

# *Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish*

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## Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ February 4, 2024

### **St. Monica Catholic Church**

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San Francisco, CA 94121  
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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

### Administrator

**Rev. David Schunk**

### In Residence

**St. Monica Rectory**  
**Rev. Paulinus Iwuji, SMMM**  
Catholic Chaplain VA Hospital

**St. Thomas the Apostle Rectory**  
**Rev. Te Van Nguyen**  
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### **St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

3835 Balboa Street  
San Francisco, CA 94121



### **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

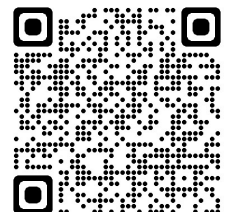
First Saturday Adoration  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM



Rising very early before dawn,  
he left and went off  
to a deserted place,  
where he prayed.

Mark 1:35

Donate online to St. Monica-  
St. Thomas the Apostle





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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

What a tasty crab feed we had last Saturday evening! Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and to our school parents who worked the event. Some of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students served the meal as they were collecting tips for a trip many of them will be taking to Washington, DC this spring. A special thank you goes out to Vera Rodkewich and the fabulous cooking team under the leadership of Chef Greg Patterson. This was the second annual crab feed, here is hoping for a third next year!

In February, the Church celebrates the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick. In view of this, this coming Tuesday (2/6) after the 8:30 AM daily Mass at St. Monica, we will offer the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It is another reminder to pray for all of our sick and homebound of our parish and extend our closeness to them.

The parish office has mailed out the 2023 end of year donation summaries for your tax records. If you do not receive yours by the end of this week, or if you believe there is an error, please contact the parish office so we can resolve the issue.

Also, a reminder that starting this weekend, we are reducing our parish second collections (e.g. education and maintenance funds). We will continue to have the second collections such as St. Vincent de Paul, World Missions, Catholic Charities, etc. By not taking up second collections for the various parish needs, we ask that all of us focus our giving for the parish in the first collection. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Finally, as we kick off the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal this weekend, I want to thank everyone who contributed to last year's AAA and for your continued generosity.

Father Schunk

*"For God, does not work in those who refuse to place all their confidence and hope in Him alone. But He does impart the fullness of His love upon those who possess a deep faith and hope; for them He does great things." ~ St. Jerome Emiliani (Feast Day - February 8th)*

***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.***

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner       | <input type="checkbox"/> New Address            | <input type="checkbox"/> New Phone Number | <input type="checkbox"/> Remove from List |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send Sunday Envelopes |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. Monica            | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Thomas the Apostle |   |   |



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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)



### 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.

### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The Order of Malta is hosting the World Day of the Sick Mass and Anointing of the Sick at St. Dominic Church, 2390 Bush St. on February 10th at 11:00 AM. For questions: [cherylgiurlani@gmail.com](mailto:cherylgiurlani@gmail.com)

# World Day of the Sick

FEBRUARY 11



CARING FOR THE SICK REQUIRES  
PROFESSIONALISM, TENDERNESS,  
STRAIGHTFORWARD AND SIMPLE  
GESTURES FREELY GIVEN, LIKE  
A CARESS THAT MAKES  
OTHERS FEEL LOVED.  
- POPE FRANCIS





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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](mailto: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](mailto:chriscrk6@gmail.com).

"In God's will, there is great peace."

Saint Josephine Bakhita

Feast Day - February 8th

### SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA'S STORY



For many years, Josephine Bakhita was a slave but her spirit was always free and eventually that spirit prevailed.

Born in Olgossa in the Darfur region of southern Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped at the age of 7, sold into slavery and given the name Bakhita, which means *fortunate*. She was resold several times, finally in 1883 to Callisto Legnani, Italian consul in Khartoum, Sudan.

Two years later, he took Josephine to Italy and gave her to his friend Augusto Michieli. Bakhita became babysitter to Mimmina Michieli, whom she accompanied to Venice's Institute of the Catechumens, run by the Canossian Sisters. While Mimmina was being instructed, Josephine felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptized and confirmed in 1890, taking the name Josephine.

When the Michielis returned from Africa and wanted to take Mimmina and Josephine back with them, the future saint refused to go. During the ensuing court case, the Canossian Sisters and the patriarch of Venice intervened on Josephine's behalf. The judge concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, she had actually been free since 1885.

Josephine entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. In 1902, she was transferred to the city of Schio (northeast of Verona), where she assisted her religious community through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and welcoming visitors at the door. She soon became well loved by the children attending the sisters' school and the local citizens. She once said, "Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!"

The first steps toward her beatification began in 1959. She was beatified in 1992 and canonized eight years later.



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## *Mass Intentions*

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	02/05	8:30 AM	Lida Rinaldi †	Mon.	02/05	8:30 AM	Kalea Garner, Special Intentions
Tue.	02/06	8:30 AM	David Oliverio †	Tue.	02/06		No Mass
Wed.	02/07	8:30 AM	Fr. Jerry French †	Wed.	02/07	8:30 AM	Braille Garner, Special Intentions
Thu.	02/08	8:30 AM	Elizabeth Roche †	Thu.	02/08		No Mass
Fri.	02/09	8:30 AM	Nancy V. Yates †	Fri.	02/09	8:30 AM	Quinnteno Garner, Special Intentions
Sat.	02/10	8:30 PM	Conor Walshe †	Sat.	02/10		No Mass
		5:00 PM	Sr. Victoria Siu, RSCJ †				
Sun.	02/11	11:00 AM	Parishioners †	Sun.	02/11	9:00 AM	Jack & Mary Bernardone †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
January 28, 2024		
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,317.00	\$1,174.00
2ND COLLECTION	\$391.00	\$401.00
Parish Upgrades & Improvements		
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$547.00	

### **Reflections on the Mass and Sacred Liturgy** **“Incense and Its Use in the Sacred Liturgy”**

The use of incense in Catholic liturgy is a sign of prayer and of reverence. Already in the Old Testament, they prayed: “Let my prayer rise before you like incense, and the raising of my hands like an evening sacrifice” (Ps. 141 [140]:2). In the Book of Revelation, we also read that the elders had vessels of gold filled with incense, which were the prayers of the saints, and the elders fell down before the Lamb of God in prayer (Rev. 5:8). The use of incense is, consequently, a visual and also a sweet-scented sign of our prayer rising before the throne of God. Symbolically, it both rises before the Lord and at the same time, in its sweet scent, reminds one of how pleasing the prayers and sacrifices of his holy ones are to the Most High God.

The use of incense in the sacred liturgy is also a sign of honor to persons and things that are considered sacred. Processions are sometimes led by a minister carrying the censer. At various times in the Mass, the altar, which is a symbol of Christ, may be incensed, as would be the crucifix. The offerings, which will shortly become the very Body and Blood of the Lord, may be incensed as well. The celebrant and the people may be incensed at the Offertory, as they are carrying out their noble function before God in the sacred liturgy. The consecrated host and the Precious Blood may be incensed when the host and the chalice are shown to the people at Mass. Finally, in processions with the Blessed Sacrament the censer-bearer processes immediately before the Blessed Sacrament to show the Lord the reverence that is due him.

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