

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ March 17, 2024

St. Monica Catholic Church

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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

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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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St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
9:00 AM

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

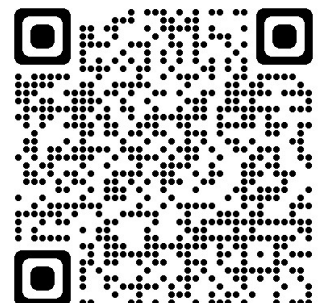
First Saturday
Mass
8:30 AM

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

5th Sunday of
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the Apostle
Parish**





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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

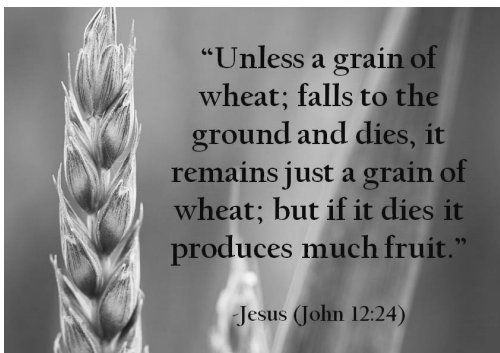
Today (Sunday) is Saint Patrick's Day, the co-patron saint of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, the patron saint of Nigeria (the homeland of Father Paulinus Iwuji who is in residence at Saint Monica's), and of course the holy land, that is, Ireland. Because his feast day falls on a Sunday of Lent this year, the feast day is transferred to Monday so we will ask for his intercession in a special way tomorrow, March 18th.

Speaking of patron saints, Tuesday (March 19th) is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary and Patron of the Universal Church. In addition to the Universal Church, Saint Joseph is the patron saint of the Diocese of San Jose, so we pray for Msgr. Terry Sullivan who is a retired priest of the Diocese of San Jose currently residing in his family home in the Outer Richmond and who often joins us for Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle.

Tuesday is also the feast day of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. We give thanks for the presence of the Sisters who live in our parish: Sister Loraine, Sister Theresa, and especially our Director of Religious Education and Pastoral Associate, Sister Noreen. Sister Noreen is down in Los Angeles this week spending time at the Motherhouse as they celebrate their patron because this year is her 70th Anniversary of entry into religious life, and they have a special recognition for their jubilarians. As you may have seen in the bulletin, our parish will have a special celebration to honor her on April 21. A committee is hard at work with the event planning and there will soon be a sign-up for those who desire to attend the luncheon.

Thank you to all who have made flower offerings for Easter. We will continue to collect them throughout this month. You may put the envelopes in the first collection or drop them off in the parish office. A reminder that you may write the names of loved ones on the envelopes, and just like for All Souls Day, we will put those names on our altars at Easter.

Father Schunk



PALM SUNDAY

Next weekend, we will celebrate Passion (Palm) Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. For the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas and the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Monica, you may gather inside the church as usual and then at the start of Mass, we will go outside, weather permitting, for the blessing of palms and procession into the church. For the 5:00 PM Saturday Mass at St. Monica, we will have an indoor procession from the back of the church.

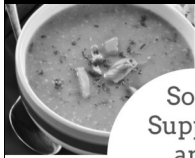
HELP OUR CHURCHES BLOOM FOR EASTER!



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

START
AT 6:00 P.M.

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.

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 to. 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

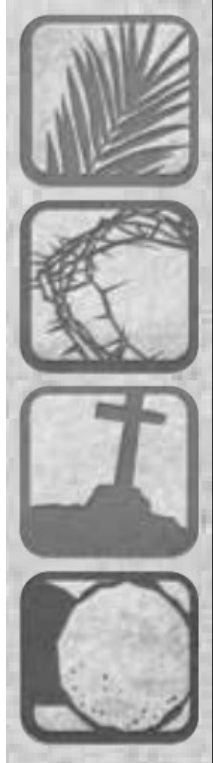
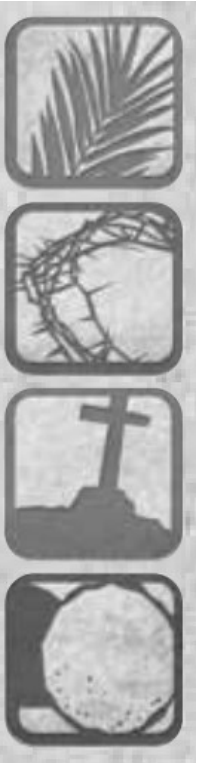
Palm Sunday

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.

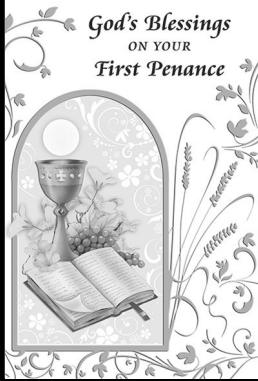
On these two days the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.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

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.

We congratulate our 8 students who made their First Reconciliation on Saturday, March 9th at St. Monica:



*Adrian Higuera
Eleanor Hires
Baker McLean
Claire Pigott,
Ashley Schepers
Dakota Smith
Madison Wetzel
Ethan Wong*



MASS INTENTIONS may be offered in honor of loved ones, living or deceased, for Masses at either St. Monica or St. Thomas the Apostle. For scheduling and additional information, please stop by the parish office or call Jessica at 415-751-5275 during office hours.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the parish hall to prepare food for the St. Vincent de Paul shelter. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 20th**. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Maria McDevitt at: megmared@comcast.net or call 415-515-6945.

A special thanks to all those who have volunteered in the past and to all those who regularly donate to the St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday collection.



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	03/18	8:30 AM	Cecilia Presho †	Mon.	03/18	8:30 AM	Priest's Intention
Tue.	03/19	8:30 AM	Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, In Thanksgiving	Tue.	03/19		No Mass
Wed.	03/20	8:30 AM	Alma Modena †	Wed.	03/20	8:30 AM	Priest's Intention
Thu.	03/21	8:30 AM	Moyra Moy †	Thu.	03/21		No Mass
Fri.	03/22	8:30 AM	Mary E. Hanley †	Fri.	03/22	8:30 AM	Priest's Intention
Sat.	03/23	8:30 AM	Dr. Jane Brooks †	Sat.	03/23		No Mass
		5:00 PM	Jean Winn, Birthday †				
Sun.	03/24	11:00 AM	Parishioners	Sun.	03/24	9:00 AM	Agnes Tung, Birthday

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
March 10, 2024		
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,722.00	\$991.00
2ND COLLETION -	\$368.00	\$463.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES		
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$774.00	

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.

SISTER NOREEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Sunday, April 21st
11:00 AM Mass &
Reception at St. Monica



Beneficiary Stories from the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

- Your generosity has helped a young woman through the challenge of a marriage annulment. Your support of the Appeal changed her life by helping her fulfill her dream and be married in a Catholic church.
- Through Tuition Assistance, your generosity has enabled a young lady, to attend both a Catholic elementary school and high school. Her family cherishes the faith-based education, which provides structure, guidance, and direction...and her father says that without support through the Annual Appeal, she would not have been able to do so.