

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Second Sunday of Lent ~ February 25, 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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Rev. David Schunk

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St. Thomas the Apostle Rectory
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St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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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

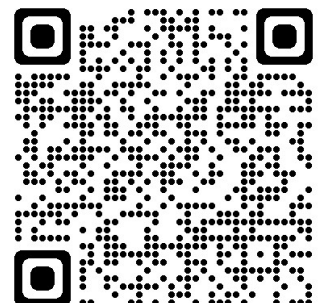
First Saturday Adoration
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM



*"This is my Son,
my beloved.
Listen to him"*

Luke 29:35

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St. Thomas
the Apostle
Parish**





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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Last week, I briefly wrote about the penitential practice of Prayer that we do during the season of

Lent. This week, I would like to turn our attention to the practice of Fasting. Fasting is our choice to do without something. It is a mark of being human as we can choose to do without something over and above what our feelings and desires want. For example, even though I am hungry, I can still choose not to eat. Often, we associate fasting with food, but we can fast from other things like watching television or using social media. Fasting should not be something that hurts us but serve as a reminder and challenge that God gives us power and freedom over our bodies and that we are in control of our decisions and not simply a prisoner to our own desires.

This weekend, I introduce to our parish Mr. Xristopher Compagno. Xristopher is in the last year and a half of the permanent diaconate formation program of the Archdiocese and will be assigned to our parish for the final part of his formation. He is a parishioner of Saint Dominic's, but as is the case from time to time, candidates are assigned to other parishes when there are already multiple deacons at a parish, as is the case with St. Dominic's. He will be giving us a brief biography so as to learn about his background. You will see him serve the community at both St. Thomas and St. Monica in a direct way by assisting as an altar server (acolyte) and giving occasional reflections at the daily Masses. The initial plan is also for him to be involved with Deacon Dana and the ministry to the homebound. We are grateful for the continued ministry of Deacon Dana (who is not being replaced) and for the faithful service of Deacon Peter.

Once again, I want to encourage and remind you that next Sunday, as part of the Eucharistic Revival in the Archdiocese, Dr. Scott French will make a presentation on the Modern-Day Eucharistic Miracles which touch upon the intersection of faith and science. It will begin around noon on Sunday, March 3, after the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Monica's. There will be a complimentary catered lunch included as part of the program to encourage attendance by the community. You may just come to the luncheon and presentation if you attend a different Mass that weekend and the event is *gratis*.

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 with those closest to us.



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EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES PRESENTION & LUNCHEON will be held on Sunday, March 3rd following our 11:00 AM Mass in the St. Monica Parish Hall. Our presenter will be Dr. Scott French. To learn more about Dr. French, visit: <https://sfarchdiocese.org/dr-scott-french/>.

All our welcome to attend!



Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross

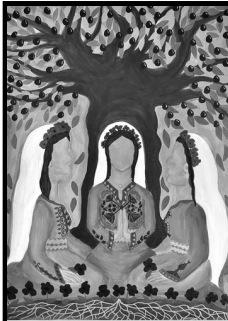
FRIDAYS DURING LENT

SOUP SUPPER & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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.

START AT 6:00 P.M.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - MARCH 1, 2024



This year's theme is "I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love," Ephesians 4:1-7. We are called to bear with each other in love, despite all difficulties and oppression. This year we are asked to reflect on continuing challenging times, for the Palestinian Christian women to keep searching for a deeper understanding among all the people who share the land, trusting for and hoping in the humanity of one another.



LENT



40 Days for Life's spring prayer campaign started on February 14, Ash Wednesday, and will end on 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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LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

As in the past, the following regulations are in place for abstaining and fasting during Lent:

- **ABSTINENCE:** Everyone 14 years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.
- **FAST:** Everyone 18 years of age and older but under the age of 60 is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.



"In the face of my darkness, You are light.
In the face of my mortality, You are life."
~ Saint Gregory of Narek
(Feast Day - March 1st)

SAVE THE DATES

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 are required)

Sister Noreen's Platinum Jubilee
Sunday, April 21st - 11:00 AM Mass &
Reception at St. Monica

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

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.



A NIGHT AT THE
TROPICANA

2024 ANNUAL AUCTION GALA

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2024
6:00-11:00 PM

SAINT MONICA CHURCH HALL
5950 GEARY BLVD.
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94121



<https://stmonica.schoolauction.net/auction2024>



ST. MONICA SCHOOL



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica			
Mon.	02/26	8:30 AM	Choi Ngan Tong †
Tue.	02/27	8:30 AM	Kathy Lynn Brouette †
Wed.	02/28	8:30 AM	Elvina Armento, Special Intention
Thu.	02/29	8:30 AM	Olearczyk Family, Special Intention
Fri.	03/01	8:30 AM	Jean Winn †
Sat.	03/02	8:30 PM	Tomas Bermejo †
		5:00 PM	Hale A. Concon, Jr., Birthday
Sun.	03/03	11:00 AM	John & Mary Hanley †

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	02/26	8:30 AM	Teresa Dearing †
Tue.	02/27		No Mass
Wed.	02/28	8:30 AM	June Volek Dearing †
Thu.	02/29		No Mass
Fri.	03/01	8:30 AM	George Dearing †
Sat.	03/02	8:30 AM	Joseph Mahoney †
Sun.	03/03	9:00 AM	Parishioners

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
February 18, 2024		
IST COLLECTION	\$1,439.00	\$1,049.00
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$500.00	

 * We pray for the repose of the soul of *
 * Alma Modena *
 * and offer our sympathy to her family and friends. *
 * Funeral - Tuesday, February 27th at 10:30 AM at St. Monica *



Beneficiary Stories from the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

- Your generosity supports the Hospital Chaplaincy program. A patient at a hospital in our Archdiocese was suffering from a serious illness that caused depression, anger, and even violence towards hospital staff. He asked to see a Catholic Priest. The caregivers asked the Priest to bless them for their safety and with the virtue of patience. The visit helped heal the patient spiritually and emotionally, it enhanced the relationship with the care givers and thus the healing process as well.
- Your generosity helps retired Priests such as one you know here well (insert name of retired priest your parishioners may know well, is in residence, etc.). Your support of the Annual Appeal helps pay for Father's living and healthcare expenses, ensuring that he is cared for in the same manner as he has served countless others.