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 Sr. Mary Teresa at children@stmonicamoraga.com or (925) 376-6900 x203.

CONFIRMATION: Preparation for teens begins in Grade 9. Please contact Michele Berrios at saintmonicamoraga@gmail.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. 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 x112.

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.

Saint Monica Pastoral Team:

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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: ______________________________________
Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise,  
and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong,  
and God chose the lowly and despised of the world,  
those who count for nothing

Dear Parishioners:

If you look at the lives of the saints you will often see very simple folks chosen by God to bring life to the world. The closer one gets to God, the more humble one becomes. We do not live in an age of humility. If we take our cultural icons as examples of good behavior, we are in worse trouble than ever. Peter Wehner was writing about ego-bound personalities in The Financial Times on Tuesday, January 24th of this year.

He writes, “…….(they) demonstrate impulsivity and narcissism, an affinity for conflict and vindictiveness. These types thrive on creating disorder, in violating rules, in provoking outrage. They are unlikely contained By norms and customs, or even by laws. Nothing is sacred. The truth is malleable, instrumental, subjective”.

In the book, The Abolition of Man, C.S. Lewis wrote, “I am very doubtful whether history shows us one example of a man who, having stepped outside traditional morality and attained power, has used that power benevolently.”

Our culture delights in stepping outside traditional morality. We almost delight in doing so. Truth is convoluted to suit our ego-needs. We think that because we say something is true – that it really is. We do not listen to God. We try to delegitimize and destroy those who bear truth. There really is a crisis of truth in our world today. If we fail to know the difference between what is God’s truth and cultural truth we will fail to see our limits. So the strength of the gospel – the Beatitudes – is that it is all about acknowledging our limits – our poverty, our grief, our powerlessness.

The paradox of the gospel is that when we are poor we are rich, when we are weak, we are strong. It is truly the example of Jesus. So the Beatitudes is about trusting weakness. It is about trusting our place in life – even if it is not at the top. It is about trusting our tears. It is about trusting our losses. It is about trying always to reconcile differences and mend paths – being peacemakers. It is not about stirring up trouble or delighting in shocking people as the poor are ignored and made to the cause of our own unhappiness. When one walks at the bottom of the heap – one can feel the pain of others and the mercy of the gospel can be lived and expressed.

I remember some months ago when reporters asked Pope Francis what he thought about Donald Trump wanting to build a bridge along the Mexican border, the Pope said, “Christians do not build walls.” And I was reflecting about the title of Pontiff or pontifex – it means to be a bridge builder. To know one’s true nature and to know one’s limits is at the heart of what it means to be in God. There were two thieves crucified next to Jesus on the cross. One scorned and mocked Jesus as he did not know himself. The other, begged for a remembrance and was promised the Kingdom of God that very day.

Pray for the gift of humility.

Blessings,

Father Wayne
The New American Bible - Catholic Readers Edition is available for sale in the parish office. $9.00 per copy

MASS INTENTIONS
If you have a special anniversary or other special date during the month of February and March for Mass Intentions, please contact the office.

PIZZA NIGHT
ST. MONICA WOMEN’S GUILD INVITE ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH TO OUR ANNUAL “LADIES NIGHT OUT”
Date: February 16th
Time: 5:30
Place: Peace Center
Cost: $20.00
For questions regarding reservations call Elizabeth White, 376-1429 or Carolyn Anderson, 376-3933. Flyers have been sent to members of the Guild. Deadline is February 13th.

Blessing of Throats
In honor of the Feast of St. Blaise the patron for those suffering from diseases of the throat, we will have blessing of the throats following the 9AM Mass on Friday, February 3rd.
Join us and receive a blessing of your throat as a sign of God's care for His people.

World Day of the Sick, initiated by Pope St. John Paul II and held annually worldwide near the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, is a ministry of the Diocese of Oakland and Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ.
Bishop Barber invites all who are sick or ill, as well as family members, caregivers, and healthcare providers to observe this day with him and many priests, religious and laity from throughout the Diocese of Oakland.
Please join us in this special opportunity to pray for healing and hope in this fragile population.
No RSVP is necessary.
For more information please visit oakdiocese.org/WDS

Eucharistic Adoration
Come and have a silent audience with our Lord every Friday in the Church from 1 to 8 p.m.
We can always use more people during the early hours of the afternoon, but you are always welcome whenever your schedule allows. We look forward to having you visit our Lord in Adoration especially in view of our country and all the commotion.
Enjoy the serenity and quiet peacefulness as you place your Challenges before Him.

Reflections, Notices, Events
Ministry of The Diocese of Oakland Supported by The Order of Malta
Saturday, February 11, 2017, 11:00 am
The Cathedral of Christ the Light
2121 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA 94612

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

As we reflect upon the beatitudes, let us explore how to understand our spouse better by participating in a WME weekend at San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville on July 14-16 or September 29-October 1st.

Space is limited!

Early registration is highly recommended. For more information contact Mike & Jeanne @ 925.672.2016 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767.
Or go to oaklandwwme.org

Marriage Help - Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on February 24, 25 & 26, 2017 call (510) 276-4118
email Oakland@RetroCA.com or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

SOUP TO SERVE

Next meeting Friday, February 3rd

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. This makes it one of the most unique ministries in the parish. 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 feel free to contact Sonja Crumbaugh at 247-0155 or scrumbaugh@comcast.net or Maura Clogher at 376-9328 or mclogher@comcast.net

Week At A Glance

Sunday, January 29
9:00 am C Rite of Welcome Mass

Monday, January 30
9:00 am C Daily Mass
7:00 - 8:00 pm CL Men’s Club meeting

Tuesday, January 31
9:00 am C Daily Mass

Wednesday, February 1
9:00 am C Daily Mass

Thursday, February 2
9:00 am C Daily Mass
7:00 - 8:00 pm CL Men’s Club Board meeting
7:30 - 10:00 pm PR Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 3
9:00 am C Daily Mass
- Blessing of the Throats
9:45 am K Soup to Serve
1:00 - 8:00 pm C Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, February 4
6:00 - 9:30 am PR Men’s Fellowship

Sunday, February 5

C: Church, CH: Chapel; CL: Classroom, CR: Conference Room, K: Kitchen, PR: Peace Room, REC: Rectory, YC/FR : Youth Center/‘Fireside Room’
Dear Rev. Campbell and Parishioners of St. Monica,

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Thanks to you, we have been able to provide much needed funding to the Dominican Sisters of Saint Catherine of Siena, Iraq. With your donation, the Sisters will be able to conduct mass and prayer services for local residents, as well as provide education to nearly 1,000 children. Sister Maria Hanna, OP says, “As a community, we continue to stay with our people and share with them their fears and concerns. We have learned how to live with uncertainty and the unknown. That is how we understand itinerancy today: always ready to move with what is important for us: our trust in the Lord.”

Thank you for your financial support, for your continued prayers for our Sisters and for all the people of Iraq.

Gratefully,

Amy Palmer, MA, CFRE
Director of Development

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Those that receive your food donations, whether they are children, seniors, low-income or just hungry, gratefully appreciate your kindness in thinking of them. We hope you will continue to support the Food Bank and the new families that come to us for assistance. Together we are ending hunger!

Sincerely,

Joan Tomasini, Food Drive Administrator

Dear Rev. Wayne Campbell,

On behalf of the Oakland A’s Community Fund, I would like to thank and acknowledge Saint Monica Catholic Church for the generous donation of $461.15 to the Oakland A’s fire relief campaign, through YouCaring. We are working with the Oakland Mayor’s office to ensure that 100% of the funds raised are given to the Red Cross to help those affected by the fire. With your support to the A’s and the Red Cross, we are able to continue to provide assistance to families of those who tragically lost their lives, along with individuals who were injured or displaced by the Warehouse Fire on Friday, December 2nd.

Established in 1981, the A’s Community Fund supports charitable organizations in improving the quality of life for people throughout the Bay Area. Specifically, the fund endeavors to improve educational programs, aid the underprivileged, assist in crime and drug prevention, promote health awareness, and champion children and senior welfare. The Community Fund believes in the need to invest in the community’s future.

Sincerely,

Detra Paige
Director, Community Relations

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the women at A Friendly Manor who benefitted from the wonderful array of items you brought us, we say thank you. You have been a continual support of our ministry with homeless women at Christmas and throughout the year.

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St. Monica Catholic Church

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Notices and Events

Oakland A’s Community Fund

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Mass intentions

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**Stewardship**

Last weekend our stewardship of $425.60 went to Next Step.

This weekend our stewardship will go to Loaves and Fishes.

Next weekend our stewardship will go to St. Vincent de Paul - Moraga.

*normally equals 5% of plate collection + average of month’s EFT/wk

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

- Ed Ahearn
- Harriet Anderson
- Evelyn Ballment
- Ken Gandre
- Martha Grisier
- Joan Haines
- Marjorie Hills
- Jeff Lewis
- Joan Marable
- Maryann McCauley
- Lorry Midura
- Jerry Moran
- Joan Muer
- Toni Newhoff
- Evelyn Nosenzo
- Erline Paille
- Joan Raftery
- Mary Resnick
- James Sherman
- Marion Skrivanich
- Genevieve Smith
- Tom Spewak
- Juanita Whitting

**AND FOR THE DECEASED**

- Marilyn Buzzo (Monday, January 30 at 9:00 am)
- Barbara Hundsberger (Tuesday, January 31 at 9:00 am)
- Thomas McCormack (Wednesday, February 1 at 9:00 am)
- Thomas McCormack (Thursday, February 2 at 9:00 am)
- John Dabrowski (Friday, February 3 at 9:00 am)
- Lorraine Curotto (Saturday, February 4 at 5:00 pm)
- Anne Gervais (Sunday, February 5 at 7:30 am)
- Eileen Jacobs (Sunday, January 29 at 7:30 am)
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**Sunday Scriptures**

**January 29, 2017**

- Zep 2:3;3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12A

**February 5, 2017**

- Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

**Stewardship**

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:3

This one confuses people. Replace the word “humble” for “poor” and it makes more sense.

People that are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember – God first in all circumstances.

**HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE: Feb. 5th**

TBD