

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 10, 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



The Widow's
Offering





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Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we reflect on the virtue of Hope. It is the second of the three theological virtues. Christian hope the virtue through which we desire everlasting life and place our trust in the promises of God. Like all the divine virtues, it is a gift from God, that we cooperate with and allow to be active in our lives.

When we practice the virtue of hope, we look beyond our life on earth to the world to come. This hope leads us to believe that God’s promise of Heaven will be fulfilled for us if we abide in him. If we are living in God’s grace now, then the virtue of hope will be present. We can then look forward to eternal life. We should be filled with joy at such a prospect. Hope then allows us to long for and await the gift of Heaven.

We need to know the promises of God if hope is to be really active in us. If our idea of Heaven is not in align with what God has said, then it will not truly be hope. We should be looking forward to the resurrection of our bodies, of entering into paradise, of being freed from all sin, pain and sorrow, of being with all those who have gone before us there, and of seeing God face to face. This is the hope that we have as believers. This is the hope that will give us strength to endure whatever this world throws at us.

Fr. Ben

*Lord God, Almighty Father,
creator of mankind and author of peace,
as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess,
we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces.
Give them courage, hope and strength.
May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing.
Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light.
To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever.
Amen.*

**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 _____

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- St. Monica St. Thomas the Apostle

You may register online at: <https://www.osvhub.com/smstaparishsf/directory/register>



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today’s First Reading from the First Book of Kings, as well as the Gospel passage from Mark, both center on the actions of two seemingly poor and helpless widows who show themselves to be faith-filled and generous stewards.



In the eyes of the world, particularly in biblical times when there was no life insurance or Social Security, these widows were weak and dependent on others to take care of them. They each found themselves in desperate situations — one in the midst of famine with a child for which to care, and the other clearly impoverished. Yet, each demonstrated strength and generosity that distinguished them from those around them. From where did this strength come?

It came from knowing who they are, and Whose they are. These women must have known their security would not come from a good life insurance policy or connections to someone with a hidden storehouse of flour. No, their security came from knowing they were daughters of the Most High God and from putting their faith in Him. They had no need to panic in the midst of natural disaster or cling desperately to their menial resources. Their faith in God set them free to trust Him when all seemed hopeless. Their faith kept them detached from material possessions. Their faith allowed them to be brave and generous, to think of others despite their own trials.

These women saw themselves as stewards, not owners, of the resources God gave them, regardless of how much or how little they had. And acting as stewards made them gracious, generous and mighty indeed.

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

Laurata Asuncion, Christina Barretto, Rita Britto, Ricardo B. Calma, Jr., Robert Ferretti, Murray Grossman, Jean Fong, Michael Landon, Paul George Landon, Simon K. Lee, Michael Brendan Mannix, Ann Marie Morales, Elizabeth Nott, Julia Ngo, John Porras, Gerald David Suarez, Nilda Thompson, and Lucia Wong.

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.



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.

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.



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Archdiocese of San Francisco Prayer for Vocations
 God, our Father,
 in Your love and providence,
 You call each of us to a holy life.
 We pray for young people in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Open their hearts and minds to know the vocation You have planned for them for all eternity.
 If they are being invited to follow You as a priest, brother, or sister, give them a generous heart to respond to Your challenging call and the strength to follow wherever You lead them.
 May families desire to please you by encouraging and supporting vocations within their homes.
 We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd.
 Amen.




THANKSGIVING DAY MASS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28
ST. MONICA
10:00 AM

BAPTISM INQUIRIES

All Baptism inquiries must go through the Parish Office. Please contact Jessica Montgomery at (415) 751-5275 or email parishoffice@stmonicasf.org to sign up and schedule an appointment with our parish priest.



St. Albert the Great

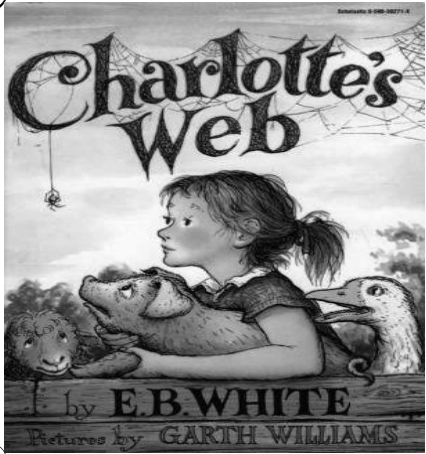
The greater and more persistent your confidence in God, the more abundantly you will receive all that you ask

November 15

WE INVITE ALL OUR PARISHIONERS TO SPEND TIME IN FELLOWSHIP

ST. MONICA CHURCH - FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY Because of the holidays, Friendship Sunday will be held only on the first Sunday in December following the 11 a.m. Mass. The regular first and third Sunday schedule will resume in January. 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



SAINT MONICA SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB'S FALL PRODUCTION OF CHARLOTTE'S WEB

Friday, November 22nd at 1:15 PM
 Saturday, November 23rd at 7:00 PM

Large Hall

All are welcome! Admission is free.
 Donations for the Drama Club are welcomed.
 We hope to see you there!




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Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	11/11	8:30 AM	Bernard & Julia Smith †	Mon.	11/11	8:30 AM	Donald & Matthew Louie, Birthdays
Tue.	11/12	8:30 AM	Martin Novak †	Tue.	11/12		No Mass
Wed.	11/13	8:30 AM	Cynthia Gaver †	Wed.	11/13	8:30 AM	Anna Joseph †
Thu.	11/14	8:30 AM	Raher Family †	Thu.	11/14		No Mass
Fri.	11/15	8:30 AM	Alumni of the University of San Francisco †	Fri.	11/15	8:30 AM	Carina Rocamora †
Sat.	11/16	8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory †	Sat.	11/16		No Mass
		5:00 PM	John Leahy, Jr. †	Sun.	11/17	9:00 AM	Parishioners
Sun.	11/17	11:00 AM	Sean & Frank McKenna †				

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS
November 3, 2024	ENGLISH	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,975.00	\$1,577.00
ST. PATRICK SEMINARY	\$786.00	\$409.00




CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPEMENT

Next weekend, our second collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development by visiting usccb.org/cchd.

“KNOW HIM, LOVE HIM, SERVE HIM” PROGRAM

Thank you for your generous support of our “Know Him, Love Him, Serve Him” Program! Several weeks ago, we began this important parish-wide program and we are starting to see signs that our offertory collections are growing through the generosity of you, our faithful parish community. Next week we will be publishing in the bulletin a report with important highlights from our program. Thank you so very much to all who participated. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be a part of the ongoing missions of Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Thank you to all those who helped with sandwich making on Wednesday, October 16th. A special thank you to those who volunteered to help with shopping for supplies and delivery to the shelter the next day. Future sandwich making will be on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. The next opportunity will be this **Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 PM**. We meet in the St. Monica Parish Hall. For questions contact: Maria McDevitt at megmared@comcast.net or 415-515-6945.