

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord ~ March 31, 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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Catholic Chaplain VA Hospital

St. Thomas the Apostle Rectory
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St. Thomas the Apostle Church ***MASS SCHEDULE***

Sunday
9:00 AM

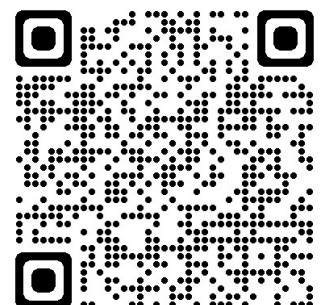
Weekdays
8:30 AM
(*Monday, Wednesday, and Friday*)

First Saturday
Mass
8:30 AM

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



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Christus resurrexit! Resurrexit vere! Christ has risen! He has truly Risen!

For the past several weeks of Lent, we have prepared ourselves for this moment, to celebrate the dawn of New Life in our lives as we witness and participate in God's power over death itself. Even though we celebrate today, there may be many things on your mind right now. You may be worrying about...a job, a family member's health or your own health, a child, a parent, or our world. You may be feeling lonely or alone, sad, hopeless, or wondering where your life is heading. Our celebration does not take away those sentiments or invalidate them. If anything, when we celebrated Jesus Christ's Passion and Death on Good Friday, so many of those personal experiences rise to the surface. But on Easter Day, God takes these things that cause us pain, anxiety, and the things that bury us, and raises us from those experiences to a future where they no longer exist. This Good News may not make a lot of sense to many, but it is the cornerstone of our faith. It is why women and men since that first Easter morning centuries ago, have been proclaiming that Jesus has risen. It is why people have given up their possessions, gone to the ends of the Earth to serve others, and even given up their lives.

Sisters and Brothers, let us joyfully share in this Easter hope, that despite our difficulties, there is joy and peace because we are known and loved individually as daughters and sons by the One who created us, sustains our very existence, and gives us life every single day. May your faith be strengthened this Easter Season as you truly experience the Risen Lord in your life.

A big thank you to all our staff and parishioners who have made these days so special in our churches by their work and sacrifices. A particular thank you our music director Alix Jerinic and our talented musicians and choir members who lead us in our worship each weekend and contribute in a particular way with the music of Holy Week. Thank you to those who helped to decorate our churches so the environments reflect the mysteries we celebrate. And finally, we thank those who made an offering for Easter flowers.

I am pleased to announce that starting May 1, Father Jerry Murphy will be assigned as a part-time Parochial Vicar to our parish while also ministering as part-time chaplain to Kaiser Hospital, San Francisco. As some of you know, he has been residing at the St. Thomas the Apostle Rectory since the fall and has been joining us for some of our liturgies and events. Now that he will be officially assigned to the parish, we will be seeing him more often in the various parochial responsibilities of the parish. I should add that even though he will be part-time at the parish, we will not be adjusting the parish Mass schedule. We are not sure how long he will be assigned to our parish or hospital ministry. Please join me in officially welcoming Father Murphy to our parish community!

Finally, on behalf of the clergy, pastoral, and education team of our parish and schools, I pray all of you have a blessed Easter Season and know the joy and peace of the Risen Lord.

Father Schunk



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*The Priests and staff of
St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle
Parish wish you a joyful Easter.*



Reflections on the Mass and Sacred Liturgy The Easter Season

The Easter season begins on Easter Sunday and continues to Pentecost Sunday. During these fifty days, Christians celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord with joy and exultation as one great Sunday.

The first eight days of the Easter season are celebrated as the Octave of Easter. This octave, in many ways, treats every day of the octave as Easter Sunday itself. At Mass, the priest prays in Preface 1 of Easter, in reference to the resurrection of Christ, that it is our duty at all times to acclaim the Lord but especially on this day when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. Likewise in the First Eucharistic Prayer, which is the Roman Canon, the priest speaks of how the Church is celebrating the most sacred day of the Resurrection of our Lord in the flesh.

Finally, the dismissal at the end of Mass concludes with a double Alleluia every day of the octave. At this time, the deacon or priest dismisses the assembly with the usual words, but after the dismissal adds alleluia, alleluia as a sign of the great joy of the Church as she celebrates the Resurrection of the Lord.

Finally, from the solemnity of the Ascension until Pentecost, almost all of the collects at the beginning of Mass pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. Then at Pentecost itself, as the Church celebrates the sending of the Holy Spirit, the priest prays that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may be poured out upon the whole world so that the hearts of believers may be filled with the divine grace that was at work at the first proclamation of the Gospel.

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

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, April 17th**. 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 **TODAY'S** (5th Sunday Collection) St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday collection.

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.



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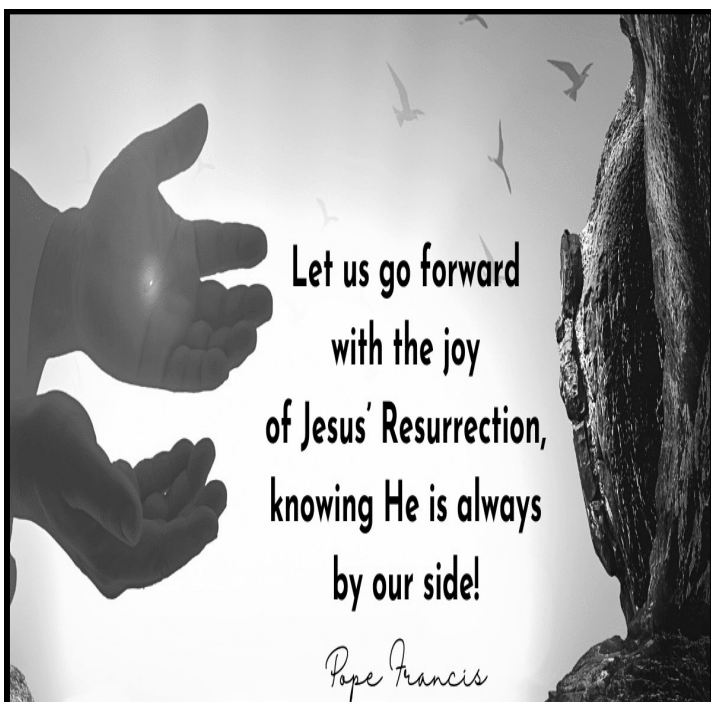
**Welcome to all who worship with our parish family,
whether long time residents or newly arrived in the parish.
If you are not registered, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket or
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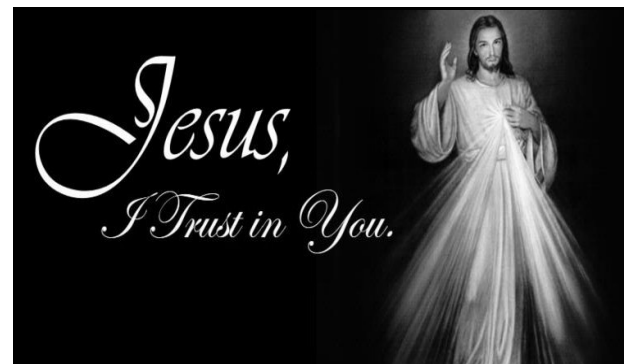
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 * We pray for the repose of the soul of *
 * Christina Barretto *
 * Kathryn Doubek *
 * Jean Fong *
 * and offer our sympathy to their *
 * family and friends. *

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.



Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. This year, it takes place on April 7th. It is a significant time for reflection on the Christian faith. As Pope John Paul II stated, "It is a time where we are blessed with divine mercy as it reaches us through the heart of Christ crucified." Divine Mercy Sunday, focuses on the gifts that flowed from Christ's death, burial, and resurrection - His mercy and love that were so freely given to humanity after such a betrayal. Divine Mercy Sunday concludes the Easter celebrations and welcomes the ultimate gift that Christ gave after His crucifixion.



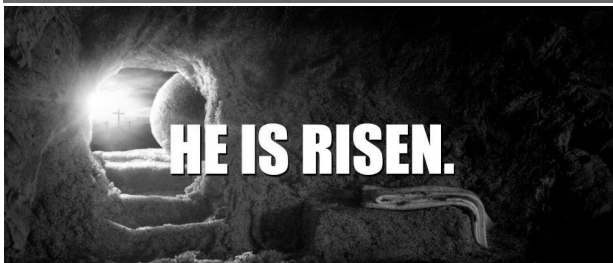
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Mass Intentions

St. Monica			
Mon.	04/01	8:30 AM	Jean Winn †
Tue.	04/02	8:30 AM	Peter & Alice Kerley †
Wed.	04/03	8:30 AM	Msgr. John Coleman †
Thu.	04/04	8:30 AM	Andy Pont†
Fri.	04/05	8:30 AM	John N. Sullivan †
Sat.	04/06	8:30 AM	Bruno Foronda †
		5:00 PM	Eva Romano †
Sun.	04/07	11:00 AM	Simon K. Lee †

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	04/01	8:30 AM	Fiona Mitsouka †
Tue.	04/02		No Mass
Wed.	04/03	8:30 AM	Emily Tung, Birthday
Thu.	04/04		No Mass
Fri.	04/05	8:30 AM	Evelyn & Douglas Williams †
Sat.	04/06	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sun.	04/07	9:00 AM	Parishioners



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.

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
March 24, 2024		
IST COLLECTION	\$2,015.00	\$1,551.00
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$510.00	

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) Update

Dear Friends, Thank you to all the households who have contributed to the AAA. With our most recent update from the Archdiocese, we are at approximately 51% of our monetary goal. As I stated when we kicked off the Appeal, our goal is to have 100% **participation** from all the households of our parish. We have been including in our bulletin the past several weeks stories of some of the ministries that are benefited by the Appeal so you may get a sense of the ways your contributions support various ministries in the Archdiocese. If you have not yet made a contribution, you may pick up a brochure or one of the white envelopes at the doors of the churches which includes my letter about the AAA. Thank you all for your continued support.

*Love your neighbor
as yourself.*

Matthew 22:39