

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 17, 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 sun will
be darkened,
and the moon
will not give
its light.
Mark 13:24

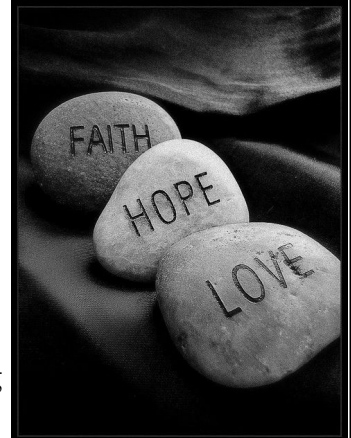


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Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we reach the last of our reflections on virtue with Charity. This is fitting, since charity, or love, is the foundation of all we are and do. The Scriptures tell us that “God is love,” and so if we desire to experience God and to please him, it will be through charity. When we love, it is the sign that God is with us.



When we use the word charity, it should bring to mind organizations that do works of love in the world. In fact we call them charities. They work to assist people in need, especially the poor and the forgotten. Jesus tells us that “whatever you did for the least of these, you did to me.” Our charitable giving is the way we both love God and our neighbor.



Let us determine in our hearts to be people filled with love, filled with the virtue of charity. We need to be inspired to do so. There is no better inspiration of charity than what we find in Jesus. In his life, in his suffering and death, he has taught us to give ourselves for others. As his disciples may we too give without counting the cost, or give until it hurts as the old saying goes. For God so loved us that he gave us himself, as we are reminded every time we look upon the crucifix. May his love be united with ours.

Fr. Ben

“Arise, soldiers of Christ, throw away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light” ~ St. Cecilia (Feast Day: November 22nd)

**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

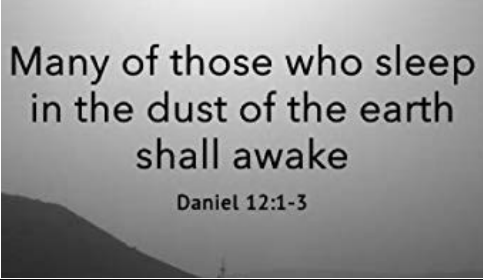
You may register online at: <https://www.osvhub.com/smstaparishsf/directory/register>



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Even in our darkest hour the Lord does not abandon us. His eye always upon us He watches over us night and day. In today’s reading, Jesus speaks of being on our guard for we do not know the day or the hour when we will be called to Him. But if we take His words to heart and stay close to Him as we journey, we have nothing to fear. His gift to us is His presence with us, ‘till the end of the world.



Lord, sometimes our minds wonder what it will be like for us at the end of this life. How will it happen? is there something after this world! But you have told us that you go to prepare a place for us where you are... Lord I believe, help my unbelief.

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 Porrás, Gerald David Suarez, Nilda Thompson, Maria Fanara 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.

ST. MONICA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE MEMORIAL WALLS
St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle Parish offers parishioners an opportunity to remember friends and loved ones in a memorial space in the vestibule of each Church. For a donation of \$250.00, a brass nameplate will be engraved with the name(s) of your choice with a maximum of 50 letters. If you wish to order a plaque, forms are available in each Church or by calling the parish office at 415-751-5275.

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.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

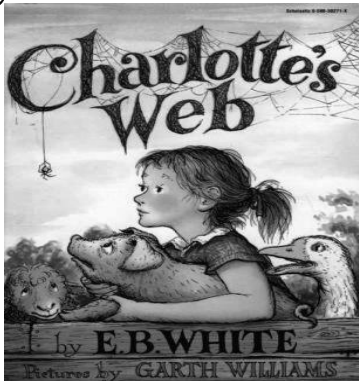
November 21st



"God, what do you want me to do with my life for you?"

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary leads to a more complete understanding of her role in our salvation. Her life, dedicated to God from earliest childhood, leads to her 'Yes' at the Annunciation and steadfastness even to the Cross.

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. Special fiesta music and treats will be served to celebrate and honor **Our Lady of Guadalupe** following Mass on **Sunday, December 8th**. To volunteer, please e-mail Christine Aguerre at: chrisk6@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.	11/18	8:30 AM	Luz C. King †	Mon.	11/18	8:30 AM	Ricardo B. Calma, Jr. †
Tue.	11/19	8:30 AM	Luz C. King †	Tue.	11/19		No Mass
Wed.	11/20	8:30 AM	Gilda Maria Magana †	Wed.	11/20	8:30 AM	Ricardo B. Calma, Jr. †
Thu.	11/21	8:30 AM	Moyra Moy †	Thu.	11/21		No Mass
Fri.	11/22	8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory †	Fri.	11/22	8:30 AM	Ricardo B. Calma, Jr. †
Sat.	11/23	8:30 AM	Hilda Onofree †	Sat.	11/23		No Mass
		5:00 PM	Parishioners				
Sun.	11/24	11:00 AM	Simon Lee †	Sun.	11/24	9:00 AM	Parishioners

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
November 10, 2024	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$2573.25	\$472.00	\$1563.00





CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPEMENT

Today, 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.

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.

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