

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph ~ December 29, 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 Catholic Church

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St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
9:00 AM

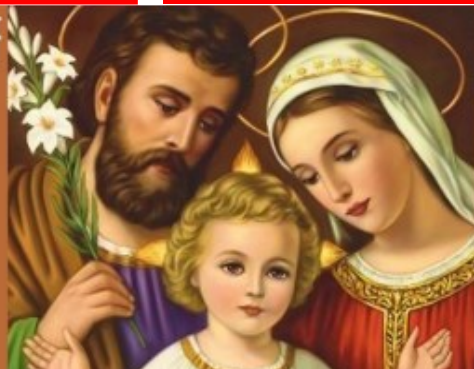
Weekdays
8:30 AM
(Monday, Wednesday,
and Friday)

First Saturday
Mass
8:30 AM

First Saturday Adoration
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Today is the Feast of

The Holy
Family



My Eyes Have Seen Your

SALVATION

Luke 2:22-40

The Gospel according to
LUKE



Dear brothers and sisters,

As we draw near to the end of 2024 and begin a new year, let us be grateful to God. I am sure that if we look, we will see that he has been good to us this year. One of the best forms of prayer is giving thanks. When we count our blessings and thank the Lord for all that he has done for us, we discover how truly blessed we have been. This not only gives God the honor due to him, but it also opens us up to love him more. The more we believe that God is good, the more we will approach him as children who love him in response to who he is.

COUNT *your* Blessings

For me, I give thanks for having been assigned to our Parish. In these six months, I have found this community to be full of good and loving people. I have experienced being welcomed with open arms by so many of you. For this, I thank the Lord! My prayer for us is that together we will grow to love and thank him more and more. The Mass itself, the Eucharist which we celebrate means "to give thanks." May our prayer together rise up to the Lord, expressing hearts of wonder and amazement not only for what he has already done, but for what is to come. May the ahead be a year overflowing with God's abundant blessings for us, the people dear to his heart at St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.



Fr. Ben

"Faith is a gift of God, to be diligently sought and earnestly desired.
Faith lifts the soul"

~ Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (Feast Day - January 4th)

**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>



NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1ST - A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS SCHEDULE

- 8:30 AM – St. Monica
- 8:30 AM – St. Thomas the Apostle
- 5:30 PM – St. Monica

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

LUNAR NEW YEAR DINNER

Saturday, February 8th - St. Monica Hall

VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR'S MASS & CELEBRATION

1:00 pm - Sunday, February 23 - St. Monica
 Reception Following the Mass in the Hall
All are welcome to join in the celebration!



Feast of the Holy Family

"GOD ALWAYS KNOCKS AT THE DOOR OF HEARTS. HE LIKES TO DO THIS. IT COMES FROM HIS HEART. BUT, DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE LIKES BEST? TO KNOCK ON THE DOORS OF FAMILIES AND FIND FAMILIES THAT ARE UNITED, TO FIND FAMILIES THAT LOVE EACH OTHER, TO FIND THE FAMILIES THAT BRING UP THEIR CHILDREN AND EDUCATE THEM AND HELP THEM TO KEEP GOING FORWARD AND THAT CREATE A SOCIETY OF GOODNESS, OF TRUTH, AND OF BEAUTY."
 -POPE FRANCIS

NEW YEAR PRAYER

Thank You Lord for giving me
 The brand new year ahead.
 Help me live the way I should.
 As each new day I tread.
 Give me gentle wisdom
 That I might help a friend,
 Give me strength and courage
 So a shoulder I might lend.
 The year ahead empty,
 Help me fill it with good things
 Each new day filled with joy
 And happiness it brings.
 Amen.



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Holy Family experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience today. And, so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of stewardship in family life.

The Gospel passage from Luke starts by telling us something about Jesus’ parents: “Each year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was 12 years old, they went up according to festival custom.” This Family took seriously the stewardship of their time. The “Holy Couple” carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family, and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully.

We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our Time with God and worship of Him we will be imitating the Holy Family.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let’s commit to steward our families well in the coming year, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars.

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“Mary hears our petitions; holding her Son in her arms, she blesses us and brings us the tender love of God made flesh.” “In a word, Mary gives us hope.” ~ Pope Francis

SAVE THE DATES

Walk For Life West Coast

Saturday, January 25th

Crab Feed

Saturday, January 25th

Catholic Schools Week

January 26th - February 1st

Lunar New Year Dinner

February 8th

Sports-O’Rama

Saturday, February 22nd

Vietnamese Lunar New Year “Tet” Mass and Celebration

Sunday, February 23rd

More details on these events will appear in upcoming bulletins.

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. To volunteer please e-mail Christine Aguerre at: chriscrk6@gmail.com




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Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	12/30	8:30 AM	Milt Reiterman †	Mon.	12/30	8:30 AM	Ricardo Calma, Jr. †
Tue.	12/31	8:30 AM	Noralyn Breiz, Birthday	Tue.	12/31		No Mass
Wed.	01/01	8:30 AM & 5:30 PM	Parishioners	Wed.	01/01	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	01/02	8:30 AM	Helen Ring †	Thu.	01/02		No Mass
Fri.	01/03	8:30 AM	Dominic F. Politeo †	Fri.	01/03	8:30 AM	Ricardo B. Calma, Jr. †
Sat.	01/04	8:30 AM	Mary E. Ring †	Sat.	01/04	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	Margaret Ferrarese †	Sun.	01/05	9:00 AM	Parishioners
Sun.	01/05	11:00 AM	Jean Winn †				

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	VIETNAMESE	ST. THOMAS
December 15, 2024	ENGLISH		THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$2,938.61	\$388.00	\$2,312.00

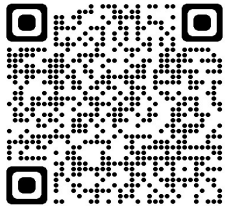


Thank You

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BAPTISM INQUIRIES

All Baptism inquiries must go through the Parish Office. Please contact Jessica Montgomery at (415) 751-5275 or email parishoffice@stmonicassf.org to sign up and schedule an appointment with one of our parish priests.

Request a Mass Intention

Mass intentions for 2025 may be offered in honor of loved ones at either St. Monica or St. Thomas the Apostle Churches. For scheduling and additional information, you can either stop by or mail the parish office at 470 24th Ave. SF, CA 94121 or email (parishoffice@smstaparishsf.org). Please list all your Mass intentions and requested dates. You can also call Jessica at 415-751-5275 during office hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM.

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