

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - November 24, 2024

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

Everyone who belongs
to the truth listens to
my voice."

JOHN

JESUS CHRIST, OUR KING






THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Our Heavenly Father,
We are thankful for all Your blessings,
goodness and mercy on us.
We are thankful for all the people in
our lives who make our life meaningful
and beautiful. Thank You for watching
over us and getting us all here safely.
Let Your blessings be upon everyone
here today. May we be protected and
all our prayers be answered.
In Jesus mighty name.
Amen

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

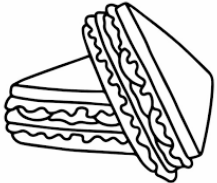
THANKSGIVING DAY MASS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28
ST. MONICA
10:00 AM
(NO 8:30 AM MASS)



LENTEN GIVING TREE ACTIVITIES

In looking for a charitable parish project for the season of Advent, our parish council decided once again this year, to offer support to the Opiate Treatment Outpatient Program (OTOP) Methadone Clinic at SF General Hospital. OTOP provides detoxification assistance to clients in conjunction with medical and psychiatric services. Since many of their clients are the homeless and poor, our projects will help to provide the clinic staff with items they will be able to distribute to clients as they come in for treatment. We will have three opportunities to do this:

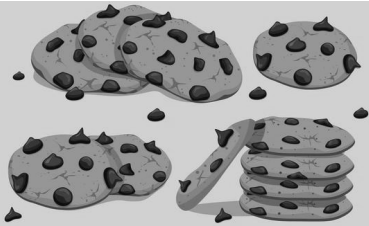
#1 Sandwiches – On Sunday, December 15th, after both the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle and the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Monica in Small Hall, please join us in making sandwiches that the clinic staff will distribute to hungry clinic clients. Our goal is to make 300 peanut butter sandwiches between the two churches that weekend.



#2 Giving Trees – We will once again be establishing our Advent Giving Trees at both Churches. We will collect new adult gloves, beanies, and blankets (e.g. fleece) which the staff at the clinic will be able to distribute to their clients as they come in for treatment during the colder months of the year. Please take an ornament from the tree that lists the needed item and return the item to either church (unwrapped) by Sunday, December 24th.



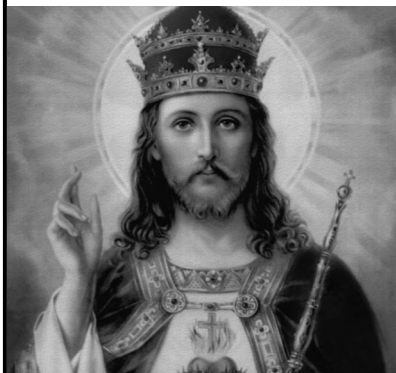
#3 Cookies for Christmas – We will have the opportunity to bake cookies for the staff to distribute to clients. We call families to come forward and donate store bought or home made cookies, packaged individually in packets for 4-5 (small cookies) and 2-3 large/medium cookies. The cookies should be dropped off at church no later than December 22nd so that they can be distributed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



If you are able to participate in the projects, your generosity will provide warmth, nourishment, and the sweetness of the season to those in our community who need it most. Let's make this Advent season a time of giving and compassion. Thank you for your support!



GOSPEL REFLECTION



On this last Sunday of Ordinary Time for the liturgical year, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, at a time when the world was experiencing a rise of secularism, materialism and individualism, and an increasing denial of Christ’s existence and authority. The hope was that the establishment of this feast would accomplish three goals: that nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, that leaders and nations would see that they are required to give respect to Christ, the King of kings, and that the faithful would be strengthened and encouraged by the reminder that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies.

This feast is needed more than ever for all people and for us especially, as Christian stewards. It reminds us of three vital truths.

First, even when it seems the world is spinning out of control, we need not fear because we have a King of kings who is very much in charge and who is loving, merciful and just. Second, if Christ is king of all, then He is also king of me, personally. I am not “lord” of my time, talents, and treasure. He is. I am a servant of the King and a steward of His gifts to me. Third, as His disciple, I am called to imitate my King. Christ’s kingship is characterized by humble service, by emptying Himself for the good of others, The Scriptures tell us He went about doing good and He says of Himself, “I came not to be served but to serve.” How can I live in any other way than as a humble servant like my King?

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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., Maria Fanara, 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.



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.



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All are welcome to join us
 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.

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.

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: chriscrk6@gmail.com

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Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	11/25	8:30 AM	Florencia Martinez †	Mon.	11/25	8:30 AM	Ricardo B. Calma, Jr. †
Tue.	11/26	8:30 AM	Ip Family, Thanksgiving	Tue.	11/26		No Mass
Wed.	11/27	8:30 AM	John Porras †	Wed.	11/27	8:30 AM	Ricardo B. Calma, Jr. †
Thu.	11/28	10:00 AM Thanksgiving	Parishioners, Thanksgiving	Thu.	11/28		No Mass
Fri.	11/29	8:30 AM	Bermejo Family, Thanksgiving	Fri.	11/29	8:30 AM	Ricardo B. Calma, Jr. †
Sat.	11/30	8:30 AM	Helen & Harold Grangoff †	Sat.	11/30		No Mass
		5:00 PM	Salvacion Ignacio †				
Sun.	12/01	11:00 AM	Parishioners	Sun.	12/01	9:00 AM	Trinidad Polo & Family, Thanksgiving

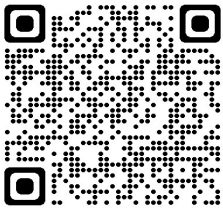
THANK YOU	ST. MONICA		ST. THOMAS
November 17, 2024	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,531.00	\$409.00	\$1,152.00
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	\$690.00	\$224.00	\$403.00



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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.



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