Office Hours
Mon - Thurs: 9:30am - 3:00pm
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Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00* and 11:00am
*Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Daily Mass
Monday - Friday at 9:00am
followed by the Rosary

Adoration
Fridays, 1:00 - 8:00pm

Confessions
Saturdays, 3:30 to 4:30pm or by appointment

We, the community of St. Monica Parish, are Jesus Christ embodied and foster spiritual growth and vibrant participation through a welcoming Christ-centered community where everyone is valued.
Reflections

Why Do We Use Incense at Church?
(Part 2)

Another time where incense is used in church in connection with Our Lord’s sacrifice and the Blessed Sacrament is during Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction where the burning of incense is joined to singing of eucharistic hymns and our prayers and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ascend to God with a sweet fragrance like the incense.

Incense is also used at the Final Commendation during a funeral while we not only indicate the sanctity of the body, but we also pray that the soul of the departed may ascend, like the incense, and be greeted by the choirs of angels to lead them to Paradise.

Incense is a sacramental, and the priest blesses the incense as it is placed on the coals. The smoke obscures our sense of sight and adds an appreciation of the true mystery involved in the worship of God and our sanctification. It also pleasantly engages our sense of smell, along with our other senses involved in worship. As the incense is consumed and ascends as smoke, it reminds us that our own earthly life will also be consumed, and we hope to ascend to heaven having joined ourselves throughout our life to the fragrant sacrifice of our Lord.

The last mention of incense in Scripture is in the final book, Revelation, and John’s vision included an angel mingling incense with the prayers of the saints, and the smoke of the incense rising before God with the prayers of the saints (Rev. 8:3-4). When we see the smoke of the incense at church rising up, it should remind us to pray together with all the saints standing before God.

(Look for Part 1 in last week’s bulletin)

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Baptism: Please contact Fr. Paul.

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): 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.
### Daily Readings

**MON**
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

**TUES**
1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26

**WED**
1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

**THUR**
1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29

**FRI**
1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

**SAT**
1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

**SUN**
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

### Mass Intentions

**Monday, August 26th**
9:00 am: Peggy Northrup (I)

**Tuesday, August 27th**
9:00 am: Ed Surprenant (D)

**Wednesday, August 28th**
9:00 am: Judy Ward (I)

**Thursday, August 29th**
9:00 am: Mary Ellen Goga (D)

**Friday, August 30th**
9:00 am: Elizabeth Hart (D)

**Saturday, August 31st**
5:00 pm: Grace Meschendorf (D)

**Sunday, September 1st**
7:30 am: Michael Carpenter (D)
9:00 am: St. Monica Parishioners (I)
11:00 am: Nancy Tierney (D)

### Contributions

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### Please note the following changes for upcoming 2nd Collections:

- Aug 31st/Sept 1st - Ishaprema-Niketan (see ad)
- Sept 8th/9th - St. Monica Building Fund
- Sept 14th/15th - Priest Retirement Benefit Trust

### Welcome to Our Parish

We are happy to have you with us! If you are new, please visit our website at [www.stmonicamoraga.com](http://www.stmonicamoraga.com) to learn more about our vibrant parish.

### Coffee & Donuts

Please join us for Coffee & Donuts each Sunday after the 9:00 am Mass.
The Acts of the Apostles provides us more than a history of the First Christians - it is the story about the Early Church with the Holy Spirit as the protagonist. Christ did not leave His Apostles alone - He sent the Holy Spirit to guide, instruct and equip them. Enrich and deepen your faith as you learn how the Apostles continued Christ’s mission on earth through the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Come Join Us! Fall Bible Study begins on Wednesday, September 18th with two time slots to choose from: 9:45am - 11:15am or 6:30pm - 8:00pm. You may register after the 9am & 11am Masses on August 18th & 25th or you can register online at https://stmonicamoraga.com/bible-study. The cost is $40 per person for 20 sessions. For more information email Valerie Robertson at vdrobertson@comcast.net or Patty Cone at pattycone@gmail.com.
Calling All Women
Magnificat SOTI,
a Ministry for Catholic Women
invite all to join them at their Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, September 7, 2019 - 9:30 -12:30
Crowne Plaza, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA

Please join us for a morning of Praise, Prayer, and Inspiration from our speaker author Jess Echeverry. Her testimony as a Catholic convert and a survivor of violence who learns to forgive and love is compelling and uplifting! Through God’s grace and healing she has turned her past into loving help for others. Men are always welcome to attend! Tickets are $33/$40 after Aug 31st.

For more information: https://magnificat-ministry.net/ca-walnut-creek Email Magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com for reservations or call Kim Sullivan at 925-683-8220 for any questions.

Ishaprema-Niketan

Join us in welcoming Fr. Alex J. Pacheco, a priest from the Diocese of Stockton, who will be preaching in our Parish on behalf of Ishaprema Niketan on August 31st and September 1st, 2019. He was born in Goa – India, and was ordained Priest on April 28th, 1968. He has worked as a missionary priest among the poor and very primitive people in the Dioceses of Ngong and Nakuru, Kenya - Africa and joined the Diocese of Stockton in 1990.

Ishaprema-Niketan ("Home of God's Love") was opened on 19th March 1961 in a little garage situated at Padamji Park, in Pune, Maharashtra State, India. Run by dedicated Sisters of the Group called Ishaprema-Vinamra-Sevika (The Humble Servants of God's Love), the Home cares for abandoned, lonely, destitute old men and women, physically handicapped girls, and the little ones of working mothers from the slums around.

Our Home in Pune is no more in the garage where Ishaprema-Niketan was born. In 1962 we moved to a larger bungalow very close to it. We have two branches that were opened in the State of Goa: 1) at Assaganv village, Bardez Taluka, in 1966; 2) at Goa-Velha village, Tiswadi Taluka, in 1972. In Pune we have, on an average, around 65-70 residents, while in our 2 Homes in Goa around 40 aged and poor people are being cared for.

All these three Homes bear the same name. The houses themselves with the surrounding property have been gifted to us. And everything in our Homes is donated; cots, mattresses and bed-linen, home furniture, electrical and plumbing fittings, fans, fridges, washing machines, geysers and T.V. sets ... People have realized that these amenities are necessary for effective service of such a large family and also to make those we serve feel truly at home, to make them experience that Ishaprema-Niketan is truly their home, where they are cherished and loved until the very end.

Countless gifts have we received through the years, besides sincere encouragement from various persons. Without all this and God's very visible protection we would never have been able to carry on our service of dedication in the midst of our own limitations, hardships and obstacles of various types. That is why we remain always deeply grateful to all people, poor or rich, who have supported us and, above all, to our Heavenly Father.
### Notices & Events

Don’t miss these time-sensitive events going on now:

- **Confirmation Registration**  
  www.stmonicamoraga.com/confirmation-registration
- **Faith Formation (K-8th) Registration**  
  www.stmonicamoraga.com/register-for-fall-classes
- **Bible Study Registration**  
  www.stmonicamoraga.com/bible-study
- **CYO Basketball Registration**  
  https://stmonicacyomoraga.sportsengine-prelive.com/

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**In Loving Memory of**

**Patrick Daugherty Naughten**  
Bobby Deibert

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### Week at a Glance

**Monday - Friday**

9:00am (C) Daily Mass & Rosary

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**Tuesday, July 27th**

7:30pm - 8:30pm (PR) Boy Scouts Troop Mtng

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**Thursday, July 29th**

7:00pm - 8:00pm (CL) Men’s Club Board Mtng

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**Friday, August 30th**

1:00pm - 8:00pm (C) Adoration

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**Saturday, August 31st**

7:30am - 8:30am (PR) Men’s Fellowship

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*C: Church, CH: Chapel, CL: Classroom, CR: Conference Room, K: Kitchen, PR: Peace Room, REC: Rectory, YC/FR: Youth Center/Fireside Room*

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### Children’s Corner

**Luke 13:29** tells us that people from everywhere will come to the Lord’s table. See how quickly you can find paths that lead from all four directions.

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**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through him. Find each of these words three times in the word search below. Look up, down, and across.
St. Monica Faith Formation 2019/2020
Register Online Now for Fall Classes

Visit
https://stmonicamoraga.com/register-for-fall-classes

Now registering is as easy as 1,2,3…

1. COMPLETE ONLINE REGISTRATION
Fill out our online Faith Formation registration form. Here you can register multiple children at once and pay tuition via check or credit card.

Note: You must be a registered parishioner with St. Monica. You may register online at stmonicamoraga.com/registration.

2. PRINT & TURN IN ONLINE FORMS
Print, fill out and return to our parish office the following forms, located in the documents section of the online registration page, for each child being registered:

- Diocese of Oakland Release Form
- St. Monica Faith Formation Sign Out Policy

3. TURN IN BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE AND/OR LETTER OF TRANSFER IF NEEDED
- Provide a baptismal certificate for all first-time registrants, including incoming kindergarteners and older children who are new to our program.
- Provide a letter of transfer if your child completed the previous year of Faith Formation at another parish.