

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 20, 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 Catholic Church

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St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
9:00 AM

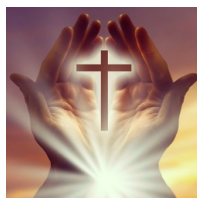
Weekdays
8:30 AM
(Monday, Wednesday, and Friday)

First Saturday
Mass
8:30 AM

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



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



The son
of man
did not
come to
be served
but to serve
and to
give His life
as a ransom
for many.





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Dear brothers and sisters,

Continuing with our reflections on the human virtues, we move on to Temperance. This is the virtue which gives us the ability to resist our selfish inclinations. It leads us to moderation in what we take to ourselves, in what we allow within us. A temperate person is able to say no to certain desires, to be disciplined with themselves.



Some areas that require moderation are: 1) With food: moderating both amounts and the need to eat expensive foods. We call this abstinence, 2) With drink: in particular with alcohol, not allowing ourselves to drink to excess and become drunk. We call this sobriety, 3) With our sexuality: resisting lustful thoughts and actions, reserving our sexuality to marriage. We call this chastity.

Temperance can also keep in check certain prideful movements within us. If our pride is tempered, we are not likely to be puffed up with our own importance. Temperance can control our need to be seen as the best or better than others, leading to humility. It can restrain our anger, leading us to meekness. It can even control our need to win at sports or games, allowing us to be of good cheer, regardless of outcomes.

Let us pray for the virtue of temperance to grow within us. May we have self-control, overcome our sinful inclinations, and be more and more humble in our approach to life. The Lord promises us that “those who humble themselves will be exalted.” May the virtue of Temperance empower us along God’s path.

Fr. Ben

ORGAN RECITAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH - 2:30 PM ST. MONICA CHURCH

Élodie Marchal, an organist at St. Etienne Cathedral in Châlons-en-Champagne, France, will conduct and organ recital on **Sunday, October 27th at 2:30 PM** to prepare children of all ages for All Hallows’ Eve. You will also hear special arrangements of well-known and favorite movie themes. The performance will be approximately one-hour in duration.

ALL ARE WELCOME! 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 are required. Free-will donations to St. Monica-St. Thomas Parish will be accepted.

“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

Our Gospel today conveys how we are called to imitate Jesus through humility and service. We are reminded that the Son of God became man and surrendered His life into the hands of men so that we might be saved. The life of Jesus was centered around His Father’s mission and the service of mankind. And this is how we ought to live — in imitation of Christ.

James and John wanted to ensure they had a spot in heaven with Jesus. They were concerned about themselves in that moment — “Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left.”

Jesus quickly reminded them, “whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.”

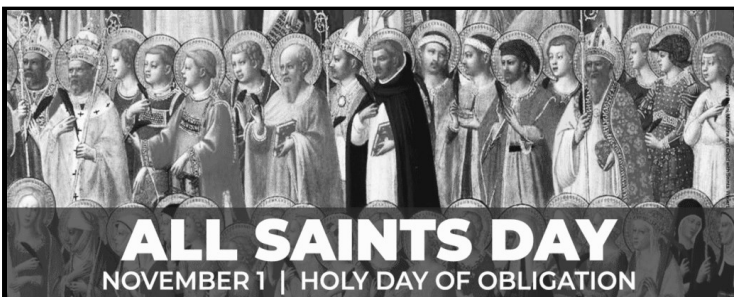
Our culture constantly encourages us to do what we can to get ahead in this world, to do what feels good, no matter the effects — that power, authority, and wealth should be our goals in life.

Our faith offers us something different and fulfilling — a life of humility and service. As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in service of God and neighbor, just as Jesus did. Our life is not about us. It is about fulfilling God’s glorious plan for each one of us.

So, we must ask ourselves, are we living out God’s plan for our lives? Is my life centered on Christ and those around me or is it centered on me?

It can be difficult to know God’s plan for our entire life. He sees the whole picture — we only see the now. All we can do is seek Him daily. If each day is centered on Him, then our entire lives will become the work of Jesus.

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ALL SAINTS DAY NOVEMBER 1 | HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass Times & Location St. Monica

Thursday, October 31st at 5:00 pm

St. Monica & St. Thomas the Apostle
Friday, November 1st at 8:30 am

“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)



“All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

~ Pope Francis

“Those who are called to the table of the Lord must glow with the brightness.”

St. John Capistrano
(Feast Day ~ October 23rd)

19TH ANNUAL ST. JUDE PILGRIMAGE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

10:30 AM: The Pilgrimage will begins in front of St. Monica Rectory (470 24th Ave). This year’s route is approximately 3 miles: Head north on 24th Ave towards Clement St., turn right on California St., turn right on Steiner St.

1:00 PM: A Bilingual Mass be will celebrated by Fr. Dominic DeMaio, OP, followed by a blessing with the St. Jude relic.

For more information, contact the Shrine of St. Jude, (415) 931-5919 or email: info@stjude-shrine.org, or visit their website: <https://stjude-shrine.org>.



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THE SAINT MONICA SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR begins tomorrow. The fair will be open to the public from Monday, October 21st - Friday, October 25th from 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM and on Sunday, October 27th from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Stop by the Large Hall and help raise funds for our Saint Monica School Library.



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.	10/21	8:30 AM	Hale T. Concon †	Mon.	09/21	8:30 AM	Fausto Galvan, Jr. †
Tue.	10/22	8:30 AM	Yan Lam Lau, Birthday	Tue.	10/22		No Mass
Wed.	10/23	8:30 AM	Harold & Helen Grangoff †	Wed.	10/23	8:30 AM	Fausto Galvan, Jr. †
Thu.	10/24	8:30 AM	Moyra Moy †	Thu.	10/24		No Mass
Fri.	10/25	8:30 AM	Fr. Tom Hamilton †	Fri.	10/25	8:30 AM	Karen Lum, Special Intention
Sat.	10/26	8:30 AM	Robert Ferretti †	Sat.	10/26		No Mass
		5:00 PM	John Leahy, Jr. †				
Sun.	10/27	11:00 AM	Tomas Bermejo †	Sun.	10/27	9:00 AM	Parishioners

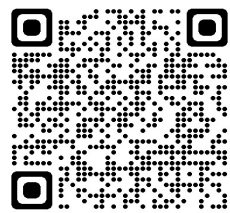
THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
October 13, 2024	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
IST COLLECTION	\$1,689.00	\$450.00	\$1,684.00



Thank You

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 - TODAY

World Mission Sunday, observed on October 20th this year, is not just another Sunday; it is a powerful reminder of our call to be missionaries. The collection taken up on this day is unique as it is mandated by the Code of Canon Law and is essential for the survival and growth of the Church in mission territories. The funds support the pastoral and evangelizing work of the Church, including building churches, providing healthcare and education, and training future priests and religious. In counties where the resources are scarce, your generosity makes a profound difference. As we reflect on the theme "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," let us remember that our participation and support help invite countless souls to the feast of God's love.

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

WE INVITE ALL OUR PARISHIONERS TO SPEND TIME IN FELLOWSHIP

ST. MONICA CHURCH - FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month in the Small Hall following the 11:00 AM Mass. To volunteer, please e-mail 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