

# Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 3, 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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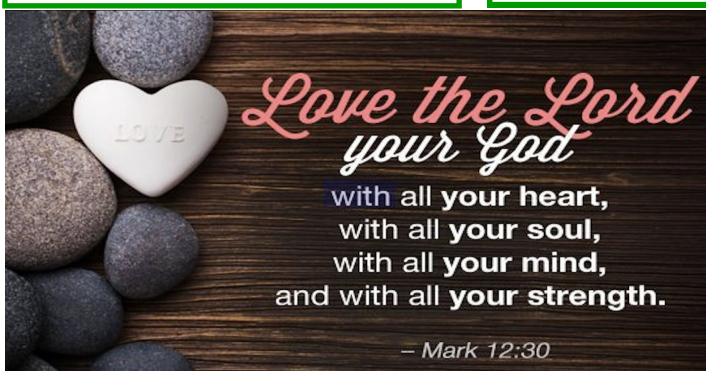
## St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

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





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Dear brothers and sisters,

Having completed the human virtues, we move to the divine or theological virtues as we reflect on Faith. Faith is a gift from God, something he offers us freely, yet something we must accept. Faith comes through hearing the Word of God proclaimed to us.

According to Scripture, *“Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1.* The virtue of faith allows us to believe the message of salvation that we have heard. We may not have seen Jesus or his miracles, but we believe in them by faith in what we have heard. When we have faith, we can confidently proclaim *“I believe.”*

The Scripture also tells us that *“without faith it is impossible to please God.” Hebrews 11:6.* We must believe in him so as to pray, approach him, and diligently walk in his ways. Having faith opens the door to our journeying through life with God in our hearts and minds. When we lack faith, we are unsure of what the Lord has proclaimed and are distant from him and his truth.

Let us ask God to increase our faith in him. The best way to allow this virtue to grow is to be reminded of what God has said. We ought to read Scripture regularly to do so. The more we hear the Word of Truth, the greater our faith can become. Let us truly be a faith filled and faithful people.

Fr. Ben

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who attended our 2nd Annual Oktoberfest. It was great to see both parishioners and school parents together sharing community with one another. We especially would like to thank those who worked so hard to put this event together. The decorations were done so well and I believe everyone had a blessed evening. Thank you!



We also would like to thank those who came to our Organ Recital and helped make it possible. The performance of Elodie Marchal was wonderful, and the selections she chose were excellent! We look forward to having her join us again sometime!

***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**

Today’s Gospel presents Jesus’ teachings on the two greatest commandments. Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. And love your neighbor as yourself. Let’s consider these “greatest commandments” as they relate to three aspects of a Christian steward’s daily life — the giving of our time, talent, and treasure.

The use of time refers primarily to our relationship with the Lord — in other words, our prayer life. Since time is a gift to me from God, I show my love for Him and my gratitude for this gift by giving Him the best portion of my time. Of course, it is vital to talk to God throughout the day, but if I really want to love Him with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, shouldn’t I make time for God “first” on my agenda each day? Not as an afterthought, but as a time I have intentionally chosen to spend only with Him.

The use of talents refers to the way I offer the abilities, skills, and interests the Lord has given me for the good of those around me. Doing so is a practical way to “love my neighbor as myself.” At the same time, it is also a way to love the Lord with all that I am and have, since He has told us that whatever we do for others we are also doing for Him.

The use of material gifts — or treasures — likewise demonstrates both love of God and of neighbor. When I trustingly offer a sacrificial gift to God through the offertory collection, I am showing Him in a very tangible way that He comes before all else in my life and I am putting my material resources at the service of my neighbor in the parish community and beyond.

When we live for God and others, we are living a stewardship way of life. And like the wise scribe in today’s Gospel, we are moving closer to the kingdom of God, our ultimate destination.

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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, 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, 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.

We pray for the repose of the souls of  
**Ricardo B. Calma, Jr.**

and offer our sympathy to his family and friends.

The Vigil for Ricardo will be held at Duggan Serra (Daly City) on Sunday, November 3rd at 6:00 PM  
The Funeral will be on Monday, November 4th at St. Thomas the Apostle Church at 10:00 AM

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



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**ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY COLLECTION - TODAY**

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.

**Please be generous, as you have in the past.**

**“KNOW HIM, LOVE HIM, SERVE HIM” PROGRAM**

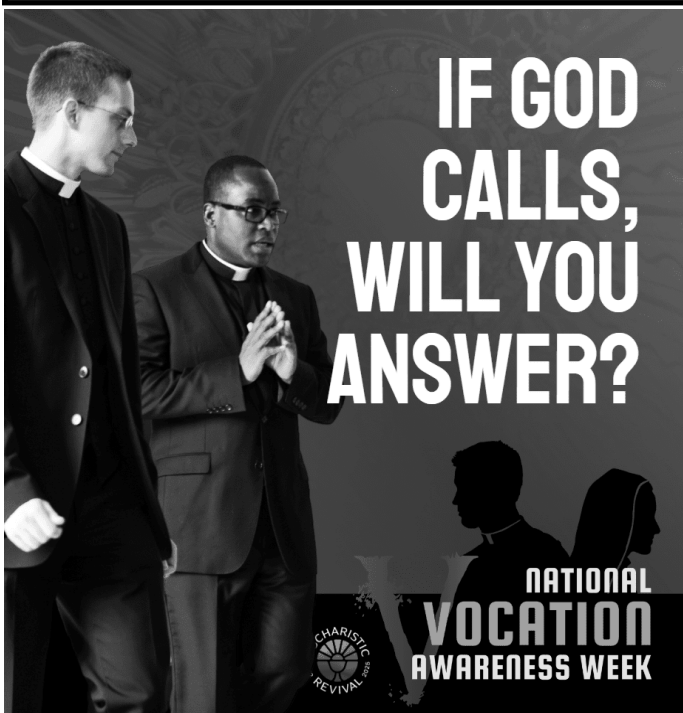
Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a final letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card as our parish goal is 100% participation! You may return your card by:

- ◆ mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter.
- ◆ or bringing it to Mass next Sunday and place it in the collection basket.
- ◆ or you may visit <http://www.osvhub.com/smstaparishsf/forms/commitment-card> and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

**All cards need to be returned to the parish by TODAY!**

As a friendly reminder, **electronic giving** is an easy, safe and secure way to support Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish. To set-up a recurring weekly or monthly gift or to make a one-time donation directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit <https://www.osvhub.com/smstaparishsf/giving/funds> and follow the instructions. Contact Jessica at the Parish Office if you have any questions.

**We are grateful for your support!**



*National Vocation Awareness Week is being celebrated in our country November 3-9, 2024. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation. Find out about upcoming vocations events, ways to discover God's will, and more at [sfpriest.org](http://sfpriest.org).*

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

God our Father, You call each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. Inspire your people with desire to know you, the grace to understand your will, and, with the strength of the Holy Spirit, the courage to respond with love and freedom. Send workers into your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*



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*Mass Intentions*

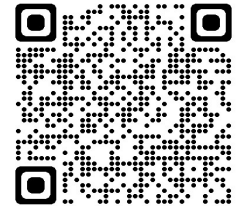
St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	11/04	8:30 AM	Shirley Tesch †	Mon.	11/04	8:30 AM	Rev. David Schunk, Special Intention
Tue.	11/05	8:30 AM	George Lau †	Tue.	11/05		No Mass
Wed.	11/06	8:30 AM	Vicente & Lupita Bermejo †	Wed.	11/06	8:30 AM	Amelia Panes, Special Intention
Thu.	11/07	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Thu.	11/07		No Mass
Fri.	11/08	8:30 AM	Antonina Szostak †	Fri.	11/08	8:30 AM	Amelia Panes, Special Intention
Sat.	11/09	8:30 AM	John Y. Ip †	Sat.	11/09		No Mass
		5:00 PM	Luz C. King †				
Sun.	11/10	11:00 AM	Parishioners	Sun.	11/10	9:00 AM	Fred Bautista †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
October 27, 2024	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
IST COLLECTION	\$1,506.00	\$507.00	\$1,624.00
OCTOBER ONLINE DONATIONS	\$1,372.00		



Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.

To donate:  
Use your personalized parish offertory envelopes  
or scan the QR code to donate online!



**WE INVITE ALL OUR PARISHIONERS TO SPEND TIME IN FELLOWSHIP**  
**ST. MONICA CHURCH - FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY** will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month in the Small Hall following the 11:00 AM Mass. To volunteer, please e-mail Deacon Dana Perrigan at: [perrigan2000@yahoo.com](mailto: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: [chriserk6@gmail.com](mailto:chriserk6@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:megmared@comcast.net) or 415-515-6945.