

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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The Epiphany of the Lord ~ January 7, 2024

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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

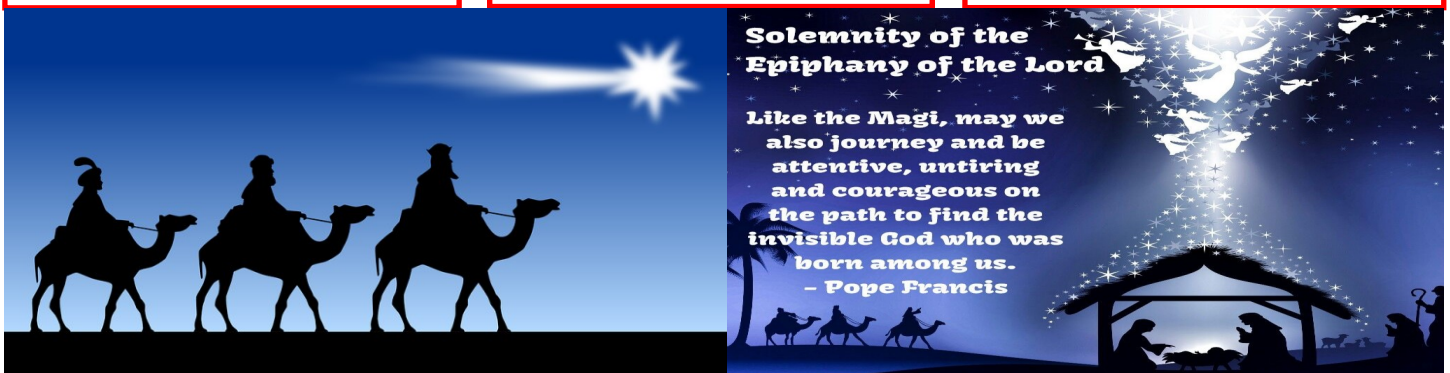
Weekdays
8:30 AM
(Monday, Wednesday, and Friday)

First Saturday
Mass
8:30 AM

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

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 Sisters and Brothers,

We had to prepare this bulletin before Christmas so if you are reading it, we made it to 2024!

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany. It is a celebration of the Son of God's manifestation to the wider world. The image of light is present in our readings today and it causes us to ask ourselves, how does this Light first enter into my life, and then how do I bear this Light to the rest of the world? It is not always an easy question but as the New Year begins, perhaps something for us to ponder.



We will continue our Eucharistic Revival this month focusing on how we are In His Presence through the Word of God, that is, the Bible. You will likely hear me say this at Mass at some point, but I challenge all of us to read some of the Bible during the month of January. One particular goal could be to read one of the four Gospels. The Gospel of Mark is the shortest so that may be a good place to begin. Another option is to read the Mass readings for the upcoming Sunday before going to Mass. A convenient place to find these online is on the U.S. Bishops Conference website: <https://bible.usccb.org>. One can even sign up for a daily email with the Daily Mass readings.

As we begin the new calendar year, I once again want to express thanks to everyone who contributes to Saint Monica – Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish with their time, talent, and treasure throughout the year. May the Lord continue to bestow upon all of us his blessings in 2024.

Father Schunk

***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.***

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Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Send Sunday Envelopes | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. Monica | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Thomas the Apostle | | |



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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

- ♦ Walk For Life West Coast
Saturday, January 20th
- ♦ Fr. Kevin Kennedy Presentation
Sunday, January 21st @ STA
- ♦ Crab Feed
Saturday, January 27th
- ♦ School Auction Gala
Saturday, March 16th
- ♦ Sister Noreen's Platinum Jubilee
Saturday, April 27th

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

2024 CATHOLIC CHURCH CALENDARS

Many thanks to Duggan's Serra Family Mortuaries for providing 2024 Calendars to St. Monica and St. Thomas the Apostle Churches. They are available on the tables in the Church. Don't forget to grab one on your way out.

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)



"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

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST

The 20th Annual Walk for Life will take place on **Saturday, January 20th**. 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 11:00 AM at 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.

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.



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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 already 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 - 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.

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

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 chriscrk6@gmail.com.



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica			
Mon.	01/08	11:00 AM	Kathleen McKenna, Birthday
Tue.	01/09	8:30 AM	Ribera Family †
Wed.	01/10	8:30 AM	Callate Concon & Donny Hardilca, Birthdays
Thu.	01/11	8:30 AM	Christopher Zaczek †
Fri.	01/12	8:30 AM	Elermela Magana †
Sat.	01/13	8:30 PM	Tomas Bermejo, Birthday †
		5:00 PM	Parishioners
Sun.	01/14	11:00 AM	Jim Goss †

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	01/08	9:00 AM	Intentions of Julianna Lam
Tue.	01/09		No Mass
Wed.	01/10	8:30 AM	Intentions of Karen Lum
Thu.	01/11		No Mass
Fri.	01/12	8:30 AM	Intentions of Cardinal Stephen Chau
Sat.	01/13		No Mass
Sun.	01/14	9:00 AM	Intentions of Fr. David Schunk

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the parish hall to prepare food for the St. Vincent de Paul shelter. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 17th**. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Maria McDevitt at: megmared@comcast.net or call 415-515-6945.

A special thanks to all those who have volunteered in the past and to all those who regularly donate to the St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday collection.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 8th

The Lord was Baptized, not to be cleansed Himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of Baptism. ~ St. Ambrose

CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

St. Monica School

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