

# *Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish*

*www.smstaparishsf.org*

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph ~ December 31, 2023

## **St. Monica Catholic Church**

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## **St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

3835 Balboa Street  
San Francisco, CA 94121



## **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**

## **St. Thomas the Apostle Church** **MASS SCHEDULE**

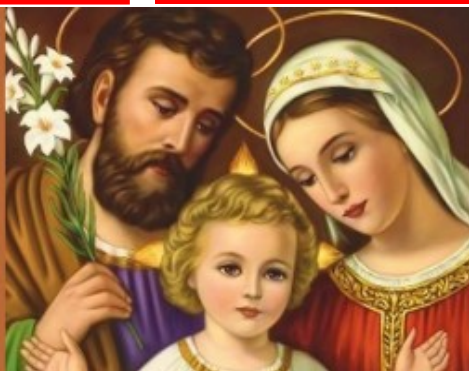
**Sunday**  
**9:00 AM**

**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**



## Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph ~ December 31, 2023



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It was a wonderful and a grace-filled time to celebrate Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with all of you. I want to first thank all our Volunteers and Staff who helped to make our two churches such beautiful and uplifting places to celebrate our Lord's birth. And I should add, we thank all those who make our parish churches special places throughout the year. Thanks to...our Deacons, Musicians, Lectors, Sacristans, parishioners who decorate and clean the churches, Altar Servers, parishioners who wash the linens, Collection Counters, Ushers, Ministers to the Homebound, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, parishioners who host hospitality, members of the Parish and Finance Councils, Religious Education Catechists, Pre-school and School Teachers and Staff, and our Parish Staff. I am likely forgetting some group but that is the nature of what happens when there are so many people who participate!

Also, as we reach this time of year, I would like to thank all those who have supported the Parish with their treasure in the various collections, special donations, and the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal this past year. In a bulletin later in January, I will give an update on how we did with the AAA. I hope you have seen the notices about updating to a new online donation vendor for our parish. That transition is continuing as it gives people another avenue to give to the parish, outside of the regular collection.

As we get ready for the coming year, please take note of a few dates in the save the date section. First, we are arranging to have Fr. Kevin Kennedy come to give a Eucharistic reflection in mid-January and then the second (now annual?) Parish-School Crab Feed in late January. In February, the Vietnamese Ministry is hosting a celebration of the Lunar New Year (Tết). The St. Monica School Gala is in March. Finally in late April, we are beginning to make arrangements to celebrate Sister Noreen's *Platinum* Jubilee of Religious Life (70 years). And there will likely be more to come. I hope there is a lot of room on your dance card in 2024!

As we begin the New Year of 2024, we invoke God's blessing upon our entire parish family that He may grant us peace and the grace to grow in the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love throughout this new year.

Father Schunk



### WELCOME OUR NEW 2023 PARISHIONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

*Barry & Leonore Wallace*  
*Deivis Ramirez & Bystra Dariya*  
*Mary Lynn Shimek*  
*Hubert & Bonnie Lee*  
*Michael & Susie Tepatti*  
*Lily Brouette*  
*Kevin Brunner & Geraldine Brunner-Lam*

*Deena Herlihy-Stonich*  
*Donna Liu*  
*Richard & Aileen Reavill*  
*Peter & Mekdes Maurovich*  
*Yuling Wang*  
*Mulyono Mayawati*



## NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

### New Year's Day

8:30 AM - St. Thomas the Apostle

10:00 AM - St. Monica

### Vietnamese New Year's Mass & Celebration

1:00 pm - Sunday, February 25 - St. Monica

Following the Mass

there will be a celebration in the Hall.

**All are welcome to join in the celebration!**



## SAVE THE DATES

- ♦ Walk For Life West Coast  
Saturday, January 20th
- ♦ Fr. Kevin Kennedy Presentation  
Sunday, January 21st @ STA
- ♦ Crab Feed  
Saturday, January 27th
- ♦ School Auction Gala  
Saturday, March 16th
- ♦ Sister Noreen's Platinum Jubilee  
Saturday, April 27th

More details on these events will appear in an upcoming bulletin.

## Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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



## 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 is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.

Amen.



## REFLECTIONS ON THE MASS AND SACRED LITURGY

### The Christmas Season

The Christmas Season begins with the celebration of the birth of Our Lord and concludes on the feast of His Baptism. The birth of Christ at Christmas falls exactly nine months after the feast of His Annunciation on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas season, therefore, focuses on the coming of Jesus Christ, God and man, in our flesh and born of the Virgin Mary.

Two of the Gospels for the Masses of Christmas Day come from the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel for the Mass during the Night, which is commonly called Midnight Mass, relates the story of the birth of Christ and the song of the angels: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those who enjoy His favor. The Gospel for the Mass at Dawn speaks of how the shepherds went to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the Christ child lying in the manger. Finally, the Gospel of the Mass during the Day is the great prologue to the Gospel of John which recounts how the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

During the Christmas season, we also celebrate feasts that are closely associated with both the birth of the Lord as well as His manifestation to both Jews and non-Jews alike. On January 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. As it is the Octave Day of Christmas, we also commemorate the giving of the holy Name of Jesus to the Word made flesh. We then celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Finally, at the end of the Christmas season, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and hear in the Gospel that Christ is the beloved Son, in whom the Father is well pleased.

Source: Rev. Kurt Belsole, OSB, Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, PA,  
[www.liftupyourhearts.church](http://www.liftupyourhearts.church)

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@omniagnt.com](mailto:RCASFInquiries@omniagnt.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\*\***

**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](mailto: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](mailto:chriscrk6@gmail.com).



*“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*



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# Mass Intentions

St. Monica			
Mon.	01/01	11:00 AM	Parishioners
Tue.	01/02	8:30 AM	Shirley Tesch †
Wed.	01/03	8:30 AM	Richard Joaquin Delas Reyes †
Thu.	01/04	8:30 AM	Maria Lawson, Special Intention
Fri.	01/05	8:30 AM	Concepción Bravo & Susana Tan †
Sat.	01/06	8:30 PM	David Oliverio †
		5:00 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Louise, Birthday
Sun.	01/07	11:00 AM	George Lau †

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	01/01	9:00 AM	Parishioners
Tue.	01/02		No Mass
Wed.	01/03	8:30 AM	Helen Calma †
Thu.	01/04		No Mass
Fri.	01/05	8:30 AM	Fred & Rebecca Bautista †
Sat.	01/06	8:30 AM	Portia & Nonnete Munar †
Sun.	01/07	9:00 AM	Parishioners

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
December 17, 2023		
1ST COLLECTION	\$2,717.00	\$1,354.00
2ND COLLECTION	\$851.00	\$286.00
Parish Upgrades & Improvements		
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$451.00	

## 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.

We 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.

**DONATE TO ST. MONICA-ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

