

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 17, 2023

St. Monica Catholic Church

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Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



St. Monica Catholic Church MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil
5:00 PM

Sunday
8:00 AM (Vietnamese)
11:00 AM

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy at
Our Lady of Fatima Byzantine

Weekdays
8:30 AM (*Monday-Saturday*)

Rosary
8:00 AM (*Monday-Saturday*)

Confession
4:00 PM - 4:40 PM Saturday

Administrator
Rev. David Schunk

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Rev. Paulinus Iwuji, SMMM
Catholic Chaplain VA Hospital

St. Thomas the Apostle Rectory
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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

“Joy springs from a grateful heart. Truly, we have received so much, so many graces, so many blessings, and we rejoice in this. It will do us good to think back on our lives with the grace of remembrance.”

Pope Francis

Advent is a time to Praise! God is among us asking us to let His love grow in our hearts in preparation for His coming at Christmas.



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We have had great success with our parish Advent charity projects. The First Sunday, we had parishioners make around 300 sandwiches which were readily enjoyed by patients at the SF General Methadone Clinic. This weekend, I know some of our bakers have brought cookies to bring some cheer to the clinic patients struggling to improve their health. Our Advent giving trees are in full giving and receiving mode right now. Since the items we are collecting will not be given as Christmas gifts *per se*, you may bring in a blanket, gloves, or knit hat/beanie through December 31 as they will be given away during the cold months of the year. A reminder the gifts should not be wrapped. The generosity of our parishioners is a real sign of seeing Christ in our poor brothers and sister and the seriousness we have in our identity of disciples of Jesus Christ.

With the Third Week of Advent comes the lighting of the rose candle of our Advent wreath and rejoicing that Christmas is just around the corner, almost literally this year. With Christmas Day on Monday, our Fourth “Week” of Advent is practically just half of a day. We will have our normal schedule of Masses next Saturday Evening/Sunday morning for the Fourth Sunday of Advent; then we will celebrate our Christmas Eve Masses Sunday evening, and Christmas Day Masses Monday morning. It will be a full weekend, but certainly an exciting one as we welcome the Christ Child once again into our lives and our world.

Father Schunk

Online Parish Giving Update

As we have noted in the bulletin for the past couple of weeks, our parish is transitioning to a new vendor (Our Sunday Visitor-OSV) to process online donations for St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. There will be a single site for both St. Monica and St. Thomas to streamline the donation process. We are planning to continue the old donation sites running through January 2024 during the transition period. The new site is currently set-up for regular, Sunday offerings (one time, weekly, bi-monthly, monthly, quarterly) and for single, one-time general donations. In time, we will add options for donating for the Second Collections, etc.

- To find the donation page, please visit our Parish Homepage and click the DONATE menu at the top.
- If you already have donations reoccurring with the old site(s), we ask you to cancel those transactions on the old site and set-up your regular offerings with the new site.
- If you are interested in making your regular offering online, please check out the new site.
- For those who use offertory envelopes, that option for giving will continue as usual.

I want to thank longtime STA parishioner, Gerry Jacinto, for getting the parish started with online giving many years ago. We also thank those who already participate in online giving for their generosity to our parish, and for all those who give of their time, talent, and treasure, helping to make our parish of St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle a faith-filled Christian community.



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Advent & Christmas Schedule

Simbang Gabi
Thursday, December 21
 6 PM - Mass and Reception - St. Monica

4th Sunday of Advent
Saturday, December 23rd
 5:00 PM - St. Monica
Sunday, December 24th
 8:00 AM - St. Monica - Vietnamese
 9:00 AM - STA
 11:00 AM - St. Monica

Christmas Eve Masses
 5:00 PM - St. Monica
 8:00 PM - St. Monica - Vietnamese
 8:00 PM - STA Christmas Caroling
 8:30 PM - STA Mass

Christmas Day
 9:00 AM - STA
 11:00 AM - St. Monica



**POINSETTIA DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR
ST. MONICA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCHES**

We would appreciate a donation of potted poinsettia plants to add to our Christmas decorations in our Churches. Poinsettia plants are due by **Wednesday, December 20th.**

Please place your donated poinsettia in the Church.

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the parish hall to prepare food for the St. Vincent de Paul shelter. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, December 20th.** If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Maria McDevitt at: megmared@comcast.net or call 415-515-6945.

A special thanks to all those who have volunteered in the past and to all those who regularly donate to the St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday collection.



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Parish Advent Charity Projects

In looking for a charitable parish project for the season of Advent, our Parish Council decided to offer support to the Opiate Treatment Outpatient Program Methadone Clinic at SF General which 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 medical treatment. We will have three opportunities to do this:

#1 Sandwiches – Thank you to all who made PB&J sandwiches!

#2 Giving Trees – For our Advent Giving Tree this year we are collecting new adult gloves, beanies, and blankets (e.g. fleece) that the staff at the clinic will 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 unwrapped to either Church by **Sunday, December 31**.

#3 Cookies for Christmas – Thank you to our bakers for your donation of cookies for the staff at San Francisco General to distribute to patients on 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!

2023 SIMBANG GABI MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 18th	St. Vincent de Paul	8:15 AM
Tuesday, December 19th	St. Agnes	12:00 PM
Wednesday, December 20th	Star of the Sea	6:00 PM
Thursday, December 21st	St. Monica	6:00 PM *
Friday, December 22nd	Most Holy Redeemer	5:30PM
Thursday, December 23rd	St. Dominic	5:30PM



*** Following our Simbang Gabi Mass at St. Monica we will have a reception in our Small Hall. All are welcome to join in the celebration.**

Simbang Gabi, which means "Night Mass," is a novena — a nine-day series of Masses in anticipation of Christmas and to honor the Blessed Mother. The tradition of Simbang Gabi traces back to the arrival of Spanish missionaries in the Philippines about 500 years ago. At the time, they had a tradition of celebrating pre-Christmas novena Masses in honor of the Annunciation. Those Masses were known as "Misa de Gallo" or "Rooster Mass," because they were celebrated at dawn. The early Masses accommodated farmers, who often began work before sunrise to escape the heat in the fields. Pope Sixtus V later declared that Mass should be celebrated before sunrise to accommodate farmers during the harvest season.

WE INVITE ALL OUR PARISHIONERS TO SPEND TIME IN FELLOWSHIP.

ST. MONICA CHURCH - FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY will be held on the 1st & 3rd 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 vestibule of the Church after the 9:00 AM Mass. To volunteer (clean up and refreshment donations) please email Christine Aguerre at chriscrk6@gmail.com.



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THANK YOU December 10, 2023	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,841.00	\$1,097.00
2ND COLLECTION Retirement Fund for Religious	\$869.00	\$519.00
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$404.00	

Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	12/18	8:30 AM	Ann & Dan Halloran †	Mon.	12/18	8:30 AM	Judith Bogie †
Tue.	12/19	8:30 AM	John & Mary Hanley †	Tue.	12/19		No Mass
Wed.	12/20	8:30 AM	Tomas Bermejo, Jr. †	Wed.	12/20	8:30 AM	Evelyn Douglas Williams †
Thu.	12/21	8:30 AM	Moyra Moy †	Thu.	12/21		No Mass
Fri.	12/22	8:30 AM	Sr. Teresa Kerley †	Fri.	12/22	8:30 AM	Bernardo Bautista †
Sat.	12/23	8:30 PM	Jim Mandarano †	Sat.	12/23	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	William Nanry, Jr. †				
Sun.	12/24	11:00 AM	Parishioners	Sun.	12/24	9:00 AM	Parishioners
		5:00 PM	Parishioners			8:30 PM	Parishioners

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT
OF CALIFORNIA – SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

In re: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, Case No. 23-30564

Notice of Deadline for Filing Claims: February 20, 2024

YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR OTHER CLAIM AGAINST THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

On August 21, 2023, The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, a California corporation sole, aka Archdiocese of San Francisco (the "Debtor"), filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Debtor, you must file a claim so as to be received by February 20, 2024, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Debtor.

Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before August 21, 2023, must be filed on or before February 20, 2024, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before August 21, 2023.

For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim form and associated documents, please visit <https://omniagentsolutions.com/RCASF>, or contact Omni Agent Solutions, Inc., the Debtor's claims agent via email at RCASFInquiries@omniagent.com or by phone at 888-480-6507 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or 747-293-0084 (International), between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Pacific Time), Monday through Friday.

****If you have questions about the bankruptcy case filed by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, please also visit the website at <https://sfarch.org> and follow the links for Chapter 11 Filing****

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

12/17/2023 Parish Upgrades & Improvements
12/24/2023 Parish Upgrades & Improvements

