

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ February 11, 2024

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

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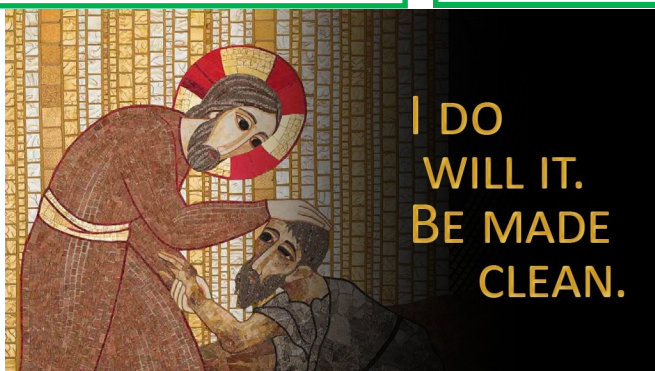
St. Thomas the Apostle Church ***MASS SCHEDULE***

Sunday
9:00 AM

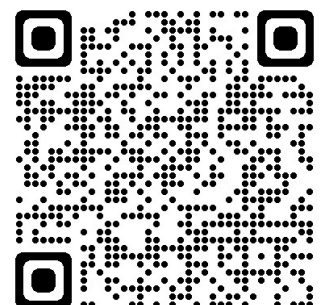
Weekdays
8:30 AM
(*Monday, Wednesday, and Friday*)

First Saturday
Mass
8:30 AM

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



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the Apostle
Parish**





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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This week we enter into the sacred season of Lent. To paraphrase one of my seminary professors, Lent is the time of year when the entire Church goes on retreat (who doesn't want a retreat!) as we take time in our lives to prepare for the great event of Easter. I encourage all of us to take up one or more of the traditional penitential practices of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving/Good Works during this season of preparation. They are ways in which we can turn away from things that may distract us and turn towards the Lord.

As you can see in our schedule for Ash Wednesday, February 14th we will have Mass with the distribution of ashes at the 8:30 AM Masses at both St. Monica and St. Thomas. On Wednesday evening at 5:00 PM, we will have a shorter prayer service (not Mass) with the distribution of ashes at St. Monica.

As a way for all of us to spiritually enter into the season of Lent, you may pick up one of the Lenten Companion booklets after Mass. We ask that each household take only one so we have enough to distribute to everyone. The booklets have daily reflections on the Gospel readings which you may find those online at: <https://bible.usccb.org>

Thank you to all who have already donated or pledged to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. We will include in the bulletin in the coming weeks some testimonies from ministries that are beneficiaries of the AAA so you may learn how these funds are used to support diverse ministries in the Archdiocese. I am personally grateful for your generosity as some of these ministries affect my life in a direct way as a member of the clergy.

Finally, we have the date set for Sister Noreen's 70th Platinum Jubilee of Religious Life. The celebration will be Sunday, April 21, 2024 at Saint Monica's. We plan to have a special Mass followed by a reception in the hall. Please mark it in your calendars now so we celebrate an iconic event for an iconic woman.

Father Schunk

In His Presence

The Eucharistic Revival at St. Monica – St. Thomas the Apostle

Focus for February – The Close/Intimate Relationships of Our Life

It is hard to be holy alone. By our very nature, Christians are a community-oriented people. Our Lord Jesus Christ said in the Gospel of Matthew, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Mt 18:20) We are able to see Christ in these gatherings and in the various relationships of our lives, like the poor, elderly, and our families. As we enter the month of February, a challenge for us will be to be *In His Presence* in the most intimate relationships of our lives. For some, this may be a spouse. For others, perhaps a very close friend or confidant. Those who are the closest to us in our lives often are able to speak to us in a way no one else can. It is because of this special bond that these people often are able to encourage and challenge us towards being holier men and women. In this way, those who love us the most may be the voice of Christ who calls us to holiness and discipleship. In this way, we may be *In His Presence* when we are with those closest to us.



40 Days for Life's spring prayer campaign started February 14, Ash Wednesday, and ends March 24. Since it started in 2007, 40 Days for Life has organized prayer vigils in more than 1000 cities. The organization emphasizes prayer and fasting, peaceful witness outside abortion facilities and community outreach during its campaigns.

The San Francisco Chapter prays in front of Planned Parenthood's proposed flagship building at 1522 Bush Street. For more information and to sign-up visit:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/san-francisco>



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ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH



St. Monica

8:30 AM (Mass with Ashes)
5:00 PM (Prayer Service with
distribution of Ashes)

St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM (Mass with Ashes)



Reflections on the Mass and Sacred Liturgy “The Season of Lent”

Lent consists of forty-four days. It begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes immediately before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. At that time, the Sacred Paschal Triduum begins.

The season of Lent aims at preparing us for the celebration of Easter and has a twofold character. First of all, it directs the Christian faithful to recall their own baptism when they rejected the devil and confessed their faith in Christ. They are also asked at this time to engage more deeply in prayer and penance. Secondly, for those who are preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, it serves as a more intense time of preparation as the moment of their baptism draws near.

During Lent, the disciplines of fasting and abstinence from meat apply on Ash Wednesday, and the discipline of abstinence from meat applies on the Fridays of Lent unless a solemnity occurs on those days.

Towards the very end of Lent, we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord when we commemorate his triumphal entry into Jerusalem and read the Passion of the Lord from one of the gospels of either Matthew, Mark, or Luke. On Thursday of Holy Week, in the morning, the bishop concelebrates the Chrism Mass with his priests and blesses the oil of catechumens and the oil of the sick and consecrates the chrism that will be used throughout the year.

Source: Rev. Kurt Belsole, OSB, Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, PA



SOUP SUPPER & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning **Friday, February 16th**, and every Friday throughout Lent we will have Soup and Stations of the Cross at **St. Thomas the Apostle Church**. We will begin at **6:00 PM** with a soup supper followed by Stations of the Cross.

Beneficiary Stories from the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

Your generosity with the AAA supports the **Restorative Justice** ministry. The Restorative Justice program assists crime victims and their families, former offenders, the incarcerated and their families. The family of one young man killed in San Francisco said there were frequently times that they did not know if they'd be able to go on, and that without the Restorative Justice ministry, they "...would not have been able to meet other families already supported by this ministry, and through this support group they find comfort in the journey of their healing."

AAA supports our new **Life-Giving Wounds** ministry. It helps heal, restore, and provide peace of mind to adults whose parents divorced when they were children. Through tears, a participant at one of the retreats said, "...my parents' divorce was so traumatic that I didn't even know if I believed in love." Another commented, "This is probably the best thing the Church has ever done for me and my siblings."



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VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR'S MASS & CELEBRATION

Sunday, February 25 at 1:00 PM

St. Monica Church

Following the Mass there will be a celebration in the Hall.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION!

Tết, short for Tết Nguyên Đán (Lunar New Year), is the most important celebration in Vietnamese culture. Tết celebrates the arrival of spring based on the Vietnamese calendar, which is mostly based on the lunisolar Chinese calendar and usually has the date in January or February in the Gregorian calendar.

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.

From: UCSF at Zuckerberg
San Francisco General Hospital, Ward 93
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To: St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle Church

We, the staff at Ward 93 would like to take the time to offer personal thanks for your empathy, kindness, generosity, and compassion extended towards our clients.

We take a quote from the book of Matthew 25: 35-40 to express our gratitude to you in helping us to provide "ministry" in the services that we provide.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Again, we would like to extend a most gracious thank you to all of you who help us see the beauty from ashes.

Be blessed,
OTOP Ward 93 Staff

*thank
you*



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	02/12	8:30 AM	Marciano Estiolio †	Mon.	02/12	8:30 AM	Ariah Thompson, Special Intentions
Tue.	02/13	8:30 AM	Shirley Tesh †	Tue.	02/13		No Mass
Wed.	02/14	8:30 AM	Ling Chi Yu & Teresa Eng †	Wed.	02/14	8:30 AM	Rebecca Bautista †
	Ash Wednesday				Ash Wednesday		
Thu.	02/15	8:30 AM	Marie Goss †	Thu.	02/15		No Mass
Fri.	02/16	8:30 AM	Tomas & Candita Bermejo †	Fri.	02/16	8:30 AM	Bradley Dearing †
Sat.	02/17	8:30 PM	Jim Stringer †	Sat.	02/17		No Mass
		5:00 PM	George Lau †				
Sun.	02/18	11:00 AM	Harold & Helen Grangoff †	Sun.	02/18	9:00 AM	Parishioners

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
February 4, 2024		
1ST COLLECTION	\$2,147.00	\$1,224.00
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$397.00	
JANUARY PARISH ONLINE DONATIONS	\$987.00	

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****

 We pray for the repose of the soul of
Simon R. Lee
 and offer our sympathy to his family and friends.

 Funeral - Saturday, February 17th at 10:30 AM at St. Monica

SAVE THE DATES

Vietnamese New Year Mass & Celebration
 Sunday, February 25th at 1:00 PM at St. Monica

Eucharistic Miracles Presentation & Lunch
 Sunday, March 3rd at Noon at St. Monica

School Auction Gala
 Saturday, March 16th at 6:00 PM at St. Monica
 (Reservations will be required)

Sister Noreen's Platinum Jubilee
 Sunday, April 21st - St. Monica Church & Hall

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