

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

www.smstaparishsf.org

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 26, 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

Administrator

Rev. Ben Rosado
pastor@smstaparishsf.org

In Residence

St. Monica Rectory
Rev. Paulinus Iwuji, SMMM, Ph.D.
Catholic Chaplain VA Hospital

St. Thomas the Apostle Rectory
Rev. Te Van Nguyen
Vietnamese Ministry
Catholic Chaplain for UCSF

Rev. Andrew Spyrow
Vicar for Clergy

Deacons

Rev. Mr. Dana Perrigan
perrigan2000@yahoo.com

Rev. Mr. Kristopher Compagno
dcnxristopher@gmail.com

Parish Staff

Administrative Assistant
Jessica Montgomery
parishoffice@smstaparishsf.org

Music Ministry
Alix Jerinic
alixjerinic@gmail.com

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

3835 Balboa Street
San Francisco, CA 94121



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

MATTHEW 23:12

Whoever exalts
himself will be
humbled, and
whoever humbles
himself will be
exalted.





Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 26, 2025



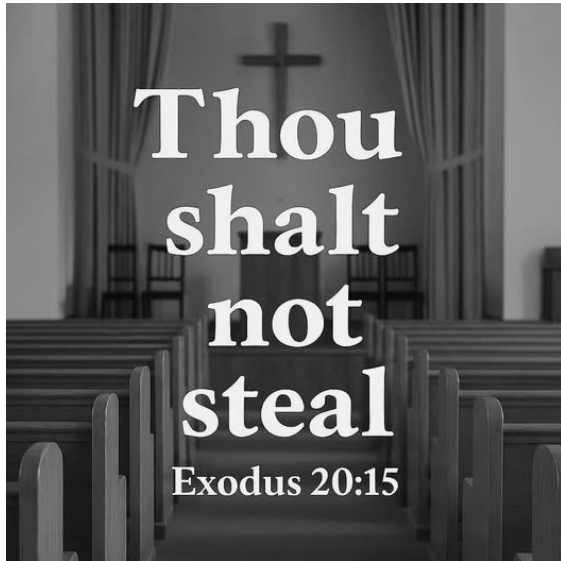
Dear brothers and sisters,

Today, we consider the seventh commandment that tells us "Thou shalt not steal." This commandment leads us to avoid greed and to respect the rights and the property of others.

When we avoid stealing, we acknowledge that others deserve to be treated fairly. Not only should we not take what belongs to another, but we should also give them what is due to them. This includes paying just wages and even calls us to be generous towards those in need.

In a dire circumstance, someone could lawfully take from others to avoid tragedy. This would not be stealing nor a sin. Just as this commandment calls us to respect the property of others also calls us to be merciful in giving them what is necessary and due to them.

Fr. Ben



***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>



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 26, 2025

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In last week's readings, we were encouraged to remain persistent and constant in our prayer life. Today, we focus on the proper attitude at prayer.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus illustrates the humble attitude we must have as we approach God in prayer through a parable of two praying men. One is a Pharisee, a man with respected status, theological training, and all the right credentials. He marches right up to the front of the temple to speak a prayer "to himself," thanking God for making him just a little bit superior to everyone else!

The other man is a tax collector, known by those of his day to be a cheater and a sell-out to his fellow Jews. In contrast to the Pharisee, he stands near the back and cries out to God in a simple and honest way: "Be merciful to me a sinner."

Jesus tells us that it is the tax collector and not the Pharisee who leaves the temple justified. Why?

The Pharisee was full of self as he approached God. He felt no real need for God as he rattled off his resume of good works and spiritual practices. He was simply going through the motions of prayer. His lack of humility prevented him from entering into a real dialogue with the Father. He was not transformed by his time of prayer because he was so full of himself that He left God no space to enter in.

The tax collector, by contrast, emptied himself as he approached God. He recognized who he truly was (a sinner) and asked simply for mercy, leaving all the rest up to God. This is the kind of attitude that God can work with! This is how a good steward prays — with trust, with complete openness to God's will, with a listening mind and heart, ready to serve as God leads.

©Catholic Stewardship Consultants

A PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

All saints in Heaven,

I thank you for the holy witness you each have given to the Church and rejoice in the blessings you now enjoy in Heaven.

Please pray for me and for all people, that every one of us will become holy, bearing witness to Christ with our lives, and one day enter Heaven. May God pour forth an abundance of grace upon the world through the example you set and the prayers you now pray before His throne.

All saints of God, pray for me.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Amen.

ALL SOULS' ENVELOPES

Please use the envelopes at the entrance of the Church so that we may place the names of your loved ones on the altar. Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or mail or dropped off at the Rectory. All our faithfully departed will be remembered at our Masses during the month of November.



IN HONOR OF ALL SOULS' DAY WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED FROM OUR PARISH IN THE PAST YEAR:

Lucio Aguirre, Marie Arrabit, Ricardo B. Calma, Jr., Mary Gibbons, Michael Daniel Hornbach, Rev. Anthony "Tony" LaTorre, Eunice Leu, Robert Mahoney, Elsie McGee, John Minjiras, Juana Montgomery-Kleinman, Gloria Parker, Eusebio Salapare, Shirley Scobie, and Richard Thomas.





Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 26, 2025



We pray for the repose of the soul of

Rev. Anthony "Tony" LaTorre

and offer our sympathy to his family and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May his souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Vigil and Rosary: Monday, October 27th at 6:00 pm

Duggan's Serra Mortuary (500 Westlake Ave, Daly City)

Funeral: Tuesday, October 28th at 10:00 am

St. Philip the Apostle Church (725 Diamond St, SF)

Fr. LaTorre was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop William J. Levada at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption almost 28 years ago on May 31, 1997. Fr. LaTorre served in the Archdiocese from 1997 until his retirement in 2022. He served in the following parishes: Saint Isabella Parish in San Rafael, Saint Finn Barr Parish in San Francisco, Saint Charles Parish in San Carlos, Saint Philip the Apostle Parish in San Francisco, Saint Stephen Parish in San Francisco, and St. Monica - St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in San Francisco.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are planning to form two separate teams to prepare flower arrangements for St. Monica and St. Thomas the Apostle Churches.

Who can join?

- ♦ Everyone is welcome.
- ♦ With or without the skill.
- ♦ Those who wish to share their time and talents.

There will be **two free basic trainings** given by a professional florist. The date and time and are to be determined.

If you are interested, please reach out to:
Lily Brouette at vcldbrouette@gmail.com.

SAINT MONICA SCHOOL DAY TOURS: FALL 2025

- ⇒ 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.



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: chrisck6@gmail.com.



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 26, 2025



Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	10/27	8:30 AM	Clare Siu, Healing	Mon.	10/27	8:30 AM	Jadon F. Soriano †
Tue.	10/28	8:30 AM	Tony Lau †	Tue.	10/28		No Mass
Wed.	10/29	8:30 AM	Destin Cierra, Birthday	Wed.	10/29	8:30 AM	Joseph Mahoney †
Thu.	10/30	8:30 AM	Anaclea C. Orallo †	Thu.	10/30		No Mass
Fri.	10/31	8:30 AM	Lilia Santos †	Fri.	10/31	8:30 AM	Linda T. Kelsey M., & Patrick S., Good Health
Sat.	11/01 All Saints' Day	8:30 AM	All Saints	Sat.	11/01 All Saints' Day	8:30 AM	David & Ode Touye †
		5:00 PM	Parishioners				
Sun.	11/02 All Souls' Day	11:00 AM	All Souls	Sun.	11/02 All Souls' Day	9:00 AM	All Souls Sal & Ann Morales †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
October 19, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,568.00	\$464.00	\$1,054.00
2ND COLLECTION: WORLD MISSION	\$811.00	\$245.00	\$748.00

ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY COLLECTION - NOVEMBER 1ST & 2ND

St. Patrick's Seminary and University seeks to serve the Roman Catholic Church, by forming priests whose lives are configured to the sacrifice of Jesus, rooted in His Word and Sacrament, and dedicated to serve the people of God with the pastoral charity of Christ.

St. Patrick's Seminary and University embraces the long tradition of forming outstanding men for the priesthood. We foster parishes and communities in the act of charitable giving. We are a seminary that seeks to better itself through our programs and curriculum and investment in extraordinary seminarians, faculty and administrators. The community's generous support is crucial to our remaining a proven leader in Catholic Seminaries.

Above all, St. Patrick's Seminary & University is a work in progress. We have had great success in the past, but excellence means taking the lead in keeping up with the needs of our seminarians and faculty in a rapidly changing world.

Please be generous, as you have in the past.

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.

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

We have reached 84% of our goal. Donations received: \$39,002.00.

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!

