

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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The Baptism of the Lord ~ January 12, 2025

St. Monica Catholic Church

470 24th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94121
Tel: 415-751-5275

Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM



St. Monica Catholic Church MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil
5:00 PM

Sunday
8:00 AM (Vietnamese)

11:00 AM

Weekdays
8:30 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Rosary
8:00 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Confessions
4:00 PM - 4:40 PM Saturday

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Catholic Chaplain for UCSF

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St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
9:00 AM

Weekdays
8:30 AM
(Monday, Wednesday,
and Friday)

First Saturday
Mass
8:30 AM

First Saturday Adoration
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



And a voice came from heaven:

**"You are my Son,
whom I love;
with you I am
well pleased."**

Luke 3:22b NIV



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Dear brothers and sisters,

As a good way to kick off this New Year, let us take some time to acquaint or re-acquaint ourselves with what is called The Five Precepts of the Church. A precept is a general rule that we follow to guide us into right behavior. In the Scriptures we hear that “The precepts of the Lord are all of them just.” Meaning to say, when we follow God’s teachings, we do what is right and just in his eyes.

In the next several weeks, we will be considering these precepts, considering one each week. They are 1) to attend Mass on Sundays and other holy days of obligation and to refrain from work and activities which could impede the sanctification of those days; 2) to confess one’s sins, receiving the Sacrament of Penance at least once each year; 3) to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least once a year during the Easter season; 4) to abstain from eating meat and to observe the days of fasting established by the Church; and 5) to help to provide for the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability.

The Five Precepts of the Church are obligatory and positive laws that are meant to guarantee to the faithful the minimum efforts needed to grow in the life of grace. When we follow these five ways, we lay the necessary foundation for living a life pleasing to God. They are not the entirety of the spiritual life, but without them, the spiritual life is weak at best.

They are obligatory, meaning they are required of us to be considered faithful to the Church. It is good for us to be given teachings from God that are necessary. Without such guidance, we more easily stray and wander from his path. Because they are required, we are then called to live a higher life, to strive for more.

Let us embrace the precepts of God’s Holy Church. If we do, we will see greater grace and growth in our lives. We will see that we have done what is pleasing to our Lord and our God.

Fr. Ben

“The chief service I owe you, O God, is that every thought and word of mine should speak of you.”
St. Hilary (Feast Day - January 13th)

**Welcome to all who worship with our parish family,
whether long time residents or newly arrived in the parish.
If you are not registered, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket or
mail it to the Rectory.**

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

- New Parishioner New Address New Phone Number Remove from List
- Send Sunday Envelopes
- St. Monica St. Thomas the Apostle

You may register online at: <https://www.osvhub.com/smstaparishsf/directory/register>



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JOIN US FOR THE WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST

The 21st Annual Walk for Life will take place on **Saturday, January 25th**. The day will begin with a 9:30 AM Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone. An Information Faire and Rally will take place at 12:30 PM at the Civic Center Plaza. Following the Rally a 2 mile walk will go down Market Street and conclude at Embarcadero Center. For more information visit: WalkforLifeWC.com.

A group from St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle will meet at 12:30 PM at Civic Center Plaza near the trees. Look for our blue St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle banner.



SAVE THE DATES

Walk For Life West Coast

Saturday, January 25th

Crab Feed

Saturday, January 25th

Catholic Schools Week

January 26th - February 1st

Lunar New Year Dinner

Saturday, February 8th

Sports-O'Rama

Saturday, February 22nd

Vietnamese Lunar New Year "Tet" Mass and Celebration

Sunday, February 23rd

More details on these events will appear in upcoming bulletins.

 * We welcome into our Parish family *
 * Bella Liu *
 * Zog Liu *
 * who were recently baptized at St. Monica. *



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GOSPEL REFLECTION



As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we can study His actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of servant leadership. We see in Jesus a type of leadership that is characterized by humility and leading by example.

Certainly, the sinless Savior did not need a baptism of repentance! But Jesus humbly made Himself one with his people to draw us to Him and create a relationship with us so that we would be open to His teachings and influence.

As a servant leader, we also see that Jesus leads by example. He doesn't just tell the people they need to be baptized. He shows them how and does it Himself to teach them. To lead like Jesus, we, too, must "walk the walk" and not just "talk the talk." If we want those who we lead to be generous and hard-working, then we must show them how to do this by demonstrating generosity and hard work ourselves. Immediately after His baptism, we learn of the powerful affirmation of the Father who opens the heavens, sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form, and says audibly, "This is my beloved Son with whom I

am well-pleased." Let us be filled with gratitude for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be well-pleased with us, too.

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MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

The Parish is seeking to expand its homebound ministry to those who, because of age or illness are unable to attend Mass but would like to have the Eucharist brought to them. If you know of anyone in this situation, please contact Jessica Montgomery at the Parish Office at 415-751-5275 or email Deacon Dana Perrigan at perrigan2000@yahoo.com.

After determining the extent of the need, parishioners interested in this ministry may volunteer to serve those in need. Please contact Deacon Dana Perrigan if you are interested in volunteering for this ministry.

* We pray for the repose of the souls of *
* Elsie McGee *
* Gloria Parker *
* and offer our sympathy to their family and *
* friends. *
* Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let *
* perpetual light shine upon them. May their *
* souls and the souls of all the faithful depart- *
* ed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *
* Amen. *

WE INVITE ALL OUR PARISHIONERS TO SPEND TIME IN FELLOWSHIP

ST. MONICA CHURCH - FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY will be held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month in the Small Hall following the 11:00 AM Mass. To volunteer please email Deacon Dana Perrigan at: perrigan2000@yahoo.com.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH - SOCIAL SUNDAY will be held on the 2nd Sunday of every month in the church's vestibule after the 9:00 AM Mass. To volunteer please e-mail Christine Aguerre at: chriscrk6@gmail.com



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	01/13	8:30 AM	Tomas Bermejo †	Mon.	01/13	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Tue.	01/14	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Tue.	01/14		No Mass
Wed.	01/15	8:30 AM	Marie Goss †	Wed.	01/15	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	01/16	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Thu.	01/16		No Mass
Fri.	01/17	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Fri.	01/17	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sat.	01/18	8:30 AM	Paul Siu †	Sat.	01/18	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	Parishioners	Sun.	01/19	9:00 AM	Parishioners
Sun.	01/19	11:00 AM	John, Hugh, Patrick, & Conn Kerley †				

Request a Mass Intention

Mass Intentions for 2025 may be offered in honor of loved ones at either St. Monica or St. Thomas the Apostle Church. For scheduling and additional information, you can either stop by or mail the parish office at 470 24th Ave. SF, CA 94121 or email (parishoffice@smstaparishsf.org). Please list all your Mass intentions and requested dates. You can also call Jessica at 415-751-5275 during office hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM.

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA		ST. THOMAS
	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION (December 29th)	\$2,319.00	\$304.00	\$1,792.00
1ST COLLECTION (January 5th)	\$1,837.00	\$374.00	\$4,343.00
CHRISTMAS	\$12,197.00	\$1,285.00	\$5,391.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY	\$920.00	\$217.00	\$279.00
DECEMBER ONLINE DONATION	\$7,261.00		

BAPTISM INQUIRIES
 For baptismal inquiries, please contact the Parish Office:
 415-751-5275 or email parishoffice@smstaparishsf.org

ST. MONICA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRAY FOR US