

# *Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish*

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## The Epiphany of the Lord ~ January 5, 2025

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

470 24th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94121  
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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 VA Hospital

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

Sunday  
9:00 AM

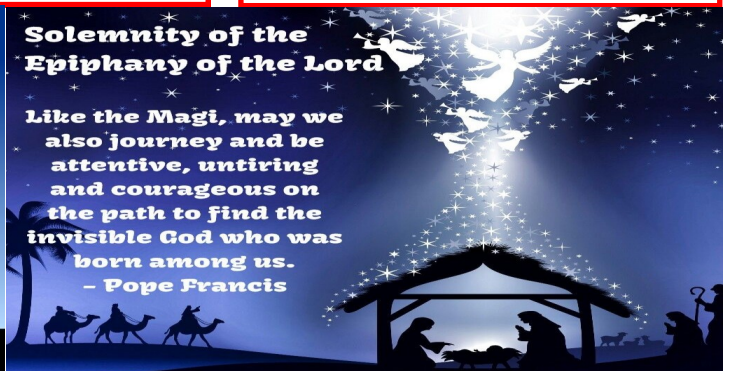
Weekdays  
8:30 AM  
(Monday, Wednesday,  
and Friday)

First Saturday  
Mass  
8:30 AM

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

### **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

Like the Magi, may we  
also journey and be  
attentive, untiring  
and courageous on  
the path to find the  
invisible God who was  
born among us.  
- Pope Francis





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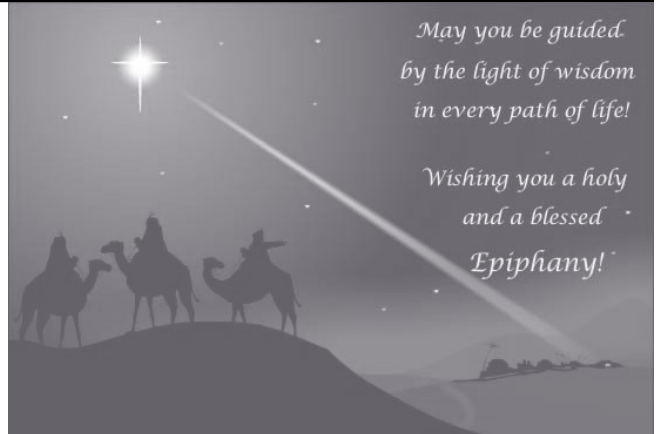
Dear brothers and sisters,

We have officially begun 2025, a new year is upon us. A new year brings with it new beginnings. We have new opportunities to leave what is past in the past, and to work at bringing forth something new. Doing this is healthy. It allows us to grow and not remain the same.

Our Christian life is like this as well. We are to always seek to begin again with the Lord. Each morning we have to recommit ourselves to the new day, saying to God “I will follow you this day Lord. Lead me and guide me.” We are to allow God to continue to recreate us anew each day. This happens to us in a special way when we go to confession. We allow the Lord to forgive our past and give us a fresh start. We need this!

In this new year that is being given to us, let us go forward with God. The scriptures tell us that we travel “from glory to Glory.” We have been blessed by God in the past, but there is more to come. My hope is that not only each of us individually but as one parish community we will grow in such a way. I have some new initiatives planned for us, and I hope that you will be willing to walk with me and our Parish into this new year, a blessed new season in the life of St. Monica – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

Fr. Ben



*“Faith, if it is to grow, has to begin ever anew. It needs to be sparked by desire, to take up the challenge of entering into a living and lively relationship with God.” ~ Pope Francis*

**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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## 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. After Mass, everyone will gather at 12:30 PM at the Civic Center Plaza where there will be an Information Faire and Rally. The 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 before the walk. Meet us at Civic Center Plaza near the trees. Look for our blue St. Monica - St. Thomas the Apostle banner.**

## NEW PARISH PIANO AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Dear Parishioners,

I'm happy to announce that a new piano has been donated and now arrived in the sanctuary. The new instrument is a lovely and well-maintained Sohmer & Co. baby grand, with an estimated value of \$12,000. This instrument is a significant improvement over our old one, and will greatly enhance our music ministry for years to come. It also provides the possibility for additional concerts and recitals for the parish community. We would like to particularly thank parish council member Mari Mahoney for her essential efforts in coordinating the donation.

While the instrument was a gift, there were some expenses associated with obtaining it. Specifically:

- ◆ **Moving Costs: \$500**
- ◆ **Assembly/Repairs post moving: \$240**
- ◆ **Tuning and maintenance: \$380**
- ◆ **Purchase of a protective cover: \$59**

Should anyone wish to make a donation towards these expenses, please speak to Alix Jerinic or Jessica Montgomery.



Sincerely  
Alix Jerinic

## An Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way,  
as once it guided the steps of the magi:  
that we too may be led into your presence  
and worship you, the Child of Mary,  
the Word of the Father, the King of nations,  
the Saviour of mankind;  
to whom be glory for ever.

*(Frank Colquhoun)*





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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries, we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on January 6, but the decision was made a number of years ago (at least in the United States) to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday which falls between January 2 and January 8. “Epiphany” means “manifestation.” It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day.

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.



The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, “O Father, may that Holy Star, Grow every year more bright, And send its glorious beams afar, To fill the world with light.”

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## 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 INVITE ALL OUR PARISHIONERS TO SPEND TIME IN FELLOWSHIP**  
**ST. MONICA CHURCH - FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY** Because of the holidays, Friendship Sunday will be held only on the first Sunday in December following the 11 a.m. Mass. The regular first and third Sunday schedule will resume in January. To volunteer, please e-mail 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 church's vestibule after the 9:00 AM Mass. To volunteer please e-mail Christine Aguerre at: [chriscrk6@gmail.com](mailto:chriscrk6@gmail.com)



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## Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	01/06	8:30 AM	David Oliverio †	Mon.	01/06	8:30 AM	Ricardo Calma, Jr. †
Tue.	01/07	8:30 AM	Anne Beckett, Healing	Tue.	01/07		No Mass
Wed.	01/08	8:30 AM	Joseph Ignatius Kelly †	Wed.	01/08	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	01/09	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Thu.	01/09		No Mass
Fri.	01/10	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Fri.	01/10	8:30 AM	Jim O'Connor †
Sat.	01/12	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Sat.	01/11	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	Christopher Zaczek †	Sun.	01/12	9:00 AM	Parishioners
Sun.	01/13	11:00 AM	Mila Magana †				

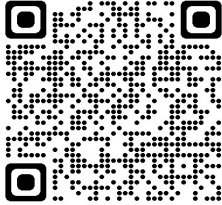
THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
December 22, 2024	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$2,069.00	\$393.00	\$1,193.00

Please be advised bulletin collection reporting amounts will be delayed during the holiday season due to Mission Publication's seasonal deadlines. Thank you for your understanding.



Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.

To donate:  
Use your personalized parish offertory envelopes  
or scan the QR code to donate online!



## 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 Churches. 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](mailto: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.

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