

# Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 19, 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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St. Thomas the Apostle Rectory  
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San Francisco, CA 94121



### 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

*The First  
Miracle*  
JOHN 2:1-11



*“What Jesus did here in  
Cana of Galilee was the first  
of the signs through which  
He revealed His glory; and  
His disciples believed  
in Him.”*

John 2:11



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Dear brothers and sisters,

In our new series on the Five Precepts of the Church, we today reflect on the first rule “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.” Said in another way, we are required to attend Mass each Sunday and holy day of obligation, and we ought to allow those days to be holy for us.

When followed, this precept opens the door to many blessings. Through it we honor God, draw near to him, and gain access to the greatest prayer of the Church, the Mass. The Mass is where we hear God’s Word, where we unite our prayers to Jesus and his sacrifice, where we join with the community of the Church, and where we receive the Real Presence of Jesus in Most Holy Communion.

To miss out on this is to lose our nearness to God. An example would be if a child refused to come to dinner with their family. Not only would they be disobeying their parents by not joining them, but they would also be distancing themselves from the love and presence of their family. This would lead to real problems for the child, and pain for the family itself. It is the same when we fail to come to Mass as we should. We lose the joyful union we need with God and his people the Church.

Although we call this and all the precepts obligatory, we should also see them positively. Because we are Catholics, we have been granted the great privilege to belong to God, to love and worship him, and to experience him in our lives. No other activity or prayer can accomplish this like the Mass can. We will be blessed if we allow ourselves to be blessed in such a way!

Fr. Ben

**GIVING TREE THANK YOU**

Thank you to our wonderful parishioners who generously donated to the Opiate Treatment Outpatient Program Methadone Clinic at SF General Hospital. We received over 300 cookies, 64 blankets, 111 beanies, 71 pairs of gloves and 104 pairs of socks and 1 raincoat and other clothes and shoes.

**Thank you for your kindness and generosity!**

***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](http://WalkforLifeWC.com).

**A group from St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle will meet at 12:30 PM at the Civic Center Plaza (Polk St. & McAllister St.) 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

**ST. MONICA CRAB FEED**

Saint Monica School will host its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual St. Monica Community Crab Feed fundraiser on **Saturday, January 25th at 6:00 PM**. Come and enjoy an *adults-only* evening filled with fresh crab, music and great company, and ALL for a great cause! Proceeds from the event will benefit Saint Monica School Experiential Learning programs. Dinner tickets are \$100 each, which include crab, pasta, salad, wine, and beer. For more information and to order tickets, visit: <https://stmonica.schoolauction.net/crabfeed2025>. There are also flyers on the tables for more details.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK: January 26th - February 1st**

Each year, the last week of January is designated as a time to celebrate all those who contribute so generously in support of the Catholic educational system. Let us remember in our prayers the teachers, administrators, staff, and volunteers in St. Monica School and St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool as they nurture and educate the students in their care. Extend a word a gratitude to them in appreciation for all the good they do for the students and their families.



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**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Today’s Gospel reading from John recounts the familiar story of the wedding feast at Cana when Jesus launched His public ministry by performing His first miracle at his mother’s request.

In the midst of the feast, the Blessed Mother noticed that the wine had run out and pointed out the problem to Jesus. Then, she gave the servants instructions that are equally applicable to us modern-day stewards, saying, “Do whatever He tells you.” Jesus gives the servants a simple and seemingly mundane task, telling them to fill some stone jars with water. They did what He told them to do. And Jesus used their obedience in the accomplishment of that simple task to perform His first miracle, turning the water into the choicest wine.

Our Lord didn’t have to include those servants in order to perform this miracle — He chose to. And today, 2,000 plus years later, He still chooses to include us in the performance of His miracles through our cooperation with Him in using the gifts and talents He has given us. What a privilege! Let us take care to listen to our Blessed Mother: let’s examine our lives this week to see if we really are “doing whatever He tells us,” cooperating with God to make the best use of the gifts He has given us for the benefit of those around us. If we all take this call seriously, He will perform miracles in our families and our parish.

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**Thank You!**

We have received donations covering all the costs of our new piano at St. Thomas Church.

Let us be encouraged and reminded that Scripture tells us “*God loves a cheerful giver.*”

Not only that, but the Bible tells us to “*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.*”

This we will do because of your generosity!

**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 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.	01/20	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Mon.	01/20	8:30 AM	Deceased Members on the Memorial Wall †
Tue.	01/21	8:30 AM	Maura Moy †	Tue.	01/21		No Mass
Wed.	01/22	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Wed.	01/22	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	01/23	8:30 AM	Neonita Salapare †	Thu.	01/23		No Mass
Fri.	01/24	8:30 AM	Fr. John Sakowski †	Fri.	01/24	8:30 AM	Fr. John Sakowski †
Sat.	01/25	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Sat.	01/25	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	Fr. Robert Corral, O.P. †	Sun.	01/26	9:00 AM	Parishioners
Sun.	01/26	11:00 AM	Parishioners				

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
January 12, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$2526.00	\$424.00	\$1590.00

*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.

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

**ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS AT ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHEDRAL**  
**Saturday, February 22, 2025**

All sacramentally married couples in the Archdiocese are invited to celebrate Mass with Archbishop Cordileone, followed by a reception. Couples celebrating “5-year anniversaries” (5, 10, 15, 20...) will receive special recognition. To register visit <https://sfarchdiocese.org/event/2025-wedding-anniversary-celebration/>. For more information contact Ed Hopfner at 415-614-5547.

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