

# Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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## 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 23, 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 Rectory  
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Catholic Chaplain for UCSF

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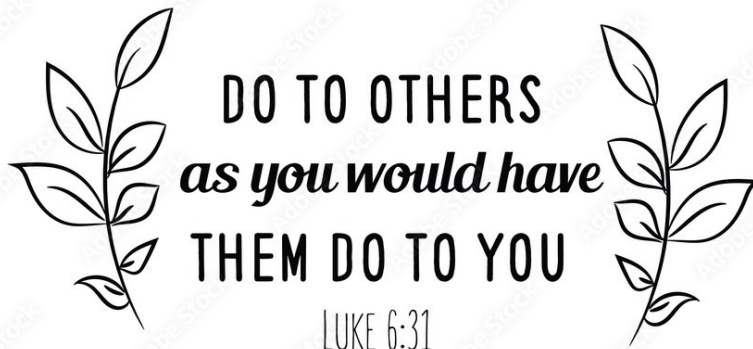
### St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

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



DO TO OTHERS  
*as you would have*  
THEM DO TO YOU

LUKE 6:31



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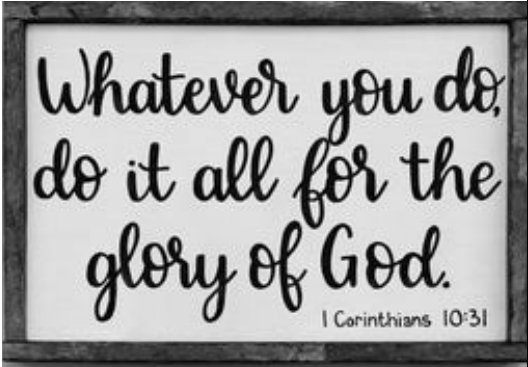


**CALLED TO CARE AND TO SHARE**

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Annual Appeal is our annual opportunity to join with Catholics throughout our Archdiocese and assist those who depend on us. Your generosity supports social justice ministries, seminarians, and our schools, to name just a few. On behalf of everyone who needs and utilizes our programs and services, I invite you to support this Appeal. It is critical to our mission and ministry as an Archdiocese.

Your gifts to the Appeal support the Archdiocese’s Marriage & Family Life ministry. One of the Marriage & Family Life ministries is known as Life-Giving Wounds. Life Giving Wounds is a retreat ministry that 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. It feels good to know I’m not alone in feeling this way.” Another commented, “This is probably the best thing the Church has ever done for me and my siblings.”



In a couple of weeks, we will have Appeal Weekend here, and each household will be asked to make a gift to support the people we assist. Please prayerfully consider your gift and respond as you are able.

Fr. Ben

***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>



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**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

In today’s Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic.” It makes one want to say, “Seriously, Lord?” And He doesn’t stop there. Jesus adds, “Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.”

It seems so unfair! That is, unless we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means “my” cloak, “my” tunic, “my” money, and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive “doormats” to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” There is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward’s love!

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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](mailto: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: [chrisrk6@gmail.com](mailto:chrisrk6@gmail.com)

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

The students in St. Monica and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will receive their First Reconciliation on **Saturday, March 1st at 10:00 AM** in St. Monica Church. Please remember them in your prayers. All are welcome.

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Thank you for your support.



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**ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH**



**St. Monica**

8:30 AM (Mass with Ashes)

5:30 PM (Mass with Ashes)

**St. Thomas the Apostle**

8:30 AM (Mass with Ashes)

**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 your list to 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.

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

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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.

**ST. MONICA SCHOOL TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN**

Greetings Saint Monica Community Members,  
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.

We welcome families to consider Saint Monica School as a choice for your child in TK through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please come and see our school program in action. Contact us for a school day tour: <https://www.stmonicasf.org/admissions/>.

We offer families a quality Catholic Education, a strong academic program, a rich experience for our students, and a safe environment.

Applications are available now for our TK Program! All application info and forms can be found on our school website: <https://www.stmonicasf.org/admissions/apply/> Families may also inquire with our school office to receive an application and information packet.

Sincerely,  
Vincent M. Sweeters  
Principal  
415-751-9564  
[sweeters@stmonicasf.org](mailto:sweeters@stmonicasf.org)




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*Mass Intentions*

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	02/24	8:30 AM	Christina Barretto †	Mon.	02/24	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Tue.	02/25	8:30 AM	Blandina Studulski †	Tue.	02/25		No Mass
Wed.	02/26	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Wed.	02/26	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	02/27	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Thu.	02/27		No Mass
Fri.	02/28	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Fri.	02/28	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sat.	02/29	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Sat.	02/29	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	Sergio & Maria Catolos †			Sun.	02/30
Sun.	02/30	11:00 AM	Tomas Bermejo †				

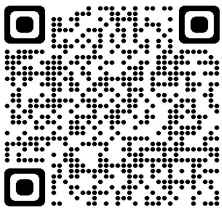
THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
February 16, 2024	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
IST COLLECTION	\$1,485.00	\$325.00	\$1,479.00



*Thank You*

Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.

To donate:  
Use your personalized parish offertory envelopes  
or scan the QR code to donate online!



**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.

**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.

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