your check made out to St. Monica Church in an envelope and mark the agency you wish the money to go to. Envelopes can then go into the collection basket.*



### Saint Monica Christmas Outreach 2014

**(Please label all donations so they get to the right charity – Thank you!)**

**A Friendly Place Manor:** A drop-in center for homeless women run by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. **Need:** Christmas gifts for women (e.g. scarves, gloves, hats, jackets, sweatshirts, sweatpants, or gift sets of soap/perfume)

**Birthright:** An international pregnancy service that supports pregnant girls and women who need help providing positive alternatives to abortion. **Need:** monetary donations, diapers size 3, 4, & 5.

**Mercy Brown Bag:** Sponsored by Mercy Retirement and Care Center this program provides bags of nutritious groceries to more than 3,000 needy seniors twice monthly, free of charge. This program helps seniors make ends meet, retain their health, and stay in their own homes. **Need:** cash donations, large sized paper or plastic bags, Ziploc bags, volunteers to take bags to homebound seniors, small gifts for volunteer appreciation.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County Community Center:** Drop-in center for women and children offering showers, laundry facilities, clothing, diapers and formula for infants, health care, educational classes. **Need:** Unwrapped new toys, clothing, and gifts for children (boys and girls) 1 year through 16 years of age.

**Catholic Worker – Night on the Streets:** Our needs are simple: to care for those homeless and poor, these “Ambassadors of God” extending and overextending ourselves to genuinely love those considered by many as disposable and a burden to society. **Need:** Funds needed for overwhelming demand for sleeping bags and blankets.

**St Mary’s Center -** St. Mary’s Center works with extremely low income seniors, children and families. They focus on basic needs so people have food, housing, an education, health resources and the support of a community. **Needs:** Adult underwear and socks –large sizes- male and female. Sweat suits, single blankets, stainless forks, and inexpensive bath towels and wash cloths.

**Monument Crisis Center of Contra Costa County -** An emergency food pantry and community support center assisting 7,000 at-risk families (6,800 people a month) with food, information, educational workshops, tutoring, senior programs and referrals. **Need:** Cash, checks, credit card donations to buy food or food donations of fresh, packaged or canned foods; diapers (especially sizes 4-6); gift cards of small denominations (\$10-\$20) to Safeway, Food Maxx, Walmart, Target; and new sleeping bags are needed for homeless clients and others without beds.

#### Parish Office Hours THIS WEEK:

Monday — Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

Thursday — Friday: CLOSED

#### Attention all Lectors:

The 2015 workbooks have arrived and are in the Sacristy. The cost is \$14.00 per book.

## Reflections, Notices, Events

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND RCIA****Tuesdays 7:30-8:30****PEACE ROOM**

All are invited. Long time Catholics are invited to continue to grow in the knowledge and practice of their faith. Returning Catholics are invited as a "coming home" experience. Non-confirmed Catholics are invited as a preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at Easter. Non-Catholics or non-baptized are invited as a way to be initiated into the Catholic faith.

Father Wayne will be the main teacher.

**Nov 25 THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**

**Rebirth and growth**

**Dec 2 THE MASS/ EUCHARIST:**

A family gathered around the Table of the Lord

**Dec 9 CONFESSION AND THE HEALING OF OUR SINS**

Tell our sins to who?

**Dec 16 ADVENT PRAYER AND SOCIAL**

**THANKSGIVING DAY**

**November 27<sup>th</sup>**

**MASS OF  
THANKSGIVING**

**9:00 a.m.**

**There will be a collection for the  
St. Monica's Vincent de Paul Society.**

*Following Mass, join us in the PEACE Room for a  
sharing of breakfast breads and nibbles.*

*Bring something to share if you wish.*

**Saint Monica Advent Fair**

**Next Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

**3—5 p.m. in the Peace Center**



*Come and prepare for Advent by making a fresh  
Advent wreath for you home! We will also have  
cookie decorating, Advent crafts and  
refreshments. We ask that each family  
contribute \$12 to defray the costs of materials  
and bring either plain cut cookies for  
decorating or baked goods to share.  
Questions? Call Sister Marie Claire  
(925.376.6900 Ext. 203) or e-mail  
[children@stmonicamoraga.com](mailto:children@stmonicamoraga.com).*

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Volunteers Needed!!**

**\*Children's Liturgy of the Word** is offered each Sunday at the 9AM & 11AM Masses for all children from 4 years old through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The Gospel is shared with the children at their level through stories, activities, and prayer. We are in need of volunteers to facilitate these groups. Training and materials are provided. Please call Sr. Marie Claire at 925-376-6900, ext. 203 or e-mail [children@stmonicamoraga.com](mailto:children@stmonicamoraga.com).

**\*Office Help:** We are in need of volunteers to assist in the office for an hour each week. We will need people with good computer skills. Call 376-3900 or e-mail [office@stmonicamoraga.com](mailto:office@stmonicamoraga.com) if you are able to help. **Thank you!!**

**\*\*\* 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 St. Monica Ministers for  
December 6<sup>th</sup>—February 1<sup>st</sup>**

Please e-mail [office@stmonicamoraga.com](mailto:office@stmonicamoraga.com) to let us know the dates you are **not available**. If you do not have access to the internet, you may also contact the rectory office at 925-376-6900.

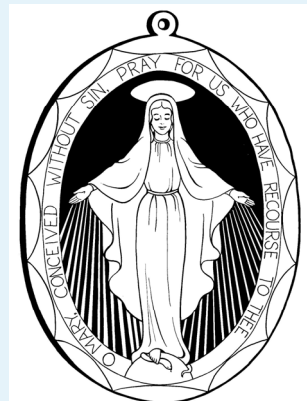
**THANK YOU for your ministry!**

**Feast of the  
Immaculate Conception**

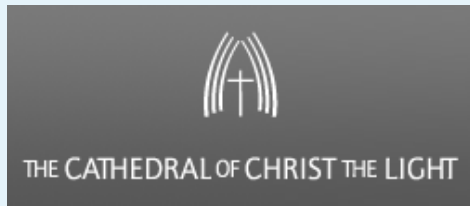
**Monday, December 8,  
2014**

**A Holy Day of  
Obligation**

**Masses at 9:00 a.m.,  
4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**



# Notices and Events



## Advent Lessons & Carols

A service of Nine Readings & Music for Choir,  
Congregation, Organ & Brass Ensemble

Sunday, December 14

5:30 p.m.

Bishop Michael Barber, SJ, Presider

Cathedral of Christ the Light:

2121 Harrison St., Oakland

## Parish Directory Committee Seeking Volunteers!

The parish directory is looking for people to assist the photographer on photography days. Time commitment before/after Mass is as follows (and, no, you wouldn't work all those shifts, just one!)

5:00 p.m. Mass - 30 minutes before and 1 hour after Mass

7:30 a.m. Mass - 30-45 minutes after Mass

9:00 a.m. Mass - 1 hour after Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass - 1 hour after Mass

In order for the photo days to run smoothly and stay on schedule (i.e., short wait times!), the photographer needs three people to help her. Duties would include checking people in, verifying correct spelling of names, seating/posing.

For 2015, we want to have a "core" group of three people from each mass (so a minimum of 12 volunteers are needed) to commit to helping at all the photography weekends. Having a "core" group will make it easier for the photographer, as well ~ she will not have to retrain different people each time she comes. If you are out of town or sick, a replacement can be found. Please help make our parish directory experience a positive one for all involved by helping out. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. You will be here anyway, so why not stay and help?

Please contact Charlie Gruebele 925-708-5957 / [cpmmg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cpmmg@sbcglobal.net) or Patrick Pagni 925-376-4288 / [pjpagni@me.berkeley](mailto:pjpagni@me.berkeley)



## Eucharistic Adoration

Come and spend some spiritual time with our Lord on Fridays – anytime between 1:00—8:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to commit to a half hour or more with our

Lord on a weekly basis, please call Linda Dick to schedule at 925.376.3462. Everyone is always welcome whenever their schedule allows. **Note:**

**Adoration will be not be available the day after Thanksgiving, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>** and the day after Christmas, Dec. 26. Start the New Year on Friday, January 2, 2015, with our Lord in Adoration! We'll be in the Chapel and a friendly reminder to enter through the hall way door on the Camino Pablo side!

## ST. MONICA WOMEN'S GUILD

Invites you to attend our Luncheon

Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

At 11:00 AM

ORINDA COUNTRY CLUB – TERRACE ROOM

Menu: Cup of Roasted Butternut Soup, Quiche Lorraine,  
Seasonal Salad, Rolls, Coffee/Tea, Lemon Curd Cake with Strawberries

Cost: \$35.00

Make your checks payable to: St. Monica Women's Guild, and mail with attached form to: Donna Jollymour, 387 Calle La Montana, Moraga, CA. 94556  
Absolute deadline will be Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> as space is limited

Name..... Phone Number.....



## Notices and Events

**Advent Silent Retreat: "A Place in the Stable"**

December 12 - 14, 2014

On this weekend, we will take a reflective journey and share the Incarnational story and our place and response to this story. By the end of the retreat, we will discover what gifts we desire to bring to the Christ Child and the gifts we receive. The beauty of the retreat house setting will be the backdrop for contemplation and restfulness.

Retreat begins on Friday with registration from 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and concludes on Sunday with lunch.

Register online!

[www.sandamiano.org](http://www.sandamiano.org)



**Sunday, November 23, 2014,  
10 a.m.- 4 p.m**

Come experience the joy of Christmas at our Motherhouse through artwork, crafts, refreshments and more! This is the opportunity to purchase Dominican olive oil, fruitcakes and other Dominican favorites.

43326 Mission Blvd.

Fremont, CA 94539

[www.msdominicans.org](http://www.msdominicans.org)

Dear Father Wayne and the St. Monica Parish community,

On behalf of all who are part of Next Step Learning Center - staff, students, volunteer tutors, and members of the Board of Directors - we want to thank you for your contribution of \$518.82. We are very grateful for this and for all the support provided by the parish over the years. Thank you!

We can hardly believe that two decades have passed since we first opened our doors here in October 1994. 20 years ago Next Step was just a dream, and today it is a vibrant organization with a mission that truly changes lives, one person at a time, one day at a time. Over 5,000 Oakland residents have been served. More than 300 Oakland / East Bay residents have contributed their time and talents as volunteers, and hundreds of others have supported our mission financially. Thank you for being part of this amazing coalition of support!

We welcome any member of the parish who would like to visit in person and see your generosity in action. Just give us a call at (510) 251-1731.

Sincerely,

Sister Cynthia Canning & Sister Rosemary Delaney,  
Co-Directors

Week At A Glance

**Sunday, November 23**

**Monday, November 24**

**Tuesday, November 25**

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. PR Adult Faith Formation / RCIA

**Wednesday, November 26**

**Thursday, November 27**

9:00 a.m. C Thanksgiving Mass

**Friday, November 28**

**Saturday, November 29**

7:30—9:30 a.m. PR Men's Fellowship

**Sunday, November 30**

**C: Church, Ch: Chapel; CL: Classroom, CR: Conference Room, K: Kitchen, PR: Peace Room, Rec: Rectory, YC: Youth Center.**

## Mass intentions

### SATURDAY, November 22

5:00 p.m. In Memory of Leatrice Drury

### SUNDAY, November 23

7:30 a.m. In Memory of Fr. Paul Ojibwaysa

9:00 a.m. In Memory of Teresita Minoza

11:00 a.m. In Memory of Sue Lundgren

### MONDAY, November 24

9:00 am In Memory of Claudia Bishop

### TUESDAY, November 25

9:00 am In Memory of Raquel Gerstel

### WEDNESDAY, November 26

9:00 am In Memory of Charles Vickers

### THURSDAY, November 27

9:00 am *Thanksgiving - No intentions*

### FRIDAY, November 28

9:00 am In Memory of Orlando Juni, Sr. & Julia Aquino

### SATURDAY, November 29

5:00 pm In Memory of Julius Kochanek

### SUNDAY, November 30

7:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Monica Parishioners

9:00 a.m. In Memory of Lorraine Campbell

11:00 a.m. In Memory of Mary Bryk

### Collections

<b>Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup></b>	\$8,367
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### Stewardship\*


Last weekend our stewardship of \$418.35 went to The Missionaries of Charity. This weekend our stewardship is going to Holy Cross Church in San Jose. Next weekend our stewardship will go to our St. Vincent de Paul Society here at St. Monica.  
 [\*normally equals 5% of plate collection + average of month's EFT/wk]

## Together we pray ...

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patsy Burch  
 Mary Carroll  
 Ralph Codde  
 Rosemary Erving  
 Catherine Fowler  
 Michael Gregory  
 Bud & Orae Hiester  
 Art Jollymour  
 Peter Koo  
 Borgie Leeds  
 Eleanor Lewis  
 Jeff Lewis

Mary Ann McCauley  
 Lorry Midura  
 Joan Muer  
 Evelyn Nosenzo  
 Ed & Erline Paille  
 Ana Ramirez  
 Rita Reginato  
 Mary Resnick  
 Marion Skrivanich  
 Elizabeth White  
 Juanita Whiting  
 Marjorie Zedaker



**AND FOR THE DECEASED**

*Joseph Aimar*  
*Joan Zappettini*

### Sunday Scriptures

**November 23, 2014** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17;  
 Ps 23:1-3, 5-6;  
 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

**November 30, 2014** Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7;  
 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;  
 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

### Stewardship

*"...as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me" – Matthew 25:40*

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness, mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.



**HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE:**

**November 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:00: LaVerne Peralta