

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 16, 2025

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 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

**BLESSED
ARE YOU
WHO ARE POOR,
FOR THE
KINGDOM
OF GOD
IS YOURS**

LUKE 6, 17:20-26





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Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we consider the final or the Five Precepts of the Church, with the call “to help to provide for the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability.”

This is the call to support the Church, which although is primarily a spiritual organization, has real material needs as well. Through our support of the Church financially, we keep it open, that we might be able to benefit from the grace of God.

We are already experiencing this as we enjoy our beautiful churches now. The generations before us helped build our parish, and I am sure that you agree with me that they built two wonderful places of worship in St. Monica and St. Thomas. Their sacrifice and giving allows us now to encounter God and experience his nearness to us in sacrament, prayer, fellowship, and in the beauty of our places of worship.

We are called to give so that not only us, but future generations of Catholics might share in such blessings. As we share our resources with our Parish, we are furthering the mission of Christ who promised to be with us until the end of the age. Thank you for all you do to support our Parish and to support Christ Jesus our Lord!

Fr. Ben



All are welcome to join us
Monday - Saturday at 8:00 AM
to pray the Rosary
at St. Monica Church.

&

All are welcome to join us
on the First Saturday of every month for
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM at
St. Thomas the Apostle Church.



***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

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GOSPEL REFLECTION



Today’s readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward — hope. This is especially fitting this year, as Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Jubilee Year with the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope."

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “*Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817).*”

In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

In today’s Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his hope-filled disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded, and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope – the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.

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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 church's vestibule after the 9:00 AM Mass. To volunteer, please e-mail Christine Aguerre at: chriscrk6@gmail.com

Please drop off or mail your offertory envelopes to the Parish Office if you cannot come to Church. You may also donate online by going to: <http://smstaparishsf.org/donate/>.

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VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR'S MASS & CELEBRATION

Sunday, February 23 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Thank you to all those who helped with sandwich making on Wednesday, January 15th. 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, February 19th at 7:00 PM**. We meet in the St. Monica Parish Hall. For questions contact: Maria McDevitt at meg-mared@comcast.net or 415-515-6945.

ST. MONICA SCHOOL TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

We are pleased to announce that Saint Monica School is now accepting applications for our Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program for the 2025 - 2026 School Year! Our TK program will be a two-year program for students: attending TK for the first year, and Kindergarten for the second year.

The process for applying to TK will be the same as for our Kindergarten. All application info and forms can be found on our school website: <https://www.stmonicasf.org/admissions/apply/> Families may also receive an application and information packet from the school office.

To promote the launch of our inaugural TK program, we are offering families an incentive of a 50% discount on the registration fee if we receive registration payments by March 28th (a savings of \$300!)

Please help us promote this exciting new development. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Vincent M. Sweeters
Principal
415-751-9564
sweeters@stmonicasf.org



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	02/17	8:30 AM	Filemon Abordo †	Mon.	02/17	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Tue.	02/18	8:30 AM	Gloria Parker †	Tue.	02/18		No Mass
Wed.	02/19	8:30 AM	Bernard & Julia Smith †	Wed.	02/19	8:30 AM	Kam & Agnes Tung, Good Health
Thu.	02/20	8:30 AM	Moyra Moy †	Thu.	02/20		No Mass
Fri.	02/21	8:30 AM	Hale A. Concon, Jr., Good Health	Fri.	02/21	8:30 AM	Deceased Members on the Memorial Wall †
Sat.	02/22	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Sat.	02/22	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	Parishioners	Sun.	02/23	9:00 AM	Susan Mabes †
Sun.	02/23	11:00 AM	Intentions of Cam Gregg				

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
February 9, 2024	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$2,550.00	\$407.00	\$1,544.00

2025 ARCHDIOCESEAN ANNUAL APPEAL KICKOFF

I hope all of you received my letter highlighting this year’s Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. On behalf of youth, young adults, seminarians, social ministries, and everyone who you support through the Appeal, I ask you to prayerfully consider giving to the 2025 AAA. Through our generosity, we join others throughout our Archdiocese in answering God’s call to discipleship by supporting His work.

The theme for this year’s Annual Appeal is from 1 Corinthians 10:31, *“Do everything for the Glory of God.”* As Catholics, we use our talents and provide our gifts for God’s Glory. One way we vividly do so is by supporting the programs and ministries of the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.

Through the Annual Appeal, all the parishes in our Archdiocese unite as one body to assist others in ways that an individual parish would not be able to on its own. We demonstrate God’s glory through the AAA by supporting such critical needs as youth and young adults, parish schools and students, social ministries, ecumenical efforts, and the greater Church.

Among other ministries, your generosity supports **Restorative Justice**. Restorative Justice is the Archdiocese’s outreach to crime victims and their families, offenders, and the incarcerated. The family of one young man killed in San Francisco said 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 we find comfort in our healing journey.”

On behalf of everyone who needs and depends on the ministries and services of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, I extend my deep gratitude for your support of the Annual Appeal and your commitment to our Catholic faith.

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of this request. You impact lives.