

# Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 27, 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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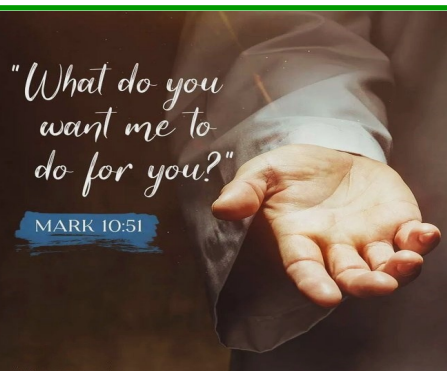
## St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday  
9:00 AM

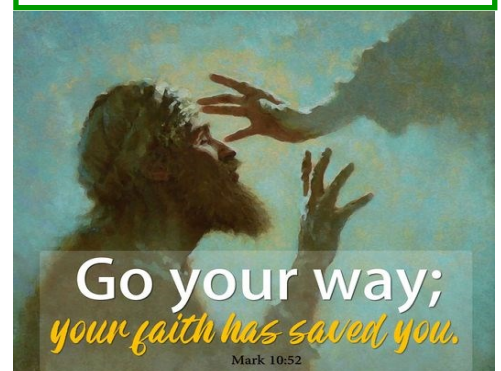
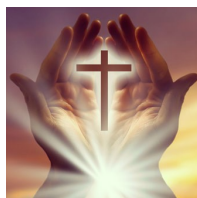
Weekdays  
8:30 AM  
(Monday, Wednesday, and Friday)

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.





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Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we complete our reflection on the four human virtues with Fortitude. This is the virtue by which we act courageously, finding the strength to not be held back by hindrances nor overcome by obstacles. The person who has fortitude working in them can accomplish what others might shrink from.

There are several ways in which fortitude is expressed. The first is by enduring difficulties and not being overwhelmed by them, we call this patience. The second is by striving to do great things for a great cause. This is not for the sake of vainglory, but that goodness might spread to others. We call this magnanimity. Related to this is the third way to express fortitude or courage, and that is by being willing to spend generously for the sake of a good cause. By giving in such a way, great initiatives become possible. And finally we have perseverance, which empowers someone to continue in good works no matter the cost, never giving up.

May we be a people capable of such courageous acts. May we have the inner strength to accomplish great good in our world. With God this is possible, he who has done great things for us, in us, and through us.

Fr. Ben

## Fortitude

Strength of mind that enables one to endure adversity with courage.

ST. MONICA-ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

# ORGAN *Recital*



Visiting Guest Organist

**ÉLODIE  
MARCHAL**

From St. Etienne Cathedral  
Châlons-en-Champagne,  
France

RECITAL OF MUSIC FOR ALL HALLOW'S EVE  
AND MUSIC FROM FAVORITE MOVIE THEMES

**SUNDAY  
OCT 27<sup>th</sup>  
2:30PM**

**ST. MONICA CHURCH**  
470 24TH AVE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94121

PARKING LOT ON 23RD BTW GEARY & CLEMENT

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES WILL ENJOY THIS PROGRAM  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

**FREE ADMISSION**



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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Our Psalm today, “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy,” sheds light on our glorious Gospel reading about the healing of the blind man, Bartimaeus.

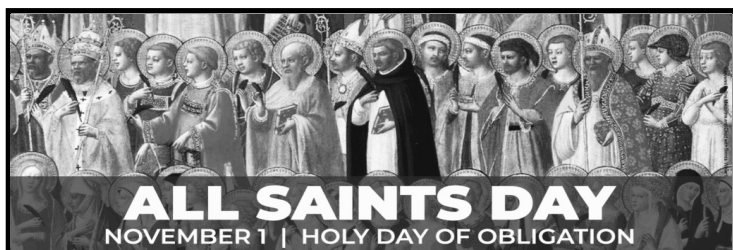
We can learn a lot from Bartimaeus when it comes to our own personal relationships with Jesus. Many of us struggle with something from which we need healing — physical blindness, illness, addiction, bad habits, anger, sin. In our weakness, do we confidently cry out to Jesus knowing that He will help us?

Oftentimes we begin to, but then a voice in our thoughts tells us to doubt and encourages us to stop trying, like the crowd in our Gospel. Although that voice is persistent and strong, we are called to cry out all the more. If Jesus can hear one voice in a crowd of many, then He can hear our direct prayer to Him in our hearts.

Our Gospel story closes with the miraculous moment when Bartimaeus is healed. The conversation with Jesus was simple. Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he would like Him to do. This man, blind for who knows how many years, desired sight. Jesus responded, “Go your way; your faith has saved you.” He was healed and continued to follow Christ.

There was not much that Bartimaeus had to do to become healed. All he needed was his undoubting faith. Whatever it is that we are struggling with in this life, all Jesus asks of us is to have faith in Him. As a result, we will remain steadfast in our relationship with Christ and will have the strength to keep going. And although we might not be healed in this life, Jesus still hears our confident cries. And through our faith we will surely be healed in the next.

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### Mass Times & Location

#### St. Thomas the Apostle

Friday, November 1st at  
8:30 am

#### St. Monica

Friday, November 1st at  
8:30 am (School Mass) & 5:30 pm

**ALL SOULS ENVELOPES**

Please use the envelopes on the tables in the Church to list the names of your loved ones. All our faithfully departed will be remembered at our Masses during the month of November.

### 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.*

*The right to life is the first among human rights. ~ Pope Francis*

Respect Life Month

I CAME SO THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE

# LIFE

October 2024  
[respectlife.org/celebrate](http://respectlife.org/celebrate)



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**ST. PATRICK’S SEMINARY COLLECTION - NOVEMBER 2ND & 3RD**

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.**

**“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 <https://www.osvhub.com/smstaparishsf/giving/funds> and follow the instructions. Contact Jessica at the Parish Office if you have any questions.

**We are grateful for your support!**

***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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## Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	10/28	8:30 AM	Anthony Eng †	Mon.	10/28	8:30 AM	Rev. Tom Hamilton †
Tue.	10/29	8:30 AM	Anaclea Orallo †	Tue.	10/29		No Mass
Wed.	10/30	8:30 AM	Destin Cierra, Birthday	Wed.	10/30	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	10/31	8:30 AM 5:00 PM	Parishioners Parishioners	Thu.	10/31		No Mass
Fri.	11/01	8:30 AM All Saints Day	Parishioners †	Fri.	11/01 All Saints Day	8:30 AM	Anna Joseph †
Sat.	11/02	8:30 AM	Orallo Family †	Sat.	11/02	8:30 AM	Elizabeth Nott †
		5:00 PM	Parishioners	Sun.	11/03	9:00 AM	Ode Touye †
Sun.	11/03	11:00 AM	Betty & Morelia Bermejo †				

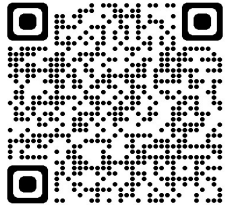
THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
October 20, 2024	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,815.00	\$450.00	\$1,335.00
2ND COLLECTION: World Mission	\$1,130.00	\$483.00	\$400.00



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!



**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](mailto: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](mailto:chriscrk6@gmail.com)

**MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND**

The Parish is seeking to expand its homebound ministry to those who, because of age or illness and are unable to attend Mass but would like to have the Eucharist brought to them. If you know of anyone in this situation, please contact Jessica Montgomery at the Parish Office at 415-751-5275 or email Deacon Dana Perrigan at [perrigan2000@yahoo.com](mailto:perrigan2000@yahoo.com). After determining the extent of the need, parishioners interested in this ministry may volunteer to serve those in need. Please contact Deacon Dana Perrigan if you are interested in volunteering for this ministry.