

# *Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish*

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## Third Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ January 21, 2024

### **St. Monica Catholic Church**

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



### **St. Monica Catholic Church MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil  
5:00 PM

Sunday  
8:00 AM (Vietnamese)  
11:00 AM

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy at  
Our Lady of Fatima Byzantine

Weekdays  
8:30 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Rosary  
8:00 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Confession  
4:00 PM - 4:40 PM Saturday

Administrator  
**Rev. David Schunk**

In Residence  
**St. Monica Rectory**  
**Rev. Paulinus Iwuji, SMMM**  
Catholic Chaplain VA Hospital

**St. Thomas the Apostle Rectory**  
**Rev. Te Van Nguyen**  
**Vietnamese Ministry**  
Catholic Chaplain for UCSF

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**Alix Jerinic**

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

3835 Balboa Street  
San Francisco, CA 94121



### **St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday  
9:00 AM

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

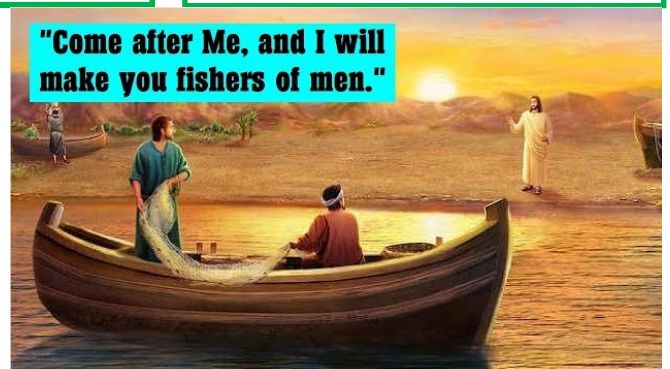
First Saturday  
Mass  
8:30 AM

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

"This is the time of fulfillment.  
The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel."

-Mark 1:15

**"Come after Me, and I will  
make you fishers of men."**





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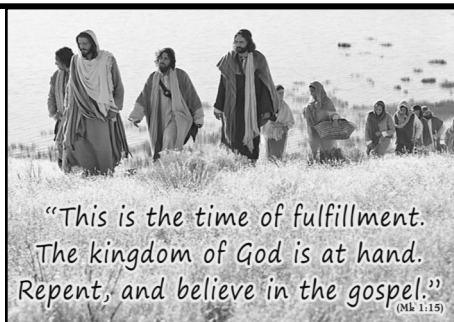
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you to all who participated in the Walk for Life West Coast on Saturday. It is an important witness that as Christian disciples, we stand in solidarity for and with the most vulnerable of the human family and offer our support to those in difficult circumstances. If you know a mother or family who is overwhelmed, experiencing fear, or feeling alone because of a pregnancy, you may reach out to the Gabriel Project in the Archdiocese for help and support. Likewise, the Archdiocese sponsors Rachel's Vineyard, a ministry for women and men whose lives have been touched by abortion and who seek healing, peace, and reconciliation. For more information on both of these ministries, you may reach out to Father Schunk, Sister Noreen, or visit the Archdiocese webpage for more information on these ministries:  
<https://sfarch.org/standwithmoms>.

As has been announced in the bulletin, we are coming to the end of our transition period for online giving. Beginning in February, there will be just a single website for both churches for online giving. As noted, parishioners who have signed up for offertory envelopes will continue to receive envelopes and we will continue to take up the offertory at Mass as usual. Online giving is an additional option for people to give, especially for visitors and people from out of town.

Speaking of envelopes, your next package of envelopes from Our Sunday Visitor should have arrived or will be arriving soon. You may notice that there are fewer envelopes for the collections. This is because I exercised the line-item veto and eliminated most of our parish second collections (e.g. parish maintenance). Father Spyrow began eliminating some collections last year and I am continuing the process because it is all too apparent that we have *too* many second collections. Second collections are supposed to be collections when we pass the basket around a second time for a special cause and "dig a little deeper." Unfortunately, in many parishes what is supposed to be a special practice has become routine with practically every weekend having a second collection. We will continue to have second collections for what are known as diocesan or national collections (e.g. Retired Religious, St. Patrick's Seminary, World Missions). These are scheduled about once a month. And we will continue our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday collection for the parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society. We will also participate in the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, though that will not be done as a special collection. By eliminating our parish second collections, I am asking us to focus our sacrificial giving for the parish in the first collection. This should simplify all of our lives and shorten our time at Mass(!) because the ushers will not be going through the church twice on a regular basis.

Father Schunk





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### VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR'S MASS & CELEBRATION

Sunday, February 25 at 1:00 PM

St. Monica Church

Following the Mass there will be a celebration  
in the Hall.

#### ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION!

Tết, short for Tết Nguyên Đán (Lunar New Year), is the most important celebration in Vietnamese culture. Tết celebrates the arrival of spring based on the Vietnamese calendar, which is mostly based on the lunisolar Chinese calendar and usually has the date in January or February in the Gregorian calendar.

#### SAVE THE DATES

- ♦ Catholic Schools Week  
January 28th - February 3rd
- ♦ Crab Feed  
Saturday, January 27th at SM
- ♦ Vietnamese New Year Mass & Celebration  
Sunday, February 25th at SM
- ♦ Eucharistic Miracles  
Sunday, March 3rd at SM
- ♦ School Auction Gala  
Saturday, March 16th at 6:00 PM at SM
- ♦ Sister Noreen's Platinum Jubilee  
TBD

More details on these events will  
appear in an upcoming bulletin.

#### ***Respect for Life Prayer***

*O God, our eyes behold the beauty  
of your creation, and our ears  
catch the sounds of your power.*

*We hold our lives sacred  
because they are your gift.  
Bring us to greater awareness  
of the sanctity of human life and to  
sorrow for the times we have  
ignored or offended it.  
We ask this through Christ our  
Lord.*

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 28th - February 3



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 at St. Monica School as they nurture and educate the students in their care. Extend a word of gratitude to them this week in appreciation for all the good they do for the students and their families.



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### ONLINE PARISH GIVING UPDATE

As we have noted in the bulletin for the past couple of weeks, our parish is transitioning to a new vendor (Our Sunday Visitor-OSV) to process online donations for St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. There will be a single site for both St. Monica and St. Thomas to streamline the donation process. We are planning to continue the old donation sites running through January 2024 during the transition period. The new site is currently set-up for regular, Sunday offerings (one time, weekly, bi-monthly, monthly, quarterly) and for single, one-time general donations. In time, we will add options for donating for the Second Collections, etc.

- To find the donation page, please visit our Parish Homepage and click the DONATE menu at the top.
- If you already have donations reoccurring with the old site(s), we ask you to cancel those transactions on the old site and set-up your regular offerings with the new site.
- If you are interested in making your regular offering online, please check out the new site.
- For those who use offertory envelopes, that option for giving will continue as usual.

We thank those who currently participate in online giving for their generosity to our parish, and for all those who give of their time, talent, and treasure, helping to make our parish of St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle a faith-filled Christian community.

**DONATE TO ST. MONICA-ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**



### In His Presence

#### The Eucharistic Revival at St. Monica – St. Thomas the Apostle

Focus for January – The Sacred Scriptures

When we come to Mass, we say prayers as we speak to God. However, an indispensable part of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Word, where we can say God speaks to us through the Sacred Scriptures. As the Church taught at the Second Vatican Council, though the Bible was written by human authors, it is God the Holy Spirit who is the true author of the texts we read, hear, and proclaim. As it is God speaking to us, when we listen or read from the Bible, we are having an encounter with God who has revealed himself to us. In this month of January, we may challenge ourselves to encounter the Lord and be In His Presence in a particular way with the Sacred Scriptures/Bible. While we hear the Scriptures every time, we go to Mass, we may look to find a deeper way to be present to him in his Word. This could be our own private reading of the Bible or perhaps even just reading ahead of time the readings for Mass. In whatever we may do, we should not allow the Bible to just be something that sits on a shelf or just another part of what happens at Mass. We may be *In His Presence* as we allow the Lord to speak to us through his Word.

### 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](mailto:perrigan2000@yahoo.com).

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH - SOCIAL SUNDAY** will be held on the 2nd Sunday of every month in the vestibule of the Church after the 9:00 AM Mass. To volunteer (clean up and refreshment donations) please email Christine Aguerre at: [chriserk6@gmail.com](mailto:chriserk6@gmail.com).



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# Mass Intentions

St. Monica			
Mon.	01/22	8:30 AM	Moyra Moy †
Tue.	01/23	8:30 AM	Neomita Salapare †
Wed.	01/24	8:30 AM	Fr. John Sakowski †
Thu.	01/25	8:30 AM	Josephine Smith & Family, Good Health
Fri.	01/26	8:30 AM	Peter & Alice Kerley †
Sat.	01/27	8:30 PM	William Nanry, Jr. †
		5:00 PM	Parishioners
Sun.	01/28	11:00 AM	George Lau †

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	01/22	9:00 AM	Anna Joseph, Good Health
Tue.	01/23		No Mass
Wed.	01/24	8:30 AM	Fr. John Sakowski †
Thu.	01/25		No Mass
Fri.	01/26	8:30 AM	Richel Gardner, Good Health
Sat.	01/27		No Mass
Sun.	01/28	9:00 AM	Juliana Toy †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
January 14, 2023		
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,343.00	\$953.00
2ND COLLECTION	\$498.00	\$319.00
Parish Upgrades & Improvements		
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$430.00	



*As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves: what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? And if not now, when?*  
~ Catholic Stewardship Consultants

**“The measure of love is to love without measure.”**  
**St. Francis de Sales (Feast Day - January 24th)**

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\* We pray for the repose of the soul of \*  
\* Jim Ringszis \*  
\* and offer our sympathy to his \*  
\* family and friends. \*  
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