

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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All Souls Day ~ November 2, 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 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



All Soul's Day



"The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace."



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Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we consider the Eighth Commandment *"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."* This commandment calls us to avoid lying and words that harm others. It calls for us to use our words to build up rather than tear down.

To bear false witness harms others because it misleads, confuses, and even manipulates them. Jesus tells us that "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." He comes to lead us into all truth. When we choose to lie to people, we are not aligning ourselves with the Lord and can be even working against him and his saving message.



This commandment also forbids using our words to damage the reputation of others. When we speak gossip, whether true or not, we are harming the very people that God wants to be cared for. Our words are powerful tools, we must use them to show them they are loved and appreciated, to give them life. I am sure we all know how good it has been when someone has spoken to us and about us with kindness and love.

May we be a people of Truth, a people who proclaim what is right and just. May our lives draw others closer to God by the words we speak.

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>



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On the Feast of All Souls, we pray for the souls of all those who have died. There are many choices of readings for this day, all focusing on our belief in the resurrection of the dead and Jesus' promise of eternal life. The Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus offers us many important insights about this aspect of our faith.

Jesus was good friends with Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary. Lazarus had fallen ill, and Martha and Mary had sent word to Jesus. Jesus delays his journey to them, however, and when he arrives in Bethany, he finds that Lazarus is dead and has been buried for four days.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one; Lazarus and his family have many friends who have come to mourn his death. Martha goes out to meet Jesus when he arrives. She cries with him, saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Jesus consoles her with the promise that Lazarus would rise from the dead. Martha affirms her belief that there will be resurrection of the dead in the last days. Jesus promises her even more; he says that he himself is the Resurrection and the life for all those who believe in him. Martha professes her faith in this, acknowledging that Jesus is Christ, the Son of God.

This is the profession of faith we continue to make, and it is the promise on which we base our hope for eternal life for ourselves and for all those who have died. In his death and Resurrection, Jesus has conquered death for all those who believe in him.

We believe that we continue to share a relationship with those who have died. When we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, we are praying for those whose souls are journeying through purgatory, being prepared for eternal life in heaven. We believe that our prayers for them will help to speed their journey to eternal life with God in heaven.

A PRAYER FOR ALL SOULS DAY

Dear God of Mercy,

I pray this day for all souls, both known and unknown to me, who, although touched by death, have not yet entered Your Heavenly Kingdom. While they loved you in their lifetime, they failed in some way to attain the perfection Heaven demands. So in my love for them, I offer my prayers, my small works of mercy in the hope that Your mercy will flow to them and bring them to eternal peace with You.

May they intercede for me for the graces I may need to live out my life on earth in perfect obedience and love of You, my Father, so that I, too, may join them in everlasting life with You in Heaven.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. 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, Susan Mabes, Robert Mahoney, Elsie McGee, John Minjiras, Juana Montgomery-Kleinman, Gloria Parker, Eusebio Salapare, Shirley Scobie, and Richard

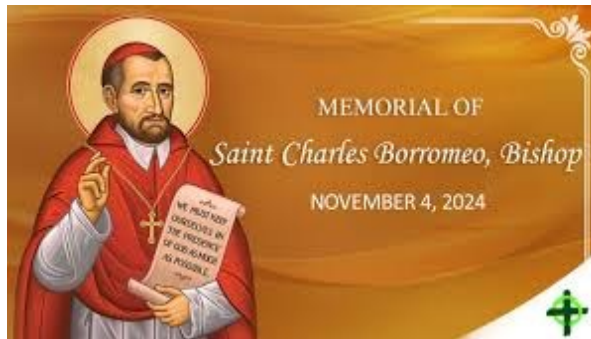


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All are welcome to join us every
Monday - Saturday at 8:00 AM to pray the
Rosary at
St. Monica Church.

&
All are welcome to join us on the
First Saturday of every month for
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM at
St. Thomas the Apostle Church.



"God wishes us not to rest upon anything but His infinite goodness; do not let us expect anything, hope anything, or desire anything but from Him, and let us put our trust and confidence in Him alone."

Saint Charles Borromeo

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: chriscrk6@gmail.com.



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	11/03	8:30 AM	Betty & Morelia Bermejo †	Mon.	11/03	8:30 AM	Jordan F. Soriano †
Tue.	11/04	8:30 AM	Paz, Patag & Pons Families †	Tue.	11/04		No Mass
Wed.	11/05	8:30 AM	Lupe & Victor Sotelo †	Wed.	11/05	8:30 AM	Ode Touye †
Thu.	11/06	8:30 AM	Vicente & Lupita Bermejo †	Thu.	11/06		No Mass
Fri.	11/07	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Fri.	11/07	8:30 AM	Lucia Aglubat †
Sat.	11/08	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Sat.	11/08	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	Parishioners				
Sun.	11/09	11:00 AM	Simon Lee †	Sun.	11/09	9:00 AM	Donald & Matthew Louie, Birthdays †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
October 26, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
IST COLLECTION	\$1,665.00	\$414.00	\$998.00

ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY COLLECTION - NOVEMBER 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.

Thank you for your gracious gift which is preparing the next generation of priests to serve you.

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!

