

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 10, 2024

St. Monica Catholic Church

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San Francisco, CA 94121
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Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 3:30 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
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St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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San Francisco, CA 94121



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Sunday
9:00 AM

Weekdays
8:30 AM
(*Monday, Wednesday, and Friday*)

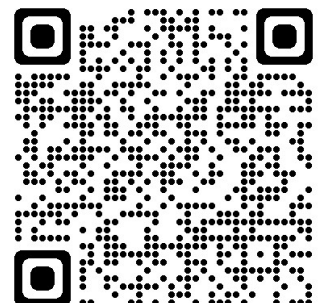
First Saturday
Mass
8:30 AM

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

For God
so loved the world that He
gave his only Son, so that
everyone who believes in
Him may not perish but
may have eternal life.
JOHN 3:16



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Congratulations and blessings upon our young people of the parish who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this past week. They serve as a wonderful example to us all of the need and power of being forgiven by God. A reminder we have the Sacrament available on Saturday evenings at 4:00 PM at St. Monica or make arrangements to meet with one of the priest. We will also have Confessions after the Good Friday Liturgy on March 29th at 3:00 PM.

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in last Sunday's presentation on Modern Day Eucharistic Miracles. In speaking with people after the event, I believe many found it very informative and enlivening for their faith.

This weekend, we have a second collection! You may recall in February we discontinued the parish second collections so as to concentrate our parish donations in the first collection. However, we are keeping the national and diocesan second collections. This weekend's collection is for Catholic Relief Services which is the international aid organization of the Catholic Church in the United States. Traditionally, they do the Rice Bowl program for children which is how many people are familiar with their work. Several years ago, I went with a few seminarians to see their projects in Kenya and to see how the organization functions in a country. To say the least, I was extremely impressed, edified, and inspired by their work. I cannot say everything right here, but the work they were doing was just not feeding people (though they do that in certain situations) but truly helping to develop the whole person which can then lead to a foundation upon which the spiritual life of a person can grow. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

On a related note, we can now give to many of our special second collections on our online giving portal. Each of the collection descriptions has the scheduled date of the collection so you can make or schedule a donation to the fund. For times like Easter and Christmas, you can make special one-time donations via the Regular Offertory or One-Time donation option.

Finally, thank you for those who have donated or made a pledge to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. We have just received the first report back from the Archdiocese so we will be publishing our progress to our goal. Remember that our goal is not so much the dollar amount but participation from all the members of our parish.

Father Schunk



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**Tuesday, March 12th
following our 8:30 AM Mass
at St. Monica Church**

HELP OUR CHURCHES BLOOM FOR EASTER!



As we approach Easter, we are beginning to accept offerings for the purchase of flowers for Easter for our two churches. You may use the Easter Flower envelope in your envelope packet or pickup one on the tables in church. You may make an offering in honor/memory of a loved one and we will place the envelopes on the altars of our churches during Easter. Please drop off the completed envelopes in the regular collection or at the parish office.



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Soup
Suppers
and
Stations of
the Cross

FRIDAYS
DURING
LENT



START
AT 6:00 P.M.

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.

All are welcome.

In His Presence

The Eucharistic Revival at St. Monica – St. Thomas the Apostle

Focus for March - Suffering and Pain

At one time or another, all of us are hurt. We may fall down, get sick, have a medical procedure, be afflicted by a chronic illness that affects the body and/or mind, or someone we know is sick and our pain comes from watching him or her suffer. Suffering is a difficult part of being human. It is also a perennial question that we often ask of our world, “Why is there suffering? Why does God allow suffering? How can there be suffering and a loving God?” Questions like these are particularly appropriate in Lent as suffering and pain is a theme that appears in various ways. Just think about how Lent began with Jesus in the desert fasting for 40 days. He was hungry during his fast and that meant he experienced pain. Then of course as we close in on Easter, there will be Holy Week when we read about his Passion and Death. He experienced the mental anguish of his suffering as well as the physical reality of being tortured, and of course death. This season of Lent may help us to see that when you and I suffer or are in pain, we do not do so alone. Jesus suffers along with us as we face our own trials. That makes the individual experiences and lives of Jesus and us close to one another, and as such, we may say we are *In His Presence* when we find ourselves suffering.

EASTER & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

St. Monica

Palm Sunday, March 24th

5:00 PM (Saturday)

8:00 AM (Vietnamese)

11:00 AM

Holy Thursday Mass, March 28th

7:00 PM

Good Friday, March 29th

1:00 PM - Seven Last Words

2:00 PM - Good Friday Liturgy

3:00 PM - Confessions

Holy Saturday Vigil, March 30th

8:00 PM

Easter Sunday, March 31st

8:00 AM (Vietnamese)

11:00 AM

St. Thomas the Apostle

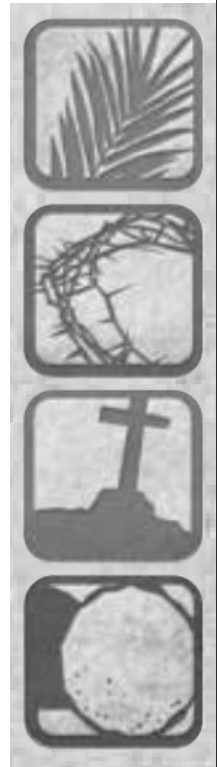
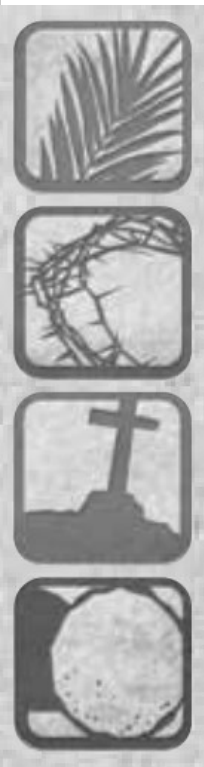
Palm Sunday

9:00 AM

Holy Thursday,
Good Friday, and
Holy Saturday will be
held at St. Monica Church.

Easter Sunday

9:00 AM





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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.

BR KRISTOPHER COMPAGNO OSB.CAM INTRODUCTION

Br Kristopher is an oblate brother of the New Camaldoli Hermitage, a Benedictine order of monks located in Big Sur, California. A San Franciscan, his home parish is St. Dominic's where in 2020 he entered into the Archdiocese of San Francisco's permanent Diaconate. Before entering the contemplative world of monasticism, he had a thirty-year career in the music industry working for Polygram Records; a musician (drums) himself. He majored in English Lit. while attending SF State and Cal Berkeley. When not consumed with diaconal studies, he spends his free time with animals, seeking out new recipes, and exploring divergent music genres. With devotions to St. Jude, St Thérèse, and our Blessed Mother, he finds encouragement in the words of the Brief Rule of St. Romuald, particularly "Sit in your cell as in paradise; put the whole world behind you and forget it...The path you must follow is in the psalms - never leave it...Above all realize that you are in God's presence..."

SAVE THE DATES 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

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:
chrisck6@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				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	03/11	8:30 AM	Bernard J.C. Smith †	Mon.	03/11	8:30 AM	Milan Thompson †
Tue.	03/12	8:30 AM	Shirley Tesch †	Tue.	03/12		No Mass
Wed.	03/13	8:30 AM	Priest's Intention	Wed.	03/13	8:30 AM	Priest's Intention
Thu.	03/14	8:30 AM	Tomas Bermejo †	Thu.	03/14		No Mass
Fri.	03/15	8:30 AM	Deacon Charles Seagren †	Fri.	03/15	8:30 AM	Priest's Intention
Sat.	03/16	8:30 AM	Fr. Kevin White †	Sat.	03/16		No Mass
		5:00 PM	Parishioners				
Sun.	03/17	11:00 AM	John O'Connell, Special Intention	Sun.	03/17	9:00 AM	Grace, Kam, Timmy, & Larry Tung, Birthdays

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
March 3, 2024		
1ST COLLECTION	\$2,550.00	\$1,221.00
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$394.00	
FEBRUARY PARISH ONLINE DONATIONS	\$701.00	

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLETION

Today, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Beneficiary Stories from the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

- Another couple of Diaconate stories...there was an aspiring Deacon whose wife has a terminal illness, they have children, and the family's income is low...because of your support of the AAA, the fees associated with his studying to become a Deacon were waived...and he is now a practicing Deacon. Finally, there is an 85-year-old at the Sisters of Charity hospice in Pacifica who sits with people close to passing away who have no one else...a "Ministry of Presence."
- St. Augustine Faith Formation program are now involved in the Church in a variety of ways, including as youth group leaders, Confirmation catechists, as a Choir conductor, a Deacon, and as DREs. In addition, many others serve in active ministerial roles – e.g., as altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, readers, hospitality ministers, etc. Someone noted that their experience in Faith Formation was what propelled them into later active involvement in the Church...