

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 12, 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 Catholic Church

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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

*Stand up and
go; your faith
has saved you.*

Luke 17:19





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Dear brothers and sisters,

We now have reached our reflection on the fifth of the Ten Commandments. Here, the Lord tells us boldly, “You shall not kill.” This commandment is meant to preserve and protect the lives of every human being, from the moment of conception until natural death. Each one of us, no matter how little, useful or inconvenient, has a dignity that must be safeguarded. We have been made in the image of God and so must be treated with profound respect. This means that abortion, suicide, and euthanasia are all forbidden.

Not only should we avoid killing the body of a human being, but we must also avoid killing the spirit as well. Jesus taught that anger towards others is a kind of violence, too. The command to not kill includes our avoiding hatred and any attacks upon our fellow brothers and sisters. We may disagree at times, but even this must be done with love.

When it comes to just war and the protection of the innocent, the Church teaches that there can be times when killing is allowed if it cannot be avoided. To protect one's life sometimes requires us to stop another. This can be complicated to understand, but there is such a just attack to save another's life.

Regardless of special situations, we must be people who protect life, people who are pro-life. Let us look upon each other with mercy and treat others with care, protecting the gift of life and preserving it for all.

Fr. Ben

“Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing away: God never changes.

Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.”

St. Teresa of Avila (Feast Day - October 17th)

***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/smsparishsf/directory/register>



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Gratitude is the key to a stewardship way of life. Today's readings demonstrate the power and vital importance of gratitude in the life of the Christian disciple, for gratitude leads us to worship God who offers us salvation.

We see the power of gratitude on display in the Gospel passage from Luke after Jesus heals ten lepers. "And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned." Only one of the ten recognized the tremendous blessing he had received from Jesus and returned to thank him. While it's easy to feel indignant at the failure of the nine others to return and thank Jesus, how often do we fail to recognize the blessings, answered prayers, and healings (both physical and spiritual) that the Lord showers upon us, day and night?

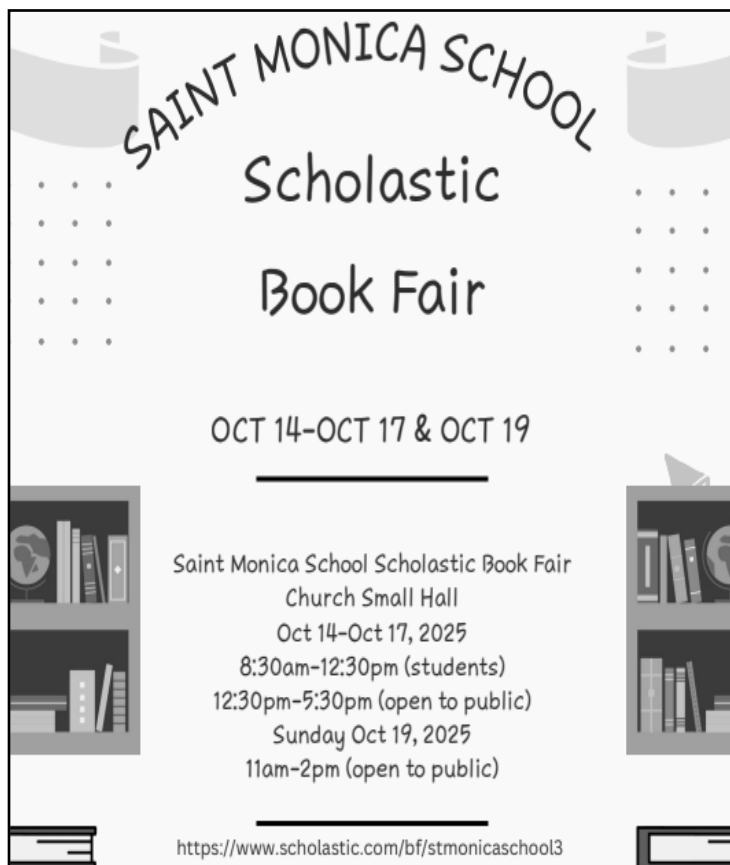
The truth is that our very lives and every breath we take are His gift to us. But we can get so caught up in the stresses and distractions of daily life that we lose touch with this truth.

The Samaritan reacts to his gift of healing with the proper response to our loving God. Recognizing what he had just received from the Lord, he "returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him." He was grateful for what God had done for him, and this gratitude led to worship.

And because of this response, Jesus offered him a far more precious gift than physical healing; He offered him the gift of salvation. "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Too often, we hear the phrase, "Count your blessings," and write it off as nothing more than a trite saying. Today's Gospel shows us otherwise. Gratitude is powerful. It deepens our faith in God and leads us to fitting worship of Him.

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SAINT MONICA SCHOOL

Scholastic
Book Fair

OCT 14-OCT 17 & OCT 19

Saint Monica School Scholastic Book Fair
Church Small Hall
Oct 14-Oct 17, 2025
8:30am-12:30pm (students)
12:30pm-5:30pm (open to public)
Sunday Oct 19, 2025
11am-2pm (open to public)

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stmonicaschool3>

SAINT MONICA SCHOOL DAY TOURS: FALL 2025

- ⇒ Sunday, October 19th from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - * All our classrooms will be open and the Scholastic Book Fair will be in the Parish Hall.
- ⇒ Tuesday, November 4th from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- ⇒ Wednesday, November 19th from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- ⇒ Friday, December 5th from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Questions or unable to attend a scheduled tour date? Contact our office for scheduling: development@stmonicasf.org or 415-751-9564.



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WE INVITE ALL OUR PARISHIONERS TO SPEND TIME IN FELLOWSHIP

ST. MONICA CHURCH - FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY will be held on the 1st 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



⇒ **Fill out the Oktoberfest flier on the tables and drop your cash or check in the Rectory or into the collection basket. On the outside of the envelope "Oktoberfest".**

Come join us for our 3rd Annual Oktoberfest Saturday, October 25, 2025! It's going to be a fun, casual adults-only evening where we can all come together and build some great memories. We'll have a delicious buffet-style dinner with mouthwatering sausages from Lockeford, sauerkraut, homemade potato salad, dessert, and drinks (beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages). Each \$40 dinner ticket includes two sausages, sides, dessert, and two drinks.

Ticket sale closes Monday, 10/20/2025.

<https://stmonica.schoolauction.net/oktoberfest2025>

Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Saint Monica Church Small Hall

5950 Geary Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94121

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend, every parish across the globe joins together for the only worldwide collection, World Mission Sunday. Your generosity supports the Pope's missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling. This year's theme, "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples" is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates - through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools. Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. As Pope Francis told us, "Each of us is a mission on this earth" (Evangelii Gaudium, 273). Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Thank you to all those who helped with sandwich making on Wednesday, September 18th. A special thank you to those who volunteered to help with shopping for supplies and delivery to the shelter the next day. Future sandwich making will be on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. The next opportunity will be on **Wednesday, October 16th at 7:00 PM**. We meet in the St. Monica Parish Hall.

For questions contact: Maria McDevitt at megmared@comcast.net or 415-515-6945.



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica			
Mon.	10/13	8:30 AM	Lilia Santos †
Tue.	10/14	8:30 AM	Anita Luz Perez † & Gaudencio Orallo, Birthday
Wed.	10/15	8:30 AM	Marie Jeane Arrabit †
Thu.	10/16	8:30 AM	Tony Lau †
Fri.	10/17	8:30 AM	Teresita Ruiz & Eduardo Mendez†
Sat.	10/18	8:30 AM	Francis Thomas Carroll †
		5:00 PM	Debbie West & Tony Matsumoto†
Sun.	10/19	11:00 AM	Simon Lee †

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	10/13	8:30 AM	Linda T., Kelsey M., & Patrick S., Healing
Tue.	09/14		No Mass
Wed.	10/15	8:30 AM	Linda T., Kelsey M., & Patrick S., Healing
Thu.	10/16		No Mass
Fri.	10/17	8:30 AM	Jim Mandarano †
Sat.	10/18		No Mass
Sun.	10/19	9:00 AM	Parishioners

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA		ST. THOMAS
October 5, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$2,068.00	\$356.00	\$2,095.00
2ND COLLECTION: SCHOOL	\$926.00	\$160.00	\$828.00

2025 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL



If you have not yet made a gift to the Annual Appeal, we ask you to do so today. We invite everyone to share a portion of God's blessings with others by supporting the Annual Appeal. Your gift has a great impact. We hope for **100%** participation from our parish family this year. Thank you for supporting our Archdiocesan ministries and the people who need and depend on our programs and services.

- ♦ **Learning Initiative in some of our elementary schools** - this program increases the proficiency of students who are below grade level in reading and math. It does so via software programs, iPads, and other tools that provide personalized learning. Parents are joyful because the increase in academic performance is usually coupled with an increase in confidence in other parts of their children's lives.

Our 2025 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Goal is \$46,186.00.

We have reached 82% of our goal. Donations received: \$38,002.00.

Donate online: <https://sfarchdiocese.org/aaa/> or by using the QR Code

Donate by mail: Fill out the form located on the tables in the Church and mail the form with your donation to the Archdiocese.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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