

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Feast of the Presentation of the Lord ~ February 2, 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





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Dear brothers and sisters,

Today our reflection is on the third precept of the Church, “to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least once a year during the Easter season.” Like all of the other laws of the Church, this is meant for our benefit. We are told that we must receive Jesus in the Eucharist at least once each year. We need his life in us, we cannot travel along the path of Heaven without the Lord.

This precept might sound strange to us who attend mass regularly, since we may be receiving him every Sunday. The Church gives us this rule because some people may be living in a state of sin, unable to take communion. We must be a worthy receptacle to have Jesus in our hearts. For those who are abstaining because of an irregular living situation or for other reasons, the Church is encouraging them to remedy this as soon as possible. They need Jesus to come and live within them again, as we all do.

The call to receive Jesus in the Eucharist is much more than an obligation, it is a great honor and privilege for us. We are called to be the temples of God, the place where he dwells. We are asked to allow God to love us through Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. How blessed we are to be called to such a relationship with God!

Fr. Ben

The Feast of St. Blaise February 3rd

The Blessing of the Throats will take place on **Monday, February 3rd at 8:30 AM** at both St. Monica and St. Thomas the Apostle Churches.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS AT ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHEDRAL

Saturday, February 22, 2025

All sacramentally married couples in the Archdiocese are invited to celebrate Mass with Archbishop Cordileone, followed by a reception. Couples celebrating “5-year anniversaries” (5, 10, 15, 20...) will receive special recognition. To register visit: <https://sfarchdiocese.org/event/2025-wedding-anniversary-celebration/>. For more information contact Ed Hopfner at 415-614-5547.



Thank you to our parishioners who came out to support the Walk For Life 2025.



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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.

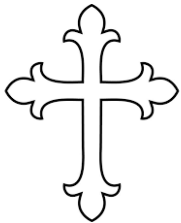
 * We pray for the repose of the soul of *
 * **Susan Mabzs** *
 * and offer our sympathy to her family and *
 * friends. *
 * Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let per- *
 * petual light shine upon her. May her souls and *
 * the souls of all the faithful departed, through *
 * the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. *

 * We pray for the repose of the soul of *
 * **Robert Maloney** *
 * and offer our sympathy to his family and *
 * friends. *
 * Funeral services will be held on Saturday, *
 * March 22nd at 10:30 AM at St. Monica Church. *
 * Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let *
 * perpetual light shine upon him. May his souls *
 * and the souls of all the faithful departed, *
 * through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. *

CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION
ST. MONICA SCHOOL
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 Contact St. Monica School for more
 information.

ROSARY TO COMBAT
HUMAN TRAFFICKING
 for the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita
 on
Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM
 Register at sfarch.org/event/rosary-human-trafficking

Join us to pray the Rosary online to close the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, which is the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking.
 For questions, contact prolife@sfarch.org.





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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, when Mary and Joseph brought their infant Son to the Temple in obedience to the laws of their Jewish faith. This is a beautiful, and in many ways, mysterious feast — and one that is filled with lessons for a stewardship way of life. Our Gospel passage from Luke, recounting the details of the Presentation, teaches us a stewardship lesson through the example of St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother, the “Holy Parents.” Even knowing their Son was God, they still carefully observed the faith practices of their day bringing him to the temple “to present Him to the Lord just as it is written in the law of the Lord.” Later in the passage we read that, “When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to their own town of Nazareth.” The Holy Parents were good stewards of their child, teaching Him to live in obedience to the practices of their faith from his infancy and throughout His “growing up” years.

Those of us entrusted with the care of children, whether our own children, godchildren, nieces, and nephews, grandchildren, or students, have a vital role to play in the faith formation of these young ones. We, like the Holy Parents, must steward these children well, forming them in the faith by both instruction and example throughout their lives.

What a privilege and high calling we have as Christian stewards. Let us take these stewardship lessons to heart and present our gifts and our young ones joyfully to the Lord.

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MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

The Parish is seeking to expand its homebound ministry to those who, because of age or illness are unable to attend Mass but would like to have the Eucharist brought to them. If you know of anyone in this situation, please contact Jessica Montgomery at the Parish Office at 415-751-5275 or email Deacon Dana Perrigan at perrigan2000@yahoo.com.

After determining the extent of the need, parishioners interested in this ministry may volunteer to serve those in need. Please contact Deacon Dana Perrigan if you are interested in volunteering for this ministry.

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

Catholic Charities Aging Case Management Services

If you need assistance navigating services to keep you safe at home and enhance your aging process in San Francisco County, please call our Catholic Charities Aging Case Management Programs at 415-334-5555.

Catholic Charities Breaking Bread with Hope

If you know an adult with a disability in San Francisco who is isolated or simply wants to engage with their community, **Breaking Bread with Hope** offers a place to meet for monthly Mass, lunch, and general fellowship. Please call 415-452-3500 for more information and to reserve a spot.



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	02/03	8:30 AM	Simon Lee †	Mon.	02/03	8:30 AM	Eloisa Franco & Joel Sabedra †
Tue.	02/04	8:30 AM	Mariano Dizon †	Tue.	02/04		No Mass
Wed.	02/05	8:30 AM	Nancy V. Yates †	Wed.	02/05	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	02/06	8:30 AM	Arnold Low †	Thu.	02/06		No Mass
Fri.	02/07	8:30 AM	Deceased Members on the Memorial Wall †	Fri.	02/07	8:30 AM	Rebecca Bautista †
Sat.	02/08	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Sat.	02/08	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	Parishioners	Sun.	02/09	9:00 AM	Leonard & Sandra Kuplinski, Good Health
Sun.	02/09	11:00 AM	Elsie McGee †				

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
January 26, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,831.00	\$325.00	\$1,349.00

ST. MONICA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE MEMORIAL WALLS

St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle Parish offers parishioners an opportunity to remember your friends and loved ones in a memorial space in the vestibule of each Church. For a donation of \$250.00, a brass nameplate will be engraved with the name(s) of your choice with a maximum of 50 letters. If you wish to order a plaque, forms are available in each Church or by calling the parish office at 415-751-5275.

BAPTISM INQUIRIES

For baptismal inquiries, please contact the Parish Office: 415-751-5275 or email parishoffice@smstaparishsf.org

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 Church. For scheduling and additional information, you can either stop by or mail the parish office at 470 24th Ave. SF, CA 94121. 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