

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 19, 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 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 brothers and sisters,

We continue our walk through the Ten Commandments with the Sixth that tells us “*You shall not commit adultery.*” This commandment from God helps us to become pure in body, mind, heart and soul. It leads us to what we call chastity, which is the exclusion or moderation of the sexual urge, depending on one’s state in life. For the unmarried, chastity requires us to abstain from engaging in sexual thoughts or actions. For those who are lawfully married in the Church, chastity allows a couple to engage with proper moderation. Our sexuality is good when used as God has designed it.

To avoid adultery, we must be pure in both what we think and in what we say as well. To entertain lustful thoughts or to speak with crude language soils our souls. We are called to be a people who exhibit to the world purity in all that we are and in all that we do.

This is a challenge to us, as we have inherited a fallen human nature, prone to sin. We must be on our guard against such temptations. Some good practices to help us avoid the sins adultery are 1) having custody of our eyes, not gazing on inappropriate images or looking lustful at others, 2) avoiding the near occasion of sin, those persons, places or things where temptation is likely to come from, and 3) praying, both at the start of each day to be protected and whenever we are being tempted.

Let us put our trust in God, who will help us gain the victory by his grace.

Fr. Ben

“Never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged.
Be not afraid.”

St. Pope John Paul II (Feast Day ~ October 22nd)

***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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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The four pillars of parish stewardship are hospitality, prayer, formation, and service. Today's readings show us the immense value of prayer and the privileged place it must have in our individual lives and in our parish community.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, our Lord Himself calls us to prayer and persistence in prayer. Jesus tells the parable of the nagging widow who finally wears down the judge with her unrelenting persistence in her pursuit of a just ruling from him on her behalf. Jesus goes to great lengths to describe this judge, saying he "neither feared God nor respected any human." Yet even this corrupt judge responds with a just judgment because of the widow's persistence.

Jesus uses this example to draw a vivid contrast between a reluctant, dishonest judge and our loving, all-merciful Father. If even a bad judge will give a good result in response to a persistent request, how much more (infinitely more) eagerly and perfectly will our good Father respond to our persistent prayers to Him.

If he delays in responding, if he provides a different response from the one we were expecting, we can remain confident and trusting in His goodness, knowing that His response, whenever it comes and in whatever form, will be the very best one for us.

Our job then, as Christians, is simply to remain faithful to our relationship with God through prayer. We must lean on each other in our communities, families, and parish, and support each other in prayer. A strong pillar of prayer will make all our other efforts fruitful.

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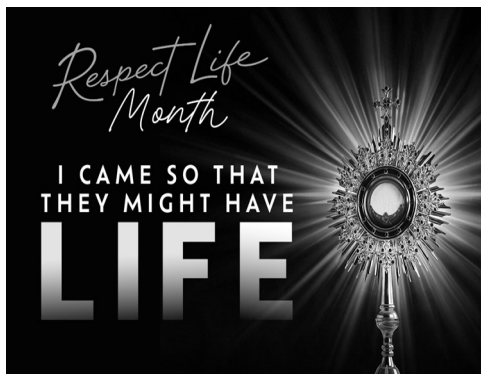
Respect for Life Prayer

*O God, our eyes behold the beauty
of your creation, and our ears catch
the sounds of your power.*

*We hold our lives sacred
because they are your gift.*

*Bring us to greater awareness
of the sanctity of human life and to
sorrow for the times we have
ignored or offended it.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



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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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



Today, 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.



All are welcome to join us every
Monday - Saturday at 8:00 AM to pray the
Rosary at
St. Monica Church.

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All are welcome to join us on the
First Saturday of every month for
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM at
St. Thomas the Apostle Church.



* We pray for the repose of the soul of *
* **Eusebio Salazar** *
* and offer our sympathy to his family and friends. *
* Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul *
* and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. *

ST. MONICA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE MEMORIAL WALLS

St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle Parish offers parishioners an opportunity to remember friends and loved ones in a memorial space in the vestibule of each Church. For a donation of \$250.00, a brass nameplate will be engraved with the name(s) of your choice with a maximum of 50 letters. If you wish to order a plaque, forms are available in each Church or by calling the parish office at 415-751-5275.

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



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Mass Intentions

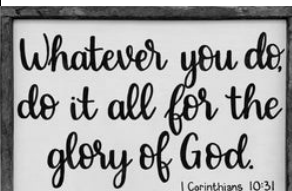
St. Monica			
Mon.	10/20	8:30 AM	Martin Novak †
Tue.	10/21	8:30 AM	Hale T. Concon, Birthday †
Wed.	10/22	8:30 AM	Tomas Bermejo †
Thu.	10/23	8:30 AM	Mary Hanley †
Fri.	10/24	8:30 AM	Lucio Aguirre †
Sat.	10/25	8:30 AM	Francis Thomas Carroll †
		5:00 PM	Parishioners †
Sun.	10/26	11:00 AM	David Touye †

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	10/20	8:30 AM	Vinod John Family, Thanksgiving
Tue.	09/21		No Mass
Wed.	10/22	8:30 AM	Bradley Dearing †
Thu.	10/23		No Mass
Fri.	10/24	8:30 AM	Teresa Tabor †
Sat.	10/25		No Mass
Sun.	10/26	9:00 AM	George & June Dearing †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
October 12, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$2,464.00	\$384.00	\$1,653.00

“Those who are called to the table of the Lord must glow with the brightness.”
St. John Capistrano (Feast Day ~ October 23rd)

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.

- ♦ **The Adventures in Marriage Couples Workshop** in our Marriage & Family Life Ministry focuses on helping married couples struggling in their relationship. In the words of one attendee, “It was down-to-earth, relatable, and compassionate. Others’ willingness to speak about their marriages helped us let down our guard. We left feeling hopeful that we’d revitalize our marriage.”

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.



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