

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ January 28, 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

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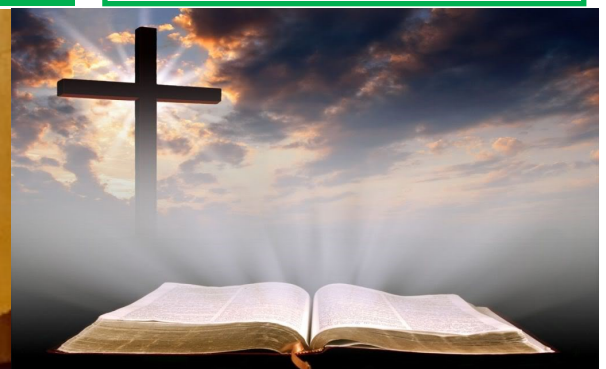
St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

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





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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I mentioned in my homily last week, I want to encourage and challenge all of us to open up the Scriptures and become more familiar with the Word of God. Sometimes just thinking about the Bible can be daunting. But you do not need to become a Biblical scholar to have a greater understanding and appreciation for the Lord speaking to us in the Sacred Scriptures. One of the wonderful fruits of the reform of the Sacred Liturgy after the Second Vatican Council 60 years ago was the reform of the Lectionary, the plan of readings that we use for Mass on Sundays and weekdays. The bulletin section on the liturgy by Father Belsole explains how the readings are planned for us.

As for other ways to dive deeper into Scripture, one free resource is the readings for Mass which are available online on the US Bishops Conference's website: <https://bible.usccb.org>. You can even sign up for emails with the Mass readings. Other simple ideas are reading before Mass, the readings of the day found in the Missals in the pews. As I said in the homily last week, if you would like to read directly from the Bible, I suggest reading a Gospel to start (St. Mark being the shortest). Another good combination is the Gospel of St. Luke followed by the Acts of the Apostles, which both written by St. Luke, offer us a part one-two account of the life of Christ and then the early Christian community. Ultimately, the book is there for us, we just need to pick it up and read.

Speaking of study and reading, this week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We are in a particular way filled with gratitude to all our teachers, staff, and volunteers who are part of the educational ministries of our parish: Religious Education Program, St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool, and St. Monica School. We pray for them as they work tirelessly in the formation of the young people of our neighborhood in the Richmond to proclaim in word and deed, the Faith, Hope, and Love that comes from God.

Finally, I am hosting in the rectory at St. Monica's for a few days this week Father Lucas LaRoche, a priest of the Diocese of Worcester, MA. He was one of the seminarians I worked with when I was at my previous assignment at the Pontifical North American College. He is out our way for a few days of R&R as he visits and connects with friends and colleagues on the West Coast.

Father Schunk

The Feast of St. Blaise

February 3rd

The Blessing of the Throats will take place on **Saturday, February 3rd at 8:30 AM** at both St. Monica and St. Thomas the Apostle Churches.

BLESSING OF THROAT PRAYER
on the feast of St. Blaise

*"Through
the intercession
of St. Blaise,
bishop and martyr,
may God deliver you
from every disease
of the throat and
from every other illness:
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen"*





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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.

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.

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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Reflections on the Mass and Sacred Liturgy

“The Readings in Ordinary Time”

All of the readings that we hear at Mass come from the Bible, either the Old Testament or the New Testament. On the Sundays of what is called Ordinary Time, there are three readings provided by the Church for us to hear and reflect upon. The first reading is from the Old Testament, the second reading is from an apostle, and the third reading is from one of the gospels.

The Sunday readings are arranged in a three-year cycle, so that we hear each set of readings every three years. The Gospel readings are generally taken from the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The Gospel of John is used at other times. In general, the gospels for this time of the year deal with the life and teaching of Christ. The Old Testament readings have been chosen to correspond to the gospel readings in order to bring out the unity between the Old and New Testaments. A Catholic understanding of the Bible recognizes that the New Testament lies hidden in the Old, and the Old Testament is better understood in light of the New.

The second reading is a generally continuous reading from the Letters of Paul and James since the Letters of Peter and John are read at other times.

Consequently, the distributions of the readings of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter as well as those of Ordinary Time assure that those who take part in Sunday Mass are familiar with the New Testament and almost all of the principal passages of the Old Testament.

Source: Rev. Kurt Belsole, OSB, Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, PA
www.liftupyourhearts.church

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT
OF CALIFORNIA – SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

In re: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, Case No. 23-30564

Notice of Deadline for Filing Claims: February 20, 2024

YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR OTHER CLAIM AGAINST THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

On August 21, 2023, The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, a California corporation sole, aka Archdiocese of San Francisco (the “Debtor”), filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”).

If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Debtor, you must file a claim so as to be received by February 20, 2024, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Debtor.

Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before August 21, 2023, must be filed on or before February 20, 2024, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before August 21, 2023.

For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim form and associated documents, please visit <https://omniagentsolutions.com/RCASE> or contact Omni Agent Solutions, Inc., the Debtor’s claims agent via email at RCASFinquiries@omniagnt.com or by phone at 888-480-6507 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or 747-293-0084 (International), between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Pacific Time), Monday through Friday.

****If you have questions about the bankruptcy case filed by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, please also visit the website at <https://sfarch.org> and follow the links for Chapter 11 Filing****

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 vestibule of the Church after the 9:00 AM Mass. To volunteer (clean up and refreshment donations) please email Christine Aguerre at: chris-cr6@gmail.com.





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Mass Intentions

St. Monica			
Mon.	01/29	8:30 AM	Fr. Larry Gould, Special Intention
Tue.	01/30	8:30 AM	Denise Goss †
Wed.	01/31	8:30 AM	Rose Stuart †
Thu.	02/01	8:30 AM	Elizabeth Roche †
Fri.	02/02	8:30 AM	John Y. Ip †
Sat.	02/03	8:30 PM	Eva Romano, Healing & Recovery
		5:00 PM	Mariano Dizon †
Sun.	02/04	11:00 AM	Parishioners †

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	01/29	8:30 AM	Ricky Thompson, Jr., Good Health
Tue.	01/30		No Mass
Wed.	01/31	8:30 AM	Mariano Dizon †
Thu.	02/01		No Mass
Fri.	02/02	8:30 AM	Helen B. Calma †
Sat.	02/03	8:30 AM	Art Calma †
Sun.	02/04	9:00 AM	Eloisa Franco & Joel Sabedra †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
January 21, 2024		
1ST COLLECTION	\$2,208.00	\$1,177.00
2ND COLLECTION	\$171.00	\$196.00
PARISH UPGRADES & IMPROVEMENTS		
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$427.00	

ONLINE PARISH GIVING UPDATE

This week, we will be taking down the old online donation portals (Vanco) for St. Monica and St. Thomas the Apostle. Going forward, there will be a just single donation site for both churches. If you have not done so already, we ask you to please make the transition to the new site as we move forward. Thank you for your generosity.

- 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.

DONATE TO ST. MONICA-ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

