

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 13, 2024

St. Monica Catholic Church

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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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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



Drop your Commitment Card in the collection basket or mail them into the Parish Office.





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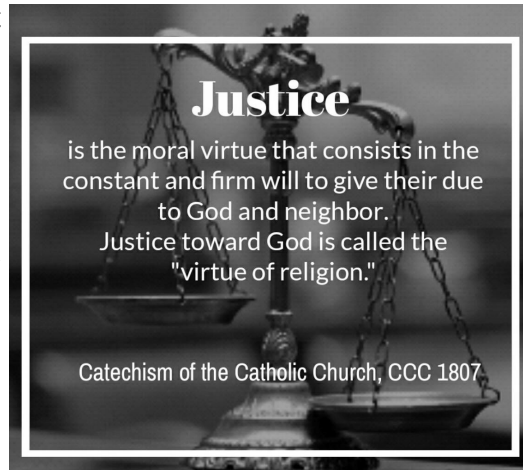


Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we consider the virtue of Justice. It is the virtue that leads us to respect others and to give to each person what is due to them. This includes both God and our neighbor. To God, we are to give not only honor and respect, but also worship and praise, which he rightfully deserves. To our neighbor, we are to treat each person according to their dignity as children of God. To parents we owe a special honor for all they have done for us. Justice requires that we give thanks when we receive something, that we give gifts at appropriate times, and that we always pay what is owed to those who do work for us.

It is just to do what should be done and it is unjust to do otherwise. To be upright people, we ought to treat everyone as we would have them treat us. Don't we think that we should be thanked for our good works, that justice demands such? Thankfully, in the Kingdom of God, all injustice will have ceased, and God will reward us according to the good we have done. Let us help build that Kingdom here even now, treating God and our neighbor properly according to who they are. It is just and right to do so!

Fr. Ben



Do everything as if He were dwelling in us.

Thus we shall be His temples and He will be within us as our God - as He actually is.

St. Ignatius of Antioch (Feast Day - October 17th)

“KNOW HIM, LOVE HIM, SERVE HIM” PROGRAM

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a final letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card as our parish goal is 100% participation! You may return your card by:

- ◆ mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter.
- ◆ or bringing it to Mass next Sunday and place it in the collection basket.
- ◆ or you may visit <http://www.osvhub.com/smstaparishsf/forms/commitment-card> and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, November 3rd.

As a friendly reminder, electronic giving is an easy, safe and secure way to support Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish. To set-up a recurring weekly or monthly gift or to make a one-time donation directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit our website at <https://www.osvhub.com/smstaparishsf/giving> and follow the instructions.

We are grateful for your support!



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

In our Gospel today we hear the story of a man who ran up to Jesus and asked Him what he must do to reach eternal life.

Jesus said, “You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

It says the man went away sad because he had much.

We might cringe when we hear this story because it is sad — this man was so close to becoming an active disciple of Jesus, but instead turned away. We also might cringe because it could be deeply applicable to our lives.

Jesus states that, “It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

One of the metaphors for the “eye of a needle” was a tight passageway into Jerusalem that people had to enter to get into the city. In order for their camels to pass through, they had to remove whatever the camel was carrying, only then, could they enter.

If we look at our own lives, we can most likely think of something that we tightly carry with us. Maybe it is possessions — material goods or money — like Jesus references in our Gospel. Or maybe it is something less material — like status, pride or control.

Jesus doesn’t want our stuff — our job promotions, our designer house or our bank account. He just wants us. So, we need to be willing to strip those things from our lives in order to reach Him. It might seem difficult, but the outcome will be more than we could have ever imagined — peace on earth and treasure in heaven.

~ Catholic Stewardship

ORGAN RECITAL

Sunday, October 27th - 2:30 pm - St. Monica Church

Élodie Marchal, organist at St. Etienne Cathedral in Châlons-en-Champagne, France, will play music certain to prepare children of all ages for All Hallows’ Eve on October 31st. You will also hear special arrangements of well-known and favorite movie themes.

The performance will be approximately one-hour in duration.

We welcome you to invite family, friends, neighbors, colleagues! Let’s make this rare chance to hear a recital on St. Monica’s pipe organ a wonderful event for our Parish and School.

No tickets required. Free-will donations to St. Monica-St. Thomas Parish will be accepted.



Respect Life Month

I CAME SO THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE **LIFE**

October 2024
respectlife.org/celebrate

“As a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition.” ~ USCCB

ST. JUDE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, October 26, 2024

This year the St. Jude Pilgrimage will start at St. Monica Church. The agenda will begin at 9:30 AM with a Rosary in St. Monica Church, led by the Dominican Student Brothers in formation to the priesthood, and blessing the pilgrims with St. Jude’s relic and Holy Water.

The 3-mile walk will start at 10:30 AM. from St. Monica Church and end at St. Dominic Church, home of the Shrine of St. Jude. We will carry the images of St. Jude and Our Lady of the Rosary and pray the Holy Rosary along the way. The Pilgrimage will conclude with a solemn bilingual Mass at 1:00 PM at St. Dominic Church. After Mass, there will be individual blessings with St. Jude’s relics.

For more information, please contact the Shrine of St. Jude office by phone at 415-931-5919, via email at info@stjude-shrine.org, or by visiting the Shrine’s webpage www.stjude-shrine.org.



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Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 6:15 PM St. Monica Church Small Hall
5950 Geary Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94121

Prost to our 2nd Annual Oktoberfest! Enjoy a casual adults-only evening of community building and camaraderie with a buffet style dinner of mouthwatering sausages by Lockeford, sauerkraut, homemade potato salad, dessert, and drinks (beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages). Each \$30 dinner ticket includes two sausages, sides, dessert, and two drinks. **Ticket sale closes Monday, 10/21/2024.**

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please Choose Type of Oktoberfest Dinner Ticket and Quantity:

Dinner Ticket - Couple \$60 (2 Guests) Quantity: _____

Dinner Ticket - Single \$30 (1 Guest) Quantity: _____

Dinner Ticket - Faculty Sponsorship \$30 (1 Guest) Quantity: _____

Type of Payment: Cash _____ Check / Check# _____

Total Payment Enclosed: _____

Payment Received By: _____ Today's Date: _____

Please drop off this form and payment to the School @ 5950 Geary Blvd or Rectory @ 470 24th Avenue by Monday, October 21st.




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Mass Intentions

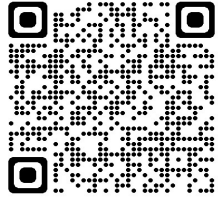
St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	10/14	8:30 AM	Anita Luz Perez † & Gaudencio Orallo, Birthday	Mon.	09/14	8:30 AM	Fausto Galvan, Jr. †
Tue.	10/15	8:30 AM	Jim Mandarano †	Tue.	10/15		No Mass
Wed.	10/16	8:30 AM	Teresita Ruiz & Eduardo Mendes †	Wed.	10/16	8:30 AM	Fausto Galvan, Jr. †
Thu.	10/17	8:30 AM	Julia Rendon †	Thu.	10/17		No Mass
Fri.	10/18	8:30 AM	Martin Novak †	Fri.	10/18	8:30 AM	Fausto Galvan, Jr. †
Sat.	10/19	8:30 AM	Moyra Moy †	Sat.	10/19		No Mass
		5:00 PM	Parishioners				
Sun.	10/20	11:00 AM	Tomas Bermejo, Jr. †	Sun.	10/20	9:00 AM	Salvador & Ann Morales †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
October 6, 2024	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
IST COLLECTION	\$2,186.00	\$502.00	\$1,295.00



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!



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION - OCTOBER 19TH & 20TH
This Year's Theme: "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move"

Pope Francis invites us to set our hearts ablaze with faith and put our faith into action, serving God's mission with joy, enthusiasm, and tireless dedication.

"Hearts on Fire"
 As Christians, we're called to kindle the fire of Christ's love in our hearts. Our burning faith fuels our actions, inspiring us to serve others in our daily lives.

"Feet on the Move"
 Pope Francis encourages us to not only feel the faith but to act on it. It's our mission to move, serve, and spread the Good News, bringing God's love and peace to all His children.

World Mission Sunday is an annual global celebration within the Catholic Church, observed on the second to last Sunday of October. This special day is dedicated to the support of the missionary work of the Church through prayer and sacrifices. Your financial support helps fund missionary activities around the world, such as: Training future priests and religious, supporting religious Sisters, empowering catechists teaching the faith, funding clinics for the sick and dying, providing homes for orphaned children.

Thank you for your generosity and for being a beacon of Christ's love!

"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)