

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 5, 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 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



"And the
apostles
said to the
Lord,
'Increase
our faith.'"
- Luke 17:5





Dear brothers and sisters,

The fourth commandment tells us to “*Honor your father and mother, so that it might go well with you in the land the Lord your God is giving you.*” To honor our father and mother means that we should show them great respect, appreciation, and obedience. After all, who would we be without them? Although our parents aren’t perfect, justice demands that they be honored in many ways for all that they have done for us.

This is also the only one of the commandments that has a promise attached to it: “so that it may go well for you...” God wants us to honor them so much that he promises to reward us if we do. In his great wisdom, the Lord does everything he can to help us grow in love and gratitude, which begins at home. If we do not learn to love and honor our parents who have done so many good things for us, how could we ever love or honor anyone else? We must learn to respect, love, and forgive within the family structure.

This fourth commandment is also related to the honor and respect we owe all of our superiors, whether other family members or our supervisors at work. We honor them because God has given them charge over us, and we are to make their work easier, not harder, by being obedient to their lawful rules.

Striving to honor our fathers, mothers, and all who look over us, let us show great respect and pray for them. If we do, we will not only grow in virtue but will be storing us a reward that will bless our families and lives for years to come.

Fr. Ben

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Our readings today show us that a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom, is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us, and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christians.

Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today’s Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest.

But living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility, as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master’s affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable! The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God.

The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God’s. Our very lives belong to Him. Whatever we do on God’s behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility.

The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.



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SAINT MONICA SCHOOL COLLECTION

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Saint Monica School is an important part of the parish life. Our elementary school has been providing a quality Catholic education in the central Richmond District for over 100 years. We offer an excellent core academic program, as well as a variety of supporting curriculum and enrichment activities.

Our graduates are accepted to all of the local College Preparatory High Schools. We now also offer a Transitional Kindergarten Program and are exploring opening a preschool.

Our school mission is guided by our Roman Catholic Faith. We provide a supportive and nurturing learning environment that fully challenges and engages each student: academically, physically, and spiritually.

In addition to offering an education in the faith, we are proud to offer a supporting curriculum that includes Physical Education, Art, Music, Technology Classes, Science Labs, Library, and Learning Support.

Our Enrichment Program highlights a variety of options for our students at various grade levels. Features include Altar Serving Program, Academic Chess, Band Instruments Class, Drama Club, School Choir, STEM and Coding-Lego Robotics Clubs, a flexible Extended Care Program, and a CYO Athletic Program.

I ask that you consider making a donation through the parish today to support our elementary school program. Thank you for your kind and generous support.

Sincerely,

Vincent M. Sweeters

Principal

sweeters@stmonicasf.org



SAINT MONICA SCHOOL

Located in the heart of the Richmond and guided by our Roman Catholic Faith, we offer a supportive and nurturing learning environment from TK to 8th grade that fully challenges and engages each student academically, physically, and spiritually.

We welcome all faiths and our vibrant student body is reflective of our local community.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Comprehensive core academics
- Integrated STEM curriculum, new science center, 1:1 tech program
- Learning resource program
- Spanish language instruction
- 10,000+ volume library
- Dedicated art and music facilities
- Wide range of co-curricular and enrichment programs available onsite
- Robust athletics program and onsite gym
- Flexible onsite extended care

SIGN UP FOR A TOUR



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SAINT MONICA SCHOOL Scholastic Book Fair

OCT 14-OCT 17 & OCT 19

Saint Monica School Scholastic Book Fair
Church Small Hall

Oct 14-Oct 17, 2025

8:30am-12:30pm (students)

12:30pm-5:30pm (open to public)

Sunday Oct 19, 2025

11am-2pm (open to public)

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stmonicaschool3>





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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



Come join us for our 3rd Annual Oktoberfest Saturday, October 25, 2025! It's going to be a fun, casual adults-only evening where we can all come together and build some great memories. We'll have a delicious buffet-style dinner with mouthwatering sausages from Lockeford, sauerkraut, homemade potato salad, dessert, and drinks (beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages). Each \$40 dinner ticket includes two sausages, sides, dessert, and two drinks.

Ticket sale closes Monday, 10/20/2025.

<https://stmonica.schoolauction.net/oktoberfest2025>

Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Saint Monica Church Small Hall

5950 Geary Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94121

A PRAYER FOR LIFE

to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

O Jesus, you came that we might have *life*—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity.

As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable.

For you are God, forever and ever.

— AMEN.



SAINT MONICA SCHOOL DAY TOURS: FALL 2025

- ⇒ Friday, October 10th from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- ⇒ 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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Mass Intentions

St. Monica			
Mon.	10/06	8:30 AM	George Lau †
Tue.	10/07	8:30 AM	Ralph Montgomery †
Wed.	10/08	8:30 AM	Marie Jeane Arrabit †
Thu.	10/09	8:30 AM	Agnes Lau, Thanksgiving
Fri.	10/10	8:30 AM	Tom & Christine Raher, 50th Wedding Anniversary
Sat.	10/11	8:30 AM	Francis Thomas Carroll †
		5:00 PM	Parishioners
Sun.	10/12	11:00 AM	Maria Gloria Rando †, Birthday

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	10/06	8:30 AM	Dorothy Del Prado †
Tue.	09/07		No Mass
Wed.	10/08	8:30 AM	Agnes Lau, Good Health
Thu.	10/09		No Mass
Fri.	10/10	8:30 AM	Joseph Mahoney †
Sat.	10/11		No Mass
Sun.	10/12	9:00 AM	Susan Mables †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
September 28, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,603.00	\$419.00	\$895.00
SEPTEMBER ONLINE DONATIONS	\$2,004.00		

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.

- ♦ **Learning Initiative in some of our elementary schools** - this program increases the proficiency of students who are below grade level in reading and math. It does so via software programs, iPads, and other tools that provide personalized learning. Parents are joyful because the increase in academic performance is usually coupled with an increase in confidence in other parts of their children's lives.

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

We have reached 81% of our goal. Donations received: \$37,402.00.

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!

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